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## SO WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT POETRY?

By Sharon Van Butsel

After typing Brian's letter of introduction for this month's poetry page, (see page 2) I felt compelled to offer my opinion. I have to admit there may be a grain of truth in what Daniel Siragusa says. Brian's poems sometimes focus on the darker emotions, on the pain of the child that lives within each of us. However, it is just this focus that I find so powerful in Brian's work. He dares to express the feelings, the fears, the terrors, the passions, and the resignation that we all encounter but so seldom express.

We certainly should work to present a positive message to people living with AIDS. And I firmly believe that HIV infection or AIDS should not put an end to living positively. However, in 20 years

of practice as a medical social worker, I have found those who adjust best to a life threatening disease are those who acknowledge and verbalize their fears, despair, and anger. While locked up inside, negative feelings can sap one's energy, confuse one's mind, and even speed the progression of the disease. But once verbalized, fears and negative feelings are outside the psyche and can be examined and put in perspective.

To present only positive thoughts and positive messages is to discount very real feelings and, in fact, convey a message that says the person is wrong for feeling those feelings. Instead of encouraging someone, refusing to allow negative feelings to be expressed can actually drive that

person away and cause them to feel devalued.

The serious message of Brian's poetry is accompanied each month by cheerful, irreverent introductory letters from the Guru. By looking at the whole page we see a broader spectrum of Brian's personality. We see both the inner child who cries out in pain and terror and that inner child who plays in the sunlight, running up to tickle the grown-ups and then dancing away, giggling with delight.

So, with all due respect, Mr. Siragusa, I invite you to allow your inner child to be a child, not a pale reflection of some adult's pain.

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# POETRY: Edited by Brian E. Bengtson

## "A GURU RESPONDS....."

I would like to take a moment to respond to a recent mailing I have received. After all I am always promising that I will respond in my little box at the end of my page. This may not be that funny, so I will forgive those who move on to read the poetry. That's what the page says, 'ya know.

Daniel Siragusa (a regular contributor to this page) wrote the following after thanking me for accepting one of his poems.

"Your two poems 'Off-Days' and 'Closing Time' deal with the symptoms of AIDS and death from the same respectively. The second one is merely a logical conclusion of the first and I shall treat them as such. The reader is given a picture of someone languishing on a divan somewhere, suffering petty aches and pains, contemplating, nay welcoming, his own death. I refuse to have any sympathy for this person. He is immature, 'an eight-year-old,' 'a child' The disease, we are led to believe, has not only sapped him of physical strength, but emotional and spiritual strength as well. He has no imagination, no hope, no courage. He will not fight Death, but embrace him.

"Brian, as a poetry editor of a gay magazine, I think you would have some compassion for your readers. People with AIDS will no doubt read these poems. The message they will hear is 'Woe is me.' What effect do you think this will have on your audience? Inspiration? You're an accomplished poet, so write like one. And tell your inner child to grow up."

Harsh words (especially from one sending another submission along with this missive.) Daniel, PWA's do read my poems. A PWA wrote these poems. My friends who are "in my boat" identify with some of the topics I approach, as I am sure anyone with a life-threatening illness would. In order to move on with life, we must have some sort of "section-alizing" of death - a way of acceptance if nothing else.

I do not think this disease has touched anyone in Daniel's world. He is very lucky. I used to have that luxury, too.

These two poems in discussion were written many weeks apart, as I try to create three to four new pieces a week; so I don't know how he could think they are one. I write about other topics' subjects, too. One area I try to avoid is the "he broke up with me and I am still not over it" stuff that Daniel seems to enjoy. At least that is what I receive from him.

If I were to follow his theory, perhaps I should

not publish his work so it does not scare young gays into believing all gay/lesbian relationships are doomed from the start. What do the rest of you think? Please write me and let me know.

Outside of that, I am featuring another piece from Fritz Bally and Jeanette Morse, along with a piece from Douglas Conrad, from Castro Street in San Francisco. Everyone enjoy, and mind your manners.

Love, Brian

## MORNING STAR

By Fritz Bally

He entered my room for a night  
of pleasure, clad only in a shimmering suit.  
A latex armor - kept safe by its shimmer.  
We rode the waves, this sea of passion, an  
explosion of our love. Star light, Star bright  
sleepy eyes. From lust they close, the morning  
star, bare bulb, it wakes us - our rush is over.  
The tide gone out - we calmly embrace - a kiss and  
its good-bye.

## EAGLE BECOMES HEN

By Douglas Conrad

Sometimes  
in special moments,  
Heart becomes an eagle  
flying

till overwhelmed,  
losing sight to sensation.

no anticipation,  
smashing  
to the side of a cliff  
on a foggy night.

Hearts plunk back  
not as eagles,  
but as a hen  
who's counted her chicks  
before they've hatched.

She goes on.

Envisioning recycled births  
new dreams,  
she scrapes her heart  
off the cliff,  
and holds it to her breast

## HEARTS

By Jeanette Morse

What is the meaning...  
The symbolization?  
Unknown to me  
before your entrance.

Words...  
echo in my mind  
As he touched me  
in the spot I forbid you to.

Your patience is like a spider's web  
Each day we're together...  
it rips more and more.  
The way he ripped me.

I dream of him,  
never of you  
When will it end?

Thorns woven  
around my heart  
Are slowly disappearing with your every touch  
Tenderness is essential to avoid  
Shredding the delicate tissue.

My heart will someday be yours...  
if your perseverance can last.  
When that day comes  
Two hearts will unite into...  
One.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THANKS FOR ARTICLE REMEMBERING BRANDON

Dear Sharon and the Staff of the New Voice,

Thank you so much for the wonderful memorial article and picture of my partner, Brandon Shukis, in last month's issue. Your kind words and support has meant a lot to me during this very difficult time. Brandon's sister Terri, her partner Kelli, and myself would also like to thank the Gay and Lesbian community for their support and concern after Brandon's death through their attendance at the memorial services, cards, calls, and memorials.

In the future the readers of the New Voice will be able to read about the ordeal that I have had to go through since Brandon's death but for now I will wait until the situation has been settled. I do want to express to your readers how important it is for everyone to have a will in writing to avoid problems like the ones I am dealing with now. Especially those people involved in relationships must protect each other's rights by stating in writing what will be done if one partner dies. Please do this for yourself and those that you love now, and don't wait like we did.

Again, thank you for your support and friendship, and you will hear more from me later.

Sincerely,  
Stan Brown

## NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

Dear Editor,

Thank you for helping make National Coming Out Day 1994 a tremendous success. Over 200 events nationwide reached millions of Americans, and succeeded in raising the visibility of lesbians, gays and bisexuals. Coming out is the most important thing we can do for ourselves and our community.

We look forward to working with you in 1995 to encourage more gays and lesbians to come out to their families, friends, co-workers and community. With your support, NCOD will broaden its visibility and outreach program, with events occurring all year long and culminating on October 11. New and ongoing projects include:

**Out in the Workplace** - NCOD is sponsoring a series of public forums in cities across America titled "Working It Out: Toward a Gay Friendly Workplace". The workplace offers the gay and lesbian community the greatest opportunity to engage in important dialog with non-gay people.

**Media Campaign** - Public service announcements featuring actress Amanda Bears (from FOX's Married... With Children) and pop star Melissa Etheridge will be featured in media nationwide.

**Coming Out On Campus Program** - With over 200 active college campuses and student groups participating in NCOD 1994, gay youths are helping to educate thousands of non-gay students.

To thank you for your support in 1994, we are proud to provide you with a certificate of our appreciation. Please feel free to contact me or the NCOD staff with any suggestions or ideas you may have to make NCOD 1995 a success. We look forward to hearing from you and again want to thank you for your superb efforts in 1994.

Sincerely, Wesley Combs, NCOD Project Director

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# POLICY REJECTS HOMOSEXUALS AS FOSTER PARENTS

Mrs. Mary Dean Harvey, Director  
Nebraska State Department of Social Services  
Dear Ms. Harvey:

I am writing regarding the article that appeared in the *Omaha World Herald* on January 25, 1995. The article described your recent directive to NDSS agency administrators, requiring them "not to place foster children in the homes of persons who identify themselves as homosexual."

With this in mind, allow me to introduce myself. I am a former State Probation Officer with 7 years service to the State of Nebraska. Prior to that, I was a Crisis Intervention Specialist in a grant-funded program to identify at-risk youth in Council Bluffs. I served as the Aftercare Specialist for the F.I.T.S. (Family Intervention and Treatment Services) Program in Omaha, a program I'm certain you are familiar with. I am now a United States Probation Officer with the U.S. District Court in the District of Nebraska. My reputation and credentials are impeccable. I am the father of a 12-year-old son who, thankfully, receives superior grades and enjoys a caring, nurturing home life, and I am gay.

These accomplishments are not the experiences of a fragmented, demented, maladjusted social or sexual pervert. They are the culmination of years of self revelation and a pro-social lifestyle which includes an honest, forthright acceptance about who I am...who I really am—a gay male, age 37, who has overcome the elitist mindset of a homophobic society that refuses to understand and embrace the diversity of humankind.

Not everyone is so fortunate, for it is this same refusal to accept others which causes many teenage youth across the United States to take their own lives when they realize that, through no choice of their own, they're different from their peers. They're gay, lesbian or bisexual and, rather than receiving nurture and love, these youth are ostracized or verbally, physically, and emotionally attacked because of their sexual orientation. Not only are they attacked by their peers who can be excruciatingly cruel, but they're not able to be accepted at home by their parents who lack the capacity to love them as they are.

Would a parent refuse to love a blond son or daughter when all of their other children are brunettes? Should society condemn everyone who has blue eyes because the majority are brown-eyed? Should we segregate anyone who, perhaps by some genetic orientation, is left-handed vs. right-handed? Have we learned nothing from history or the history of Nazi Germany? In that time, it was perfectly acceptable to consider Jews, Poles, Gypsies, homosexuals and others non-human? Have we not progressed since then?

I find it ironic that society fails to come face-to-face with certain facts. For example, every gay, lesbian and bisexual is the result of a birth resulting from heterosexual relations. Gays are predominantly raised in heterosexual households by heterosexual parents, except in rare exceptions. We are socialized by heterosexual media ads and commercials. We are taught that boys and girls have specific and expected social roles. Eventually, many homosexuals internalize society's homophobic image and, in an attempt to be pro-social, are driven further and further into the darkness of the closet and into despair, yet society insists homosexuality is a choice.

People often fear what we don't understand. We know this is the basis for many pagan religions. Those religions allow non-educated societies to "explain" the inexplicable. Heterosexuals do not understand homosexuality. Like many latent, Victorian mores, we're taught that intimacy with a member of the same sex is, quite simply, wrong.

This concept of "rightness" and "wrongness" is a manifestation of a polarized, moralized thinking pattern. This rigidity is not the result of enlightened, educated thought processes; rather, it is the symptom of a deeper problem. Fear, which results in hate, which results in prejudice, which results in discrimination.

Study after study have proven that gays, lesbians and bisexuals are as well adjusted and "normal" as any other individual, provided they are able to overcome internalized homophobia taught during their childhood socialization process. Study after study proved that les-bi-gays serve their country with dignity and honor in the military, yet the United States Armed Forces routinely discharge military personnel due to sexual orientation, even when it has been shown that they are not a risk to themselves, their country, or to others. Study after study have proven that les bi-gays are able to parent children with the same success (or lack thereof) as any other segment of society, yet policies such as the one recently enacted by your department exist. Why? I believe it is clearly the result of fear and prejudice.

Why does society fear gays? Studies show over 95% of all child molesters are heterosexual males, yet the stereotype, based entirely on fiction, is that gay men molest boys. In the 1980's Alfred Kinsey proposed a continuum of sexuality, based upon his research at the time. He suggested that very few people are wholly homosexual or heterosexual. Instead, he reported most people fall somewhere on a continuum of sexuality. Perhaps les-bi-gays are ostracized so we won't remind supposed heterosexuals of their own sexual experiences, fantasies, or experiences of a spouse.

Society's fear of gays is preventing heterosexuals from enjoying benefits we offer. It's well documented that Michelangelo was gay. So was Liberace, Leonardo DiVinci, Plato, Socrates...the list goes on. Imagine a world barred from enjoying the contributions of these greats!

Unfortunately, fear, hatred, prejudice and homophobia cannot be erased by one letter. I realize your position requires you to assure the safety and well-being of children placed into foster homes through your agency. To that end, I'm sure you are doing what you believe is the right thing. I simply implore you to keep in mind that many of the children you are placing are themselves gay, lesbian or bisexual. Perhaps placing them with an understanding, loving, nurturing les-bi-gay role model would be the greatest contribution your department could make to that child and to society.

I also realize you are an administrator surrounded by politics and media. During difficult times, it's easy to bend to the pressure of the politicians and the reporters...to give them what they want. I simply ask you to make the decisions society needs, not necessarily what society wants. It is your education, experience, wisdom and ability to understand discrimination which, I believe, society depends upon. I believe it is likely you were chosen for your position as a result of those very qualities.

Please don't abandon the children who need you and your department. Don't succumb to the pressures exerted by the ignorant. Consider following the wisdom of other states who, in a time when foster home placements are desperately needed, have realized that the focus should be on finding a well balanced, caring person with a clean home in which to place a child. Making decisions to include or exclude individuals based upon their status, be it minority, sexuality, color of hair, left-handedness, or socioeconomic status is easy, but it lacks vision. It lacks foresight. It

lacks courage. It lacks an educated, intelligent review of the facts. As a group, gays, lesbians and bisexuals are not dangerous to children. Prejudice, hatred and discrimination are and, to coin a phrase, "L'ate is Not a Family Value".

Yours very truly, Scott Lowther

## ONE HOMOPHOBIC WRECKING BALL

by Andrew Sullivan

As gays and lesbians try to pick up the pieces from the latest attack, a ban on homosexual foster parents, only a few know the political forces that changed the foster care policy of Nebraska Social Services. James Allen Flanery, reporter for the *Omaha World-Herald*, cited Guyla Mills, policy director of the Nebraska Family Council based in Lincoln, as the person who contacted Nebraska Social Services to see what its policy was in regard to homosexuals and she was told homosexuals were not barred. She was cited as acting as an individual who urged others to contact social services to express their concerns. Why is Guyla Mills so concerned about homosexuals?

Guyla Mills is part of an organization called Grassroots for the Good Life and editor for a tabloid "Citizen Guide: Exposing the Homosexual Special Rights Agenda". The guide carried an ad for Rev. Lou Sheldon's visit to Nebraska in January 1994 and the founding of Nebraska chapter of the Traditional Values Coalition. The Traditional Values Coalition has fought against gay rights across the country and in California, Lyndon LaRouche inspired an initiative which would have quarantined people with AIDS. Guyla Mills' guide cites some interesting "facts" such as, less than 1% of the population is homosexual, and homosexuals want special rights. The tabloid says gays have never faced legal segregation, and never faced economic hardship as a result of discrimination. And always, homosexuals target children and try to recruit them and that the North American Man Boy Love Association's motto is said to be "sex before eight or it is too late". All of these, claimed to be fact, are demonstrably false. Why are these "facts" cited? To defeat a legislative bill that would protect homosexuals from job discrimination.

