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## WE'VE REACHED THE CENTURY MARK IN OMAHA

With this issue of *The New Voice of Nebraska*, we have published 100 issues since moving the publication to Omaha in November 1987. These 8 years have seen many changes, many successes, and more tragedies than we'd care to remember.

Two of the original crew who brought the magazine to Omaha are still active today, Mr. Pat Phalen and Mr. Terry Sweeney. I came on board in December of 1987 and Dick Brown joined us in the spring of 1988. Kevin joined us 2 years ago and Carla's been around to a greater or lesser degree ever since we got together. And Mr. Bob Ewing at Printing Plus has been around since the decision was made to bring the magazine to Omaha. And Sharon McCartney, who moved to Denver but still types feature articles for us.

Originally, *The New Voice* was published in Lincoln — the branchchild of Mr. Larry Wiseblood, the first editor. The early days were stormy at times, including major splits over gender issues, a lawsuit over the right to use the name "The New Voice" (seems a local weekly paper called *The Voice* didn't want anyone to think they were a gay publication), a regrettable incident when the editor picketed a Lincoln bar when they wouldn't pay their bill, and eventually a high degree of burn-out that nearly led to the demise of the magazine. In the fall of '87 an impassioned plea went out to the community asking for help.

If there was not renewed interest and commitment, the magazine would fold. Some in the community felt that was best, and would have replaced *The New Voice* with a commercial publication. However, a dedicated core group was determined to maintain the volunteer community service nature of the magazine. They got busy and got organized and moved the entire production to Omaha with Jerry Peck as editor.

Larry Wiseblood and Jerry Peck are both gone, victims of the AIDS epidemic. An early pioneer, Sam Mandina, died of a heart attack. Others moved away or moved on to other interests. Yet some of us just keep plugging along.

There are times when all of us feel like giving up the fight — too little time, too little money, too little input from the community, too little involvement, too few volunteers, too many late night phone calls from irate readers who have had a few too many shots. But somehow there is still a spark that keeps burning, and that same commitment to service the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community of Nebraska is still there. So we keep on. And in fact we're hard at work on issue #101 right now. Thanks for all your support during these years. Thanks for helping us keep the flame alive.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THANKS FROM THE MOTHERHOUSE

Dearest Ms. Van Butsel  
Pax et Bonum.

Every now and again, a person's got to have a little talk with themselves to address the MAJOR questions of life like "What's this snow doing in my sandals when I'm used to sand?" and "Was it a demented sense of humor that sent me to Nebraska or should I really be paranoid that God is out to get me, as Maude used to warn?" Toss in a cantankerous Brother Fidelis (the Motherhouse limousine), three slow carpenters, plumbers playing Houdini, frolicsome Novices, a FULL voice-mail box, and you have all the makin's for a Nebraska style funny-farm alumni picnic. Oops, forgot one major ingredient...Add one unexplained post-Rosary fire in the Friary at two o'clock in the morning. "'HOLY SMOKE' the Friar shouted. In the rush lost all his hair. Now his head resembles Heaven, for there is NO parting there."

The fire produced lots of pensive thoughts and sighs as well as ashes. It was pretty difficult that night to even surmise, let alone actually believe, that it was "for our good." The same God whose sense of humor brought me here, as always, knew what He was doing, even if we didn't. In the ensuing days after the fire, there were offers of help and assistance of every sort and description from a very wide variety of people. Like elm beetles they came—literally from the scorched woodwork. Everything from paint (COMPLETE with painters) to electricians, to computer techs, to food, to blankets, to cash, to special offerings, — you name it. The response was just

overwhelming and very, very deeply appreciated albeit awesome. There was a common thread in each of the responses — they had read about the Motherhouse in *The New Voice*. Talk about a sense of humor — a "liberated" magazine writing about a Franciscan Motherhouse. Think about it — and laugh right along with God.

In the ensuing days of clean-up, I was "de-sooting" (new word) one of the plaques in the Greathall which reflects on of the Scriptures which has been an old standby favorite marching order of the Province in attempting our apostolate to HIV/AIDS persons. In Isaiah 58 God is trying to get across to His\* people what He\* really wants from them, especially in verses 6 and 7. It is HIS\* no-words-minced directive that His\* children "not turn your back on your own family." The humor of the common thread changed very quickly to the exuberant reality of what had happened. They hadn't! Family had NOT turned their back on family — rather had hunkered down, helped support the seemingly devastating weight, and in so doing, had given some very welcome support to drooping spirits, in effect keeping the doors of the Motherhouse open to all who need or want us.

There really is NO WAY that a simple Thank-you, Family will every express our gratitude for the vital support and breath of fresh air you have given us. It is the Province's pledge to our wonderful family to come back, like the Phoenix to rise up out of the ashes with an even greater commitment to our family and our community, and to work hand-in-hand with you to take care of

our own when they need us the most.

The response of your readers even made the little Conn in the Chapel sound fully as magnificent as any cathedral pipe organ as it resounded the truth of the old hymn, "In Christ, there is no east nor west. In Him, no north or south. But ONE GREAT FELLOWSHIP OF SAINTS throughout the whole wide earth." Our most heartfelt and deepest thanks, SAINTS, for being family to us. Blessings and peace.

In Christ's Divine Mercy,  
Brother Andrew Mary Francis, TOR  
servus servorum Dei  
The Franciscan Motherhouse

\* "Inclusive language" comes hard. Girls, to an old Franciscan monk. Patience — God isn't finished with us yet.

## "MALESPACE" IS NO MORE

Greetings, New Voice Staff,

Director - Mark Whitworth - of the group "Malespace" has moved to Denver, Colorado. I myself have no plans to take over the group "Malespace." While I was director, I did try to provide a safe place for older gay and bisexual men to meet and converse. Thank you for maintaining the group in your Resource Directory.  
Stan Balderson

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# ANTI-GAY COMMENTS HEARD DURING TESTIMONY ON LB 903

Dear Editor,

I usually like your opinions and you're always so involved with the community, but since I didn't see you at the recent Senate hearings on LB 903 on February 5th, I took it upon myself to make these notes about the opponents and their comments. I hope you share this with the community for their inspection.

Covenant Presbyterian Church Minister Stu Kerns spoke to the Senate committee stating, "passage of this would not create minority status for gays/lesbians, but instead a MORAL issue." He then said that not HE or the CHURCH were pointing fingers.

When asked about his thoughts on gays in the military, Mr. Kerns states, "don't ask, don't tell" — it works for me." Then he said, "But, what I don't understand is why a gay person should be allowed, since they say they are attracted to the same sex, why should a heterosexual have to shower with one. It would be like if I, as a heterosexual, would be allowed to shower with a room full of naked women. I know I couldn't hide my ..." and with hands in the air, he stopped speaking.

Question: Why isn't this man's MORALS in question?

Then Mr. Robert Klause spoke of how the gay lifestyle undermines capitalism quoted as saying about the gay community, "They are self-centered and self-serving." He claimed that enacting this law would "legitimize the detestable act." And then lashed out about the coming of HIV/AIDS, claiming "the gay community wishes to look good now by pushing social problems like AIDS under the rug."

Easily enough, the author of the bill, Senator Chambers of Omaha asked, "How has the gay lifestyle affected your life personally?" Mr.

Klause balked at the question. Then Senator Chambers re-asked "how personally a gay person has adversely affected your life?" Mr. Klause gave a simple answer of fear and then was excused.

Barry Winkelbower, the Ak-Sar-Ben race chaplain, offered little testimony, but did state, "this bill is for Gay Rights and should be dismissed immediately."

Others also spoke of an experience of two, and/or a change, but one very interesting Pastoral comment came late in the hearing. As Bishop Arling spoke Proponent (for passage) he laid the groundwork, stating that "others will come after him and thump the Bible, but they will take excerpts and parts of scripture, and not explain the meaning of the story." He also stated that "God is Love in their Bible and mine. If they try to use the Bible as a stand, 'They are denying themselves and their congregation the ability to LOVE.'"

Soon after Pastor Klause's interesting look at double standards, Reverend Al Rikowski of Christ's Community Church of Lincoln walked into the hearing room and sat down without acknowledging anyone except the committee and others with him in the hallway previously. He agreed that "passage of the bill would give gays and lesbians minority status," even though he referred to us on more than one occasion during his testimony as the minority. He said the Church, "teaches the moral indifference of being gay," yet he claimed the gay community is the one who "recruits new members." Then, just as Bishop Arling stated, he paraphrased the scriptures in which the entire weight of the Bible should fall. Yet he did not explain how the statement came to be, and in fact, added the word homosexual in a place neither I nor Bishop Arling had ever heard of.

I hope everyone sends Barb at P-FLAG a thank you note for the good work done by her and her assistants to organize the proponent side. Keep up the good work. You, too, Madame Editor.

Thaux,  
David L. Hall  
Lincoln, Nebraska

P.S. Have you read *Virtually Normal* by Andrew Sullivan? While longwinded at times, it explains both sides of the argument about homosexuality. If any readers are troubled with parental non-acceptance, this may help.

*Editor's Comment:* David, as you know we rely on concerned citizens like yourself to report on events of importance to the community. Thanks for providing us with this article and for the one describing Bishop Arling's testimony.

## LETTER POLICY

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

## DOMESTIC ABUSE? NOW WHAT?

Every 15 seconds, a domestic assault occurs somewhere in the United States. In fact, domestic violence has become so common, the American Medical Association estimates as many as one in three women is a victim. Domestic violence is a problem that affects all races and social classes.

### The three phases of domestic violence

Domestic abuse often takes on a predictable three-phase pattern: escalation, explosion, and honeymoon. Escalation is a time of threats and "minor" physical abuse. Tension builds and both the abuser and victim try to minimize the problem. The explosion is a time of uncontrolled tension, destructiveness and emotional collapse. The honeymoon stage is characterized by calm, loving kindness, apologies and promises. The victim usually feels hopeful that the abuse will not return. Unfortunately, the abuse usually returns, with the escalation and honeymoon phases shorter in length.

### Who are abusers?

Abusers usually fit a profile. Most abusers have a history that include one or more of the following:

- \* unemployment,
- \* age 18 to 30,
- \* low income,
- \* drug or alcohol addiction,
- \* family history of abuse,
- \* high school drop out or
- \* injury to the head.

### How can you help?

You can help if you suspect someone you know is a victim or if a friend has confided in you that he or she is being abused. Some steps you can take to help a victim are:

- \* Find a safe time and place to discuss the situation,
- \* Acknowledge the potential danger of the situation,
- \* Respect the victim's feelings, fears and decisions,
- \* Explore available community resources,
- \* Discuss options and plans for safety.

If you are a victim, there are places you can turn to for help. Call: Nebr. Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Coalition at 402-476-6256. Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 515-281-7284.

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## "I'VE GOT THAT GURU-SPIRIT, DEEP IN THE HEART OF ME....."

Good afternoon, my little scallywags of stanza and meter! I am writing this again at the last possible second (February 14th, to be exact), so you must forgive any ramblings that are more zany than usual.

I had to move at the beginning of this year (don't want to go into any hair-raising details until the publishing rights have been secured), and am still living in and out of boxes nearly two months later. One never packs like they first plan. I had all the proper equipment (boxes, tape, black marker, newspaper, etc.), and promised myself that I would do this moving thing slow, taking time to label each box, fold and sort all my clothing, and wrap each breakable with tender-loving care. I am now finding socks in the same box with my silverware, and for some reason, I still have clothes from the eighth grade.

Anyway, this month we have some actual poets!!! Yes, people actually sent me some poetry, and this being a poetry page and all, I feel honor-bound to print 'em! This month we will be featuring poems by Cheri Loofe, Christine Peek-Blankman, and Christopher Thomas. All are local poets that have previously graced this page. I hope you enjoy them. Until next month, take care of each other....

Brian

## "old woman"

By Cheri Loofe

the lines on your face  
map the places you have been  
the women you have known  
and the times that you have smiled.  
each white hair marks a crisis survived,  
a friend's passage mourned,  
a child raised.  
your twisted, gnarled fingers  
have soothed the brows of many  
cooked for a thousand potlucks  
stroked and caressed your lovers.  
your back is bent from hard womens' work,  
fixing your old dodge,  
dancing too hard at solstice.  
Why do they call you just an old woman?

## "thoughts of an american bar dyke, cruising..."

By Cheri Loofe

i see you sitting there,  
cigarette perched provocatively in lipstick  
smug look of confidence over your glass  
(wonder how sharp her nails are?)  
i see you, there, standing in the corner,  
butch hair so short, muscled in plaid.  
(probably mush inside)  
i see you there, sister, deep in conversation at the  
bar.  
did you hear a word she said?  
your eyes weren't focused on her mouth.  
(but i do like the way you focus)  
sister, in the back, by yourself,  
why so shy?  
we don't bite  
(unless you ask)

## "LEARNING TO GROW UP GAY"

By Christopher Thomas

Growing up gay  
and trying to stay sane,  
was like trying to define  
the mythic skirmishes  
between God and asparagus.

The thinnest words  
were those I could not name.  
All I remember is entering life  
horny as hell, and knowing  
it was the meanest contest in town.

I was an eager thing  
trying to live in contested places.  
I learned to wear masks  
by the time I was seven.  
At ten I tried to become them.

I tried to avoid puberty,  
school dances, sleep-overs,  
staring at boys in study hall,  
and being naked in the locker room.  
Nothing worked.

After a full day of trying  
I'd go to bed broken and strange.  
But when sleep came,  
his silver dreams  
would soothe and exalt me.

## "HIGH TIDE"

By Christine Peek-Blankman

The ocean mingles,  
become one:  
explores curves,  
leaves

So it is  
Two separate entities  
merge  
My lips explore,  
and soon know  
of the person I call you

The surf pounds  
stretching for high tide  
as we reach our zenith.  
Once achieved,  
to relish the effect

Slowly the breakers recede  
once more to drift  
Always prepared,  
for when the ocean

as it meets the shore,  
Two great forces  
Water  
probes crevices,  
no particle of sand untouched.

when we make love  
come together,  
become one.  
my fingers touch,  
every line and curve

as do our hearts,  
briefly pausing  
of intimate awareness.

as we separate  
upon the sea of life,  
ever anxious,  
meets the shore.

## "FOR LOVE OF HIM"

By Christopher Thomas

It is for love of him  
the blood still warms.  
We were never lovers,  
but we were good friends  
and great playmates.

We wore, so well, the glitter  
of our excessiveness,  
the crude jokes, the glorious  
prayers, the sacred and profane  
tinsels that adorn friendship,

the afterglow of conversations  
that made us shiver to our thumbs.  
Today he's been coughing up  
lumps of lung big as radishes.  
He hasn't noticed. Morphine

has made him feel delicious.  
He wants to play old records,  
hum the tunes that use to heal him.  
He can barely stand alone. But,  
for love of him, we are dancing.

## "SECRET WALLS"

By Christine Peek-Blankman

As the gray clouds swirl overhead,  
dropping their gifts upon the earth,  
I drive on  
in my hard shell,  
protected from the world.  
Thinking  
crying  
hoping  
dreaming.

too scared to go on —  
too stubborn to go back.  
Wondering  
what lies ahead  
I drive on.

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- 5.) What? Were you raised in a barn? Close the door!!!

# FEATURES

## BOMBSIGHTS AND CARTOONS

by Joseph Schuman

"You're wrong because..." isn't the only way to respond to somebody's thoughts. There's also, for example, "Right! And moreover..." People respond to each other by putting ideas in a different context, giving illustrations, or my favorite: suggesting refinements.

Still, when I told Paul Varnell I'd written a response to one of his columns, he said he'd look forward to my rebuttal. Well, this is not a rebuttal: I really liked the good news — bad news review of gay politics by John D'Emilio, director of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. It's worth remarking our state and local victories. And nationally, Congress hasn't been attacking us recently. At least not directly. At least not much.

Still, D'Emilio used two words that made my brain itch. He wrote that the Radical Right has us in its bombsight because "gay men, lesbians and bisexuals are easier, simpler targets than a changing labor market with wage structures that compromise family stability, or school systems without the resources to educate." The words that got me thinking? "Easier" and "simpler."

D'Emilio's words draw a cartoon. Pat Robertson, Rev. Phelps, Jesse Helms, and their pals are meeting in a church basement. Pat says, "Let's organize against downsizing." Lou urges that they instead help schools that can't afford pencils and paper. Finally Jesse suggest gaybashing and everybody says, "That's it!"

I think a different cartoon comes closer to the truth. Mine is set in a palatial ballroom. The table is surrounded by Rockefellers, DuPonts, and few more of the ultra-ultra rich and powerful. They're smoking fat cigars, rubbing their bony hands together and cackling with glee, congratulating each other on their successes. Wages, pollution controls, pensions, even taxes: costs are well-controlled. Profit reports are good. Stock prices are rising.

"But," one of the magnates says, "people are getting awfully touchy. Did you see how those newspaper strikers in Detroit blocked the plant gates? And a little thing like that cop who shot the homeless guy... why, it nearly set off a riot. Last week I heard one of my servants mutter something about socialism!"

"No problem," answers another capitalist genius. "We'll use the old scapegoat routine. You know, pick some helpless victims and blame everything on them."

Everybody agrees it's a great idea. But whom to blame? Somebody suggest Jews, but that would remind people of that other time. How about African Americans? Hmm... they're strong enough to put up a fight. Immigrants? Hispanics? The homeless? Or, of course, us. Each suggestion has advocates and opponents. The moguls agree to experiment with all of them. The meeting adjourns.

Now, I don't think there was really a meeting of some Fat Cat Executive Committee. But — with corporate control of the media, and big-money PAC control of elections — the result is the same. A laid-off factory worker can't plunk down \$50 million to see if anybody wants him for President, like Steve Forbes. Your next door neighbor won't start a glossy magazine with an

initial press run of half a million, like John Kennedy Jr.'s *George*.

The people for whom the economy works well, like Forbes and Kennedy, are the ones who define the public debate and the choices the political system offers to the rest of us. When things go bad, their perspective determines who's blamed. The economy works fine for them so it won't take the heat. People who live in glass mansions don't throw stones in the ballroom. It doesn't take a conspiracy to keep root causes off the public agenda — it would take a miracle to get them onto it.

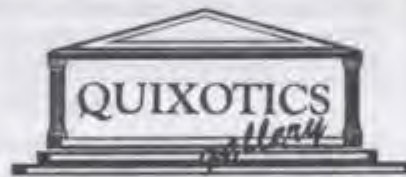
D'Emilio says the lesbian community is an "easier, simpler target" than the economic crisis. Well, sure. But his phrasing suggests somebody chose between targeting the economy and targeting us. I think it's closer to say that the question is what target — us, or some other poor schmucks — will be scapegoat for the economy. D'Emilio cites the "wage structures that compromise family stability" and "school systems without the resources to educate," but those are only two of dozens of overwhelming social problems. We can't get a handle on any of them

without targeting the corporate system. And neither the mass media, nor the Democrats or Republicans, can target that system: they're part of it.

My reply to D'Emilio, then, is not a rebuttal, but a suggested refinement. Yes, the economy is the real problem. But the lesbian community isn't in the bombsight because we're an easier target than it is. The reasons somebody's going to be target is that the corporate system can't blame itself.

Joseph Schuman is a Chicago attorney. Copyright 1996, Joseph Schuman.

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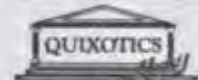
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### RUBBER CHECKS MEAN TROUBLE

Even the most careful person can occasionally bounce a check. Everyone can misbalance their checkbook or have money delayed. However, when a check is dishonored, it is very important in Nebraska to pay the merchant his money immediately.

Once a check is dishonored by a bank, it is either returned to the merchant or to a third party for collection. Usually, after several attempts at getting the person to pay voluntarily, the check is sent to a police division. Omaha has a very dedicated Bad Check Division to its police force. They are prepared to take immediate steps to collect and, if necessary, prosecute bad check writers. The Bad Check Division sends out a letter giving the writer 10 days to pay the check or they will bring criminal charges.

Nebraska has stiff penalties for writing checks with insufficient funds. There are four different criminal charges depending on the amount of the check.

1. Any check less than \$100 which is knowingly written without sufficient funds is a Class II misdemeanor. That charge carries a penalty of a maximum six months in jail or \$1,000 fine, or both.

2. A check between \$100 and \$500 is a Class I misdemeanor which carries a maximum penalty

of one year in jail and/or \$1,000 fine.

3. A check between \$500 and \$1,000 is a Class IV Felony which is punishable by up to five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

4. Anything above \$1,000 is a Class III Felony and punishable by a minimum of one year in jail and up to twenty years in prison along with a \$25,000 fine.

In addition to the jail time and fine, the Court will always order the amount of the check as restitution to the victim. That means that the Court will see that the merchant gets his money or the person could go back to jail.

There is also an additional penalty for repeat offenders. Any second or subsequent offense is a Class IV Felony no matter what the check amount.

Hidden penalties are also present. Writing a bad check is considered a type of fraud. Whenever a person is asked if they have been accused of fraud, like on an employment application, they would have to answer yes. Certain professional licenses are jeopardized by a bad check charge. There is a case where a lawyer was disbarred because of writing a bad check. The ability to write checks at all can be affected. Most merchants subscribe to professional tracking services that try to identify rubber check writers. If one gets labeled in their system, anyone who subscribes

will turn down those checks.

The good news is that there are lots of chances to avoid all of the above. The police don't have any particular desire to act as collection agents, but they will as a last resort. The best approach is to pay the merchant or person before they even know the check bounced. Pay them when they write the first nice letter asking for payment. Pay them when the police write the nice letter giving 10 days before prosecution. But pay them! Once a person has let all those chances go by, there is not much that can be done about avoiding a criminal conviction. Proving the case is not very hard, once a prosecutor files a charge. All they have to produce is the check, prove that it was the defendant's signature, and prove that there was not enough money to pay the check. That's very easy.

Don't ever write a bad check to keep credit card bills current or buy the boyfriend new shoes. Dealing with a bad credit or a couple of lonely nights is much better than an orange jumpsuit and a cold slab of cement.

The point is, don't ignore bad checks. They will have to be paid at one time or another. It just depends how much you want to pay.

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

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### FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace London, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

had to have a life even if it had to be hidden because Society was unacceptable of his true self.

Like most of us married "legally" to hide our homosexuality, he probably also knew and had an inkling before marriage that his true self should not be seen or heard or he would have to face the consequences of being who he really was. He also probably thought little about the possible consequences of being who he wasn't and how many headaches and heartaches he'd eventually have to face if he might choose to live truthfully — to say nothing about the consequences he would face with his Maker eventually when he'd have to say "my life was lived in lies."

He probably thought about being excommunicated from his Church when he attended his first gay men's support group meeting. I'm sure he agonized over thoughts of losing his wife and family and being despised and rejected. He probably questioned whether he might lose the good-paying job which granted him the opportunity to supply wife and family with their upper-middle income living style. Oh, the questions which go through one's mind!

His attendance at that first meeting and the ones following did grant him a feeling of belonging but he never gathered up the courage to take the big step out of his closet. He'd become too comfortable over the years with his habit of picking up strangers for quickies which he also knew would take the edge off this true nature hominess and decided this would continue. Maybe also the thought of losing his family and Church would be too much for him to cope with.

Then one evening he picked up a straight-

looking stranger, closet cases we know don't like to be seen with a sissy or even out of the closet gays, for fear of being publicly tagged.

When the police contacted his wife and family informing them of his murder and his body being found dumped in an alley, their shock must have been great. Their grief for a murdered husband and father was heart wrenching, BUT, would it have been the same had they known he was a closeted gay and had been killed by a trick he'd picked up because he thought he had to continue living a secret life? I doubt it.

Police Departments across our country are well aware that closeted gays will take chances, even with their lives, by not going to an openly gay function to meet or find a date; instead, their fear of being found out pushed them to pick up a hustler or unknowingly put the touch on some cutie who turns out to be a gay-baiting hate monger, sometimes even undercover cops. They might be caught on hidden camera trying to get a piece just like Rev. Jimmy Swaggart and many of the brothers in "the Lord's work". You might say those brethren are closet cases too however, closeted sexual beings in their sex-taboo closets.

I know what they are going through. I've been there and did the same stupid things. Why must we live under yoke where being gay or being called gay is such a burden?! Even Rosie O'Donnell commented about how sick Society is when she commented on the tragic talk show death of a gay man by another man who would rather be a murderer than perceived as gay!

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

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! There was this Mormon man, age 35, who'd been married fifteen years and had fathered six children over those years; a pilot for one of the major airlines. He first came to our attention when he attended a gay men's support group meeting where around forty men, ages 19 to 65, attended monthly to help one another in not only their "coming out" process but also with the problems they faced in their daily lives with their lovers, wives, tricks, lifemates, bosses, etc.

To say this man was frightened into attending this meeting would be an understatement; he was petrified. Was this first time being around a large group of gay men? Probably. But it certainly wasn't his first encounter with a gay man. Like so many gay brothers who are married with wives and children, he'd had numerous one-night/one-hour trick situations since the early days of his marriage. Like the rest of us, he learned early on he could hide his true self from parents, friends and even a wife and kids, BUT he couldn't hide it from himself. He also learned that his true self

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# PAST OUT

BY DAVID BIANCO

## When did American gays and lesbians first wear pink triangles as a political statement?

The pink triangle - originally a cloth patch the Nazis forced homosexual men to wear in German concentration camps - is now the most prominent symbol of the gay and lesbian community in America.

The Holocaust was a repeated metaphor in gay and lesbian rhetoric in the decades following the Second World War, with early gay rights organizations consciously comparing American homophobia to that of Nazi Germany, and 1970 gay liberationists screaming "genocide!" at psychologists who advocated aversion therapy for homosexuality.

But the pink triangle was not widely worn as a political statement until 1975, when the emblem was chosen as the symbol of the campaign by gay and straight New Yorkers to pass a city-wide ban on anti-gay discrimination. Ira Glasser - a heterosexual Jew who now serves as executive director of the ACLU - led a coalition of groups which lobbied the city council. He wrote an impassioned and frequently reprinted op-ed piece in the New York Times which evoked the memory of the Danish King wearing a yellow star in solidarity with the besieged Jewish citizens of his country (this never happened, by the way). Glasser went on to point out that the Nazis killed nearly a quarter million homosexuals (an exaggeration by at least a power of ten) who were forced to wear pink triangles. Glasser then urged that gay and straight New Yorkers wear pink triangles in solidarity with the gay civil rights bill.

The use of the pink triangle spread to other political campaigns, particularly those against Anita Bryant's crusade to "save our children" from gays and lesbians. Most of Bryant's battles were fought in Florida, and activists there made a conscious decision to highlight the pink triangle as their symbol in an attempt to win Florida's large Jewish vote by an appeal to shared persecution in the Nazi era.

In the late 1980s, ACT UP inverted the pink triangle and combined it with the Holocaust-conscious slogan "Silence = Death" to create

one of the most powerful visual symbols of the fight against AIDS and the social conditions that allowed it to spread.

Any cursory glance at a gay newspaper or parade reveals the central place of the pink triangle as a community symbol. There is a "Triangle Inn" catering to gays vacationing in Palm Springs, gift shops in gay neighborhoods sell "Pinky," a plush pink triangle with arms, legs, and eyes, and "Pride Personal Lubricant" features a large pink triangle on its label - all of which demonstrate just how far the symbol has come from its original meaning.

## If Hawaii's Supreme Court legalizes same-sex marriage, will other states have to recognize gay and lesbian couples who were married in the Aloha State?

Not necessarily. The "Full Faith and Credit" clause of the U.S. Constitution does require that states recognize the "public acts, records, and judicial proceedings" of the other states. In cases regarding divergent state laws on issues such as easy divorce or interracial marriage, the U.S. Supreme Court has consistently held that states must recognize each other's marriages and divorces.

However, same-sex marriage represents untested waters. Already legislators in several states are moving to bar their state governments from recognizing same-sex marriages performed in other states. While any such rule would seem to violate the Full Faith and Credit clause, our current Supreme Court has given mixed signals on gay and lesbian issues. A majority to overturn a state ban on same-sex marriage is by no means assured.

But even if the courts require states to recognize same-sex marriages performed in Hawaii, there is ample precedent for the federal government to stop Hawaii from approving of such marriages in the first place. Perhaps the best example of the federal government interfering in the unusual marriage practices of a given state is Utah, which was not admitted as a state until the Mormon church banned polygamy and the state wrote a Constitution which codified that ban.

The ultimate trump card held by the opponents of gay marriage, however, is a constitutional amendment. Already the idea of an amendment which limits marriage to opposite-sex couples is circulating among right-wing publications and politicians. While the hurdles to a constitutional amendment are high - a two-thirds majority in each house of Congress, plus a majority of 38 state legislatures - many opponents of same-sex marriage think a constitutional amendment could pass. Surveys of the American public have consistently shown only scant support for extending marriage to same-sex couples, and many politicians (including President Clinton) who support other gay rights issues balk at this one.

Nonetheless, any "lag time" between the expected approval of same-sex marriages in Hawaii later this year and the inevitable backlash may be a valuable opportunity for the gay and lesbian movement to educate the public about gay couples, as the media will undoubtedly focus on the unprecedented spectacle of women who are legally married to other women in the United States, and wedding vows with the force of law that now pronounce a couple "husband and husband."

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# SQUEAKS FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

"Come here, everybody! Look at this!" called Grandfather. We all scampered to the new windows in our building and watched. Great flakes of snow driven by high winds swooshed across the yard — or where the yard had been! "Look," screamed Elsie. "There goes the stable!" And sure enough, the wind had picked up the front of the little building where the manger scene had been and dropped it back in the bushes behind, the walls flapping askance in the wind.

That evening, with the wind still howling outside and with about six inches of new snow on the ground, the entire family gathered around the heat duct for soothing warmth. Soon it would be time for them to scurry away to their little beds, but right now it felt good to just sit together as a family.

Someone mentioned the wind outside and the snow that day. Grandfather, who is wiser because he's been here longer and learned more things, began to tell us about something. He said in just a few weeks, the weather would begin to warm up, the snows would stop, and we could watch as green shoots come out of the earth. He called that time "Spring," and said it was a time of new beginnings and a time for planting good seeds.

"How can the little plants live under the ground so long?" asked

Mindy. "Yeah, how come those old dead limbs on the tree get all swelled up and then burst open with leaves again?" chimed in Mitchell.

"I don't know how those things happen," Grandfather replied, "but I can tell you this. The same Creator who made us little creatures also makes it possible for those things to happen. Only the Creator knows how to do those wonderful things."

"Wow!" exclaimed Micah, "that must be what I heard the church people talking about the other day. They called it Easter, and were saying it was about things, even people, being made alive and new again. I didn't understand what they were saying then, but now it makes a little more sense."

"Yes," Grandfather mused, "things and people do die, but I heard the Pastor talking about the Creator giving new life. He said it was kind of like when we go to bed at night: we sleep for a while, and then we wake up ready for a new day. Easter is about the promise of that new day when people face death."

"Gee," said Daddy Luigi, "that must really be something wonderful for our church people to think about. And talking about going to bed and sleeping, it's time for all young ones to do just that. Let's go."

And away they scurried, leaving the older ones to think and talk of "grown-up" things.

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# ROBERTS' RULES: Small Town Grill

by Shelly Roberts

When I'm out doing book promotion, I get scheduled as a guest-by-telephone on some radio stations in villages not even big enough to have their own map dot. And this one was no exception. In fact it was so small.

GROUP RESPONSE: ... Hooowww smaataaaal was it??!!

That the host's hopes for a call to his program were dashed twice when he asked the first callers if they wanted to talk to his guest, and both replied, "No. I'm looking for the ad department." Seems the station only had two telephone lines, and I was already on one of them, so the show and the business office had to share. Now *that's* small.

A lot of people have asked me why I bother with these stations, because appearing on them doesn't sell many books, which after all, is, theoretically the whole point. I do them because in some of these towns I believe there are gay and lesbian people who have no contact with the rest of us. Isolated folks who wouldn't even know where to send for a publication like this, much less have a local place to buy it. My imaginary friend - and you thought I was too old for that - wanna meet my 6 ft. rabbit buddy, as long as we're on the subject? Oh, never mind - has probably only had exposure to bully pulpits which should his or her name with expletives attached, and has never heard of GPWA. (That's Gay Person With Attitude) before. Much less an LPWA like me.