James Allen Flanery cited the April issue of the *Nebraska Leader*, a publication of the Nebraska Leadership Conference whose editor is Ed Weaver. The publication ran a story with the headline "Nebraska Department of Social Services is Placing Children in the Foster Homes of Homosexual Couples" and urged readers to contact Carol Stitt, Chairman of Foster Care Review of Nebraska Social Services. This is the same publication which pushed John DeCamp's infamous "memo" and still sells his book, *The Franklin Cover-Up*. The publication also offers books on the topic of the "New World Order", the anti-Catholic book, *Homeboy* by Jimmy Cheshire, and the grandest of homophobes Paul Cameron and his book *Exposing the AIDS Scandal*. For those who do not remember, Paul Cameron is a psychologist who has been shunned from his own profession for misrepresentation and unethical use of scientific data. Cameron advocated that people with AIDS should be branded with facial tattoos. Does Guyla Mills know of any events which would lead the public to believe homosexuals cannot be good foster parents? Has anything occurred to cause public concern about homosexual foster parents? There are no examples to cite. The only reason to ban homosexuals from being foster parents is purely a homophobic one.

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## NEW VOICE IN SAN FRANCISCO!

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to find your excellent publication in A Different Light bookstore on Castro Street the other day, and particularly liked the article by Richard D. Mohr. Best of luck; keep up the good work.

Sincerely, Fred Cline, Jr.

## THANKS!

Dear Editor,

It's a long time coming but better late than never. There were so many people that came to help me in my time of trouble. I would like to say "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart. There are too many names to mention, but Thanks to the people of the MAX, the late Club 2001, MCC, & PWA/NAP and my friends and co-workers at the Howard Street Tavern.

A special Thanks to Jamie West who made sure to visit, run errands, and take care of my apartment and dog.

My family has been more understanding than can be imagined.

And especially, Thank You to Gary West. May God Bless. Thanks Again.

Love, Larry D.

## CONGRATS

Congratulations to Monica West, Miss MAX XI:

Although it would be an easy task to disregard this letter and believe that a substandard level of sincerity exists on my behalf; however, I implore you to take this in the manner of which I offer it. In gaining the crown of Miss MAX you accomplished a goal which offers the opportunity to return a portion of your realized dreams. Although I am sure that a fair share of accolades and congratulations have been offered in your recent crowning as Miss MAX, certainly you will agree that no greater sign of respect exists between entertainers than a public acknowledgment of another's abilities.

It would be easy to relate the titles and experiences which allow me to offer these statements without seeming condescending or attempting to place you in a position other than my equal. I believe God created men to be loving, equal, and forgiving. We, the city of Omaha, and the state of Nebraska applaud you and sincerely wish you a grand and challenging year.

Your fellow entertainers will be with you to challenge and provide you with this dream that so many strive to obtain: the crown of Miss MAX. The MAX is the finest club in the Midwest. The challenge you face is not living the legacy of any former Miss MAX, or even yourself. Your challenge is to represent the finest, the MAX.

Certainly it is less than pleasant when public figures behave in a less than admirable fashion, and honest self examination is necessary. Please realize that regardless of the event, one incident involving any segment has the capacity to spoil the whole. With the crowning of Miss MAX comes a new era: let that era be one of healing. Believe those words which are in print, ignore the gossip-mongers since they are self serving, learn to trust, learn to love.

Sincerely, Laura Grey

## MISS MAX

Dear Editor,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! As most of you already know on Sunday January 29th, I was honored to compete for and capture the title of Miss Max XI. My reign promises to be a full and challenging one, fun and exciting for everyone who is involved in or enjoys female impersonation.

But before I can go any further, I must stop to thank everyone who helped and supported me and the other talented contestants who competed that night. The judges, assistants, dressers and set people. The wonderful people of the Max, especially Stosh and Bruce who continue to provide us with a place to call home and a source of great entertainment in one of the hottest discos in the country. Also a big thank you to the audience and supporters of female impersonation who attended that night. I would like to send a special thank you to Shawn Record, my dresser, hairstylist and confidante, without whose help I could never have accomplished this dream.

I love you. My greatest challenge in this upcoming year will be to keep providing quality entertainment on all aspects. A portion of this goal will occur on March 26th at The Max when I present my first show "Dreams Can Come True" showcasing both established favorites of Omaha and new talent ready to be recognized. Also a benefit to build a trophy case to be seen by the public for The Max, a bar that gives so much deserves some in return. (Date yet to be set).

Again, I look forward to doing everything possible to make the 11th reign of Miss Max one to remember both for myself and for all of Nebraska. Thank you for all your continued support and love.

Any ideas on shows - let me know.

Sincerely,

Monica West, Miss Max XI

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## A HOMILY FOR E.J.

By Sharon Van Butsel

E.J. Byington was a 17 year old, self-identified gay youth who requested that he be placed in a gay foster home. During the two months that he was with Gary George and Jim Cox, E.J. found love and acceptance. He started back to high school at Benson High. He described his new life in the words of this brief composition.

For English I by E.J. Byington  
January 19

My move from San Francisco to Omaha wasn't made under the best conditions. I wanted to come back but I wasn't sure how things were going to go.

A couple of weeks ago I decided that I wanted to go back to high school and now, here I am. I was afraid that I wouldn't make any friends and everyone would make fun of me, elementary school revisited.

I am living in a foster home currently and have two fathers. My new family is the one I have always wanted.

Things are going great so far. I am settled in from the move. I seem to fit right in at school. Making friends wasn't as hard as I thought. I have a fabulous family and things couldn't be better.

These were the words E.J. wrote, but things at school weren't really going as well as E.J. said. A fellow student from Benson High told me of how she had herself been harassed since she came out at school. She went on to tell of how she had seen E.J. harassed by fellow students, backed up against the wall by a bully who would torment him. And, just a few days later, E.J. took his own life.

During a recent interview, Jim Cox, one of E.J.'s foster parents shared his thoughts about E.J. and his experience as a foster parent.



Left to Right: E.J. Byington, Jim Cox, and Gary George.  
Photo taken on Christmas Day, 1994. Photo by John Hall.

**Sharon:** How did you and Gary become foster parents in the first place?

**Jim Cox:** On November 4 Gary received a call from a caseworker at the Nebraska Department of Social Services. She had a gay, 16 year old, HIV+ kid who had run away from several foster homes already. He had told her that he would not run away if they found him an accepting, preferably gay, foster home. Gary called and we talked. We met with the caseworker the next Wednesday and agreed to take him. We met him the next day and on Saturday, November 12, he moved in.

**Sharon:** How would you describe E.J.?

**Jim:** He was a normal kid — a typical teenager — outgoing, friendly, inquisitive, creative, had a great sense of humor. He also had problems. He had difficult days, dark moments. At times he was very quiet. He was nervous in new situations until he got comfortable. All in all he was a kid with spirit but he also had a very deep soul. He had a sense of depth and empathy and understanding. He had a real sense of who he was and a real determination.

He wanted to be a kid again — a 16 or 17 year old kid — to regain that part of his life. I'm proud to say that he was able to do that. He was able to have a messy room. He had a good time. He'd laugh. He'd joke. He'd play around. He wanted toys and we let him as much as we were able. But he was troubled and we allowed that, too.

**Sharon:** Would you do it again?

**Jim:** It's too soon to say. We need some healing time, but we have no regrets. Knowing what we know now — if we had known all that back in November we would have made the same decision. We wouldn't give up one minute of knowing E.J. Opening up our home to E.J. was one of the most powerful and profound things we have ever done. Gary and I have both said that this was an incredible experience. He was a wonderful kid.

**Sharon:** What about the ban on gay foster parents?

**Jim:** You know, I'm a member of CFEF and I believe that we need to let people know what we think, but in my opinion the issue about foster care is not a gay rights issue — no one has a "right" to be a foster parent — but it is an issue about what is best for the kids. Each case should be carefully evaluated based on the needs of that particular child. And the foster home should be one that can meet those needs, whether it's a home with two fathers or two mothers or a home with one mother and one father. The needs of the kids should come first. The moral of our story is that there are loving homes and E.J. got to experience one. And we did love him.

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**by Rev. Daphne Hamborg of Augustana  
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I found it necessary to write not one but two sermons for E.J.'s funeral. Given the richness of his personality, his staggering range of life experience, and the brief 17 years of his life, I guess I shouldn't have been surprised. We are here this morning to honor the memory of an extraordinary young man — an extraordinary young man who, just a few days ago, committed suicide. How do we put all this together? Obviously, I haven't found the task an easy one. On the other hand, no one should.

I met E.J. last Sunday night, when he and his foster fathers helped move a few pieces of furniture I had sold to a friend. In reminiscing about E.J. this week, I realize I met the same young man the others had: friendly, outgoing, bright, creative — particularly interested in crafts. While the others moved furniture, E.J. engaged me in a conversation about doilies. I never quite caught on that I was meeting a man whose life had been framed by pain. He had a vibrancy that defied easy categorization. And so after meeting him, the last thing I expected was that I would learn, a couple days later, that this intriguing person had killed himself. I had seen only a fresh start, filled with the gift of possibilities. Gary and Jim offered him a sanctuary — a place for rest and growth and love. A place of acceptance.

Two months, however, could not counteract a lifetime of abandonment, of rejection, of people who either misused his sexuality or refused to understand it. One person's reflection offered this: Ironically, in his new home, E.J. had finally found a harbor safe enough for suicide because — this person suggested — given his history, E.J.

had been programmed for suicide all his life. It was simply impossible for E.J.'s potential to blossom, but he had found a home at last, a place where he could die, even by his own hand, and still be loved, still be attended to.

I think this analysis makes a great deal of sense — even though it does not offer any simple resolution. It reminds me of the sort of terminally ill patient who refuses to die until all the family has returned. As Jim said, "He burrowed himself into our home, and we were proud to have him here. He had spirit, soul; he also had had a hard time. He will be missed a lot."

The Scripture I read earlier (Luke 12:22-31, Philipians 4:8-13) were not exactly E.J.'s favorites; they were answers to questions he put to Gary and Jim as to which passages they found richest and most helpful. Both passages put the full range of life into perspective — and can remind us today, as we so deeply need to be reminded, that E.J.'s memory, his life, his death, are not things we need to sort through on our own.

There is, these Scriptures say, strength and perspective to be found in the spirit of Christ. There is also acceptance that even his church will often withhold, particularly (I'm ashamed to say) from gay men like E.J. There is also a richness of life that we only rarely bother tapping into. This strength, perspective, richness — and hope — are summed up in the verses I turn to most often, from Paul's letter to the Romans: "Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Nothing in how we live and nothing in how we die." There may be more important words for any who have felt alienated, abused, guilty, or mocked — but I'm not sure what those might be. I began my first sermon with a poem; I now want to end with it. It was written by a woman named Mary Oliver, and found in a book called *Faith Prayers*. It speaks to me of E.J. and I hope it speaks to you of yourselves:

You do not have to be good.  
You do not have to walk on your knees  
for a hundred miles through the  
desert, repenting.  
You have only to let the soft animal of  
your body love what it loves.  
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will  
tell you mine.  
Meanwhile the world goes on.  
Meanwhile the sun and the clear  
pebbles of the rain are moving across  
the landscapes, over the prairies,  
and the deep trees, the mountains  
and the rivers.  
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the  
clean blue air, are heading home  
again.  
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,  
the world offers itself to your  
imagination, calls to you like the  
wild geese, harsh and exciting —  
over and over announcing your place  
in the family of things.

I call this a poem. Perhaps it is a prayer — perhaps it is the voice of God. Good-bye E.J. We know you're safe and loved.

Please write to Ms. Harvey, with a copy to Governor Nelson and the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union (NCLU) stressing that the new policy is not in the best interests of the children of Nebraska and that there is no evidence supporting the claim that gays and lesbians are poor foster parents.

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# CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: SWEET 'n' SOUR

by Shelly Roberts

I'm having a bad life day.

Three sets of friends have broken up, and expect me to smile through every ounce of regretted agony with them because, after all, what's a friend for anyway? Now I'm going to like it or not, end up choosing between them, and the neediest one usually wins, which means my Kleenex budget goes up, and my available time and attention go way down. Another set, who should definitely be on the casualty list, living happily-ever-after in much nicer lives, are continuing to do their relationship business as usual. So I'm wondering how many more times I'll have to listen to all the reasons why she a) should leave, or b) couldn't leave or c) (cubed) why they all *did* leave.

All the community-based business owners I know are in major funks planning to a) declare bankruptcy or b) leave town because "depending on this community is one sure and easy route to Chapter 11." Which is interesting, because this community is located in three different towns, and I bet if I did a survey today, no doubt it would be located in every single city or town across America. Maybe Canada too.

And then there's *The Community* itself. We seem to have escalated sniping right up into the stratosphere, declaring very personal World Wars over who has the right to say what about whom. Dirty Pool and Playing Nasty should be listed this week along with the other Gay Games, have their own venues in some obscure part of New York, and require special shoes. Degree of difficulty, absolutely none. And that's just the junior division. You want senior competition, we move right up to Advanced Vicious 100 and 200 meters.

Even the dog is looking at me like I got her the wrong size chew toy.

So what do you do on a lemon day like this one? Well, it's my life, and I have no intention of spending any more of the rest of it sour. So - Shazam! - I hereby invoke the sacred spirit of Saint Pollyanna. (A heavenly no doubt dyke, blessed with eternal optimism.) She's got the ice cubes, the water, and the Nutrasweet. Together, we're gonna count our g/l blessings and make some lemonade.

1) With eleven thousand signed participants, ABC-TV actually acknowledged The Gay Games as the largest sporting event in the world.

2) Dan Rather said the G word without requiring Heimlich maneuver.

3) U.S. Attorney Janet Reno, a fellow (should that be "gal-low?") South Floridian, signed a 10

day waiver to allow HIV positive foreigners into the country for the games.

4) A Gallop-Newsweek (or was it the *New York Times*? Anyway, somebody boring and behemoth) poll says the acceptance of our lifestyle stands at an all time average high of 58%. That's up from 41% in 1978 which means that soon we can start winning elections 58 to 42 instead of losing them the other way around.

5) Local libraries all across the country are putting our books in glass display cases on the main floor in celebration of National Gay & Lesbian book month, instead of keeping them in locked cabinets way in the back room where you had to ask a librarian for them while trying not to look like you were asking the teenage boy behind the pharmacy counter for your first box of Kotex. (A lesbian reference. Sorry, Guys. You fellows probably have something similar about condoms to relate to.)