It had happened for me a long time ago, hearing a RGPWA (Radio Gay Person etc.), and that singular seminal (ovular?) incident etched an attitude-adjustment in my soul. For the first time I heard a gay person neither defending, nor being defensive. What a radical concept. Sure, with each other we could do that, I knew. But I'd never seen it modeled in the Gay/Non-Gay interaction before. It sounded so gooo-ooo-ood, it instantly changed how I related to the rest of the world. Naturally, it seemed only fair to turnabout. So now that I get chances to be East Dinkwater's (Pop. 6543) biennial encounter with a real, live <whisper>, lesbian, I do it every chance I get.

And I don't whisper. I say the L-word right out loud. Repeatedly. On the radio! Omigosh! I do the shows with as much Attitude as I can muster while simultaneously being bombarded with both bibles and Darwin, an odd metaphysical concurrence, don'tcha think? (Imagine! *Leviticus* and "Natural Law" coming out of the same mouths.)

Besides, it never hurts for everybody else, even the ones merely looking for the ad department, to hear somebody say that being one, you know, isn't such a terrible thing. That it's *not* the end of the earth if you're a parent. That, no, Mama and Da didn't cause it. And that the reason so many non-gay people have thought so badly about us for such a long time is that so far we've just had really lousy PR.

Usually it gets at least a grudging grin. This day it brought a real call in, which was thrilling for the host that someone actually meant to call, and not someone inquiring about the 30-second ad rate for touting their combination cream separator-grain thrasher. I, frankly, wasn't so thrilled.

I'd heard this lady before. She, and her clones, often call in a quavery voice designed to conceal her true identity: *Mephistopheles' Mother*, wanting to give my patience a try. This

Lucifer in old face said "... perven" to me, and "disgrace to the community" to the show host. After the sermonette, she asked me if I ever read the bible, then hung up, not, I thought, listening to my response.

Forget the *Judge Not That Ye Be Judged* stuff - much too weak ammunition for this dowager who, speaking of judgmental, could have replace the entire Supreme Court in a heartbeat, (and probably would have like to.) I went straight (Oops, *Gaily forward*) to the counter-admonition that if she were going to use *Leviticus* against me, she ought to read the rest of it including the part that put Sears and K-Mart out of business - the passage that prohibits the wearing of mixed cloth. Like, oh, say, uh, for example, rayon, or nylon. Or anything J. C. Penney might whip up in a dacron/poly-cotton to wear to the Grange meeting. Don't worry, I said it nicely, thanks for your concern.

Usually, it defuses.

Apparently, instead, it rankled. Because two minutes later she cranked the handle and asked Central to put her through to the station *again*. This time the connection was even worse. I could only hear one word clearly. The word used by people who wear leisure suits for a living and their wives. The dreaded B-word: "*Bestiality*."

I patiently explained that as far as I knew such incidents usually involved a heterosexual male and a female animal, - this was farm country after all - so that this really wasn't *our* problem.

But I have to tell you, this bestiality thing gets

thrown up way too often when I speak to a non-gay audience. I'm really tired of having to defend the rest of us from its accusation. I know it *isn't* you. Or anybody you know. And it certainly isn't me or anybody I am even *loosely* acquainted with. But frankly, I swear if I ever find that a gay man who's doing it with a chicken... so help me, Hannah, I am going to feed him to the ducks or have Rocco and Vinnie perform anesthetic-free surgery to his kneecaps.

And don't get me started on NAMBLA

Anyway, we parted amicable company, my Smallville radio host and I, having enlightened the rural masses for as far as the crow could fly. I'll do it again next time North Oshgosh or West Anywhere calls. For all the people who need to hear a little attitude. Ours and theirs. Including my favorite radio phone-in LOL (that's Laughably Overbearing Looneytoon), from outside Atlanta, who accused me of being "...nothing but a... a... a... SHAAAAMELESS LESBIAN!"

"Yes," I responded, after an endless 10-second wait. "So, uh, what's your point?"

Here's me sending you a radio wave.

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# AIDS, ACUPUNCTURE, AND CHINESE MEDICINE: Part II

By Thomas M. Sinclair

Thomas M. Sinclair, M.S., L.Ac., Diplomate, National Board of Acupuncture Orthopedics, has treated people with HIV for eight years. He is executive director of the Immune Enhancement Project in San Francisco. *AIDS Treatment News* interviewed him at the IEP office in San Francisco's Castro district. The following is some of the conversation:

## PRIVATE PRACTITIONER VS. CLINIC

ATN: What is the difference between seeing a private practitioner, going to a clinic, or going to a teaching-school clinic?

Sinclair: The advantage of a private practitioner is that you get more individualized treatment.

A clinic will cost less, but you may be treated in a group setting. It may be a room with as many as ten to twelve tables, or just two or three tables. The quality of care is largely equal; the difference is the amount of time the practitioner can spend with you.

If you go to a teaching school, you will be seen by students; it's like going to a teaching hospital and being seen by medical students. The care certainly can be excellent; but you need to realize that you are being seen by someone in training, not a seasoned, licensed practitioner, but someone on their way there.

## PAYING FOR ACUPUNCTURE

ATN: What might people expect to pay for Chinese medicine treatment?

Sinclair: To see a private practitioner in San Francisco, the average cost is about \$55 for an

hour appointment. For a clinic, we try to offer low-cost care, by offering a package of programs. The most common program at our clinic is the 12-week program of herbs and acupuncture. The \$240 cost covers basically all the herbs you need over a three-month period, plus an initial consultation and acupuncture session, and three more acupuncture sessions. If you need additional acupuncture, we charge \$25 a session. This is about the going rate for clinics that have sliding scales.

ATN: Will insurance companies pay for acupuncture and herbal treatments?

Sinclair: That depends on the company, and on local regulation. Call your health insurance carrier and find out what they will cover. We have had good results with companies like ITT Hartford and Aetna. Some Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield policies will cover acupuncture, as will some Prudential policies. You need to check about your policy, and find out if they will pay for treatment with both herbs and acupuncture. Often insurance will only pay for acupuncture treatment.

ATN: I have heard that the FDA is about to reclassify acupuncture needles. What is the practical meaning of that?

Sinclair: There were five different applications submitted to the FDA for uses of acupuncture needles. Currently, acupuncture needles are classified as an experimental device. So a new classification will make it much easier to get insurance reimbursement, and open a number of possibilities including applying for

Medicare reimbursement. Insurance companies do not like to pay for things that are regarded as experimental procedures, and it has been a real drawback that needles were classified this way. I believe the ruling is due out sometime soon and we are pretty certain that needles will have one classified use. That will provide the whole realm of insurance reimbursement.

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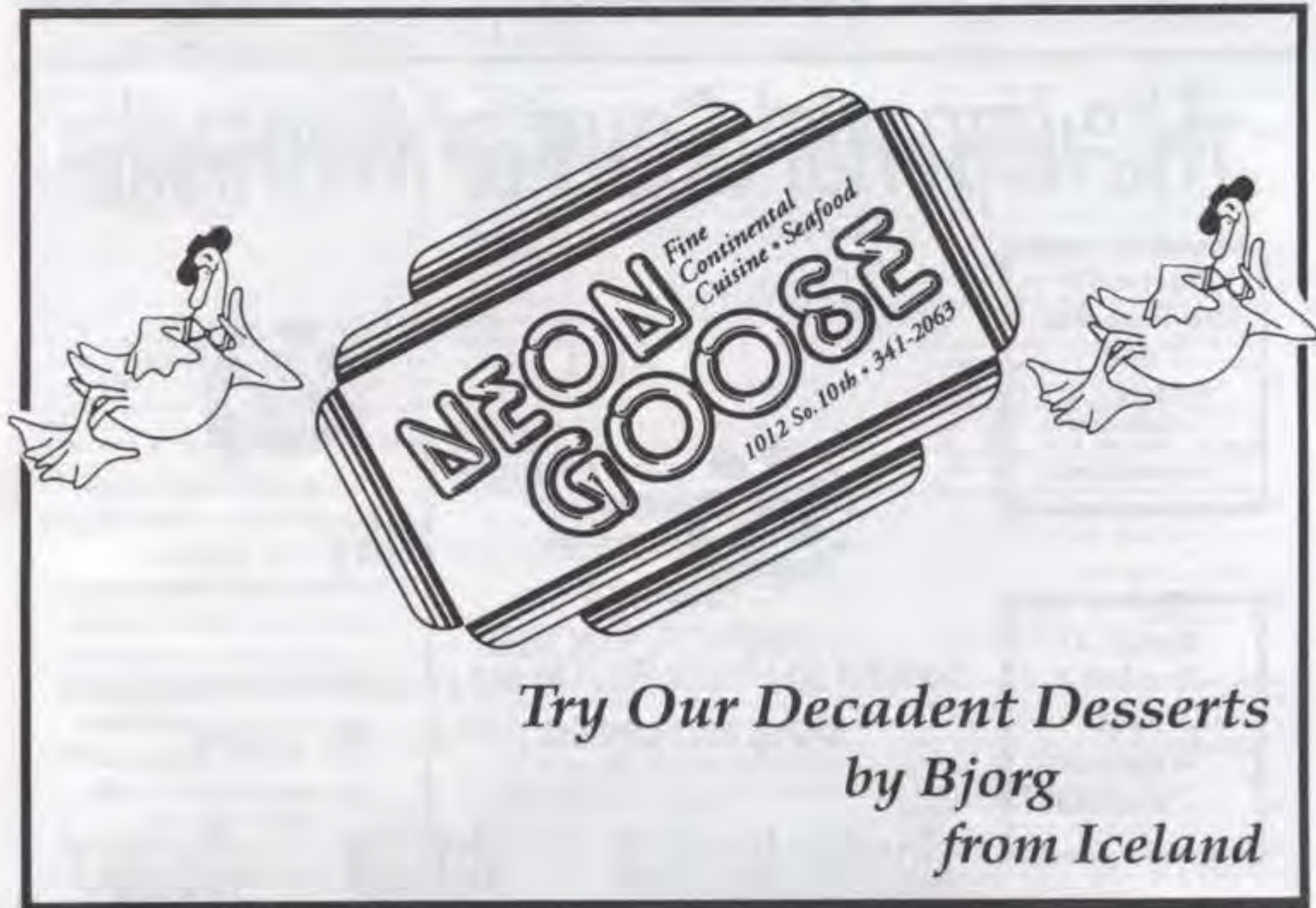
ATN: What newsletters or other information about Chinese medicine can you suggest?

Sinclair: The Immune Enhancement Project publishes a quarterly newsletter. We try to appeal to general clients; also, we try to have articles which will be useful to practitioners working with people who are HIV positive. (A sample issue of the newsletter is free; a year's subscription, four issues, costs \$12. Send a request for a free issue, or a check or money order for a subscription to: IEP, Newsletter Subscription, 3450 16th St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Or call the Immune Enhancement Project at 415-252-8711.

There is a growing field of journals of alternative medicine. Some have come out in the last year, and have a number of well-written articles.

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# SMOKIN' HOT REVIEWS

By Al S.

I received some very sad news on February 6th. Kelly Skomal passed away after suffering a brain seizure. Kelly was the co-beneficiary of January 7th's Rock Against AIDS. I'm sure that event gave him some real happiness in his last days.

## Dance Hall Crashers/Waterdog

Two fun bands played the Ranch Bowl on February 6th. **Waterdogs** opened with a set of college speed punk music. They sounded like Green Day on crank. I'm not sure where they got the name, but they were definitely not dogs! Art, the drummer, is 25, with dark blond hair, chiseled good looks, skinny but muscular. He was wearing a t-shirt, knee-length plaid shorts, and high-tops. He had a ring in his lower lip. Otherwise, he looked like a typical college student. So did the other Dogs. Lead guitarist Terry is thin and cute with dark, spiked hair and sunglasses. Sean, the bass-player, came out wearing a purple rabbit outfit. When took off the ears, I could see he was a good-looking Scandinavian guy. Lead singer Billy reminded me of Marky Mark — enough said!

**Dance Hall Crashers** were who most of the crowd came to see — and they are good at what they do. They play bouncy pop music, mostly with a ska beat, sped up. The two lead singers, Karina and Elyse, were the focal point of the show — especially for many of the women I was sitting near. Maybe there's something about Dance Hall Crashers that I don't know!

Anyway, the girls sounded like the McGuire Sisters of the 90's. Beautiful harmonies, but

sassy lyrics like "Shut the f\*\*k up, and make it right." In another song, "He Wants Me Back," they made it clear they didn't want him back!

The rest of the band was pretty cool, too. Lead guitarist Kevin played with a surf-music sound, which was appropriate with all the crowd-surfing going on. Lots of good bodies were passed through the air while others bounced up and down like at a 311 concert. Rhythm was provided by guitarist Phil, bassist Mike, and drummer Kevin — all worth watching. It was a fun night!

Until next issue, I hope you all have a smokin' hot time!

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

by C. Lichtenstein

Although they always say "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb", I refuse to believe it. I believe that, with the Sun moving from mystical Pisces into pioneering Aries, March comes out loud, proud and rambunctious, as well we all should. Amen!

**ARIES (March 21 - April 20)** Use this affirming time to strategize and revitalize all projects that will help you leave your mark on the world. It's time to consult spiritual advisors (ahem...) and meditate on what secret obstacles are holding you back. Then, in true Rambo fashion, pick up the lavender gauntlet and charge ahead. Others better get out the way... fast.

**TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)** Friends provide the support you need to deal with major career changes. Thank goodness that proud Bulls are fairly stable folk because the effects of both Uranus and Pluto will have you reevaluating long held views on professional goals as they impact inner contentment. Have you built your house of cards on other people's money and values? Expect a stale wind.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)** A warm Sun shines on professional aspirations. It may seem like your timing is on the spot this month as ideas and opinions find their way to the right authoritative ears. The secret is of course to balance career with the needs of partners. Expect transformative changes for all pink Twins in some one-to-one relationships. You can't live 'em and you can't live without 'em!

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)** Even sheltered gay Crabs need to poke their heads out of their shells every so often for a breath of fresh air. This is the time. Get out there and see the world. If

funds are tight, improvise dear; try a foreign film and an exotic dinner. It's time changes in your day-to-day work and I suggest that you get some inspiration from these unlikely sources.

**LEO (July 24 - August 23)** Proud Lions have more that their fair share of sexual decisions to make this March. The Sun highlights the beauty of sexual intimacy coupled with self realization while other planets upset the applecart of harmonious domesticity. Expect surprised galore in partnerships for good or otherwise. Thankfully, volcanic Pluto knows how to have a good time. Buy a lottery ticket.

**VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)** If you thought work was boringly predictable, think again dear Virgin. The planets conspire to throw all queer Virgos into a tailspin on the job. It may all seem too much, but I believe that sometimes it's good to throw a molotov into the mix. Who knows, you may take over the entire company and you can clean it out from the ground up. Don't forget to spoil partners mercilessly.

**LIBRA (September 24 - October 21)** Sociable Libras should focus efforts on detailed, work intensive projects. Your energy level is high, your mind is keen and focused and you'll accomplish a great deal with relatively little stress. Fun on the other hand may have its ups and downs. Just when you thought it was safe to dive right in, someone drained the pool. Never fear, a fabulous lifeguard is there to revive you.

**SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22)** Early March will have you swaying to the music, feasting lavishly on sweets and partying up a storm but just wait. Disappointed Scorpions needn't worry about the impending bathing suit season. Exercise will pay off handsomely for all motivated Scorps with access to a nautilus machine. Use the latter part of March to rack up those weights and to eat sensibly.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22)** Gay Archers have several "outer" planets in

very personal places. What this means is that great changes and modifications are in store for you within the basic areas of your life; What you value, how you communicate and how you even appear to others. It may be that the world will see a brand new you from head to toe to brain next year at this time. Wear clean underwear.

**CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20)** Even serious, conservative Caps mirthfully chatter on this month. You are in the process of cleaning out your cosmic closet and it will feel like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders. The Sun brightens communications so use this energy to put in a good word or an insightful letter to the editor and push our agenda one step forward. Heck, make it two steps forward!

**AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)** Surprises are in store for all Aqueerians who are planning that big coming out party. Feisty Uranus plants a wet one on your best laid plans, but don't panic. The Sun is there to keep you strong, steady and always in fashion. You have the composed wherewithal to keep on dancin' to the beat even as the planets rock and roll. Show 'em how it's done, honey!

**PISCES (February 20 - March 20)** Prepare for a dollop of self confidence as various planets impact and energize your public persona. It may seem that you can do no wrong so get out there and show the world what you do when you are inspired. One word of advice; surprises are in store from the most unexpected sources. Some you will like and some you won't. Keep your third eye open and focused.

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## NEBRASKA UNICAM TAKES UP GAY RIGHTS

By Scott Winkler  
Citizens for Equal Protection

Thanks to all those who attended the February 5 hearing in support of LB 903, which would have amended the Nebraska fair employment law to prohibit discrimination in the workplace. Those who testified did a terrific job of rationally communicating to the Business and Labor Committee why this bill is needed in Nebraska and why it is important to them.

Those opposing the bill seemed to dwell on the sensational aspects of the myths and stereotypes often associated with gay and lesbian people — completely ignoring the intent of the bill.

The testimony apparently fell on deaf ears as the committee failed to advance the bill on a vote of 4-2 with one abstention.

Fissed off? To quote a well known lesbian rocker, "YES I AM."

Senators Ernie Chambers (Omaha, 471-2612) and Dianna Schimek (Lincoln 471-2632) voted in favor of LB 903 and Senators Cap Dierks (Ewing, 471-2618), Floyd Vrtiska (Table Rock, 471-2733), Chris Abboud (Omaha, 471-2623) and Jerry Schmitt (Ord, 471-2631) voted against the bill. Don Preister (Omaha, 471-2710) abstained.

Let Senators Chambers and Schimek know you appreciate their support of equal rights in the

workplace for all Nebraskans. Tell the other senators you strongly disagree with their position, ask them why they voted against the bill and urge them to vote differently next year.

Senator Chambers has also introduced a same-sex marriage bill, LB 1260. This bill would legalize marriage between two men or two women. As of this writing, no hearing date has been set for the bill. Most committee hearings will have taken place by the end of February. Support Senator Chambers in his efforts!

The "Hate Crimes Bill" LB 919 will come before the Judiciary Committee, but no hearing date had been set as of this writing. The language of this bill includes sexual orientation and would provide enhanced criminal penalties for crimes motivated by hate.

Call the legislative hotline at 1-800-742-7456 for the latest hearing schedules and any other information you might want — phone numbers, bill status, copies of bills, etc.

Be involved in the legislative process and help to make Nebraska a better place to live and work for all of us.

*Editor's Note: The hearings for LB 1260 were held on February 28 and the hearings for LB 919 were held on February 21.*

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## BI THE WAY

by Benjamin Rogner, Ph.D

Recently, at a local bar, I asked an acquaintance, "How do you feel about bisexuals?" His response was, "I have no patience for them; they're just people afraid to admit they're homosexuals." I'm embarrassed to say that, perhaps to preserve the lighthearted ambiance of that evening, I didn't pursue the matter. But if you've run into this opinion, or think it makes sense, I hope you'll bear with me a bit about what I feel I should have said that night.

This bright, somewhat activist, young man was, like many others, practicing discrimination against other "queers." I don't want to, at this point, get sidetracked, so I'll explain what I feel are some relevant thoughts about that particular title later. But, as to the main point, the view that there are no bisexuals, I'm reminded of the way, in another generation, anyone with the "polite" term usually had it "even a drop of Negro blood," was considered to be "colored," and therefore suitable to be dismissed as a nonbeing. Fortunately, the racism of that view has now been quite thoroughly exposed; unfortunately, similar beliefs linger regarding sexuality.

Perhaps even more unfortunately, these latter views seem often to be espoused by members of our community, seemingly in attempts to claim the largest number of, or the most famous, people as "ours." You can easily destroy the arguments of people who think they are "racially pure" by going a little farther back into history than they themselves are recounting. Eventually, you could end up back with our evolutionary ancestors, or Adam and Eve's immediate family, depending on your preference, and point out that everyone is of mixed ethnic background.

Similarly, all people are of mixed sexuality to some degree, and even those who fall into the arbitrary scientific scales as "totally" homosexual or heterosexual are of minuscule numbers, compared to the rest of us "mixed breeds." Those "true" homosexuals and heterosexuals could, of course, be infinitely further subdivided, just like the ethnic categories, until we got down to categories of individual people.

In the earliest scientific work on this subject, Alfred Kinsey in the 1940s pointed out that "Only the human mind invents categories and tries to force facts into separated pigeon-holes. The living world is a continuum in each and every one of its aspects." He then, nevertheless and out of practical necessity, created such pigeon-holes for his research. Kinsey used a seven-point scale according to which people rated themselves in terms of sexual experience and/or response. The first and last categories were for people who felt they were totally heterosexual or homosexual along the scale. If you use the statistics Kinsey arrived at with his arbitrary numbering system, and consider the middle five categories to be for bisexuals of varying degrees, there were 11 times as many bisexuals as homosexuals in that study. These are the numbers that are usually used in suggesting that one person in 10 is homosexual. What seems never to be considered is that, according to the same logic, approximately as many people are heterosexual as homosexual.

That's an interesting concept to me, and one that leads me back to the term "queer." I had an initial reluctance to adopting this term to describe myself, but I'm now very fond of it. One reason is because I feel that by our using this title we co-opt those who would give it a negative meaning. Historically, this works. At least it did back in the 1960s, when the term "black," which was considered a slur, was "dignified" by being used by black people to describe themselves.

The other reason I like the word "queer" is that the only other all-inclusive term I can think of that would describe the whole range of us who do not consider ourselves "straight" is "nonheterosexual," and "non" seems like a negative way to describe anything. For a time, I thought I'd support the make up word LesBiGay, until I realized this still leaves out many people, such as transsexuals and transvestites, with whom we have many details of background and goals in common.

A few decades after Kinsey, Dr. Fritz Klein created a grid that would allow respondents to again rate themselves one to seven, but this time much more specifically in terms of how they were attracted to members of the same or opposite sex. This scale gave Klein the ability to present a much more detailed picture of what the respondents meant in their self-evaluations. His grid, however, still does not cover delineations about such things as the age of the partner, differentiations between love and friendship or love and lust, and sex roles.

It's also unclear what he or the respondents meant by frequency in sexual behavior: Were they talking about number of partners or number of sexual occurrences? But even with these limitations, Klein's work moved us considerably forward in understanding the essential bisexual nature of humans. I feel an understanding of this issue by the general public, and that includes those who call themselves gays and lesbians, could theoretically end discrimination based on sexuality.

I'm not saying this would happen. Discovering the fallacy of similar arguments about ethnicity hasn't sufficiently, or perhaps, even significantly, eroded racism. But it should be increasingly illogical to defend discrimination against queers if you accepted the scientific evidence, which overwhelmingly



Bob Dorr care-fully makes "heart cakes" for PFLAG Brunch at The MAX

suggests that we're all "queer," if that means to be "different" in terms of sexuality.

In the 1930s, in Germany, the equivalent term, translated, was "bent." In Martin Sherman's 1978 play, *Bent*, one of the characters (if I remember right, the concentration camp victim Max, who was played in the New York production by Richard Gere), summarized not only the message of this wonderful play, but what I should have told my friend at the bar that night: "We're all a bit bent."

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The "KINSEY SICKS" frolic on San Francisco cable cars as they prepare to embark on their Midwest debut at "Q" in Lincoln March 28, 29, 30. Photo by: Wendy Tiefenbacher

## SAN FRANCISCO SINGING QUARTET TO APPEAR IN LINCOLN IN MARCH

Step aside "Julie Newmar" — This hot drag singing group will be making its first Midwest appearance in Lincoln! The "KINSEY SICKS" (America's favorite DRAGAPPELLA BEAUTYSHOP QUARTET) will be performing at "Q" March 28 - 30.

These darling diva's of dubious distinction have been wowing crowds in San Francisco for nearly two years. Performing regularly at *Josie's Cabaret* situated in the heart of the Castro district,

the "KINSEY SICKS" have performed before a sellout crowd each time they have taken the stage. Their rare combination of vocal talent, racy humor, and sumptuous satire has made their act one of the hottest shows to emerge on the gay cabaret scene.

Their upcoming show in Lincoln will premier several exciting new songs as well as include favorites that have made them so popular and the toast of tuncful transvestites. Most of their songs and lyrics were written and composed by the

members of the group. This is all LIVE entertainment. There is no lipsynching!

Shows are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 28, 29, and 30. All shows will start at 8:00 p.m. "Q" will open at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10. Seating will be limited. You can make reservations by calling "Q" at (402) 475-2269. For more information on the "KINSEY SICKS" call (510) 531-1618 ext. 2.

## GOOD-BYE NEW YORK — HELLO DES MOINES

### A Retreat for Gay Men Sponsored by Church of the Holy Spirit MCC

Whether it's a move from the bustle and excitement of New York to the quieter climes of Des Moines; or simply a recognition of being No Longer Young and Done Some Maturing, the transition can bring a whole load of new challenges and concerns. This is especially true for many gay men as they shed the delight of youth, and move into middle age. The Church of the Holy Spirit MCC of Des Moines, Iowa, has designed a weekend retreat that will be a fun, relaxing event for gay men.

This weekend retreat will be held at the Raccoon River Resort, just off I-80, 20 miles west of Des Moines, from May 10th through May 12th (Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon). The cost varies with accommodations listed:

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There'll be opportunity for walking, discussion, massage, spiritual reflection, plus some structured workshops. Some of the issues focused on during the weekend will be: coping with multiple loss, growing older alone, health issues, finding fulfillment without compromising our integrity. There will be some guest contributors but much of the wisdom will come from our shared experience.

The focus of the weekend is for gay men over 35, but if you're interested in the concept, your age won't exclude you.

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## UNK GROUP FORMING

Thursday, February 1st, 15 UNK gay and lesbian students and faculty met to form what promises to be a very valuable group on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Presently the group is determining how best to go about meeting the needs of the gay, lesbian, and transgender students on campus.

For further information on how you may become involved, you can contact Ronnie Reid at (308) 236-5312.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## 1996 MEDIA AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is proud to announce the nominees and recipients of its 7th Annual GLAAD Media Awards. The 1996 Media Awards will be held on March 7 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York and on March 10 at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.

In the past, winners were announced in all categories prior to the Awards' ceremonies, but this year nominees only are being announced in the "Outstanding Studio Film" and "Outstanding Television Series" categories.

The nominees for OUTSTANDING STUDIO FILM ARE:

- \*Boys on the Side
- \*Carrington
- \*Home for the Holidays
- \*To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar

The nominees for OUTSTANDING TELEVISION SERIES ARE:

- \*Courthouse
- \*Friends
- \*Party of Five
- \*NYPD Blue
- \*Sisters

Three special awards will be given. The VANGUARD AWARD will be presented to Sid Sheinberg, former president of MCA, who will be honored for his personal and professional leadership towards lesbian and gay equal rights. Barbara Walters of ABC News and "20/20" will be given the EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA AWARD for her commitment to covering gay and lesbian issues, culminating with the interview of Olympic Gold-medalist Greg Louganis. The VITO RUSSO FILM AWARD will be given to "The Celluloid Closet", the film based on Mr. Russo's landmark book which examines images of lesbian and gay men throughout the history of film. MAC Cosmetics will be honored with a special award for its affirmative advertisements using transgender images and supermodel RuPaul.

## SIERA SANDS: LIFE'S NO DRAG IN FLORIDA

For those of you who didn't hear, Scott Meister, the man behind the fabulous Siera Sands, has moved on. He's already missed here in his hometown of Omaha/Council Bluffs. But there is some good news!

Scott has moved to Orlando, Florida where he has already found some fame. Soon after moving to Orlando, Scott was hired to be in Universal Studios' Mardi Gras Celebration parade. In March and April, people who see the parade will see Scott dressed up in drag as "Vida Boheme", the character played by Patrick Swayze in last year's hit movie *To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar*.

Scott says he went to Universal's audition, thinking he might get a part in the parade wearing a character costume, like Fred Flintstone. But he was asked, "would you mind doing drag?" And his answer was, of course, "no!"

From Omaha to Orlando — Nebraska's influences seem to follow Scott. We wish him well. Scott will keep his connections with the Heartland. Plans are to return this summer for the House of Dey's annual lawn party. Maybe we'll catch a glimpse of Vida's influences on Siera?!

## GROWING ANTI-GAY RHETORIC ON THE WEB

Just when gay rights and gay supportive groups fight to keep their message on the Internet, comes this. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is reporting a proliferation of Web sites devoted to hate and anti-gay rhetoric. GLAAD reports the Radical Right, White Supremacists and the Neo-Nazis are among the top groups posting misleading information about the gay and lesbian community on the Internet.

"Such obvious hatred being transmitted via a public forum like the Internet is a blatant example of how easy it is to marginalize a group of people in an attempt to make them appear inferior," said Loren Javier, GLAAD's Director of Information Systems. "One Web site entitled 'Intolerance of, Discrimination Against, and the Death Penalty for Homosexuals is Prescribed in the Bible' is a venomous attack on the gay community. It is distressing when 'pro-family' quasi-religious groups like the American Family Association post articles and pamphlets in the form of educational material which in fact threaten the existence of lesbian and gay men. Both produce the same results — fear, hatred and intolerance."

GLAAD is researching and monitoring the Internet and maintains a list of URLs that link hate sites. "We are also attempting to quantify the increase in violent acts against lesbians and gay men and an increase in the availability of hate materials from groups that maintain these Web pages," he said. According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, there has been close to a 100% increase nationally in anti-gay homicides between 1992 and 1994. Anti-violence projects nationwide also report an increase in other acts of violence against lesbian and gay men.

Examples of extremist materials available via the Internet include: Homosexuality in America: Exposing the Myths, The Homosexual Lie, The True Objective of 'Gay Rights': Total Damnation!, Homosexual Groups: Organized Sex Perverts on the March, Homosexual Practices: Self-Loathing In Action, Homosexuals: A Clear and Present Danger to our Children, The Gay Agenda, AIDS and God's Wrath!, and The Homosexual Threat.

Groups that consistently post anti-gay rhetoric on their Web sites include the American Family Association, Skinheads USA, The Christian Coalition, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, American Life League, Aryan Nations, The Creators Rights Party, Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, The Constitution Action Party, Promise Keepers, Stormfront White Nationalists, The Family Research Council, National Alliance and Christian Leadership Ministries, The Constitution Action Party, the 700 Club, Exodus International and the Rutherford Institute.

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Left: Miss MAX 11, Monica West, crowns our new Miss MAX 12, Dietra Snow.  
Center: Dietra in her Baywatch Swimwear  
Right: The glamorous Laura Grey models her Bob Mackie Original during the Evening Wear Competition at Miss MAX 12.



## AT THE MAX: Dietra Snow is Miss MAX 12

What a great time we've been having in 1996. I think the snow has been melting because everything at THE MAX has been so hot! The newest performer to reign over Omaha is Miss MAX 12 Dietra Snow. Dietra has been one of the premiere entertainers in the Midwest for a long time and we're happy to welcome her as Queen of THE MAX. Our 8:30 show times have been a great success and we will continue an early start for the rest of the Spring. Remember, you can come early for *THE BEST ENTERTAINMENT IN THE MIDWEST* and stay to drink and dance or get home early for work on Monday.

All of our Miss MAX contestants did a great job this year. No one will ever forget Trina Tabloid as Grandma Runza or Vanessa Van Damme as very sequined Wonder Woman or Niecey Braxton with her dancing. Inga had a great talent as Mariah Carey with some extra good-looking men helping her out. Laura Grey, first runner up and the first winner of The Muff Puff Beauty Award, stopped the show as Cleopatra with her slaves. Laura was also breathtaking in her Bob Mackie Ball Gown. We knew Laura would win the costume category when the entire 400 person audience erupted in cheers as she crawled over the bar as Patsy Stone from Absolutely Fabulous. Patsy stumbled in her drunken stupor until she found Jennifer Jett as Edina Monsoon, passed out under the judges' table. Great acting girls. It looked so real! We look forward to many years of Laura's talent and glamour. Dietra was the overall winner with our five celebrity judges. From her Baywatch/Pamela Anderson Swimsuit and her June Cleaver (with THE MAX's own Tyler as Ward) complete with fresh baked cookies and complaining about her beaver, Dietra had the look of a winner. The audience fell silent during Dietra's talent as she took on the persona of Norma Desmond from the Broadway show *Sunset Boulevard*. You could see in Dietra's eyes and in her performance that she was really living the song. The 1996 Miss

MAX Pageant was also Omaha's opportunity to say thank you to our outgoing Miss MAX 11, Monica West. Monica, in my opinion was one of the best Miss Max's ever. Thank you, Monica.