6) You no longer have to ask anybody behind any counter for a box or condoms either. They're self-serving.

7) Membership at P-FLAG is at an all time high. Maybe not my mom, yet, but hey, she never was much of a joiner. So I have a whole lot more moms available willing to adopt. And now that I've reached a certain age, maybe there will sometime be a group called P-FLAGS, (Parents & Friends of Lady and Gentlemen STRAIGHTS) and they'll have me for their surrogate mother. By request and appointment only, of course.

8) The P-F'ers added another F to their names to include our friends, (of which there are many more every day) making it P-PFLAG which is just fine, because who wouldn't want to include all our friends?

9) Since Stonewall, The National Gay Task Force came to its census and became the National Gay And Lesbian Task Force.

10) Sodomy laws have disappeared from the books in a majority of states and many foreign countries, which should be a great relief to most of the non-gay "What, you mean that's illegal? But we're not even gay! couples who were the most frequent flyers.

Oooh. This is beginning to feel better already.

11) The love that dare not speak its name shouted in over 7,000 (that's seven thousand) stories in U.S. newspapers from 1989 to 1994. (Thank you, President Willy. Even if you did give us the most ridiculous don't-ask-don't-tell-don't-be-silly military policy in the universe, at least the papers began to spell our names right.)

12) Lesbian comedienne appeared out on both cable and non cable TV. This time it was lesbians telling the dyke jokes.

13) An AIDS memoir (*On Becoming A Man*) won the national book award.

14) We have our own high schools in several states.

15) Apple Computers just said "phooey!" to any place that won't make a place for us.

16) "Nothin' but a damn lesbian" sits on the U.S. Cabinet.

17) The U.S. Congress passed legislation that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in a federal program of any type.

18) The FBI became agents provocateur by promising not to discriminate, turning J. Edgar over in his best dress, and invalidating thousands of his best files.

19) Helen Hunt, on NBC's *Mad About You*, asked Paul Riser the critical 90's question "Do you have enough gay friends?" (Ans: Never!) 20) And Phil Donahue bored us.

Looks like we've come a very long way in getting others to treat us with respect. (Now if we could only learn to do the same with each other.) Once in a while you've got to stop and smell the victories. And today I needed this.

Now the glass is half full!

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## HOMOPHILE STUDIES IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

*Homophile Studies in Theory and Practice* may be this year's best book and is certainly a fitting tribute to One Institute and to Dorr Legg who died in July of 1994. It reiterates his continuing insistence on the necessity of homophile studies which has blossomed from One Institutes to many of our finer institutions of higher education and is now traveling to the high school level.

A registered Republican, 90 years of age at his death, Dorr Legg, founder, director, and from 1981 to 1994, dean of One Institute, modestly excerpts from the papers delivered at his convening and articles published by *One Magazine* to produce not only a guide for gay and lesbian studies but a history of our oldest outgoing homophile institution. He has skillfully woven together documents from over 40 years and demonstrated in passing that scholars there and elsewhere gradually turned the tide in the disciplines theretofore dominated by homophobia. Having edited the pioneer *Homosexuals Today* in 1956, he taught innovative courses at One, achieving the status of "dean of the homophiles".

*Homophile Studies in Theory and Practice* details the wonderful achievements of a group of unstung and very dedicated individuals and organizations. It is a wonderful and fascinating description of the homosexual movement before Stonewall that is unknown to most. It is a must read for those wishing to understand our movement and a fitting tribute to Dorr Legg who devoted so much of his life and energy to that movement. *Homophile Studies in Theory and Practice* is written and edited by W. Dorr Legg, One Institute Press, Los Angeles and GLB Publishers, San Francisco, 464 pp, 1994.

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Three people with three totally different conclusions about the same object. More truth than fiction in real life, too, huh? It's what makes humanity so very interesting, probably. But one must never forget that if the object is thoroughly examined, the individual conclusions would have to meld into agreement. Voila! An elephant which may resemble a snake, a tree trunk, and a rope upon cursory examination.

It may therefore behoove us to always remember in the back of our mind: when we meet those who see things differently than we do, maybe we're simply looking at the same thing

# FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

from different angles and it deserves further inspection.

My! My! What an interesting concept. Could it be there is no right or wrong? Only what is in reality?

PLEASE! I WANT TO DIE! "Would you please hold the pillow over my face so I can end all this pain?" He was absolutely serious, and his pain was evident in his beleaguered speech as he continued, "I tried to do it when you were at work, but the pillow fell off. I guess I passed out. Please?!"

At this point in his battle with AIDS, my Patrick had chosen to spend his days and nights on our couch, rather than our bed, as it was more comfortable for him. I'd just come home from work and sat down beside his frail frame to pick him gently up in my arms and love him; as was my daily ritual. When he said those words in my ear, my heart literally felt like it was tearing itself out of my chest, and I gasped within as I lost my breath. "Oh, God, Patrick, I can't do that." "They won't know you did it." "Oh, yes they will. I think your lips turn white or something like that and they'd know I did it. Do you really want me to go to jail?" "No. I'm just so tired of the pain, my love. I'm sorry I asked you to do it." Then I held his head on my neck as he fell into unconsciousness or deep sleep.

How I wanted at that moment to have helped him to achieve his plea! In reality, however, as I look back now 5 years later, he was ready, ready to die. I wasn't ready to let him go yet. It was me who kept telling him to "hang on", and I did everything possible to make him have less pain. I did have legal authority, though, to do what he wanted, because we'd signed Power of Attorney papers early on in his illness. He didn't want to go to the hospital, so I cared for him at home; no matter how bad it got, this was his desire.

It wasn't easy over the months to not call 911 and have him brought to Emergency when the pains, fever, and passing out could have taken his life, but I obeyed his orders, even when it tore me apart. He told me not to worry when his pain became great, as he said he always passed out then, and, if he died then it was OK because "We both know I'm going to die, and I want to die at home."

I lived daily with his plea to help him die for the next three months. I still live with it, wondering why the powers-that-be won't listen to a plea like his; not only from AIDS patients, but others with painfully disabling terminal illnesses.

Within three weeks after that plea, Pat became unable to speak vocally. We learned to communicate through hand squeezes, since he couldn't write. I slept by him on the old large couch until it became necessary to bring a Hospital bed home when he lost control of his bowels. Then it became a time of ugly bad sores and the need for in-home nursing around the clock.

How do we do it? How do we cope? When our loved ones are dying!? How? I don't know for sure, we just do. Maybe it's because "Love suffereth long, is patient, kind, and understanding." Thank God for the love we have!

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

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## BISEXUAL EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

Exploration at this year's BECAUSE Conference will focus on the acknowledgment of our intersecting identities, confronting barriers to community and building the skills for coalition and alliance. These themes reflect an effort to increase involvement by members of the bisexual community in movements to fight racism, classism, sexism, and other oppressions affecting the bisexual community and larger society. The conference will be held at the Coffman Union of the University of Minnesota and the Playwright Center on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of April.

The first BECAUSE Conference was held in 1992. The initial purpose remains: to provide a safe atmosphere for the development of the bisexual community in the Twin Cities and throughout the region. The intended "community" of the conference has included transgendered people as well as those interested in bisexual issues but who do not necessarily identify as "bisexual." Towards the goal of removing financial barriers from participation, the BECAUSE Conference this year will be free with suggested donations. For further information or registration forms, please write to BECAUSE, P.O. Box 23172, Richfield, MN 55423 or call 612-522-7174.

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# WHAT "BARNEY FAG" TEACHES US

by Richard D. Mohr

Between intention and accident falls revelation. On January 27, during an interview, Texas Congressman Dick Arme, referred to Representative Barney Frank as "Barney Fag." Though the F-word hurled at gay men packs the same wallop as the N-word hurled at blacks and the C-word at women, tapes of the interview confirm Arme's claim that use of the F-word was unintentional. He hadn't planned to use the term of Fag. It wasn't hurled. It slipped out.

Arme's further defense that the use was purely accidental, a "stumbled word", rings false. "Frank" and "Fag" are common one-syllable words and Frank's name is hardly a tongue-twister. As a fall-back, Arme claims that alliteration made him do it. The slur was neither an intentional action nor an accidental event. It lies between the two, but well within a zone of personal responsibility. Arme is blameworthy — in a way that is revelatory for understanding how discrimination frequently works. The relevant moral analogy here is involuntary manslaughter: because you fail to have your brakes checked, you run over a child; even though you didn't intend to run over the child, the death is not a blameless accident; you are responsible.

By abiding certain moral attitudes, Arme was primed and so responsible for the distinctive moral form his slip took. By substituting "fag" for Frank's name, Arme's slur obliterates Frank's uniqueness and individuality and reduces him to a type, kind, or status, one which the slur presumes is degenerate and loathsome. To be treated in this

way, as less than fully human, is the heart of what we mean by inequality in America.

So Arme's name-slaughter reveals an important moral truth: iniquitable treatments can be unintentional. Ill-will and hatred are not the linchpins of discrimination. Discrimination can be more subtle than that. A number of chilling empirical studies show that discrimination against gays frequently occurs independently of ill-will. One study found that heterosexuals unwittingly but literally distance themselves from gays. Without realizing it, heterosexuals in casual interactions stand on average three times farther from a gay person than from each other.

Quite apart from any history of intentional discrimination against gays, the existence of anti-gay stereotypes and biases operating as unacknowledged lenses and inclinations in people's moral constitutions makes it hopelessly unlikely that gays are now treated fairly and impartially — whether by bosses or legislators. Remedies are needed. The presence of unintended prejudice in policy-making means the Supreme Court should be leery of believing that laws which draw distinctions with regard to homosexuality are impartial. As with laws that disfavor blacks, women, and religious groups, laws that burden gays should be viewed by judges as presumptively invalid. Further, people working for gay civil rights legislation need to acknowledge the subtlety of discrimination. In drafting legislation, they should not limit what is to count as discrimination to "smoking gun" cases, cases

that is, where there is a documented record of intentional discrimination. If such legislation is to redress most discrimination, then statistical arguments must be permitted in order to indicate the presence of effective, if unintended, prejudice.

More generally, the Arme-Frank affair should teach us that the most important gay issues are those of dignity and individual worth rather than of liberty and opportunity. Note that Arme's statement, though an iniquitable treatment of Frank, does not prevent Frank from performing any action nor does it deny him access to any opportunity. Rather it views Frank as scum. When gays are deprived of lie and liberty, as in queerbashing and employment discrimination, the deprivations in the main are vehicles for the denial, by proxy, of every gay person's dignity and personhood — a moral standing which can never legitimately be compromised.

This lesson about gay dignity is one that Frank himself might learn from his experience with Arme. During the national battle over gays in the military, Frank, in a desperate but failed attempt to increase gays' liberty a bit, accepted a political "compromise" in which the only thing that was compromised was gays' dignity — a compromise that treats gays as scum. At the time, Frank dismissed concerns over dignity as mere worries about "symbolism". Perhaps now he has experienced worse and learned better.

Richard D. Mohr's most recent book is *A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights*.

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# "ZODIASCOPE" Astrological Forecast for MARCH 1995

by C. Lichtenstein

I love the old saying, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb", but I hope it's not really true. I want March to come out loud and proud and not meek and mild. Isn't that what we are all trying to do? Read ahead to see how the planets show their colors in March for each sign.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 20)** What are you doing for yourself this month? Meditate and allow your intuition run a little wild. Reevaluate your ideals. What you believe to be true will come under great scrutiny and may be tossed (much to your dismay or possible relief). This is good - it is counterproductive to force yourself to adopt mainstream standards, especially when they hinder your lifestyle and true happiness.

**TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)** You may face off with friends over areas of concern or disagreement. Take a stand and face the fact that you are no longer satisfied with just going along with the crowd (any crowd) and the "group think" (any

group think). Come out in the world on your own terms, whatever "they" may say. Taurans are stubbornly pioneering when they set their mind to it and your mind is set! Go for it.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)** Put your career on the front burner. Planets dictate that professional aspirations must be addressed now rather than later. You have allowed yourself to drift along the political tide, getting tossed, turned and jostled along the way, now you must turn on the juice and take a firm hand to make or break your reputation. I believe you will succeed admirably.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)** Cancers often feel more comfortable in the closeted security of home, but this is not the time to hide! It's time to embark on a world experience; any activity that takes you beyond your familiar surroundings will be highlighted. Great reward are possible for Crabs who travel beyond their front door. Get out of your shell and show the world what you can do.

**LEO (July 24 - August 23)** Matters of deep personal involvement will take on greater importance this month. You may be highly charged and sexually active, or there may be intense introspection and self appraisal. Keep in mind sex can be an avenue of enlightenment or escape. It is the wise and regal Lion who proudly seeks the answer to question "Who am I?"

**VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)** You yearn for a strong and stable partnership. If you have one, enjoy the planetary spark. If you don't, you face a choice - change what doesn't work or seek someone new. Virgos are very adept at assessing the good and bad aspects of a particular situation. Some problems are solvable, some are not or require great compromise. Do what you must to achieve the happiness you so richly deserve.

**LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)** Roll up your sleeves and get to work. This is the perfect time to accomplish a great deal on the job. Day-to-day tasks may be piling up, but you have sufficient energy and get-up-and-go to handle them efficiently and quickly. One word of warning - the incentive to perform can be delayed by problems related to stress or colds. Work, but know when to relax and recharge your energies.

**SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)** Is it possible to have too much of a good thing? Not bloody likely! You're ready to get out and have fun, but the keyword here is *selective* enjoyment. Do not gamble or risk any cash on speculation - you will probably lose. Divert your jolly energies into more creative and artistic endeavors. Join a theater group or go to a concert. At very least get out and dance all night. Strut your stuff!

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22)** Thoughts and energies are all centered on your home base. Even itchy Sag won't mind hanging around the house this month. It may be an excellent time to spruce up the old place and invite a few friends over for a fabulous and intimate dinner party. Another area of interest is in your "roots". Ask relatives about your family tree - you may be surprised what you discover.

**CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20)** Capricorns may be very tempted to say exactly what's on their mind, but I advise you to watch what you say and how you say it right now. Yes, your thoughts are on target, yet, you have legitimate complaints; but your two-cents will only exacerbate the situation. Either hold off for the time being or present your facts in a non-threatening manner and without that attitude.

**AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)** The flow of money now becomes a rushing river. Funds come in and go out again fairly rapidly. If you are quick, you can capture a small pile of dough in the process but be careful about how you invest it. You are tempted to take the easy way out by letting others do the investing for you. It is wise to get involved. Only you know what is and what is not appropriate for your future security.