Sunday, March 3 will be your first chance to see our new Miss MAX in action as she hosts her first show. It's *MISS MAX 12, DIETRA, DIVAS & FRIENDS*. Dietra has waited twelve years to be Miss MAX so this should be quite a show and quite a year.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska has recently added a new jewel. Miss Josephine has assumed the role of I.C.O.N.'s Empress XV. I know all of Omaha will want to join Empress Josephine and Emperor Annie for *REWIND AND PRESS PLAY* on Sunday, March 10. This is one of I.C.O.N.'s best shows of the year and will be a great prelude to Closet Ball. Remember, Closet Ball is coming soon so get ready.

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated at THE MAX on Sunday, March 17. Miss MAX 12, Dietra, and Mr. Desert Plains Drummer, Jim, will host a show with all of Omaha's title holders performing some Irish Classics and they'll be drinking a lot of beer! It should just spark the excitement you need!

Miss Nebraska U.S.A. returns to the stage of THE MAX on Sunday, March 24. Former winners, including Muffy Rosenberg, Dorian Drake, and Miss MAX 12 Dietra Snow will be there, along with all of Omaha to see who will win a chance to compete in the national contest.

The reigning Prince Royale of I.C.O.N. is our own D.J., Gary Frazier. Gary knows that everyone loves Barbra Streisand and Gary knows that everyone will enjoy his show on Sunday, March 31. The Bevy of Bogus Barbies. All night. All Divas. All Barbra. All fun!

Have you caught your breath? Doesn't March have a terrific line up? Sit back and read the rest of *The New Voice*. Take a nap. You're gonna need the energy to make it to all of the great shows at THE MAX in March.

## LINOMA BEARS

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There are campouts, sometimes over the holidays which have proven to be a great time. Some of the things that you can participate in are: Volleyball, Badminton, Horseshoes, Water-fights, etc. Those who do not wish to be that active can spend their time visiting, sunning, or just enjoying the caresses of Mother Nature.

In addition to the local fun, there are national gatherings which feature a number of other activities — mud and oil wrestling, dances, etc. If this type of natural entertainment sounds interesting to you, send your inquiry, along with your full name, address, and phone number to: LinOma Bears, PO Box 8493, Omaha, NE 68108.

## WOMYN'S BOOK GROUP

The Womyn's Book Group is meeting March 15 and will discuss the book *Oranges Aren't the Only Fruit* by Jeanette Winterson. For details call Laurie at 556-0937 (Omaha) or Beth at 435-2418 (Lincoln).

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## NEWS FROM THE COURT from "Her Most"

The month of February proved to be quite a "heart-burn" for ICON. First of all, we had a successful Chili Feed at the Chesterfield, a great turnout and lots of mmm-mmm good homemade chili. The cool temps brought warm hearts and dollars and a little bit of Mylanta helped us move on to our next benefit. Thanks to Alma and the Chesterfield and special thanks to Sharon for putting together another successful ICON Benefit. Feb. 18 found ICON at the MAX with another successful show. Our performers with their warm hearts and burning sensational talents proved once again why ICON is the #1 fundraising organization. A big heartfelt thank-you to Steve McClintock for all his hard work and talents in making this show a great success. This night was even more exciting as we crowned our new Empress XV, Josephine Williams.

Thank you's to all our in-town and out-of-town royalty for making this a special night for Josephine and ICON. The board members look forward to working with Josephine and Annie in preparation for Coronation XVI.

A week later, our hearts grew bigger as ICON traveled to our capitol city to share a homemade meal with PWA's in Lincoln. This day was relaxing and gave us a chance to share with each other and again realize the human spirit truly does remain alive here in the Heartland.

The month of March is upon us and finds ICON busy once again with our many fundraisers.

The first weekend of March, Annie, Gerald, Gary, Mac & Phoenix travel to San Francisco, California for the coronation festivities of our Mother Court. This trip has been highly anticipated and gives us a chance to represent our great state of Nebraska.

We invite all of you to "Rewind and Press Play" March 10 to be held at the MAX. Come on down and see our exciting line-up of performers and support our good cause.

Then on March 31, Phoenix and Prince Royale XV Gary put the real test to the "queens" and "kings" with a full night of shows. At 7 p.m. Phoenix is hosting a show at The New Run Bar, "Fools Do Fall In Love." Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar at 6 p.m. This show has all your "favorite fools" and even some new ones. Then in the same night and a few foolish love songs later, we hike up our skirts and pin the wigs in tighter to participate in Prince Royale Gary's show "A Bevy of Bogus Barbra's" at 9 p.m. at the MAX. This great show has some very giving and talented performers as they dance and sing the night away raising money for the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research.

Well, don't forget our March meeting will be March 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Panic in Lincoln. If you want to get involved with your community and help donate your time and talents to worthy causes, then ICON is the place to be.

Well, that's my news! I'm off to pack for San Francisco!

"Her Most"

## A LOOK AHEAD WITH HGRA

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be holding "Winter Round-Up II" at DC's on Friday March 1. The show will start at 8 p.m. and there will be NO cover charge. Some of the entertainers we have lined up are the former Miss HGRA's Madame X and Autumn Weather as well as last year's Mr. HGRA. All of our current Royalty will be performing as well as Aramis (Miss DC's) and several live singers from the Omaha area.

In May, HGRA will start selling raffle tickets for a portable boombox with CD player. The winner will be announced at the Omaha Pride Parade on June 30. One of HGRA's members from Council Bluffs is donating an afghan which will have the colors of the Gay Pride flag and will be offered as 2nd prize in the raffle.

HGRA has set the date for its Board of Directors election and Awards Banquet. It was such a success last year, that they want to do it again. So mark October 5th on your calendar for the HGRA Awards Banquet. October 12 will be the date of the HGRA Royalty competition this year, which will be held at DC's. And a beer bust is planned to be held at Babe's on August 24th.

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## NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT RESPONDS

### "A Soldier's Story"

Just when the AIDS community seemed to be making great strides in education, prevention, and treatment of HIV disease, we were all devastated by the latest act of our government.

President Clinton has recently signed a bill that would mandate the immediate discharge of 1,150 otherwise healthy active duty service members who are HIV-infected. Not only are these service members no longer able to serve their country but they will be denied medical and disability benefits available to other service members who retire due to medical reasons.

We do all we can on the homefront to educate the public on the truths of HIV disease but we must have the backing of our government. For the President to sign such a discriminating and discerning bill seems to be a slap in the face of all the advocacy groups trying to combat the negativity and falsehoods surrounding HIV/AIDS.

The isolation issue of this ban is despicable in its own but the medical and disability benefits are a must to the HIV patient. At the very least President Clinton must utilize his authority and effort to reinstate the service members' benefits. With that action he may be able to prevent the needless suffering and hastened deaths that are sure to be the direct result from this bill and its measures. These soon to be discharged service members need guarantees. Guarantees that basic health care and disability benefits will be available to them.

The country applauded when a famous, HIV-infected player returned to the game, so why do we shun the HIV-infected soldier who just wants to serve our country — a patriotic and noble cause.

I am sure I will be one of many in HIV/AIDS advocacy writing to President Clinton over the next few weeks. We have to show the President our disappointment and convince him of the dire need for a reversal.

Please write President Clinton as well as your local politicians and let them know you will not stand for the travesty of justice this military HIV ban represents.

## HGRA DANCE COMPETITION

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be holding an amateur dance contest April 6. It will be open to everyone with a \$5 entry fee. This dance competition should help get some interest going for the dance contest HGRA will be holding in June and for the dance competition at the International Gay Rodeo Association 12th Annual Convention being held here in Omaha in July. The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association hopes to be able to send contestants to the International competition again this year.

If you like Country and Western dancing, be sure to get involved in the dance contest in April. The winners of each category will be invited to join HGRA (if not already a member) and compete against other members in June. The winners of each category in June will then be invited to compete again dancers from around the country and Canada at the IGRA Convention July 25-28 at the Red Lion.



## PHYLLIS FRYE VISITS OMAHA

On Sunday, March 31st, at 4:00 in the afternoon, the River City Gender Alliance will proudly host a reception for Phyllis Frye and Dee McKeller of the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. The reception will be held in the basement of the MCC-Omaha church. The reception will begin at 4 and last until about 7, with Phyllis giving a short talk to the crowd at 5 p.m.

This is an opportunity for the community to meet one of the most outstanding human rights activists in the entire country. As an out and proud transgendered person for over 18 years, Phyllis has fought hard for not only equal rights for transgendered persons, but for all gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. Phyllis has worked hard for transgendered inclusion in all of the gay and lesbian community. She was one of the featured speakers during the March on Washington; she led the effort to include transgendered people in the Stonewall 25 celebration; and she has been honored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Phyllis was one of the main leaders in the lobbying effort with the Human Rights Campaign to include transgendered people in the proposed ENDA legislation. Phyllis was also one of the main organizers of the first National Transgender Lobbying Days last October held in Washington, D.C.

If you are an activist of any kind, if you are interested in the legal rights of minorities, or if you have family, a friend, or a client that is transgendered, Phyllis is someone that is worth the effort to meet. Please come and find out what is happening with the ITCLEP and find out what is planned for the future.

Phyllis and Dee are both leaders that the transgender community is extremely proud of, but perhaps even more importantly, this is your opportunity to meet two of the nicest, warmest caring people in the country. Please join us.

## ATTORNEY TO SPEAK AT MCC

The Social Action Committee of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will host a forum with attorney, Tom Petersen, on Sunday, March 24 at 12:45 p.m. Mr. Petersen, a well-known local attorney, will address issues which directly affect the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community including such issues as wills and trusts to protect property rights, custody issues, and what, if anything, can be done when discrimination occurs. This forum is free and open to all. You are also invited to join with church members in a potluck dinner which will be held at approximately noon. Bring a dish to share and stay to learn more about some of the legal issues which directly affect our community.

## SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES AT MCC

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will observe the Holy Days of Easter with several special services.

On Thursday, April 4, Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 5, a solemn Service of Darkness will be held, beginning at 7 p.m. Following the Service of Darkness, members and friends of MCC-Omaha will hold a prayer vigil which will last until 6 a.m. Sunday morning. Persons of all denominations are welcome to join in this 36-hour prayer vigil.

Sunday morning, April 7, at 6:30 a.m. a Sunrise Service will be held at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22. The community is encouraged to join in this Easter tradition and to remain for a continental breakfast following the service.

The Easter celebration will conclude with a worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Please join us for this celebration of our faith.

## PRIDE FESTIVAL '96

### Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something.... Rainbow Colored

When the time comes and you're ready to march in the Pride Parade, don't go to Turner Park; you'll be the only one there.

The Pride Team, an extension of A.N.G.L.E., is currently planning the 12th annual Pride Parade. The team has made many additions to the foundation of past parades, most notably a change in location from Turner Park to Heartland of America Park.

"We're moving to a new level, motivating people to come out and show our diversity and our strength in numbers," said Matthew Petersen-Samp, Pride Team Coordinator. He went on to say that it is the responsibility of members of our community to attend.

The parade and rally will be held on Sunday, June 30. A definite step-off time has not been set and the parade route is being negotiated with the City of Omaha.

Plans for the '96 *Over a Decade of Pride* parade:

\* The starting and ending point and the rally location has been changed from Turner Park to Heartland of America Park.

\* A 100 foot long pride flag will be constructed for the parade.

\* Floats are encouraged and being promoted with a best float contest.

\* Donna Red Wing, National Spokesperson for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, will speak at the rally.

\* Two comedians, John McGivern and Robin Greenspan, who have appeared on VH-1 and Comedy Central, are tentatively scheduled to perform at the rally.

\* Phoenix Fallentino, Miss Gay Omaha '95, Empress XII, and current Vice-President of ICON, is organizing three shows to benefit Pride Festival '96. The first show is scheduled for March 17, 9:30 p.m. at D.C.'s.

**ICON'S CLOSET BALL AND  
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## KATE CLINTON RETURNS TO OMAHA

Are you already tired of hearing the political ads on television? Well, **Kate Clinton** will be back in Omaha on April 27 to put some laughs back into the race for President. Kate believes that every politician — especially Republican — needs a lesbian half-sister to balance things out. And when it comes to the tough political questions of our times ("Shouldn't Newt's last name be Ging-really, really rich?"), it's without a doubt that Kate has all the answers. Her favorite shirt has "Hilarity Clinton" emblazoned across the front.

Kate's special brand of humor appeals to all. Although openly lesbian (the one you'd like to take home to meet the family), her audiences include gay men and an ever increasing number of heterosexuals. In the running to become the Madam President of Comedy, her platform includes political material as fresh as the daily news, savvy send-ups of modern family relationships and her illuminating perspectives on life as a gay American. Her current show is entitled "Impure Thoughts" and is dedicated to Jocelyn Elders.

Aside from touring, Kate has been burning the midnight oil to complete her first book, tentatively titled "CommuniKATE," to be published by Ballantine in '96. Based on her past and present monologues, it's filled with thoughts both insightful and riotous. She recently debuted a monthly column titled "Unplugged" in *The Progressive*, a magazine politically skewed to the left. In this space she waxes philosophical about the state of our nation and those who have put us in such a state. Her one-woman show "Out is In" was a smash hit in both Los Angeles and New York and had the *New York Times* reviewer "in tears from laughing so hard." If you've ever attended one of Kate's concerts, you can relate to that feeling.

Kate Clinton is being brought to Omaha by WomenSpace. The concert will be held at the Witherspoon Concert Hall, 8:00 p.m. on April 27. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. They are available at New Realities, 1026 Howard, in Omaha's Old Market and in Lincoln at The Way Home Music and Books, 3231 S. 13th St. in the Indian Village Shopping Center. They are also available by mail from WomenSpace, PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124. For further information, contact Joyce at 493-8811.

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## RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS NEWS

Congratulations to the 34 lucky winners of the raffle that RCMC held at the 1996 Winter Concert. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and the many individuals and businesses who contributed all the fabulous prizes. Money raised from the raffle will help send the Chorus to GALA Festival V in Tampa, Florida this July.

On Tuesday, March 5 and Tuesday, March 12, RCMC will host "A Night of Cabaret" at the Dundee Dinner Theater. A donation of \$20 per person will cover dessert and the show. Beverages may be purchased from the Theater. Entertainment will be provided by local performers who have donated their services. Seating for both nights will be limited so get your tickets now for what promises to be an exciting night of fun and entertainment. For tickets or more information, call Roger Bennett at 551-4005.

In June RCMC will hold its annual Closet Clearing Garage Sale, just in time for all those accumulated collectibles you find during Spring housecleaning that need a new home. So clear out your closet, your attic, or your garage and let the Chorus know if you have any treasures you would like to donate. Please call 341-SING (7464) for more information or to arrange a pickup time for donations.

RCMC will present its Spring Concert on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9 at the Strauss Performing Arts Center on the UNO Campus. Concerts start at 7:05 p.m. Remember to mark your calendar and be sure not to miss the excitement as the Chorus prepares to perform at GALA Festival V in July. Call 341-SING to order your tickets for this event now.

During the month of February many Friends of RCMC received letters in the mail requesting their valuable assistance in the form of contributions. It is only through the generous support of our patrons that RCMC can continue to meet the ongoing financial requirements that allow us to represent our community with enthusiastic professional performances.

If you did not receive a letter or you received a letter and have not already responded, please consider making a donation to assist the Chorus in their continuing efforts to bring quality music to Omaha.

Donations to RCMC are tax deductible and can be made to the RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS at P.O. box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, or you can contact a Board Member at (402) 341-SING to make a donation.

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY GROUP FORMING

On Thursday, February 1st, 15 UNK gay and lesbian students and faculty met to form what promises to be a very valuable group on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Presently the group is determining how best to go about meeting the needs of the gay, lesbian, and transgender students on campus.

For further information on how you may become involved, you can contact Ronnie Reid at (308) 236-5312.

*Adapted from GLAGN Newsletter*

## CLOSET BALL '96

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is proud to announce that Closet Ball '96 will be held at The MAX on April 21.

This popular event offers talented individuals an opportunity to make their stage debut as a female or male impersonator.

Individuals who have never before performed on stage as an impersonator are encouraged to consider this competition.

Contestants will first appear on stage in their own gender, male or female. They will then have one hour to complete a make-over into the opposite gender and return to the stage to compete and show off their talents.

Contestants are judged on their Male/Female Walk-On, their Talent Presentation, and their Female/Male Walk-On.

The complete rules for Closet Ball '96 are as follows:

All Contestants must have a sponsor who is a known stage performer.

All Contestants and their sponsors must be of legal drinking age in the state of Nebraska. They must also possess a valid ID.

No Contestant will have performed on stage in drag prior to the date of Closet Ball.

Only performers, contestants, and their sponsors will be allowed in the dressing rooms. ICON reserves the right to assign an individual(s) to patrol the dressing room for contest violations.

ICON will not be responsible for loss or damage to personal property or personal injury of any performer, contestant, or sponsor.

Only the contestant's sponsor may assist the contestant in dressing, applying make-up, etc.

No contestant will be allowed to use a live animal in the show.

All contestants who will be using substances (i.e. food, water, etc.) that will require clean-up before the next performance will be responsible for having someone at the show to do so.

All contestants are required to attend a dress rehearsal at The MAX, at 12:30 p.m. the day of the contest.

All contestants must have their music taped and cued to put on a master tape at the time of the dress rehearsal.

All contestants and their sponsors need to be checked in with an ICON representative at The MAX by 8:00 p.m. the night of the contest. ICON reserves the right to disqualify or deny any contestant the right to perform in Closet Ball for any violation of these rules.

Any Contestant found to be using illegal drugs or stealing property of other persons will be automatically disqualified.

An application form and a \$15 application fee must be mailed to the Imperial Court of Nebraska, P.O. Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68103. THE APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 10.

Application forms for Closet Ball '96 are available at area bars or call 556-9907 to get an application. Consider giving it a try — YOU could become a star. We are looking forward to seeing you at Closet Ball — as a contestant, a sponsor, or in the audience!

## ANTI-GAY MARRIAGE BILL ALIVE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Two South Dakota legislative committees struck down a bill that would ban the recognition of same-sex marriages. House Bill 1143 was defeated in the House State Affairs Committee after a "do pass" vote of 7 "no" and 6 "yes". Similar action was taken in a Senate committee. The bill was then tabled. However, the full Senate and House took up the issue and passed it anyway.

The bill mandates that only a man and a woman could be married and it prohibits same-gender marriage and the recognition of such unions allowed in other states.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Roger Hunt (R-Brandon) and others was the second time the state legislature took up an anti-gay marriage law. A similar measure was defeated last year. Hunt had claimed the new bill was needed to "protect families" and stop rising insurance rates that would result if gay couples could be married.

Free Americans Creating Equal States (FACES) of South Dakota, the statewide gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender advocacy group, played a leading role in arranging testimony and educating legislators and the press about the bill. FACES and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force sponsored a 10-day National Coming Out Week tour of the state last October to increase visibility in South Dakota and challenge anti-gay legislation. NGLTF also assisted FACES with its media and legislative strategy.

Barry Wick, president of FACES, called the bill a waste of time. "Marriage is an important personal choice to be made by the couple and not interfered with by the government. If legislators are truly concerned about access to affordable health insurance, they should not scapegoat gays and people with AIDS who pay taxes, own homes,

build families and contribute to our community."

Currently, same-gender marriages are not recognized in any state. However, the Hawaii State Supreme Court is expected to rule this year on a gay marriage case. If the ruling is positive, legal analysts anticipate gay/lesbian couples traveling to Hawaii from other states to be married.

"Whether it's the rapidly emerging issue of gay marriage or discrimination, or violence, gays in small-town America are courageously coming out and asserting their right to live free of state-sanctioned prejudice," said NGLTF field organizer and media director Robert Bray, who toured the state and conducted trainings for South Dakota activists. "Rural gays, lesbians and bisexuals are becoming more visible than ever. They are successfully fighting the backlash to their new-found visibility and political power."

Keith Elston, executive director of the ACLU of the Dakotas, which assisted with lobbying against the measure, hoped South Dakota Governor William Janklow would veto the bill. He said, "Lawmakers are realizing that anti-gay legislation is bad for our economy, bad for the state's image, and bad for all citizens, not just gay, lesbian and bisexual people."

Local activists and lobbyists were hoping several factors worked in their favor, including the new-found visibility of gay people and their supporters in the highly rural state, the potential economic impact of costly lawsuits and other legal expenses paid for by taxpayers if the bill passed — not to mention the fact that same-gender marriages are already not recognized in South Dakota, making the bill wasteful and unnecessary. In addition, apparently more than one gay supportive lawmaker who have gay or lesbian children came forward to oppose the measure.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE

### CENTER ENLISTMENT

Steady progress is being made for the GLBT Community Resource Center. Goals and objectives are being met. The dream of a 1996 opening is becoming a reality. New officers were elected at the February meeting. More information on leadership will be included in the April issue of *The New Voice*.

As we move from dream to reality there is a need for more soldiers. There is a need for full enlistment and also for the reserves. There is room on all standing committees for more workers. Short term work and ideas are also very much appreciated.

Two areas that we can use ideas and expertise in are fundraising and site location. We are looking for individuals and groups who have innovative and creative thoughts on raising funds. The site location has not been determined. For any one having suggestions or leads on an appropriate location, please feel free to share those with any member of the Steering Committee.

As we move from dream to reality, we encourage you to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to share your gifts. We need your skills, talents, and financial contributions. Your time or gifts are deeply appreciated.

Our next monthly meeting will be held Sunday, March 17, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you are interested in obtaining additional information about the Community Resource Center, please call the Information and Referral Line number (402) 558-5303 and leave a message for Becky. You may also contact the GLBT Community Resource Center by mail at P.O. Box 8343, Omaha, NE 68108.



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## JONI CAPTIVATES OMAHA WITH A PERSONAL TELEVISION APPEARANCE

By Gloria

I have to start with the story from the beginning so you will understand how significant it all was. On Friday January 19 I finally got around to going to the MCC-Omaha church to see about confirming the social hall for Phyllis Frye when she visits in March. As I walked in, Reverend Lewis exclaimed how glad he was to see me. He was just trying to find someone from RCGA (River City Gender Alliance). Claire was out of town, and he could not reach Joni (who can?) He said Channel 7 was trying to find a transgendered person to do an interview with and to put on television. Would I be interested? Oh, wow, what a lot of mixed emotions. I talked to the reporter, Sherri, and she told me that they wanted to do something about a local person in conjunction with the 20/20 segment that night. I agreed that I would do it, if I could not find someone else. They wanted to do it right now. I was wearing overalls. Not good. I begged for 1 hour to find somebody. I can't remember the last time I knew what Joni was going to do the next day, or where she was going to be, but by providence I knew that she was getting her hair done that day at 12:30. I didn't know where, but I knew who would. So I called Mary and I found out where and then I met her there. Mary had warned her what I was going to ask. After going over the details, or as much as I knew, Joni took one big deep breath and said that she wanted to do the interview. She called the station and talked to Sherri and arrangements were made to interview at her apartment at 4 that afternoon. I met Joni there at 3 and she looked fantastic. That new hairstyle was perfect, and the smile was also. A lot of deep breaths and I remember that conversation of something about, "It's probably a good thing I don't have too long to think about this." I agreed, and the knock was on the door. The cameraman and reporter for Channel 7 were there. I helped carry the camera in and Joni visited with Sherri, and the tape was rolling. Some casual conversation, and some shots of Joni at the computer, and it was over. I went home, and left Joni to worry by herself. The interview was on the last part of the 10 o'clock news after the 20/20 story. That's the facts.

It was all the result of the 20/20 story. Over the last seven years, someone from the RCGA has periodically checked with one station or another in Omaha about doing some type of story about transgendered people. There was zero interest. No one thought that it was relevant to the people of Omaha. The 20/20 story did that. We owe a great deal of thanks to all who participated in that interview. We also owe Joni a tremendous amount of thanks ( and a hug or two) for having the courage to go on television and let the world know. It takes a strong, courageous person to do what Joni did, and it takes someone who cares more about others and how she could help them than she cares about her self. Three cheers for Joni, on the greatest piece of outreach that has ever been done on behalf of the RCGA.

At the end of the interview the station flashed the RCGA address on the screen as a way to contact other transgendered persons. We will have to wait and see if it brings any results

-The Transformer

## GAY MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

For the third season, Omaha would like to field a gay men's softball team. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Steve Jackson at 402-558-8121. This team is and has been a part of the Omaha Softball Association's Men's fall and summer leagues.

If there is still an interest in forming an all gay/lesbian league, OSA is interested in working with us to attain that goal. Managers and coaches along with individuals to assist in coordination are needed.

## CONVERSATIONS ON PLURALISM & IDENTITY

The community is invited to participate in "Conversations on Pluralism and Identity," sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Bar Association, the Organizations for Community Inclusion, and The Links.

The next two conversations are March 14 on "Striving for Equality," and April 9 on "Our Visions of a Common Ground." For more information on these conversations or to register, call 339-8415. Participation is free and open to the public.



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## FORBIDDEN LOVES PLAYS IN LINCOLN THEATER

The Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater at the Sheldon Art Gallery in Lincoln is showing a retrospective "The Changing Face of Canadian Cinema." As part of this retrospective, the film *Forbidden Love* will be presented on March 1 at 9pm and on March 5 at 7pm. *Forbidden Love* by Aerlyn Weissman and Lynne Aermie presents the compelling, often hilarious and always rebellious stories of ten women. *Forbidden Love* paints a portrait of lesbian sexuality and survival during the sexual dark ages of the 1950's and 60's. Against a fascinating backdrop of book covers from lesbian pulp novels, tabloid headlines, archival photographs and film clips, these women recount stories about living and loving in their clandestine world. Accenting the stories of these brave women is a fictional drama reenacting a young girl's coming out and erotic seduction, drawn from popular '50's lesbian trash novels. An interview with author Ann Bannon and the reminiscences of the women who read these books brings to life the contrast between the way lesbians were fictionalized and their actual experiences. *Forbidden Love* proudly shows a community once consigned to the "twilight world" of silence and exile. In doing so, it brings lesbian history out of the closet and makes a valuable contribution to the history of sexuality, charting a territory most often ignored in traditional accounts of the past.

## BLUE BARN PRESENTS NEW WORKS

The Blue Barn Theatre is proud to present "Five Bright Chicks" in *Relative Risks: Exposing Ourselves - Rediscovering Storytelling*. *Relative Risks* will be presented at 8 p.m. on March 1 & 2 and at 7 p.m. on March 3. And then at 7 p.m. on April 1, Akira Kasai will appear in *Seraphita - Redefining Butch*. Admission to these events is \$10 for adults and \$5 for Students and Seniors. For further information and for reservations, call 345-1576.

## ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH BISHOP TESTIFIES BEFORE UNICAMERAL

On February 5, Bishop Arling spoke before the Senate Business and Labor Committee regarding the feasibility of implementing law in Nebraska giving Civil Rights protection for sexual orientation.

Barb from P-FLAG called to inform board member David Hall of the hearing. When David called the Bishop to inform him of the hearing, the Bishop happily accepted.

"I had actual public debate sponsored by the local cable company with Lon Maybon, of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, prior to the 1994 election. A Christian outlook does not include the support of laws to take away the civil rights of other individuals," said Bishop Arling before the hearing. He continued with "The reason we've moved an outreach here in Lincoln is to help support and protect those civil rights. We, as a Church, believe that this is an important part of the calling of the Ministry."

As the Bishop addressed the committee, he began by reaffirming the statements made by the Minister from the United Methodist Church, who was the first proponent speaker. Jim spoke of "Love first." Mentioning that the soon-to-come opponents would "throw Biblical scripture at them," but will tend to only read the scripture and not the meaning of the origins of the words written.

Board member Hall, who accompanied the Bishop, commented "there were riveting testimonies given by P-FLAG (Lincoln) members, and a couple of good actual discrimination horror stories, to personalize why a law so well written should get to the floor for a debate and vote."

Bishop Arling was noticeably excited as Matt from the ACLU spoke about, "people needing to be judged on MERIT," and continuing by saying, "With Affirmative Action every talks about work MERIT over hiring quotas, yet when it comes to the knowledge or perceived knowledge of being gay/lesbian/bisexual, MERIT doesn't matter."

The ECCA believes this bill is important to protect your civil rights, and encourages all readers to call their State legislator to ask for this bill to be brought to the floor of the Senate.

Last month included the ECCA's quarterly board meeting. Along with one spectator, the three Lincoln Board members sat down to update the Portland chapter on progress. A lot of

good, positive forward moving ideas were presented for functions the next three months. Church Deacon Brother Gary Francis would like to sponsor a Church yard sale and possibly a bake sale in April. If anyone would like to donate articles for the sale, please call him at the Church and leave a message for arrangements to receive your donation. I'm sure he could also use help setting it up, or in making signs.

David had been checking with the City Parks Commission and was OK'd by them for having Saturday afternoon picnics and softball games at Van Dorn Park. David said he would have to check into the feasibility of Frisbee golf, the Bishop laughed, but said it sounded fun. The Bishop also inquired as to the possibility and/or interest of regular golf group fun. David said he would check in to it.

Bishop Arling explained that he did not want to charge anyone in the community for being at the picnic and David explained that he would commit to paying for the food for the first two picnics and the Bishop offered his barbecue. "We hope to have the first picnic on a sunny Saturday in April," said David. He finished saying, "We will put out flyers in Lincoln, and hopefully Omaha, at least two weeks in advance and want everyone to know this is community fun. No alcohol is allowed in any city park, and there is no age requirement. Again, all are welcome. We just want to have some community functions."

David, who also attends most ICON meetings volunteered the Church's facility as the new polling place for the Imperial Court's Emperor and Empress candidates which was held last year at "Under the Rainbow."

As a closer, I leave you with a writ blessed to the hands of the Reverend Brother, Deacon Gary Francis:

As a Catholic, it's time to lift the spirits for our Church,

But go easy on the inner-self, things take time. Faith is the key to open doors.

Always look to the Father, and have patience. It will come to you in God's time, not man's time

But keep the FAITH, for we walk by Faith Not by Sight.

Our continued Hopes and Prayers are with the Lincoln and Omaha communities. Love your brothers and sisters and remember to enjoy life, the winter should be over soon. God Bless You.



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## GOP CANDIDATES ATTEND GAY BASHING RALLY

The Human Rights Campaign says GOP presidential candidates who attended a rally against same-sex marriage joined an anti-gay right-wing feeding frenzy leading up to the Iowa caucuses last month.

The rally, organized by several national religious political organizations, featured a political operative who was paid by the Christian Coalition to whip up fear of same-sex marriage all over the United States, HRC said.

"In the Republican presidential political caucus, they need an enemy. At the moment, we seem to be it," said David M. Smith, communications director for HRC, the largest national lesbian and gay political group.

Smith spoke at a news conference outside the First Federated Church in Des Moines, just hours before the anti-gay rally on February 10. He was joined by Bill Crews, the openly gay mayor of Melbourne, Iowa.

HRC also helped to organize an Iowans Against Bigotry candlelight vigil outside the church. Inside, GOP presidential candidates Pat Buchanan, Phil Gramm and Alan Keyes addressed the anti-marriage rally. The other GOP presidential hopefuls who signed onto the "Marriage Protection Resolution" included Lamar Alexander, Bob Dornan and Steve Forbes.

Bob Dole, who won the caucuses, sent a letter to the anti-gay rally organizers, endorsing their resolution but telling them it did not go far enough.

"I fully support the position taken in the resolution - that the states should not legalize same-sex marriages, but should continue to reserve the special sanction of civil marriage for one man and one woman as husband and wife," Dole wrote.

HRC labeled Dole's action as stopping to join a conservative right-wing feeding frenzy that characterized the final days leading up to the Iowa caucuses.

"This rally was the most insidious political attack on the lives of gay men and lesbians in the history of presidential politics," Smith said. "We are seeing here in Iowa a repeat of the viciousness of the 1992 Republican Convention. Each GOP candidate who attended this rally exploited prejudice against gay and lesbian Americans."

Jay Sekulow, lead attorney for the Christian Coalition's legal arm, the American Center for Law and Justice, was a featured speaker at the rally. Sekulow bragged that his group is spearheading a drive to put anti-gay marriage bills in all 50 state legislatures. The organizers of the anti-marriage rally also showed their latest hate video targeting gay and lesbian Americans.