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## SWEET PRINCE OF ORANGE OR LAVENDER?

by William A. Percy

The outing that has provoked the most acrimony since our book, *Outing: Shattering the Conspiracy of Silence* (by William A. Percy and Warren Johansson — Haworth, 1994), went to press is that a king dead for almost three hundred years. The Dutch Prince William of Orange (1650-1702) became William III of England after the Glorious Revolution of 1688. Although King Billie's sexuality has been extensively discussed in print, Protestant Ulster MP Ian Paisley, a leading Orangeman but hardly a reputable historian, has dismissed our allegations about the Prince as "nonsense." Incredulity about the Prince's homosexuality extends to the average graduate of two of America's oldest universities, Princeton and William and Mary, both named for the great Protestant hero.

In 1867, Wilhelm Ludwig Holland published some primary source documents as *Briefe der Herzogin Elisabeth Charlotte von Orleans aus den Jahren 1676 bis 1706* as volume 88 of the *Bibliothek des Literarischen Vereins in Stuttgart*. In this correspondence the German wife of Monsieur, the homosexual brother of Louis XIV of France, discussed William of Orange's homosexuality (The letters of October 12, November 4, and December 13, 1701). As early as 1870 Karl Heinrich Ulrichs, the founder of the homosexual emancipation movement in Germany, in one of his brochures announced his plan to treat the subject in a journal which he intended to publish under the title *Uranus*, but the periodical — for unknown reasons — never saw the light of day (Note from Warren Johansson). Hermann Michaelis, "Aus den Briefen der Herzogin Elisabeth Charlotte von Orleans (1652-1722). Ein Beitrag zur Bisexualität im 17. und 18. Jahrhundert," *Vierteljahrsberichte des Wissenschaftlich-humanitären Komitees 4* [= *Jahrbuch für sexuelle Zwischenstufen* 13]: 624 (1912), a journal published by Magnus Hirschfeld who succeeded Ulrich as head of the homosexual emancipation movement, confirmed the Prince's unnatural instincts. The English pioneer for homosexual rights, Edward Carpenter, discussed William's homosexuality in *The Intermediate Sex: A Study of Some Transitional Types of Men and Women* (London: Sonnenschein, 1908). An erudite Frenchman Augustin Cabanes, chronicler of medical and erotica curiosa, devoted a section of his *La Belle-Soeur du Grand Roi (Une Allemande à la Cour de France)* (Paris: Ablin Michel, [1916] to allusions to Madame's homosexual contemporaries (pp. 65-76), among them William of Orange. Henriette Elisabeth Heimans dealt at length with the William's personality in *Het Karakter van Willem III Koning-Stadhouder: Proeve eener Psychographie* (Amsterdam: H. J. Paris, 1925), pp. 21-25, 83. She referenced frequently from contemporary sources about William's homosexuality, even from Voltaire: "Il n'aimait pas les femmes" and even the Whig historian and politician Lord Macaulay, who idealized the Prince, equivocated. "We can hardly suppose that he was much in the habit of reading Jacobite pamphlets; and, if he did read the, he would have seen that the unalterable affection which he felt for his boyhood to his death of three or four of the bravest and most trusty friends that even a prince had the happiness to possess, was made a ground for imputing to him abominations as foul as those which are buried under the waters of the Dead Sea."

Henry and Barbara van der Zee, *William and Mary* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1973) discussed the king's sexual as well as political liaisons with his favorites. Terrence Sidney Johnson's *Representation of Male Homosexuality on the English Restoration Stage* (Ph.D. dissertation, UCLA, 1992) argued that owing in part of William III's reputation, the plays on the London stage of the 1690's evince an upsurge of interest in sodomy. Independently scurrilous satires aimed against the king by his Jacobite opponents were reprinted in its *Yale Series of Documents Illustrating English History since 1688*. V These texts can no longer be dismissed by historians of British politics as merely prejudiced diatribes. (Warren Johansson, "William III," *Encyclopedia of Homosexuality*, vol. 2, pp. 1391-1392 and Dennis Rubini, "Sexuality and Augustan England: Sodomy, Politics, Elite Circles and Society", *Journal of Homosexuality* XVI, 1 and 2 (1988), pp. 349-381, reprinted as *The Pursuit of Sodomy*). Lawrence Stone, trained at Oxford and recently emeritus from Princeton, perhaps the world's leading expert on sex in early modern England, told me, "Everybody knows that" about William's homosexuality.

It is possible that William of Orange's sexual orientation has become such a bone of contention in part because the British exposed the homosexuality of the Catholic humanitarian Sir Roger Casement, who supported the Easter Rebellion of 1916 to justify their execution of him. Whatever explains such a hostile reaction in the British Isles, especially those in the Orange Lounge such as Paisley, to the truth about William of Orange, it is perhaps less difficult to grasp why at William and Mary or Princeton University it is not common knowledge that those two institutions are named after a queer.

William A. Percy is a Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

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## REV. MEL WHITE ARRESTED AT CBN

Rev. Mel White, a former ghost writer for Rev. Pat Robertson was arrested on February 14 while trying to meet with Robertson outside his Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

White wanted to meet with Robertson to talk about the plight of homosexuals in the United States. In addition, he wanted to demonstrate how CBN's false charges contribute to anti-gay violence. He had no intention of changing Robertson's mind about the nature or theology of homosexuality.

During the confrontation outside CBN, White said CBN Chaplain Mark Johnson told him, "Homosexuals represent the cult of death because you don't procreate. If Pat meets with you, he would give your movement credibility."

The following is an open letter from White to Robertson following his arrest:

Dear Pat,

Today, once again, when I returned to CBN with our delegation of Christian leaders (as Jesus commanded us in Matthew 18: 15-16), your security force met us at the gate. After warning us that we were not welcome, your spokesman, Gene Kapp, ordered the Virginia Beach Police to arrest us.

At that time, I spoke with my delegation and told them to go ahead and leave the property, respecting your wishes and said to Mr. Kapp, "As an act of civil disobedience in the name of Christ I choose to stay". I was then handcuffed and led off the CBN property, while the delegation softly sang a hymn.

It is growing more apparent, even to the eternally optimistic, that for some reason you have decided never to meet with our small delegation of religious leaders who come to you on behalf of God's gay and lesbian children.

For 20 months, I have asked for such a meeting, first in a private, off the record discussion, then in a more public forum. When you refused to meet us on Tuesday, February 14, I began a fast for understanding, hoping that this small sacrifice would convince you of my sincerity. And though I will continue to hope and pray that you will meet with us to review the hate crime data, let me summarize our simple request.

First, acknowledge the growing number of hate crimes against gay and lesbian Americans.

Second, condemn those hate crimes and the people who incite or commit them.

That's what we came to ask. Will you use your powerful voice to take a stand against the suffering of innocent Americans? When I hear that you have taken this simple stand, I will end my fast. Is it too much to ask you to report the hate crimes and to do your best to end them? In the name of God, please, Pat, help us end the suffering.

Sincerely, Rev. Mel White

White urges members of the homosexual community across the nation to contact local religious leaders, asking them to issue a statement of support for his actions. He also urges everyone to contact the news media, both local and national, letting them know you want to be kept informed about this important event.

(Information for this story was received by The New Voice via the Internet. Our address is: tjrr05c@prodigy.com)

## G & L FREEDOM RIDERS DESTINATION: OVETT, MISS.

Robin Tyler, a lesbian activist who called for and emceed the 1st March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, and produced the Main Stage for the 2nd and 3rd Marches, and Rev. Troy Perry, founder of Metropolitan Community Churches, the largest organization of gays and lesbians in the world, met with Wand and Brenda Henson at Camp Sister Spirit near Ovett, Mississippi. On January 17, 1995, consensus was reached regarding Memorial Day Weekend (Friday, May 26 - Monday, May 30). A thousand gays and lesbians from all across America will ride to the aid of a lesbian family and their besieged property outside Ovett. Camp Sister Spirit has been exposed to an ongoing, radical right inspired campaign of violence, harassment, intimidation and death threats.

If you would like to join this historic weekend, go to Camp Sister Spirit, and help clear the land, and aid in building, you can call or write UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd. #304, Los Angeles, CA 90029, ATTN: Camp Sister Spirit, or call Frank Zenil at 213-464-5100, ext. 212.

The minimum donation will be \$135 per person. Of this, \$110 will be used to cover the cost of food, sanitation, equipment, etc. Campers must plan to bring their own tents and utensils. If you plan to come in an R.V., there will be an additional \$40 cost.

## MISSISSIPPI TEEN CONVICTED OF KILLING TWO GAY MEN

A Laurel, Mississippi teenager was convicted February 9 of murdering two gay men. The bodies of Robert Walters, 34, and Joseph Shoemaker, 24, were found near an abandoned railroad track in October of 1994. It was a case that sent shockwaves through the conservative community.

Many gay rights activists believed a conviction would be unlikely in the city which sits in the Bible belt. They also feared the case was tarnished because Marvin McClendon, the 17 year old killer, was allowed to claim self defense. He said he was trying to avoid being raped and infected with the AIDS virus.

Defense attorneys claimed the victims were "trolling for sex" when they ran into McClendon. He never mentioned AIDS as police questioned him after the killings. Prosecutors argued that robbery was the real motive because the youth stole \$100 from the men before killing them.

After much thought, the judge allowed defense attorneys to reveal that one of the victims was HIV positive. The Mississippi Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union said the judge's ruling to allow that HIV evidence sent the wrong message: That it's okay to kill gay men who approach you because you might be scared. They also feared that it could have nationwide implications. Following his conviction, McClendon was sentenced to two consecutive life prison terms. The father of one of the victims announced, "Justice was served."

\$25 from each fee will be used to help Camp Sister Spirit pay forexpenses for a Federal lawsuit to be filed under the anti-Klan act for the harassment they have received. Any money left over will go to the Camp Sister Spirit Folkschool (an educational and cultural retreat center that makes available an opportunity for learning non-pressive lifeways.)

Although participants will be helping work the land for the 4 days, they will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops, singalongs, worship services...in other words, four days of helping others, but also, four days of celebration and joy!

"I think it's vitally important for lesbians and gay males and our friends to come to Ovett, Mississippi to help our sisters who are under siege," said Rev. Troy Perry, "and to serve notice to the darker forces in this country that these sisters have the right to purchase and establish their camp and folkschool anywhere in America."

The maximum number is 1000 participants. If you wish to register immediately, send \$135 pp made out to "UFMCC, Camp Sister Spirit" and mail it to the Los Angeles address above. Detailed brochures regarding what to bring will be sent out. If you cannot attend, but wish to send a donation, please send it to the same address.

## SECOND GENERATION GAYS AND LESBIANS?

**Second Generation**, a new newsletter by and for lesbian, gay and bisexual daughters and sons of lesbians, gay and bisexual parents, is now available from COLLAGE. This forum for the second generation of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals takes a tough look at negative reactions that gay kids of gay parents face in the lesbian and gay community. After a mixed response from the crowd to the Second Generation contingent in the Stonewall 25 parade, founder Dan Cherubin comments, "I can understand the (lesbian and gay parent) party line of 'I can raise normal kids too' to appease any over-eager social workers and evil judges. But we Second Generation people are theirs too." Second Generation member Hope Berry, lesbian daughter of a gay dad and lesbian mom, sees little acknowledgement of gay people with gay parents. "Notice the absence of a term such as *second generation of gay men*. Our community has worked to do out its own internalized homophobia." The dilemma of coming out to straight parents and friends is presented as a universal experience for lesbians and gay men.

Stefan Lynch, the director of Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere says, "I always told people that one benefit of having lesbian and gay parents is that if the child is gay, he or she would have a much easier time coming out. However, I learned that many lesbians and gay men with lesbian and gay parents had just as difficult time coming out. And there is the added burden of feeling you are feeding into the myth that gay parents somehow make gay kids."

The Second Generation Newsletter is published twice a year and is available by sending \$5 to COLLAGE, 2300 Market St. #165, San Francisco, CA 94114.



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## NAP CELEBRATES MOVE INTO NEW HOME

On January 28 the weather outside may have been dismal — cloudy and cold — but as soon as you opened the door to the new offices of the Nebraska AIDS Project, you walked into cheery sunshine. A gently sloping ramp led the way to the main reception area where you were greeted by staff and volunteers who were relaxed and smiling, enjoying showing off their new offices.

The Open House for the new offices of the Nebraska AIDS Project allowed the community the opportunity to see for itself the new expanded office space with offices, conference rooms, and work space for volunteers. The reception area is roomy and comfortable, with chairs arranged in such a way as to encourage conversation. The offices are certainly not elaborate but they are comfortable and they allow staff room to work comfortably and to meet privately with clients.

There is ample parking immediately across 37th street. A sign on the door to warn visitors that the very convenient parking places just across the alley are not for the use of NAP clients or visitors. They belong to the apartments just north of the office.

The Open House allowed us ample opportunity to visit with NAP Board President, Donna Hruska, and with Executive Director, Gary George. We also met the cadre of NAP employees and volunteers who make the operation run. Rich Santee, volunteer coordinator, had to be coaxed out of his office where he was, even today, glued to his computer putting together schedules and updating rosters. Case managers, Tracy and Renee, presented a touch of quiet glamour to the event as might be expected from these lovely, talented ladies. Director of Development, Karen Bloomfield, and Test Site Coordinator, Jan Schliegel, seemed to be everywhere as they greeted visitors and gave tours. A harpist added another touch of quiet elegance to the affair.

All in all, it was a pleasant visit to these very hard-working offices, but one that was much in contrast to the normal work day, when the staff and volunteers deal with immediate, intense needs of people just learning that they have been infected, of people fighting to survive while bureaucracy churns out its interminable paperwork, of people giving all they have to live successfully while the disease progresses, and of people treasuring each moment that they are given before life's curtain calls them from this stage.



**Top:** Nebraska AIDS Project has a new home

**Bottom:** Donna Hruska, President of NAP Board; Jane Pierson: Test Site Coordinator, Jan S.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMES OUT

A Des Moines, Iowa public school board member came out of the closet at the conclusion of a board meeting on January 24. Jonathan Wilson spoke up to say, "I try to be a good friend to my friends. And a good neighbor to my neighbors. I'm gay." Wilson said he decided to acknowledge rumors and innuendo about his sexuality. The announcement followed a month-long debate over whether to include homosexuality in the Des Moines curriculum. Wilson was a leading supporter. The issue failed. Wilson described his coming out as empowering. He said it will allow him to be more effective because he can personally identify the lies that much of the population continues to believe about homosexuality. After making the announcement, many in the packed room stood and applauded, showing their support. However, some sat stone cold, arms crossed, refusing to acknowledge the value of having a gay school board member. At least one other board member acknowledged respect for what he did. Wilson joined Melbourne, Iowa mayor Bill Cruise as central Iowa's only other openly gay public official.

## COMING SOON: **YELLOW BOAT** AFFIRMS LIFE

Emmy Gifford Children's Theater, in cooperation with the Mid-American Arts Alliance Program, the Nebraska Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, will present *Yellow Boat* March 27 at 7 p.m. at Emmy Gifford, 3504 Center St.

The play will be performed by the Metro Theater Co. Conceived by David Saar of Childsplay Inc. in Tempe, Arizona, it celebrates the life of the playwright's son, Benjamin, a hemophiliac who died in 1987 at age 8 from AIDS.

A gifted visual artist, Benjamin uses his buoyant imagination to transform his physical and emotional pain into a blaze of colors and shapes in his fanciful drawings and paintings.

Although this play touches on issues of illness and death, it is not a tragedy. *The Yellow Boat* is a glorious affirmation of one child's life and of the strength and courage of all children.

*The Yellow Boat* was selected for the 16th International Showcase of Performing Arts for Young People and has been performed in cities across the United States for the past two years.

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## CLOSET BALL APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 31!

The Imperial Court of Nebraska and Miss Closet Ball '94, Siera Sands, are happy to announce that applications are now available for Closet Ball '95, which will be held Sun., April 9 at 9:30 p.m. at The MAX.

Closet Ball is an opportunity for those who have never performed on stage as either a female or a male impersonator to do just that! The rules are simple: 1) All contestants must have a sponsor who is a known stage performer, 2) All contestants and their sponsors must be of legal drinking age in the state of Nebraska and possess a valid ID, 3) No contestant will have performed on stage in drag prior to the date of Closet Ball, 4) Only performers, contestants, and their sponsors will be allowed in the dressing rooms the night of the contest. ICON reserves the right to assign an individual(s) to patrol the dressing rooms for contest violations, 5) ICON will not be responsible for loss or damage to personal property or personal injury of any performer, contestant, or sponsor, 6) Only the contestant's sponsor may assist the contestant in dressing/applying make-up, etc., 7) No contestant will be allowed to use a live animal in the show, 8) All contestants who will be using substances (ie food, water, etc.) that will require clean-up before the next performance will be responsible for having someone at the show to do so, 9) All contestants must have their music taped and cued to put on a master tape at the time of dress rehearsal, 10) All contestants are required to attend a dress rehearsal at The MAX at 12:30

on Sunday, April 9, 11) All contestants and their sponsors need to be checked in with an ICON representative at The MAX by 9 p.m. the night of the contest, 12) ICON reserves the right to disqualify or deny any contestant the right to perform in Closet Ball for any violation of these rules, 13) Any contestant found to be using illegal drugs/stealing property of other persons will be automatically disqualified.

The contest will consist of three parts: 1) Gender Walk-On (25 points) individual and group, 2) Talent (50 points), and 3) Impersonator Walk-On (25 points) individual and group. Contestants will have only 60 minutes to make their changes from the Gender Walk-On to the Impersonator Talent portion of the contest. Application fee is \$15 and must accompany the application. All applications must be postmarked on or before March 31, 1995. No hand-delivered applications will be accepted. Only the first 10 applications will be accepted. Applications are available at all the Omaha gay/lesbian bars and at MCC-Omaha or you can be mailed one by calling (402) 556-9907 and leaving your name, address, and zip code.

Closet Ball '95 promises to be a great evening of new and exciting performers. We hope you will all plan to attend. Admission will be \$5 per person for the show, and there's usually a long line waiting at the door for admittance to the show. See you there!

## 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.

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## OUT AND ABOUT WITH R.N. HEDGES: MISS MAX XI

Monica West has wowed the Omaha stages over the past three years since she started in the art of female impersonation and on January 29, 1995, at the MAX's annual Miss MAX pageant, she took on the distinguished panel of judges and convinced them that she should be Miss MAX XI. She not only went home with the Miss MAX crown, but took all categories of Costume, Swimwear, Evening Wear, and Talent Competitions.

Her costume was the pink and silver jumpsuited Might Morphen Power Ranger and she came out shooting lasers at the audience. Those of us who have children know a lot about the Mighty Morphens.

Monica's swimwear was a one-piece swimsuit which was black with a white chest and stomach and called "Free Monica" was trying to depict the whale in "Free Willy: The Movie."

The evening wear competition showed Monica in a blue-black beaded gown by Lawrence Kozar with a gold lame halter top.

The first runner-up for this year was Jasmine Starr. Her costume participation was that of Princess Jasmine from the movie "Aladdin" and her swimsuit was that of a hot pink two piece bikini. There are not many female impersonators who can pull off wearing a bikini and Jasmine looked great doing it. Jasmine's black velvet halter top gown with black jacket was stunning and I'm sure had to place high in the point standings.

The second runner-up was a rookie to the Miss MAX pageants, Miss Tracy Grant. I've only seen Tracy in last year's Closet Ball but I'm sure we will see more of her. Her costume was on Ginger Grant from Gilligan's Island — complete with white beaded gown and red hair. Her 1940's black and white striped swimsuit and black hat were stunning. Her evening gown, which was very white and very beaded, was very Ginger Grant. One of the many pluses of Tracy's was her constant theme of Ginger all night long.

The other contestants were the current reigning Miss Closet Ball - Siera Sands whose costume of Sally Struthers, swimwear of Kathy Lee Gifford, and knee length silver beaded number for evening wear captivated all of us. Vanessa Van Damme did Medusa as costume, Olympic spandex in swimsuit, and her appearance in a snow white cocktail dress had all eyes on her.

Now to the best element of the evening: talent, talent, talent. And not from just the contestants. The whole evening brought great talent performances. Monica gave us "One Night In Heaven," Jasmine performed a number from Les Miserables, "I Dreamed a Dream," Tracy Grant with "Luck Be a Lady" from "Guys and Dolls," and then the talent from former Miss Max's Katrina Kane, Miss MAX 4, brought her usual Broadway Showtunes and as always does a great job with them. Katrina, we need to see more of you around here! Veronica O'Rourke, Miss MAX 2, showed doing one number by Stevie Nicks, and Dorian Drake, Miss MAX 7, performed a disco number, Jennifer Holliday's "I Dream in Color," and ended her evening's performance with "You Gotta Have Boobs." She was also given the Miss MAX Symbol of Excellence Award.

Gloria Ravelle, Miss MAX 5, thrilled the crowd with her trademark, "I Wish I Were a Princess" and "Hairspray." She also performed "Constant Craving" by K.D. Lang, complete with chowing down on pizza, chicken, and burrito;



**Monica West, Miss MAX XI & Runner Up, Jasmine Starr, impress judges during the swim suit competition**

and then went into "Big-Boned Girl." She ended her performance with a Bette Midler tune and announcing Gloria Ravelle's retirement from drag.

Another performer announcing retirement was Miss MAX 10 Vivian Cartwright. She did a great job doing Cher, Donna Summers, and Barbra Streisand numbers. She is moving to California and will retire Vivian Cartwright.

In my opinion, the best evening performances were brought to us by Miss MAX 1, Muffy Rosenberg. From "To Be Real" to Alissa Bridges' "I Love the Nightlife" to my favorite of the evening, dressed as Vampira doing a combination of Patsy Cline's "Walking after Midnight" to

"Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me." Muffy continues to remain one of the best of Omaha and continually supports the Miss MAX pageant, being at all eleven pageants.

The evening was dedicated to Miss MAX 9, Amanda Foxx; Brandon Shukis; Cartier Colby; and Mr. Wayne Tietfort. Lights and set were done by Tom Cech and many thanks go to the owners of the MAX, Bruce and Stosh. Also thanks to Steve Koeller for hosting the show and moving it at break-neck speed.

Until the next time — enjoy and support your community!

### **ORGASMO ADULTO ESCAPES: AT THE BLUE BARN**

The Blue Barn Theatre is presenting *Orgasmo Adulto Escapes* from *The Zoo* by Franca Rame and Dario Fo. The play is an Italian comedy about women and their sexual situation in society. Written as a series of monologues, the play does not make fun of women, but rather confronts both their pain and their pleasure. These tragic-comic monologues create portraits of a variety of women, from the easily recognizable working mother trying to compensate for oversleeping to the extreme character of a prostitute being interrogated in an insane asylum.

Rame and Fo are a husband and wife playwrighting team from Italy. Fo is one of Italy's more popular authors and political activists, and Rame not only co-wrote but also performed in the original production of *Orgasmo Adulto Escapes*

*From the Zoo* in Milan, Italy as a one-woman show. This English version was adapted by renowned actress Estelle Parsons, who performed it herself on Broadway.

The Blue Barn production will feature Company members Rachel Hauben and Cindi Braun. Braun was most recently seen as Keely in *Keely & Du*, and Blue Barn audiences will remember Hauben from productions such as last season's *Death and the Maiden*. Company member Sheila Malone will direct.

*Orgasmo Adulto Escapes From the Zoo* runs through March 19. Performance times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM and Sundays at 7:00 PM. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Call 345-1576 for information and reservations.

# HGRA HOLDS WINTER ROUND UP AT DC'S

by Sharon Van Butsel



**Miss HGRA  
Bobbi Jo Beaujolais**



**Spur Spinners of Des Moines  
Strut Their Stuff**

DC's was in full swing on the evening of February 4. Black cowboy hats and red bandanas were everywhere as the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association had gathered for their monthly meeting and were now preparing to present a variety show that would benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project.

First into the spotlight was a talented dance group from Des Moines, Iowa, the Spur Spinners. This group of men performed precision line and circle dancing with an ease that comes only with weeks and months of practice. The enthusiastic applause turned to laughter as local clown, Siphylis, joined them for dance lessons. Siphylis, who rollerbladed her way around the bar for a hour before the show passing out red ribbons and encouraging safer sex practices, traded her roller blades for a preposterously large cowboy hat as she joined the Spur Spinners.

As the evening progressed, the spotlight caught the glitter of beaded gowns as Miss HGRA, Bobbi Jo Beaujolais, presented the glamorous side of Country music. Miss Bobbi Jo traded the country calico that she wore for the talent competition when she won the title for a short and very sexy black beaded dress. Very Hot!

The male image of HGRA was well represented by Mr. HGRA, Jim Bohrer, and 1st Runner Up to Mr. HGRA, Ron, who both sang live.

Also in the spotlight that evening were the 1st Runner Up to Miss HGRA, Autumn Weather, from Des Moines, Iowa; ICON's Empress XIV Mae; Miss Gay Omaha Phoenix Fallentino; the former Miss HGRA, Madame X; and from the Imperial Court of Iowa, Miss Liz Starr.

## NEWS FROM THE COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

Well, the big news for March is pick up an application! Yes! Applications are now available for those who wish to run for Miss Closet Ball '95 and for those who wish to apply to run for Emperor XV and Empress XV. Applications for both are available at all the gay/lesbian bars in the city, as well as MCC-Omaha. Closet Ball entries are due March 31 and those entries for Emperor and Empress are due April 15. Both must be accompanied by the Application Fee!

Did you catch Snoball! It was grand! Great set, Roxy! And weren't all those past monarchs really something! Have you ever seen more crowns! Who'd have thought Omaha, Nebraska, had so many wonderful titleholders! What a great way to start the celebration of our 15th Anniversary. Coronation XV, of course, will be the grand finale. Mark those calendars; you won't want to miss it! And for those of you who want to come in theme, well, put those imaginations to work on this one: Nebraska Hoe-Down with Heartland Hospitality, Country Music & Dancing, and Jello-Salad. Now if that doesn't give you a whole buffet line of costume ideas, I don't know what will. Oh, yea, mark that calendar for June 23-25. That's the big weekend!

The Board of Governors is happy to welcome the following individuals to the Board: Sharon Van Butsel, John Coleman, and Tim Jones. Welcome! Now, it's time to get to work!

Closet Ball is just around the corner—April 9. Admission is \$5 per person, but what a spectacular show that will be: Siera Sands, Miss Closet Ball '94, and Roxy have put together one terrific evening. You won't want to miss it!

And yea, we saw the sunshine late in February,

and it got us in gear. Plans are underway for this year's Picnics, Memorial Day—the MONDAY—we've reserved Vennelyst Park, way up there on N. 31st St., for the site of this "Welcome Summer Party." You'll be hearing more about that soon. It'll be a great time.

ICON is still looking for a computer. Our Apple died a little over a year ago. You know how fruit is—it just doesn't stay good forever. So, if you or anyone you know has a PC with some type of word processing program to go along with it and you just don't want to process words anymore—well, we're ready to take it off your hands! Give Carla a call at 556-9907 or write us a note to our PO Box (#3772, Omaha, NE 68103).

Several members of the Court and friends traveled to Houston last month. Athena III & IV Tami presented a Command Performance at the Coronation festivities and was given the Emperor to Emperor Award. Way to go, Tami! Now if you are confused by this reference to her as Athena, as well as an Emperor, let me set the record straight. As of Snoball '95, the Imperial Court of Nebraska has dissolved its Athena position except for the Mother Athena position held by JoJo Morrison. Henceforth ICON will have only two monarch titles: Emperor and Empress. The two Athenas in ICON took on new titles at Snoball. Tami became Co-Empress XI with Gerald and Co-Empress XII with Phoenix. Carla took the title of Co-Empress IX with Joe. Sound confusing??? It's really pretty simple. During Reigns 9, 11, and 12, ICON now has Co-Emperors and Co-Empresses. Need more explanation??? Contact a Board Member. What it all boils down to is both

men and women are eligible to run for both the Emperor and the Empress position. Wouldn't it be great to see both on the ballot as we move towards our 15th Anniversary Coronation! Now that would really make for a united celebration.

We invite you to join us for our next Board of Governor's Meeting, Monday, March 6, in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX, 6:30 PM.

## 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 Harney 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.

## SMOKIN' HOT REVIEWS

by AL S.

### HOT RODZ

I'm into seeing hot guys, and if you are too, head to the Saddle Creek Bar this or any Tuesday and see Hot Rodz. Hmmm, I wonder. Long-haired handsome Steve Tracy is the singer. Tall, thin and gorgeous Jody Kermode is on bass. Golden-haired babe Jack Christian is guitar. And my favorite, short-haired compact cutie Dale Christian is on drums. The Rodz play rock hard music from the 70's to the 90's - from Rock 'n' Roll Hoolchie Koo to Van Halen's latest song.

### BLUE BARN

Now I want to tell you about the Monday Night Originals. It's a series of acoustical original music at the gay-friendly Blue Barn Theatre on South 13th Street. I went on January 30 and saw Mona Egbrett (with help from Andrea Quinn), a beautiful singer/guitarist. (Actually they both are). Mona sang one particularly moving song called "Father's Day", plus five other songs of personal vision.

The second act was Storm Rhode (of Ivory Star), guitarist, and Dominic Greer, vocalist. Storm said he was nervous, playing acoustic guitar publicly for the first time, but he did a great job. And great is also the word to describe Dom. He's really a sexy guy: tall and thin with a short, punk haircut, and he has movies that would turn a dead toad. And his voice: he sang soulful, gospel-style songs and sounded like a white Otis Redding or Ray Charles. They played quite a few of their 28 original songs and received long applause.