"These candidates are using hate as a political tool to bludgeon one another, bashing America's gay community in the process, and alienating the moderate mainstream of this country," Smith said.

Log Cabin Republicans, the nation's largest gay Republican organization issued a warning to all Republican presidential candidates before the event. The candidates were warned that attending the event would be a "disastrous mistake."

"Phil Gramm and Pat Buchanan taking the stage at this rally is no surprise since they could never win a general election," said Richard Tafel, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans. "But Lamar Alexander has shown how desperate he has become by pandering to this vicious, anti-gay group, and I think it will seriously hurt him if he even makes it out of Iowa."

## UNL HOSTS GLBT EVENTS

On April 1 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. David Chambers will address issues of "Gay People and Legal Marriage." For more information call the Center on Children, Families, and the Law at 402-472-3479.

On April 2 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Leslie Feinberg, author of *Stone Butch Blues* and transgender activist, along with Mimie Bruce Pratt, author of *S/He* and *Crime Against Nature*, will be reading from their works along with a presentation and discussion at the UNL Culture Center, 333 North 14th, Lincoln. Call 402-472-1828 for more information.

## GREG LOUGANIS COMING TO UNL

Olympic diver Greg Louganis will be speaking at the University of Nebraska on April 10.

The 8pm event will be held in the Centennial Ballroom of the Nebraska Union at 14th and "R". The cost is \$4 for UNL students and \$8 for the general public.

The University Program Council is happy to sponsor this event with the Nebraska AIDS Project and the University of Nebraska Athletic Department.

For more information, call UPC at 402-472-8146 or via e-mail at [upc@unlinfo.unl.edu](mailto:upc@unlinfo.unl.edu).

Greg Louganis has had an astounding athletic career. He began competing in diving at age nine.

By age 16, he had won his first Olympic medal, a silver on the platform in the 1976 Olympics.

At age 24, he became the first man in 56 years to win two Olympic gold medals in diving by winning both the platform and springboard events.

Four years later, competing against divers half his age, and despite a near disastrous injury during a dive, he became the first man to win double gold medals for diving in two consecutive Olympics.

Greg's diving accomplishments do not stop there. He has won the World Championships five times and has held a record number of National Championship

titles. In 1985, he was awarded the Sullivan Award as the nation's most outstanding amateur athlete.

However, Greg Louganis is more than an Olympic Champion. He stands out as an exceptional human being as well. The release of his autobiography *Breaking the Surface* has become the most talked about book of the year.

It is one of the best selling books ever written by an athlete. Greg's openness concerning his sexuality, his difficulties in the past, his learning disability and hope for the future despite living with AIDS have made him a role model for millions.

Recently, Greg has been pursuing his lifelong dream of acting. A movie of his life has recently been announced with Greg intending to do his own diving.

He still manages to find time to breed and show his Great Danes, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, and do volunteer work for PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) which helps AIDS patients with their pets.

The main points of his lecture are his struggle with his sexuality; being a world class athlete and living with AIDS. He is an amazing speaker.

The University Program Council is very excited to be able to offer such an amazing person to the people of Nebraska. To ensure future quality programming of interest to the gay and lesbian community, UPC strongly encourages student and community support.

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## LESBIAN AVENGERS TAKE TO OMAHA STREETS

By Jeff Shepherd



Fourteen Lesbian Avengers rallied at the intersection of 72nd and Dodge Streets from 7pm-8pm February 4, brandishing signs printed with slogans like "Dyke Power" and "Equal Rights for Dykes," to support lesbian visibility and attack lesbophobia.

The group grabbed the attention of thousands of motorists and two local television stations. According to the City of Omaha's traffic records, an average of nearly six thousand cars pass through this intersection each hour.

"Our goal is to be very visible. Although we may not change people's deep-rooted beliefs, we can make them aware of the unjust discrimination

in employment, housing, and schooling that lesbians face," said Lesbian Avenger Penney Lalbrecht.

Alyson Adams, another Lesbian Avenger, said, "We want to shake up Omaha."

In addition to sending their message to motorists, the Lesbian Avengers received coverage on KETV's *News Watch Seven*. KPTM's *Fox 42 News* did cover the story, but due to technical difficulties, did not broadcast it.

"Our tape didn't turn out; it looked like a scene from *Mars*," said Karl Bieber, Senior Editor for KPTM.

The Lesbian Avengers endured not only freezing temperatures, that made them feel as if they were on Mars, but also the taunts of passers-by. Passing motorists yelled remarks such as "Faggot," "You're sick," "You need Jesus," "All you need is a good man," and "My d\*\*k is bigger than yours." Those few jeers did not lower the spirits of these brave women, but rather generated laughter and stiffened their resolve to support each other.

Erin Anderson founded Omaha's chapter of Lesbian Avengers over one year ago, however, she was the only member until three weeks ago. Since that time membership has grown to approximately fourteen women, whose ages range from fifteen to thirty years old.

The members interviewed cited feelings of anger, fear, and powerlessness as their reasons for joining this direct action group.

The Lesbian Avengers' future plans included a Valentine's Day kiss-in at the state capitol building, book drives, fire-eating in the Pride Parade, and lots of protest.

**A New Voice Salute to  
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## RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

After week #22 of bowling, the River City Mixed Bowling League, there are once again changes in standings and in the high scores.

Bob Andresen still holds high men's scratch game with a 290, but Jim Vagirt is close on his heels with an outstanding 286 game. Dwight Wages' 269 is now the third high game. Bob also holds high scratch series with a 742, followed by Dwight Wages with a 665 and Jim Vagirt with a 633. The high league average is still Bob Andresen's 202.2, followed by Jim Vagirt with a 184.1 and Joe Bloemer with a 182.6.

The high women's series is now held by Gail Raddatz with a 268, moving Cherie Iniguez into second high with a 257, followed by Trish Findley with a 224. Gail Raddatz also holds the high women's series with a 609, while Cherie Iniguez holds second place with a 565 and Kathy Barnes holds third place with a 559. High women's average is held by Gail Raddatz with a 170.8, followed by Kathy Barnes with a 163.5 and Cherie Iniguez with a 160.2.

Outstanding individual performances during week #22 included Merritt Hussey with a 209, Russ Holledieck and Joe Bloemers with 201 games, and Bill Boren with a 200. Dwight Wages, Jerry Wurgler, Ron Brewer, Rick Tornow, Jeff McKenzie, and Gene Perrin all had series over 500, while Merritt Hussey, Greg Strickland, Russ Holledieck and Terry Tippit all had series over 525. Kathy Barnes has a 220 game and 544 series while Jennifer Moore had a 215 game and a 553 series. Bonnie Wredt and Jill Cole rounded out the high scorers with series of 508 and 501 respectively. Ted Williamson was 108 pins over average while Bonnie Wredt was 85 over, Jennifer Moore and Carla Cross were 79 over and Joe Batter was 75 pins over his average.

Choke Artists is extending their 1st place lead to six games over Night Riders and 6.5 games ahead of Dry 'till Strike. High team game (handicap) is still held by DC's Misfits with an 805, followed by Damn Shame with a 796 and DC's Golden Girls with a 786. Tie Us Down and Run holds the High Team Series (Handicap) with a 2258, followed by Delivery Boys with a 2205 and Chesterfield with a 2189.

Complete team standings:	Won	Lost
1. Choke Artists	62	22
2. Night Riders	56	28
3. Dry 'Till Strike	55.5	28.5
4. Stosh's Saloon	52.5	31.5
5. Tie Us Down & Run	51.5	32.5
6. Wurgler Photo	50.5	33.5
7. Chesterfield	50	34
8. Damn Shame	50	34
9. Delivery Boys	49	35
10. Kings & Queens	48.5	35.5
11. DC's Golden Girls	48	36
12. The MAX	46.5	37.5
13. Kumquarts	46	34
14. Been There Done It	44.5	39.5
15. DC's Misfits	44	36
16. 3 Non-Blondes + 1	43	41
17. Gilligan's #1	42	42
18. Gilligans #2 Sc&Sn	41	43
19. Bend Me/Fill Me	41	43
20. Garbos	39.5	44.5
21. Spare Us - Infield	38	46
22. DC's EZ Pick-Ups	36	48
23. 1-900-STUD	35	49
24. Out of Sync	34.5	49.5
25. Big O Ho's	33	51
26. Roz's Rollers	33	51
27. DC Dudes	31.5	52.5
28. TM #29	27	57

## LOOKING AHEAD: A CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE COMING YEAR!

To add an event to this calendar or to the Community Calendar, write: *The New Voice*, P.O. Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103 or call (402) 556-

### April

- 1 - David Chambers at UNL
- 2 - Leslie Feinberg & Minnie Bruce Pratt at UNL
- 4 - MCCO Maundy Thursday Svc
- 5 - MCCO Good Friday Svc
- 7 - Easter Sunrise Service MCC
- 10 - Greg Louganis at UNL
- 21 - ICON Closet Ball
- 27 - Kate Clinton in Omaha
- TBA - ECCA Picnic in Lincoln
- Frontrunners Sat. Runs Resume

### May

- 23-26 MCC District Conference.
- 27 ICON Memorial Day Picnic

### June

- 2 - ICON Stepping Down Show
- 8, 9 - RCMC Concert
- 14, 15, 16 - ICON Coronation
- 22 - Mr. Nebraska Fantasy
- 22 - PrideFest (Tentative)
- 30 - Pride Parade & Rally
- TBA - RCMC Garage Sale

### July

- 4 - ICON Picnic
- 7-15 - RCMC at GALA Festival
- 20, 21 - Int'l Ms Leather-Philadelphia
- 21 - ICON Investiture
- 25 - Int'l Gay Rodeo Convention

### August

- 23, 24 - Int'l Mr. Fantasy Contest

### September

- 4 - ICON Labor Day Picnic

### October

- 5 - HGRA Awards Banquet
- 11 - National Coming Out Day
- 12 - HGRA Royalty Contest
- TBA Fall Harvest Cedar Rapids, IA

### November

- 10 - ICON Food 4 Thought
- 10 & 17 - All Iowa AIDS Benefit

### December

- 1 - PFLAG Holiday Gathering
- 7 - Night of 1000 Stars
- 8 - ICON Toyz 4 Totz

Let Us Know About YOUR Events so we can include them in the calendar!!

### Midwest Gay, Lesbian & Straight Teachers Conference

The 2nd annual Midwest Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Teachers Network Conference on Ending Homophobia in the Schools, "Educating Children, Educating Society," will be held March 8 - 10 at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. This conference includes a wide variety of programming including workshops, panel discussions, live music and theater, speakers, presentation of scholarships, a vendor display, and videos for viewing throughout the weekend. This conference is aimed at all persons who care about the problem of homophobia in today's schools, whether they are teachers, social workers, administrators, psychologists, parents, clergy, activists, or others. Speakers include Jonathan Wilson (openly gay former school board member from Des Moines) and Phoebe Hanshew (high school activist who established a gay/straight student alliance in conservative Indiana).

The pre-registration cost of the conference is \$55 for GLSTN members, \$65 for non-members and includes all workshops, presentations, two luncheons, and access to the video room, the hospitality suite, and the vendor area. Registration at the door is to \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members. Hotel rooms at the Bismarck in the heart of downtown Chicago range from \$69 for a single to \$119 for a quad. Room reservations must be made directly with The Bismarck Hotel by calling 800-643-1500. Be sure to tell them that you're part of the GLSTN conference so you can get the conference rates. Registrations may be sent to GLSTN Conference, 5210 N. Wayne Ave., Chicago, IL 60640 or call (312) 769-9009.

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Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610  
**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

**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

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

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

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

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

## HOME HEALTH CARE

**LINK-ON,** 1318 S. 16, Lincoln, 68502, (402)  
477-8439, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm, counseling,  
teaching of HIV infected individuals, people  
with AIDS, and others; Rick Swaink, Director

## RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE

**The Franciscan Motherhouse,** 1052 Park  
Avenue, P.O. Box 8393, Omaha, NE 68108-  
0393, Telephone (402) 344-4557, Residential  
Hospice Care for Persons With AIDS.

## 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

**Calico II HIV-AIDS Support Group,** Meets  
1st & 3rd Tues. 7pm, Alliance For info call:  
(308) 762-8259

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

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

**Harambee Mental Health Services,** Business  
& Technical Center, 2505 N. 24, Omaha, NE  
68110. (402) 451-3913. Mental Health Services  
to people of color who are infected with HIV,  
their partners, and their families. A program  
developed by Charles Drew Health Center.

**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  
Volunteer Services & Administration 402/342-  
6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV tests,  
AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling  
**Lincoln Office:** 3818 Sheridan Blvd 484-8100  
**Central Nebraska Office:** 3423 2nd Ave  
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610  
**Northeast Nebr Office:** 304 N. 5 St, Ste C,  
Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807  
**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



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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. Comenstone (upstrs) 640N 16. All sexes welcome.

**Ecumenical Catholic Church of America**, 2201 N. 31 St., Lincoln 68503. (402) 464-0270. Pastor Jim Arling, Deacon Gary Balch; Prayer Meeting: Sun. 11am. Open Communion. Please Call with Questions/Prayer Requests; All Are Welcome

**Gay Men's Support Group**, c/o Counseling & Psych Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr, UNL, Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450. Confidential

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

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

**National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln** - political /grassroots activist org. in issues relating to full equality for women - meets monthly, Lincoln NOW, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 477-1225

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

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043, Info, Conference Updates, Education for older Gay people, Intergenerational Coffee House 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm, at 3319 S. 46th, Lincoln, All welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

## \*\*\*\*\*OMAHA\*\*\*\*\*

**Alcoholics Anonymous,**

\*\*Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm, Mercy High

\*\*Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri 7pm,

\*\*Live & Let Live Group, Friday 8:15pm

**A.N.G.L.E.** (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors), Box 8343, Omaha 68108-0343 Phone 558-5303, Networking, consciousness raising, PRIDE activities throughout the year.

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

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

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

**Gay And Lesbian Organization of UNO (GaLo)**, for all UNO Students & sponsors, Meet Mondays 4-6pm on UNO Campus, Milo Bail Student Center, 3rd Floor, Board Room, Information call Jonathan Raymond (402) 571-8518 or Diallo Mudd (402) 554-3492 or EMail

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

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

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

**ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament**, Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622, Tournament is held President's Day Weekend each year.

**L.E.O. -- The Leather Engineers of Omaha**, An educational and social group for Gay Men with an interest in the Leather Lifestyle. For info write: L.E.O., P.O. Box 8181, Omaha, 68108

**Lutherans Concerned**, 453-7137, 7pm, Mar. 3, June 2, Oct. 6, Dec. 1, Meet at 1st Lutheran Church, Omaha

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

**Men's Support Group**, Meet Tuesdays 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St. Call 345-2563

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 Street, Omaha, 345-2563, Send mail to Box 3173, Omaha, 68103, Children/Adult Christian Ed., Worship Service 9 & 10:30am

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**River City Mixed Bowling League**, Sundays, 1 & 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. 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 Les/Gay College Student 800-4-GAY-SDA

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 7-9pm, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781

**Women of the Plains**, Box 24355, Omaha, 68124, Bring women's culture back to Omaha

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

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

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

## \*\*\*REGIONAL/STATEWIDE\*\*\*

**American Business & Professional Guild**, Box 142, Sioux City, IA 51102, Network of gay business/professional men from IA, MN, SD, & NE. Meet last Sat. of each month, Write for info.

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

**Fellowship of Believers**, 812 North 10th, #7, Norfolk, NE 68701, Phone 402-379-9935 Home-based church meets Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 10am Open to all.

**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 & Friends - a safe place to meet, discuss & learn.

**Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr.**, Support meetings, social events, newsletter. Info: GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call: (308) 472-3249

**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

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68102 Organization for the advancement of Gay/Lesbian society, Board of Governors Meeting 1st Monday each month, All Welcome

**Integrity Prayer Service**, Wed, 6pm, St Thomas Episcopal, 12 & Douglas, Sioux City, IA. Call Al (712) 276-8369 or Rev. Kerr (712) 258-0141

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

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

**Internet Address:** tjrr05c@prodigy.com

**Panhandle Gay & Lesbian Support Services**, Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1046 Telephone: (308) 635-8488

**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

**PRIDE Group**, c/o Counseling Ctr. Wayne State College, Wayne, NE 68787. Info: Karen or Virginia (402) 375-7321. Gay, Lesbian, Bi Students of WSC. Meet people, discuss issues, provide community service, educate, raise awareness.