Michael Campbell (556-0980) promotes

M.N.O., and tells me they are videotaped and shown at 4:05PM on Thursdays on Cox Cable channel 23 as "Blue Barn Presents". Please go there and support local music and the theatre company that brought us "The Syndrome" and "Psycho Beach Party."

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE SET FOR MARCH 1

Members and friends of MCC-Omaha invite the community to join them for their traditional Ash Wednesday Service on March 1 at 7:00 PM. This service, marking the first day of Lent, is the beginning of the services Christians share each year as they journey toward Easter. Other special services planned for this season include a Good Friday Service, the Palm Sunday Service, and, of course, the Easter Service(s). Palm Sunday, the MCC-Omaha Choir, under the direction of Mr. Bill Burch and accompanied by Mr. Garrett Burton, will present an Easter Cantata.

### SMIAROWSKI MISSES INITIAL PAYMENTS

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is disappointed to report to the community that Ed Smiarowski, who voluntarily enrolled in a court diversion program and agreed to reimburse ICON the \$3000+ that was missing from their treasury in June of '94, has missed the first two deadlines in his restitution agreement. ICON awaits news from Diversion Services as to whether Smiarowski will continue on the program or whether he will be dropped and the case returned to the courts.

## BROKEN SILENCE:

### A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

by Scott Roewer

Mu Phi Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Iota, two music fraternities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be hosting a benefit concert with proceeds going toward NAP. This concert will fulfill the music fraternities' philanthropic obligations for a community service project.

Featured musicians on the program will include several University of Nebraska School of Music faculty.

The Scarlet and Cream Singers will dazzle the audience with their singing and dancing. Their performance is being dedicated to a former member of the group who passed away recently due to complications of AIDS.

Diane Cawein, Associate Professor of Clarinet, will be playing several themes by the composer George Gershwin. David Abbott, Associate Professor of Piano; Kent Hall, Tenor; and Charles Smith, Baritone, will also be featured. Several School of Music students have auditioned and will be performing a variety of quality literature for your musical enjoyment.

The concert will be held on Sunday, March 12 at 7:00 PM in Kimball Recital Hall, 11th and "R" St. in Lincoln. Suggested ticket price is \$10 minimum for the general public and \$5 minimum for students.

Tickets will be available at the door, or may be purchased in advance by calling 402-438-2637. All donations are tax deductible.



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# GAY COMEDY IN OMAHA

Interviews with Nancy Norton & Kevin Snow

By Sharon Van Butsel

February 8-12, the *Funnybone Comedy Club* "came out" with *Sights of All Gay Comedy*. The evening featured emcee and opening act, Kevin Snow of Overland Park, Kansas; featured performer, Nancy Norton of Boulder, Colorado; and headliner, Jason Stuart. Our interview with Jason Stuart was featured in the February issue of *The New Voice*. This month we are featuring interviews with both of the supporting acts.

**Sharon Van Butsel:** Nancy, how would you characterize your particular brand of comedy?

**Nancy Norton:** You mean, "What's the bumper sticker of your act?" I guess it's to love everybody — oohh, I can hear the readers saying "That's risky." She's adventurous, on the edge. "That's so daring." And actually that's not that far from who I am. I believe you should love everybody and have fun doing it.

**Sharon:** How long have been doing comedy?

**Nancy:** I first did comedy professionally in 1988 in Honolulu. I began touring in 1990, so about 4-6 years.

**Sharon:** How would you describe your typical audience?

**Nancy:** My typical audience is mainstream clubs. I've only done 3-4 gay shows including this one.

**Sharon:** Do you do many women's festivals?

**Nancy:** I've just started tapping the women's festivals. I auditioned to do Michigan and didn't get it. It's their 20th anniversary and they're bringing a lot of people back, so I'll have to wait until next year.

**Sharon:** Is your material always as out as it was in this show?

**Nancy:** Yes, and it always has been. It's funny. I only came out to myself 3 years ago so I started comedy before I even understood my own lesbianism and I'm still learning what it's all about.

It's been a process that paralleled my therapy. Way before I came out to myself I did lesbian material. As a matter of fact, I kept telling my therapist "I said lesbian on stage. What do you say that's about?"

The material I do now is the same as it was before I came out, but the reaction is different. In places like the Holiday Inn in Butte, Montana, there's a kind of a hush that comes over the audience. I'm pretty pleased about that — coming out in Butte, Montana. Overall, reactions generally have been good and I feel good about that.

You can feel free to edit that response. I leave long messages on answering machines, too. You asked me if my material was always as out as it was in this show. Now, I could have just said yes.

**Sharon:** You wouldn't be on stage if you just said yes to questions.

**Nancy:** You're right. Thanks for understanding.

**Sharon:** So, where do you go from here?

**Nancy:** Next week I'm at Stanford's in Overland Park, Kansas, where Kevin's from. Yeah, I'm going to Kevin's home town so we're going to hang out next week.

**Sharon:** That sounds like fun. I'm have a little trouble keeping up with all the conversation, but I usually can do a pretty good job of reconstructing and interview.

**Nancy:** I know Jason really liked his interview. If something's in the article that's not in my vocabulary, I'll just go "How did I get so smart. I didn't even know I knew that word."

**Sharon:** How has the audience been in Omaha?

**Nancy:** Really warm and receptive. I only had

one show when I felt a little judgmental and I felt a little stiff. I've never done a show like this where it's all week all gay, with every customer coming in and knowing what it's all about.

**Sharon:** I think it's wonderful that the *Funnybone* is doing this.

**Nancy:** Me too.

**Sharon:** Any last comments for our audience?

**Nancy:** There is one thing I would like to ask people to do. It's a risk for the *Funnybone* to do something like this. I'd like to come back to perform in Omaha again, so I'd appreciate it if people could call the *Funnybone* and let them know. If enough of you call, you could get me back! Or if any other club or group would like to bring me in I'd like to do an evening of music and comedy, sharing the bill with a local lesbian folk singer.

**Sharon:** Now that sounds great! We'll see if we can generate some interest. When can we see you again.

**Nancy:** I'll be touring in the Northwest for a while but I'll be back this way in June. June 2 and 3 I'm performing at the comedy club in Cedar Rapids and then from June 6 to 11, I'll be at the *Funnybone* in Des Moines.

**Sharon:** We'll plan to catch your act in Des Moines. Now, is Kevin available?

**Kevin Snow**

**Sharon:** Tell me about Kevin. How long have you been doing comedy?

**Kevin:** Professionally, a couple years. As an amateur, all my life. I wasn't the class clown — I wrote for the class clown. I'd write notes and he'd get in trouble. I was a sort of a twisted Eddie Haskell.

**Sharon:** How would you characterize your comedy?

**Kevin:** I'm a friendly gay comic. I guess you could say I'm user-friendly, and I'm a real honest comedian. I really believe that the truth is what's funny and that's what I try to write about, at least the truth as I see it.

**Sharon:** What sort of reception have you received as a gay comic.

**Kevin:** People have been very receptive. I came out on stage the very first time I hit the stage, in July of 93. It was a very interesting feeling. This hush came over the room and I ached it. Before the show, I thought I would be sick. Then I got on stage and said, "I'm Kevin Snow, and I'm a queer comic." Then there was a hush. I didn't think that would be the reaction and I didn't think that I would love it.

I only did one club where I didn't come out. It was an emcee spot and the club management was all over me not to do it. I felt raped and I never did it again. Lesson learned — once you come out of the closet, you just can't be comfortable going back in. I play extensively in the Midwest and South and I have been surprised at the reaction I receive.

There's one audience I never have trouble with. I love rednecks. They're no trouble. They love new comedy. The group I do have trouble with are the neo-Republican, Yuppie, suburban types. But that doesn't surprise me. They just wouldn't ever be open to new ideas.

One event really surprised me. I won the Comic Relief 6 Comedy Competition on HBO. I was going up against 8 comics, all seasoned. I walked into the club and into a sea of cowboy hats. I hadn't realized it was being held in a country western club. I looked at all those cowboy hats

and I was just sick. But I went on and did my bit. I walked onto the stage and said, "I'm gay and from Alabama." I was honest and up front and they loved me. I won the contest. It was a tremendous experience. It just goes to show that we can't characterize people. We think we have problems with rednecks. They're the least of our worries. They just want to chaw and spit.

**Sharon:** So when will we get to see you again?

**Kevin:** I'll be back in Omaha at Noodles Comedy Club on April 14 and 15 as the feature act. I did about 15 minutes tonight. Then I will do about 45 minutes. I'll do some characters, and expand my ideas. And I will be appearing at Noodles Comedy Club in Des Moines on March 3 and 4. I hope your readers are able to catch my act when I'm back in town. I really depend on the gay people in the audience. Their presence is very affirming.

**Sharon:** Thanks so much, Kevin. We'll plan to see you at Noodles in April.

## MCC-O NEWS

March will be a memorable month for MCCers marked by several special events: First there's the EXCEL Bake Sale on March 12. What a bake sale that will be! Featured at the Sale will be baked goods from their recently published Cook Book.

Oh, and, yes, there are a few of those Cook Books yet for sale — only \$6 each. Come for Church March 12 and stay for the bake sale. You'll be glad you did.

March marks the last month Rev. Matthew L. Howard will serve the Church as Interim Pastor. MCCers are planning a "Thank You" Event to honor Rev. Howard and his partner Craig. Call the Church Office for details.

Rev. Howard and Craig have served the congregation at MCC-Omaha for five years and 10 months. During that time, MCC-O has moved from the storefront building on S. 24th St. to its current location at 819 S. 22nd St., the membership has doubled, and literally 1000's have heard Rev. Howard telling the "Good News" and speaking out about God's love for all people. Rev. Howard and Craig will be missed, but MCCers praise and thank God for the many blessings they have brought us!

The last weekend in March (the 24th-26th), UFMCC Evangelist, Rev. Elder Jen Ann Harvey will be in Omaha to conduct special services. Everyone is invited to come and hear the word of God, delivered by one of the Fellowship's most dynamic, exciting, and energetic pastors.

The Spirit will touch you, and it will move you! Call the Church Office at 345-2563 for details on the times of these special services.

## LEV RAPHAEL TO READ WORKS AT UNL

Noted author, Lev Raphael, will present a free, public reading from his works on March 2, at 8 p.m. in the Wick Alumni Center, 1520 "R", in Lincoln. Raphael, author and essayist, has been published in *Christopher Street*, *Genre*, *Redbook*, and many other publications. He has also written two novels, *Dancing on Tisha B'Av* and *Winter Eyes*.



## FROM THE OUTREACH CENTER

The Nebraska AIDS Project and the Douglas County Health Department have provided testing, prevention and outreach education from the Outreach Center. Statistics, gathered from 1992 through 1994 indicate more than a 16% positive rate at the Outreach Center but a positive rate of 2% in other Douglas County Test Sites. In 1985, when Counseling and Testing Sites were set up, it was in the hope that people who received test results would adapt their behavior to protect themselves and partners from exposure or re-exposure to HIV. Overall findings indicate that testing and counseling does not result in change in high risk for HIV infection. Changing sexual and needle-sharing behavior is a way to control infection, since there is no cure. Recent studies suggest a trend toward safer sexual patterns and a decrease in the number of partners, but widespread condom usage, monogamy/ceibacy and restraining from anal intercourse are not consistently practiced. We know contact with contaminated blood, semen and vaginal fluids, that unprotected anal, oral or vaginal sex, and sharing needles are behaviors that cause infection. We hope testing and education from the Outreach Center will remind us to change our habits and reduce the number of cases of HIV.



**Volunteer, Patrick, gives Cheryl instructions about the Community Center survey.**

## A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

ANGLE sends a big thank you to ICON, the Dundee Dinner Theatre, and all the audience members who came to see "Harvey" at the theatre on January 21. Those attending enjoyed a great dinner and play but **unfortunately** we did not have a big enough turnout to have the whole theatre to raise money for the Gay & Lesbian Phone Line. We really appreciate ICON's support of the phone line through this event and other fundraisers in the past.

Members of ANGLE are busy planning for a number of activities and fundraisers this year. The Pride Committee has begun its planning for the Pride parade, rally, and picnic on June 11. Please contact the phone line (558-5303) if you are interested in helping and ask for Joan to return your call.

Members of the Resource Center Committee have been busy circulating surveys concerning the start of a GLBT Center in the future. Please let that committee know of your interests, especially if you have not filled out a survey. Again, call the phone line (558-5303) and ask for Becky to return your call.

We would like to continue to see **new** people coming to ANGLE's meetings in the future. We need your help and ideas to be successful with our activities this year. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at the UNO Religious Center, 101 North Haply Hollow Blvd., at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we plan for our future in 1995.

## OMAHA GLBT PRIDE: FROM SILENCE TO CELEBRATION -- 1995 LOGO CONTEST

ANGLE, Inc. announces that the 1995 Pride Parade will be on the afternoon of Sunday, June 12, 1995. A competition is underway to select the Logo for Omaha's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Celebration. Everyone is invited to participate in the design of the Logo for the local Pride Festivities. To enter, submit your design by March 25, 1995, to: ANGLE, P.O. Box 8343, Omaha, NE 68108-0483.

On Wednesday, March 15, the planning committee will discuss Fund Raising and the Style of the Parade. The Logo and Merchandising will be the topic at the March 29 meeting. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at Downtown Grounds. The meetings are open and all ideas and participation are welcome. For more information please call the ANGLE Information and Referral Line at 402-558-5303. The Rules for the competition:

1. The Contest is open to anyone.
  2. Sketches or Rough Drafts are acceptable.
  3. Multiple Colors can be used if the logo will reproduce in black and white.
  4. Designs should be able to enlarge and reduce easily.
  5. Entries should be no larger than 8 1/2" x 11".
  6. Place name, address, and phone number on back of each entry.
  7. Designs should include the theme, "From Silence to Celebration," the locale (Omaha and/or Nebraska) and the date (June 1995).
  8. All entries become the property of ANGLE.
  9. The name of the winning designer will be published in *The New Voice* and the 1995 Pride Guide.
  10. The winner will receive a free Pride button and Tee-shirt, and a \$20 gift certificate to a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender friendly business.
- All entries must be received by March 25, 1995.

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# DC's #1 TAKES OVER LEAD IN RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

DC'S #1 now holds first place with 57.5 games won in the River City Mixed Bowling League after 22 weeks of bowling. Run Jim Dandies trails the leader by just 1.5 games. 9-4 - Gets & Not! is close on the heels of the leaders with 53 games won.

The high scores for men's scratch game and series are unchanged from last month. 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 200.4, followed by Joe Bloemer with a 185.2 and Bob Andresen with a 184.9.

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), and high average (170.6), followed by Rhea Lukehart with a 598 series and 170.1 average, and Cherie Iniguez with a 552 series and a 161.4 average.

City Lickers have jumped up to #4 in the standings, and 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 a 766. DC's #1 has improved their second high team series to a 2153. Rainbow Chasers holds down third high with a 2101.

During week #22 of bowling, Bob Andresen had a nice 242 game and a 619 series. Russ Handzik bowled a 237 game and Joe Bloemer bowled a 626 series. Rhea Lukehart and Cherie Iniguez continued their winning ways with Rhea's 193 game and 483 series. Kellie Loveall had a 176 game and Cherie Iniguez had a 490 series. Chuck Coatney was a blistering 113 pins over average. Debbie White bowled 65 pins over average and Debbie Johnson and Brenda McCarty bowled 45 pins over their averages.

Complete team standings as of week #22:

	Won	Lost
1. DC's #1	57.5	26.5
2. Run Jim Dandies	56	28
3. 9-4 Gets & Not	53	31
4. The MAX	50.5	33.5
5. City Lickers	50	34
6. Gilligan's 2	48	36
7. DC's Liplockers	47.5	36.5
8. Wurgler Photo	46.5	37.5
9. Dicksters	46.5	37.5
10. Delivery Boys	45	39
11. Express Male	44	40
12. Gilligan's 1 CCB	42.5	41.5
13. Rainbow Chasers	41	43
14. The Taylor Shop	40	44
15. Puss&Boots Gilligan 3	39	45
16. Misfits	38.5	45.5
17. DC's Tuna Melts	37.5	46.5
18. DCs 2 Reason to Drink	36.5	47.5
19. Bowling for Tricks	36	48
20. The DJs	36	48
21. Night Riders	35.5	44.5
22. Kings & Queens	33	51
23. TM #8	33	51

# AIDS FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

We are pleased to announce that PFLAG Omaha and Nebraska AIDS Project are jointly working on establishing an AIDS Family Support Group. The meeting date, time, and location have yet to be firmed up.

In more than one instance, we have heard of a family living here with a member of their family

living elsewhere with AIDS or having already passed away. Those family members living here have often felt lost and had no idea where there was anyone who might help them with their questions, grieving, and recovery. That is the purpose of the newly forming support group. More details will be forthcoming.

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*Falsettos* has been called "...brave, hilarious, charming, disarming..." As *Newsday* put it, in addition to tackling the issue of AIDS, it's "...about extended families, about tradition, about straight

love, about gay love—about how imperfect they can be, how bittersweet, how important." The story concerns Marvin — a man who has everything—wealth, devoted wife, loving son and recently, a male love. In attempting to keep his family neatly categorized and harmonious, he succeeds brilliantly at driving his loved ones relatively crazy. In essence, *Falsettos* is about a family coming to grips with rules that keep changing and the dilemma that exists between intellectual response and emotional confusion. It has appeal for audiences of all ages.

Winner of two 1992 Tony Awards for Best Score and Best Book, *Falsettos* is the collaboration of composer William Finn, and writer-director James

Lapine. SNAP!'s production will be directed by M. Michele Phillips, musically directed by Kurt Kelley and choreographed by Michal Simpson. Tickets for opening night are \$30 and for the remaining performance, \$20. Reservations can be made by calling 402-342-9053 in the evening. All proceeds benefit the programs of the Nebraska AIDS Project which include case management, financial assistance, a buddy program and other practical support.

SNAP! (Support Nebraska AIDS Project) Productions' primary focus is to produce and present dramatic works and performing arts offerings which help to create community awareness of AIDS-related issues. SNAP! believes that the arts deliver a unique source of enjoyment, enlightenment, therapy, and a celebration of life.

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At the end of the evening, Miss Dana Dahl was crowned as Miss Ice Bowl, with First Runner Up going to Porsha Mercedes. Also competing in the pageant were Miss Barbara Love, Miss Stella Dallas, Miss Trina Tabloid, and Miss Inceda Biggins.

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# WAS FEBRUARY THE LAST PRIMETIMERS MEETING?

by RJ

PrimeTimers did meet in January with 7 present. However the future seems very dark.

PrimeTimers has been going for over a year now. And it has, indeed, been a rocky road.

One problem was with officers. The first President resigned. This left it to the Vice President who then became President, and in turn, resigned. Another person, who was elected to Vice President, then became President by default. This person was not technically, by age, a prime timer, but regardless of age, was very much part of the group.

This person worked diligently for PrimeTimers, gathering information, trying to get members together. Age made no difference, and this person is to be highly commended for his untiring effort to try and hold things together in the increasing odds of PrimeTimers keeping going.

Other problems was the meetings. The social events were well attended. The meetings were not. Many complained the meetings were too long and too boring.

Another complaint that must be voiced was that it was meeting at a religious center. And yet the meeting place was a residence and not a church. Plus, it was centrally located at what the club could afford. So, what is one to do?

After struggling for more than a year, it looks like the end. Suggestions were asked for, so far as the funds in the treasury go, what to do with

what remained after any and all bills were paid in full. A suggestion put forth was to donate whatever remained to a worthwhile charity.

Another suggestion was for the members to join the "Metro Club", a club for professional people in the community.

A "closed meeting" was planned for February. So, another "group" in Omaha falls by the wayside — joining Affirmation, Dignity, G/L Support Group, Times of the Heartland (an excellent newspaper for the community, but ahead of its time). And they won't be the last. It seems like the Omaha G/L community doesn't support its own very well. Any comments?

I see a real need for a G/L Community Center. Some people simply don't have a place for any groups to gather. This puts a strain on the people who can, and do, open their homes for gatherings. So a place of commons, where groups can meet, where people can just drop in for a chat, and a coffee, a non-alcoholic place, where a decent conversation can be had, a non-threatening environment, where a glass of water won't cost you 50 cents a shot. But I doubt it would work from what I have seen so far. So, how about proving me wrong?

It is too bad that PrimeTimers failed. At least here in Omaha. It seems to be going strong in other places. There is a need for we older Gays to find a mutual group. PrimeTimers could have

filled that gap.

Maybe, at some later date, this idea could be tried again. But for now it seems the end of PrimeTimers. There just hasn't been the support, nor the interest, to keep it going. Yes, the meetings were long and boring. But did anyone come forward with a solution? I heard a lot of griping, but did anyone come forward with a solution?

And many thanks to C. for trying to hold things together. Maybe by age, you're not a PrimeTimer, but by heart, you sure were! And you worked hard! Many, many thanks.

And so, as the sun sets on PrimeTimers, and we old fogies stagger and waddle off into the sunset, do you suppose the group should have been more aptly called "Grumpy Old Men"? Anyway, as old man Shakespeare said, "Fare Thee Well, Parting is such sweet sorrow."

## HEARTLAND ROUNDUP

APRIL 28, 29, 30

This year's Heartland Gay/Lesbian 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. Watch for more details at your favorite group meeting or in next month's *New Voice*.

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

**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

**Nebraska AIDS Project**  
(statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437]  
**Omaha Office:** 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131  
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6367, AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV tests,  
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**Lincoln Office:** 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100  
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**Northeast Nebr 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,** UNI, G/L Resource Ctr,  
Rm 342, Neb Union, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644

**American Red Cross,**  
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7957  
3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 (402) 341-2723

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center,** AIDS  
education to health care professionals, UNMC,  
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**Nebr Regional Hemophilia Center,**  
UNMC, 600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227.

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

**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

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St. Lincoln 68508-2228 476-3882; Jim

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

**Nebraska Civil Liberties Union,** Box 81455,  
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, t.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 31305, Omaha 68131, For anyone  
living with HIV and those inter-ested 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, St. Francis Chapel,  
1145 South Street, Lincoln

## Unity House Calendar of Events for March

**Every Friday: Noon Luncheon for  
Persons With AIDS.  
Sponsored by NAP**

**7:00pm "An Alternative"  
Gay men's AA Group  
March 5: 6:00pm**

**ACE Board Meeting  
March 8: Noon Luncheon for  
Persons With AIDS  
Sponsored by Lord of Love  
Lutheran Church**

**March 11: Noon Luncheon for  
Persons With AIDS.  
Sponsored by Bethesda  
7th Day Adventist Church**

**March 19: 6:00pm  
ACE Board Meeting  
For dates and times of HIV Support  
Groups, Contact Unity House**

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# 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-N 16. All sexes welcome.

**Bisexual Discussion Group.** Room 234, Nebr.  
Union, UN-L Campus, 14 & R, Lincoln, Meets  
Wednesdays at 7:30pm, (402) 472-5644

**Gay Men's Support Group.** c/o Counseling &  
Psych Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr., UNL,  
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, 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,** 2nd Sunday 1pm, 3221 "W"  
St., Lincoln. Focus "Spiritual Healing". Gay/  
Bisexual Men, all ages, all races welcome.  
Membership \$10 quarter. Info write visit: Stan  
Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt #26, Lincoln, 68508

**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 Nebr  
Union, 14 & R, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644.  
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Tuesdays, 7pm, during school year

**The Wimm'n's Show,** 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM,  
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**A Woman's Place,** Box 67035, Lincoln, 68506,  
nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women.  
**Youth Talkline** 473-7932, Friday & Saturday  
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**YWCA Counseling & Education Department,**  
476-2802, Lincoln. Information and Referral.  
\*\*\*\*\*OMAHA\*\*\*\*\*

**Alcoholics Anonymous, Info** 345-9916  
\*\*Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm MCCC, Omaha  
\*\*Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri, 7pm,  
MCC-Omaha, 455-7916  
\*\*Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran,  
303 S. 41, Omaha Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm  
\*\*Unity House, 1007 S. 37, Saturday 4:30pm  
**A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endea-  
vors),** Box 8343, Omaha 68108 558-5303,  
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**Citizens For Equal Protection,** Box 55548,  
Omaha, 68155 (402) 398-3027, Legislative  
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**Different Realities,** Computer Bulletin Board  
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community. Access by modem at (402) 345-8381  
using RN1 protocol, 24 hours/day at 14.4 baud.

**EAGLE-Omaha,** Employee Assoc. of Gays &  
Lesbians. US WEST. Contact Pat Phalen, 1299  
Farm, 11th Fl., 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  
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**Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line.**  
A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 588-5303

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

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

**Metropolitan Club,** PO Box 31484, Omaha, NE  
68131-0484, 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: 8:15, 22, Children & Adult Christian  
Educ. 9am, Sunday Worship 9 & 10:30am,  
Evening worship 1st Sunday, 6pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays**  
**PFLAG,** 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, 68123,  
291-6781. Meets 1st United Methodist, 7020  
Cass, 2nd Thurs, 7 pm, Room 204, East End,  
"Program & Sharing"; 4th Sunday, 2pm, Mead  
Hall Below Mead Chapel, West End "Sharing"  
**Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns,**  
733-1360, Cleve, Omaha.

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

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

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

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

**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

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

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

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

**Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts,** Box 94882,  
Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter, socials.  
Bus. Mtg. 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm; 1st Saturday  
Social, 7-10pm, Both at Cornerstone, 640 N, 16

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

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

**Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr.,** Support  
meetings, social events, newsletter. Info: GLAGN,  
Box 24011, 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 Involitional 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 "F",  
Lincoln, 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case  
Mgr. Outpatient chemical dependency treat-  
ment while affirming sexuality, Sliding Fee

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

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

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

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

**PRIDE Group,** c/o Counseling Center, Wayne  
State College, Wayne, NE 8787. Infor Karen or  
Virginia, (402) 375-7321. Group for Gay, Lesbian,  
Bisexual Students and Friends to meet new people,  
discuss issues, provide community service,  
educate, and raise awareness.

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# MARCH 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.

		<p><b>1</b> *Gay Men Discussion Grp, 6pm, Lincoln, contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>*Omaha Frontrunners 6:30pm Ford Birthsite, 32 &amp; Woolworth</p> <p>*AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7pm AIDS Info Line: 475-2437</p> <p>*Alcoholics Anonymous, "Stone-wall" Grp, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha</p> <p>*Nebraska Bisexual Network, Lincoln, 7:30pm, Call 472-5644/476-0314/477-0217</p>	<p><b>2</b> *HIV Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, West Door Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Omaha</p> <p>Gay &amp; Lesbian Parent Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha</p> <p>G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" Lincoln, Call V.J. 477-3526</p> <p>Author Lev Raphael, presents free public reading of his works, 8pm, Wicks Alumni Center, 1520 "R", Lincoln</p>
<p><b>6</b> Imperial Court of Nebr Board of Gov, 6:30pm, The MAX, Omaha</p> <p>MCC Prayer Care Circle, 7pm 3101 Webster, Omaha, 345-8948</p> <p>*HIV Test Site, 3610 Dodge, Ste 110, West door Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>*River City Mix Chorus Rehe, 7:15p, 1st Meth, NW Door, OM</p> <p>*Bi-PALS (BiSexual People, Alter-nate Life Styles), Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm</p> <p>Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, Info: Barb (308) 865-5610</p>	<p><b>7</b> *Women for Sobriety 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>A.N.G.L.E. Mtg, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha</p> <p>HIV/AIDS Healing Worship Service, St. Francis Chapel, 1145 South St., Lincoln, 7pm</p> <p>*UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr. Lincoln, 7pm, Nebr Union, 14th &amp; R, Rm 234, 472-5644, days or 465-5703, nights</p>	<p><b>8</b> *Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p</p> <p>*Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,</p> <p>*AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p</p> <p>*G/L AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha</p> <p>*NE Bisexual Ntwk Lincln 7:30p</p>	<p><b>9</b> *HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p</p> <p>*G/L AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm</p> <p>GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island call: (308) 384-7235</p> <p>PFLAG-Omaha, 7pm, Rm 204, 1st Methodst 7020 Cass 291-6781</p> <p>MCC Prayer Circle 6510 Charles Omaha, 7pm, Call 556-1769</p> <p>Falsettos, 8pm, Witherspoon Hall Joslyn Museum, Omaha, SNAP benefit for Nebr AIDS Project, 346-8833 (days) 342-9053 (eves)</p>
<p><b>13</b> *HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p</p> <p>*RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM</p> <p>*Bi-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm</p> <p>AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, Omaha</p>	<p><b>14</b> *OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p</p> <p>*G/L Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm</p> <p>Free/Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster Co Health Dept, 5-7pm The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln</p> <p>P-FLAG Omaha Board Mtg, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Library</p>	<p><b>15</b> *Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p</p> <p>*Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,</p> <p>*AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p</p> <p>*G/L AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha</p> <p>*NE Bisexual Ntwk Lincln 7:30p</p> <p>Pride Committee Mtg., 7pm, Downtown Grounds, Omaha</p>	<p><b>16</b> *HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p</p> <p>*G/L AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm</p> <p>Metropolitan Club, FRANKIE Panes, 112 Douglas, Omaha, 7pm</p>
<p><b>20</b> *HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p</p> <p>*RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM</p> <p>*Bi-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm</p> <p>MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 3101 Webster, Omaha, 7pm</p>	<p><b>21</b> *OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p</p> <p>*G/L Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm</p> <p>Lincoln NOW (Nat'l Organization of Women), The Women's Club, 407 S. 14, 477-1226, 7pm</p> <p>Omaha NOW (Nat'l Organization of Women), 7pm, 1st Unitarian 3114 Harney, 391-7303</p> <p>Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group, 8pm (308) 381-5175</p>	<p><b>22</b> *Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p</p> <p>*Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,</p> <p>*AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p</p> <p>*G/L AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha</p> <p>*NE Bisexual Ntwk Lincln 7:30p</p>	<p><b>23</b> *HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p</p> <p>*G/L AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm</p> <p>GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235</p> <p>MCC Prayer, Care Circle, 6510 Charles, Omaha, 7pm,</p>
<p><b>27</b> *HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p</p> <p>*RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM</p> <p>*Bi-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm</p> <p>*Yellow Boat", 7pm, Emmy Gifford Thr, 3504 Center Omaha Tickets \$10, 345-4852, Benefit NAP &amp; Hemophilia Assoc.</p>	<p><b>28</b> *OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p</p> <p>*G/L Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm</p> <p>Parent/Friend of Lesbians/ Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln, Unitarian Ch, 6300 A, 7pm 467-4599, Program: "G/L Issues in Education"</p> <p>Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, 496-3658</p>	<p><b>29</b> *Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p</p> <p>*Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,</p> <p>*AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p</p> <p>*G/L AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha</p> <p>*NE Bisexual Ntwk Lincln 7:30p</p> <p>Pride Committee Mtg., 7pm, Downtown Grounds, Omaha</p>	<p><b>30</b> *HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p</p> <p>*G/L AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm</p>

# MARCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

**3**  
**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 Slag 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**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto Escapes from Zoo", 8pm, Blue Barn, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, 345-1576, Larry Myer, Downtown Grnds, Omaha, 9p**

**4**  
**\*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, Hrtind Gay Rodeo Assc., 6pm, DCs, Omaha Coalition Social, 7-10pm, 640 N 16, Lincoln**  
**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**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto", 8pm, Blue Barn Omaha**  
**Larry Myer, Downtown Grnds, Omaha, 9pm**

**5**  
**\*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.**  
**\*Champagne Brunch, 11a-1p, Tricks Omaha**  
**6pm Evening Worship Service, MCC-Omaha**  
**Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto", 7pm, Blue Barn, Omaha**

**10** Deadline for April Issue of New Voice  
**\*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**  
**\*Falsettos, 8pm, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, \*\*"Orgasmo Adulto", 8pm, Blue Barn Omaha**  
**\*Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm**  
**Aaron Medford Downtown Grnds Omaha, 9p**

**11**  
**\*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am**  
**\*Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha**  
**\*Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781**  
**\*Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln**  
**\*Falsettos, 8pm, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto", 8pm, Blue Barn Omaha**  
**Omaha Players Club, Workshop 2-5pm. Play Party 8pm, 451-7987**  
**Kathy Tyree & Frnds, 7p, The MAX, Omaha**  
**SAGE Coffee House: 4-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, (402) 488-4178**  
**Fitzsimmons/Joydnce Downtown Grnds 9pm**

**12**  
**\*MCC-Omaha, Worship 9am, 10:20am**  
**\*Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln**  
**\*Champagne Brunch 11a-1p, Tricks, Omaha**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto" 7pm, Blue Barn, Omaha**  
**\*Falsettos, 8pm, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha**  
**New Voice Steering Comm., MCC-O, 1pm**  
**"Broken Silence" Benefit Concert for Nebr AIDS Project, Kimball Recital Hall, 11 & "R", Lincoln, Donation \$10/adults, \$5/students**  
**MCC Prayer, Care, Share Circle, 7pm, Call Ronald 477-3215 for details, Lincoln**

**17**  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
**\*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p**  
**\*Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm**  
**\*Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln**  
**\*Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto", 8pm, Blue Barn Omaha**  
**\*Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm**  
**Karen Capaldi, Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha, 9pm, Dawn Lutrell at 8pm**

**18**  
**\*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am**  
**\*Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha**  
**\*Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781**  
**\*Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto", 8pm, Blue Barn Omaha**  
**GLANG St. Patrick's Day Party, Isaac Walton Complex, Grand Island**  
**Karen Capaldi at Downtown Grounds, Omaha, 9-11pm, Dawn Lutrell at 8pm**

**19**  
**\*MCC-Omaha, Worship 9am, 10:20am**  
**\*Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln**  
**\*Champagne Brunch 11a-1p, Tricks, Omaha**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto" 7pm, Blue Barn, Omaha**  
**P-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke's Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752/995-5490, 3pm**

**24**  
**\*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p & 10pm - 2am**  
**\*Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm**  
**\*Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln**  
**\*Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto", 8pm, Blue Barn Omaha**  
**\*Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm**  
**Evangelist Jeri Anne Harvey, 7pm, MCC-O**  
**Michael E. Mitchell -jazz saxophone, Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha, 9-11pm**

**25** Deadline for Pride Logo Contest  
**\*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am**  
**\*Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha**  
**\*Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781**  
**\*Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto", 8pm, Blue Barn Omaha**  
**Evangelist Jeri Anne Harvey, 7pm, MCC-O**  
**Coalition Bowling Night, 7pm, Gateway Bowl, 333 N. Cotner, Lincoln, \$1.50 game**  
**Elaine Herfindahl jazz saxophone at Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha, 9-11pm**

**26**  
**\*Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln**  
**\*Champagne Brunch 11a-1p, Tricks, Omaha**  
**\*\*"Orgasmo Adulto" 7pm, Blue Barn, Omaha**  
**MCC-Omaha, Worship 9am, 10:20am, featuring Evangelist Jeri Anne Harvey, 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**  
**Dreams Can Come True, Monica West and friends perform at The MAX, Omaha, 9:30pm**

**31**  
**\*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**  
**Laurie McClain performs folk music at Downtown Grounds, Omaha, 9-11pm**

**\*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**



# CLASSIFIEDS

## SOFTBALL ANYONE?

Anyone interested in a GLBT Softball League? If we can support a bowling league, why not softball? We have sponsors and interested individuals. What about you? Call Steve Jackson at 558-8121 or 471-2504. (Mr95)

## Body Builders

or if you go to a gym. Private Session Video Workout. Show me Video. 1-hr Session. Message 457-4487. (Mr95)

**Queer Clocks** Choose the color and symbol (triangle, female/female, male/male, male/female). Send \$29.95 and choices to Q.C., P.O. Box 81032, Lincoln, NE 68501-1032. (Ap95)

**Music Mart:** Is your source for outdated to new releases in CD's, cassettes, records & videos. Call Michael at 734-5971. (Mr95)

**To Trade or for sale,** used magazines (porn) and adult VHS tapes, straight and gay. If interested please contact Steve, Box 5705, Lincoln, NE 68505. (Ap95)

## MEMMOS

Nationwide contact club for men enjoying mutual masturbation & oral sex. For info send SASE to MEMMOS, POB 3145, Madison, WI 53704-0145. (Oc95)

**For less than \$1.15 per day you can tan every day with the 1 month unlimited tan package at St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Ave., 341-3740. (-95)**

## EVERYONE WELCOME!

Attend the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) Board Meeting **Monday, March 6,** in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX, 6:30 p.m.

## NEED A NEW CAREER? CALL 255-7899

(Mr95)

**Would you like** your house cleaned or a full body massage for less. Call 455-2208. (Mr95)

**You work HARD and work-out even HARDER!** \*FULL-BODY MASSAGE will take the EDGE OFF and provide BALANCE\* Serving Gay, Lesbian, Trans, Bi, & Hetero Communities. Gift Certificates Available. Hours: 6pm-6am. Weekend hours vary. OM/LIN APPT./INFO 342-1964. (Ja96)

**SAVE TIME! SAVE MONEY! SAVE YOUR SANITY!** Full Body Massage performed in the privacy and comfort of your own home. Nationally/state licensed. Call Chuck at 553-8657 (leave message) for information or appointment. (Mr95)

**Full Body Swedish and Sports Massage.** Please Call Carlos, C.M.T. at (402) 342-1017. (Sp95)

**MESSAGE:** You deserve the best. Full body Swedish massage for men and women. Call 455-2208. (Mr95)

## FOR RENT

**SWM seeking SWM Roommate** for home. Resp. Pref. n.s. Cats O.K. 2 BR 1w/loft, w/d & utilities included. Share bath. Easy access to I-80. \$300.00/month (neog.) Russ 712-323-3255. (Mr95)

**Lesbian or gay male roommate** wanted to share two bedroom duplex on I-lanscom Park. Bedroom has 2 walk-in closets. \$175.00/month. All utilities paid. Call 341-6302 and leave message. No drugs/alcohol. (Mr95)

## PERSONALS

### Attention Male Models!

Young photographer developing personal, private portfolio seeks male models, 18-30, for fun, private, safe photo sessions. Must be clean-cut, uninhibited, and photogenic. For information, call 342-6127. (Ap95)

### Summer swim wear season is only a few weeks away.

**Trade in your winter white for summer tan.** St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Ave. 341-3740. (-95)

**TIRED OF THE WINTER BLAHS? Me too!** This spring let's create a budding new romance. GWM 32 non-smoking professional is seeking men who are secure about their sexuality. Honesty and integrity are more important than your looks. Let's correspond, get together, and see what develops. Respond to: Boxholder, PO Box 671, Bellevue, NE 68005. (Ap95)

**Boysishly cute 27 year old** looking for serious friendship that could develop into something more. Prefer white male 18-27 years old. No games. Serious inquiries only. Please phone (712) 325-9259 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. or you may leave message. Ask for Steve. (Mr95)

**"Daily Specials during Tropical Daze III. March 12 thru March 18"** St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Avenue, 341-3740. (-95)

**Northeast Nebraska GWM,** like to meet slender masculine guy for possible relationship. Write P.O. Box 1891, Norfolk, NE 68702. (Mr95)

**Married Bi male, 33,** wishes to meet other Bi's or GM's for hot, fun, safe activities. All responses will be promptly answered. JW Enterprises, 4672 Harrison, #4, Omaha NE 68107. (Mr95)

**GWM, 38, HIV neg.** looking for males 25-40 for fun safe times. 5'11", 165 pounds. I'll be waiting to hear from you. 402-392-0093. (Mr95)

**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)

**GWM, 5'7", 120#, HOT & SEXY.** Interests include: Movies, videos, Cuddling, Hugging, Kissing, Romantic Hot Times! Respond to: P.O. Box 12356, Omaha, NE 68112. (Mr95)

## FREE DOMESTIC HELP AVAILABLE

**Submissive Male, 37, 5'8", 150#,** wishes to serve women couples. (402) 691-9685 (Mr95)

**Young, healthy, and interested** in participating in bondage parties or contests? Write Gary, PO Box 8050, Omaha, NE 68108-0050. (Mr95)

**I need a man's man-** a submissive bottom to keep me happy; Picture/phone answered first! Box 8344, Omaha, NE 68108-0344. (Mr95)

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

**Show it off! Flaunt it!** Amateur videographer seeks nude models/players. M/F/Trans...one or more; discretion is assured! I'm out a lot, so please leave a message! 344-0464. (Mar95)

**WANTED: 6 orgy bottom boys** for private party. Age between 19-30. Safe and fun! Send resume of talents: Boxholder, P.O. Box 12094, Omaha, NE 68112. (Mr95)

## LONELY

Need a friend/lover? Call Infinity, an inexpensive nationwide matching service for gay men. 602-848-6780. (Ap95)

**Tropical Daze III March 12 thru 18**  
**Register for free drawing to be held on Saturday, March 18! Great Prizes and Great prices on tanning!**  
St. Mary's Tan 341-3740. (-95)

# PFLAG- OMAHA RAFFLE IN PROGRESS

The latest fund raising effort for PFLAG-Omaha began at the January 12 chapter meeting when the group began selling chances on a weekend getaway to a beautiful, secluded, furnished, privately-owned house near the Platte River State Park. You and your guest will stay over the weekend with the fixings for a steak dinner provided. Nearby, at the State Park you will find a lake, trails, horse riding facilities, and beautiful, scenic country. The house is fully equipped with modern conveniences, including air conditioning, microwave oven, and outdoor gas grill. Tickets are available for \$1 apiece from PFLAG Board members. The drawing will be held on Sunday, March 26, at the PFLAG meeting on that day. The winner will select the weekend of their choice in coordination with the house's owner, Joyce, who suggested holding the raffle and graciously made the house available for a weekend as a prize for the drawing. Persons wishing to purchase raffle tickets should contact any PFLAG-Omaha member or call the PFLAG Hotline at 291-6781 for information on where tickets may be obtained.

# Nebraska Personals

Discreet Phone Contacts By Area Code

MANFINDER™

## NEBRASKA

Omaha **BIG BROTHER TYPE:** Don gentle big bro type 21, lkg for someone to loved pampered, if that's 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

Calumhus 35, **BIWM** iso other guys in the area or nearby for friendship or whatever, lv a message- #9387

## GRAB THAT PHONE!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- 1) To respond to these ads & browse others Call: 1-900-454-4547
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- 3) To pick-up messages from your existing ad Call the 900 number & Press the star key (\*)

Due to our large volume of calls, if you can't get thru, simply try your call back.

Question Call: 1-415-281-3183

## 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 thin to musc, have a big screen TV, let's watch it and do what they do- #27971

Omaha **COWBOY BEARS:** , Alex, 5'11 190, lt 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, lt brn flat top blu eyes semi hairy short trim 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, lt 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 it man 25-35 for reg get togethers, no commitment reg #22473

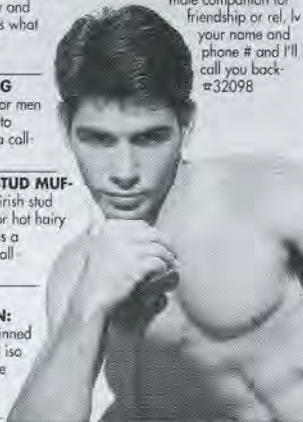
Omaha **GOOD CLEAN FUN:** 30 Bi WM iso guys to get together for good clean fun, - lv a message- #12608

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Omaha **QUIET EVENINGS:** Jim prof'l like to meet masc guy for quiet eves, going out, late 30s, give me a call- #18426

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

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## OKLAHOMA

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AR **HAIRY HAWG RIDERS:** Eric, recently divorced 6'2 200, brn/blu, like hairy men and cowboys, like to ride hawks to like to gettogether with you too- #29005

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**Tulsa CALL ME:** Mitch, 5'10, 170 brn/grey brn eyes young looking, smooth, inexp, smoker like to party iso someone with the same int, if ur interested give me a call- #29894

Oklahoma City **MANY INTERESTS:** Marvin, WM 6'2, 225, many interests, get in touch asap, like to talk to you! #30131

Oklahoma City **PAT,** 22, lkg for someone between 18-25, 150, blind/blu grn 5'8, lkg for honest person, #30162

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