# MARCH CALENDAR

## EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m.  
MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563  
Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South, Lincoln, by tennis courts  
Ecumenical Catholic Church, Prayer Mtg. 6pm, 2201 N. 31, Lincoln, 464-0270  
River City Bowling League, 1 & 3pm, Skylanes, 42nd & Center, Omaha

## EVERY MONDAY

Network Q, 3:30pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln  
GaLo UNO Student Grp, 4-6pm Milo Bail, 3rdFloor Board Rm, 571-8518/554-3492  
HIV Tests, NAP, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, Omaha 7-9:30pm  
River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm

## EVERY TUESDAY EVERY WEDNESDAY

Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598  
Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha  
Study Groups, 7:30 pm, Ecumenical Catholic Church of America, Lincoln

Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450  
Frontrunners Run, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot, Omaha  
PFLAG AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7pm, call 475-2437  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha  
Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA

## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

### March 3 (1st Sunday)

Frontrunners, 10am, Roberts Park, Omaha  
Family AIDS Support, 2-4pm, 1st Meth, Om  
Lutherans Concerned 1st Lutheran 7pm Om  
"Relative Risks" at the Blue Barn Theatre  
Miss MAX Dietra Snow The MAX, Omaha  
Sheza Mann B-Day Party, Q, Lincoln

### March 4 (1st Monday)

ICON Board Mtg, 7pm  
The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln (Note change of location)

### March 5 (1st Tuesday)

AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th St., Lincoln  
ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha  
RCMC Night of Cabaret, Dundee Dinner Theater,

### March 6

(1st Wednesday)

### March 10 (2nd Sunday)

Deadline for April Issue of The New Voice  
Frontrunners, 10am, Ford Birthside, Om  
MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215 Lincoln  
ICON presents "Rewind & Push Play" 8:30pm, The MAX, Omaha

### March 11 (2nd Monday)

AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St. Cecelias, Omaha

### March 12 (2nd Tuesday)

Free/Confidential HIV Tests by Lancaster Co Health Dept 5-7pm The Panic, Lincoln  
P-FLAG Omaha Board Mtg, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist,  
RCMC Night of Cabaret, Dundee Dinner Theater,

### March 13

(2nd Wednesday)

### March 17 (3rd Sun) St. Patrick's Day

Frontrunners, 10am, Central Park Mall, Om  
Corned Beef Dinner, Noon, MCC-O  
Community Resource Center Development Mtg, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 2-5pm  
PFLAG/Kearney, St. Luke Episcopal, 3pm, 2304 2nd Ave., (308) 382-0752/995-5490  
Dietra & Jim's St. Pat's Show The MAX  
Sheza's Pajama Party, The Q, Lincoln

### March 18 (3rd Monday)

### March 19 (3rd Tuesday)

NOW-Nat'l Org for Women  
Lincoln: 7pm, Women's Club, 407 S. 14th, 477-1226  
Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303  
Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175

### March 20

(3rd Wednesday)

### March 24 (4th Sunday)

Frontrunners, 10am, NP Dodge Park, Om  
Tom Petersen speaks on Legal Issues, 12-45pm, Potluck Noon, MCC-Omaha  
MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215 Lincoln  
Q Review Cabaret, The Q, Lincoln  
Miss Nebraska USA Pageant at The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha, 8:30pm

### March 25 (4th Monday)

### March 26 (4th Tuesday)

PFLAG, 7pm Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 467-4599  
Frontrunners Monthly Mtg, 6:30pm, Omaha, 496-3658

### March 27

(4th Wednesday)

### March 31 (5th Sunday)

Phyllis Frye, Transgender Activist speaks in Omaha. Reception hosted by River City Gender Alliance, 4 p.m., MCC-Omaha  
Frontrunners, 10am, Burke High, Omaha  
Phoenix Presents "Fools Do Fall in Love" 7 pm, at The New Run Bar, Omaha  
Prince Royale Gary Presents "A Bevy of Bogus Barbra's" 9 pm, The MAX, Omaha

### April 1 (1st Monday)

ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, Location TBA, Omaha  
David Chambers on "Gay Marriage", Regency Suite, UNL Student Union, Lincoln  
"Seraphita" at the Blue Barn Theatre, Omaha

### April 2 (1st Tuesday)

ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, Omaha  
RCMC Cabaret at Dundee Dinner Theater, Omaha  
AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th St., Lincoln  
Leslie Feinberg & Minnie Bruce Pratt, UNL Culture Center, Lincoln

### April 3 (1st Wednesday)

# MARCH CALENDAR

## EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

## EVERY FRIDAY

**Network Q**, 1pm, Cable Channel 20, **Lincoln**  
**Outreach Center**, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**  
**Lesbian Discussion Grp** **Lincoln** 7:30pm 472-5644  
**Al-Anon -- Canceled**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha: "An Alternative"**  
 Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave  
**"Live & Let Live"** 8:15pm  
 Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 411  
**Lincoln**: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214  
**Youth Talkline**, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

## EVERY SATURDAY

**Lincoln Women for Sobriety**, 10am, Gathering Place, **Lincoln**, Judith 472-2598  
**Womens Support Grp**, 11am, MCC-**Omaha**  
**Youth Support Grp**, 291-6781, age 13-21 gay, lesbian, or questioning sexuality, **Omaha**  
**Youth Talkline**, 7p-12m, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

### March 1 (1st Friday)

**Winter Round-Up II**, DC's, 8pm,  
**"Relative Risks"** at the **Blue Barn Theatre**

**ICON Closet Ball Applications** available in all bars or call 556-9907 for an application.

### March 2 (1st Saturday)

**River City Gender Alliance**, for Transgender community. Box 680, **Council Bluffs** 51502  
**Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc**, DC's, **Omaha**  
 General Meeting: 6pm  
**"Relative Risks"** at the **Blue Barn Theatre**

### March 7 (1st Thursday)

**Citizens for Equal Protection**, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, **Omaha**  
**Gay & Lesbian Parent Support Group**, 7:30pm, MCC-**Omaha**  
**NOW Program Night**, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, **Omaha**

### March 8 (2nd Friday)

**Frontrunners**, 6:30 p.m., Friday Afternoon Club The Chesterfield, **Omaha**  
**Outreach Center**, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

### March 9 (2nd Saturday)

**SAGE Coffee House** 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7-15pm, 3319 S. 46, **Lincoln**, 488-4178

### March 14 (2nd Thursday)

**P-FLAG** 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass **Omaha** 291-6781 7pm  
**Straight Spouse Support Group** 7-9pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781

### March 15 (3rd Friday)

**Womyn's Book Discussion Group**, Discussing "Oranges Aren't the Only Fruit", Call Laurie 556-0937 or Beth 435-2418  
**ICON Monarch Applications** available in all bars or call 556-9907 for an application

### March 16 (3rd Saturday)

### March 21 (3rd Thursday)

**Metropolitan Club**, 6:30pm, Neon Goose, 10th & Pacific, **Omaha**  
**GLAGN Support Group**, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235

### March 22 (4th Friday)

**Outreach Center**, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

### March 23 (4th Saturday)

**American Professional & Business Guild**, Sioux City, IA, For Information, write: ABPG, Box 142, Sioux City, Iowa 51102

### March 28 (5th Thursday)

**"The Kinsey Sicks"** Dragapella Live from San Francisco, 8pm, Q, **Lincoln**

### March 29 (5th Friday)

**"The Kinsey Sicks"** Dragapella Live from San Francisco, 8pm, Q, **Lincoln**

### March 30 (5th Saturday)

**"The Kinsey Sicks"** Dragapella Live from San Francisco, 8pm, Q, **Lincoln**

### April 4 (1st Thursday)

**Maundy Thursday Service**, MCC **Omaha**, 7pm  
**P-FLAG** 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass, **Omaha** 291-6781, 7pm  
**Straight Spouse Support Group** 7-9pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781

### April 5 (1st Friday)

**Good Friday Service of Darkness**, 7pm, MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22,  
**Prayer Vigil**, MCC-**Omaha**, following Service of Darkness Service and continuing until 6am Easter Sunday.  
**Outreach Center**, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

### April 6 (1st Saturday)

**River City Gender Alliance**, for Transgender community. Box 680, **Council Bluffs** 51502  
**Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc**, DC's, **Omaha**  
 General Meeting: 6pm  
**Prayer Vigil**, MCC-**Omaha**, continues until 6am Easter Sunday.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## TYPING NEEDS? 493-4075/493-2308

Will handle all, very reasonable rates; documents, correspondence, term papers, other office work including mail processing. (My96)

**Help Wanted** — Dependable & Reliable — Part Time at the Infield. Call Ron 346-3030 (Mr96)

**Adult Videos and magazines.** Would like to trade or sell them. If interested, please write to Steven, Box 5705, Lincoln, NE 68505 Selling Price \$2.00 each for videos. (Au96)

**Improve your image with a tan from St. Mary's Tan.** 2202 St. Mary's Avenue, 341-3740, March Special: \$5 off all packages of 10 or more tans.

**Home Improvement Company.** Painting, Wall Papering, Faux Finishes, Kitchens, Bathrooms, Ceramic Tile, Flooring. Michael 344-3262 (Au96)

**Gay Video \$16.95** 3 for \$45 shipping included. Send order to AMADS, P.O. Box 23233, Phoenix, AZ 85063. Check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, Discover. Include Expiration Date, or Fax 602-848-6780 Credit Cards only. (My96)

**There's a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow** — YOU in a golden tan and with money in your pocket thanks to the March specials at **St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Ave., 341-3740** Through March 31 - \$5 off all packages of 10 or more tans.

## ORGANIZATIONS EVERYONE WELCOME!

Attend the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) Board Meeting **Monday, March 4,** at **Panic,** 200 S. 18, Lincoln, 7:00 p.m.

## MASSAGE

**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 (Mr97)

**OVERWORKED? UNDERPAID? STRESSED OUT? RELAX!** Pamper yourself with Swedish Massage in the privacy of your home. Nationally/state licensed. Call 553-8657 for information/appointment. (Ju96)

**Full Body Swedish Massage.** Healing, Nurturing (in a Peaceful Environment) Juan-Carlos, C.M.T. (402) 342-1017. (Ja97)

**Full Body Rub** — Deep heat & Oils. Relax, Release Stress, Body Grooming. Call 6 - 10 p.m. and weekends only 491-3176 (Mr96)

**Ask any leprechaun** — A golden tan is better than any pot of gold you'll ever find. Through March 31 get \$5 off all packages of 10 or more tans from **St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Ave., 341-3740**

## PERSONALS for Women

**An attractive, professional, discrete, and outgoing GWF** seeks gay, bi, or married white females for friendship and possible relationship. Enjoy sports. Must be slender to average, non-drinker and no drugs. Age no problem. Please write to: P.O. Box 34014, Omaha, NE 68134. (My96)

**The Sun's always shining at St. Mary's Tan,** 2202 St. Mary's Avenue, 341-3740, March Special: \$5 off all packages of 10 or more tans.

**Lonely?** Let me be your buddy bear. Broken-hearted, passionately attentive Hawaiian/American lady in my mid 20's longing to meet women who enjoy cuddling, moonlit walks, candle light dinners, poetry, sensual massage, and making love. Let's pretend we're in love and unlock the cages of desire and passion. Looking for people in the Omaha, Council Bluffs vicinity. Arlena, RR1, Box 125, Braddyville, IA 51631 (Mr96)

**My body aches with desire.** My lips long to brush against the petals of a pink rose and taste its sweet love. Feed my hunger and quench my thirst. Allow me to rest upon the breast of passion and escape the quickening sentiment of desire. Arlena, RR1, Box 125, Braddyville, IA 51631 (Mr96)

**Make it a special Spring** with a tan from **St. Mary's Tan,** 2202 St. Mary's Avenue, 341-3740, March Special: \$5 off all packages of 10 or more tans.

**Bi-female,** 5-ft, 101 lbs, seeks other Bi females. Send picture, will return same. P.O. Box 101, 1124 Pacific, Omaha, NE 68108 (Mr96)

**Looking for Butch-female** that is GWF, 40's, creative, cute, likes to snuggle, loves romance. Let's be happy together! Pat, P.O. Box 3842, Sioux City, IA 51104 (Mr96)

**Spring is Here!** You'll be looking your best when you hit the beaches thanks to **St. Mary's Tan, 2202 St. Mary's Avenue, 341-3740.** \$5 off all packages of 10 or more tans through March 31

## PERSONALS for Men

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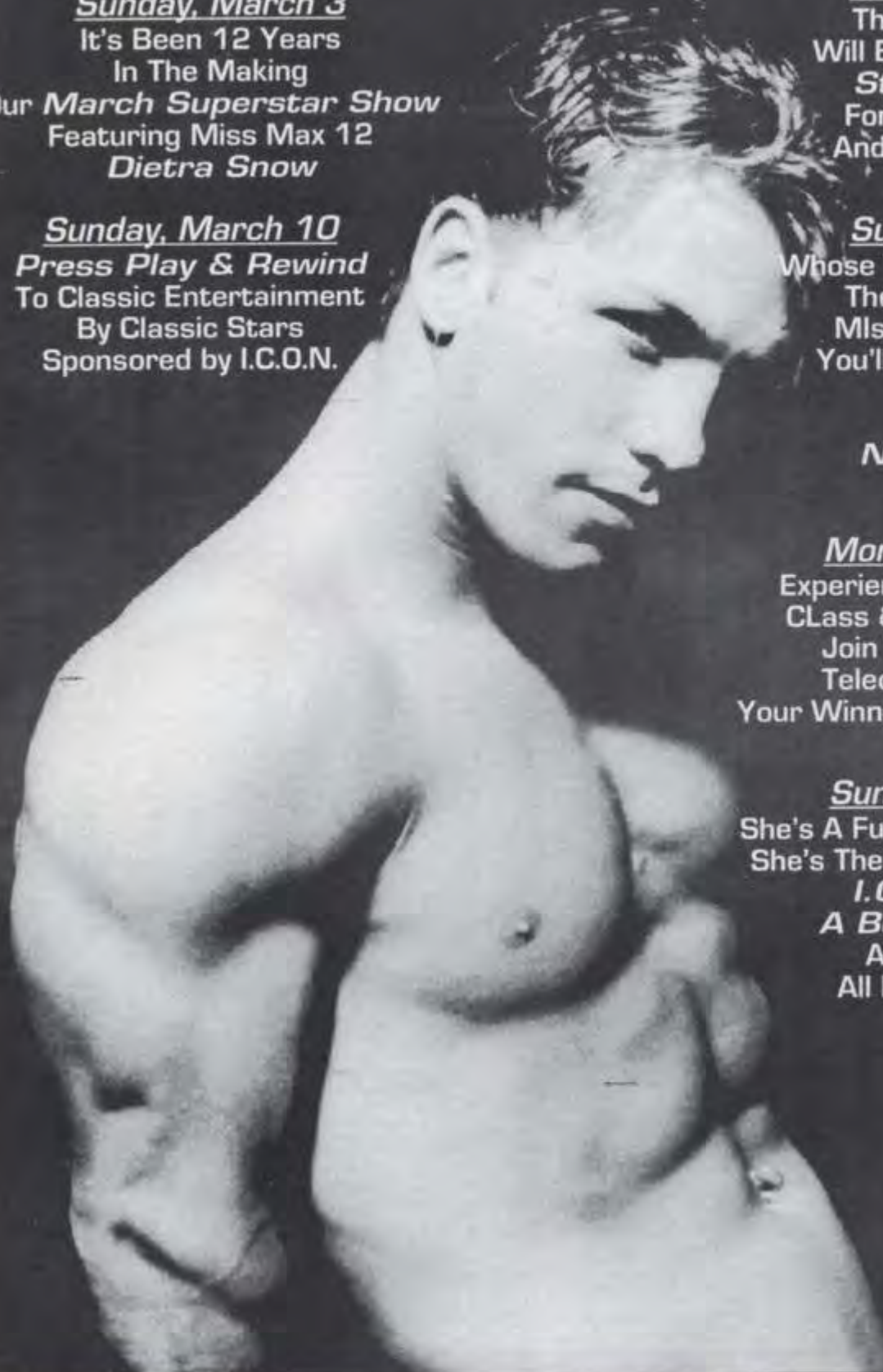
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