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## THANK YOU, NEW VOICE STAFF

By Sharon Van Butsel

As I've worked on the final details of putting this issue of *The New Voice* together, I've been especially impressed with what a good job the Steering Committee and staff do in publishing this magazine every month. We are rapidly approaching our tenth anniversary — ten years of putting out a monthly magazine (This month marks the 6th anniversary of when *The New Voice* moved to Omaha). And we've never missed an issue. I think that's a pretty good accomplishment for a volunteer organization.

With that basis in mind, I want to give a personal "Thank You" to some very hard working people and also let you know a little bit of the process that we go through each month.

As soon as one month's issue is distributed, we start the process for publishing the next month's issue. Dick Brown, our Treasurer and Advertising Manager, does all the billing and pays all the bills, keeps all the books, and balances the checkbook each month. (Each month he copies the bank statement and gives a written reconciliation to all members of the Steering Committee. And each month of the last 5+ years his books have balanced to the penny.) If some group or business is slow about getting their payment in, then Dick calls and sends more statements, etc. In addition, Dick solicits and does the contracts for all advertisements which appear in *The New Voice*. He consults with advertisers about the size, composition, and placement of their ad and collects completed camera ready copy.

However, many of the ads which appear in *The New Voice* are ones which we design and typeset ourselves. For that job, Dick teams up with Sharon McCartney, our Subscription Manager, Typist, Proofreader, and Typesetter. Sharon and Dick spend several hours together each month determining the actual placement of the advertisements within the magazine and typesetting advertisements.

In addition, Sharon McCartney maintains the subscription roles, printing mailing labels, addressing envelopes, and sending notices when subscriptions are due for renewal. She adds new subscribers and removes those whose subscriptions have expired. She also maintains the "Exchange List" — that list of publications, organizations, and individuals who receive a complimentary copy of *The New Voice* each month. Sharon also does the bulk of the typing of the articles in the magazine, transforming press releases and other submissions into a set of files on Macintosh computer discs.

As editor, I go through stacks and stacks of mail each month, determining which press releases and submissions will be used, and editing them for length, grammar, etc. I receive the articles from our very talented writing and reporting staff and add them to the other material. The edited copy then goes to Sharon McCartney for typing.

Then, each month, Sharon delivers two discs — one with the template of the magazine and the other with the files of typed material — to Sharon Van Butsel (me) and Carla Petersen. Carla and I have been also been typing other articles (usually local news and late submissions) onto Macintosh discs, as well as composing stories about local events. I combine the two Macintosh discs, print out a directory, and prioritize articles so we can include the most "important" articles first.

The actual layout of the articles within the magazine is something that Carla and I work on together. Carla does the bulk of the layout, but I help when her work schedule gets too hectic. We use a PageMaker program to place articles, create headlines, do special effects, etc. It's a lot like doing a jigsaw puzzle as we try to make the articles fit around the advertisements.

The process of laying out the magazine takes 8-10 hours at the computer, and once it's done, the finished product is again put on disc and goes

back to Sharon McCartney. She proofreads the entire magazine and prints out the final copy which goes back to Dick Brown.

While all of this has been going on, Terry Sweeney has been working on artwork for the cover of *The New Voice*, combining clip art and graphics into the striking covers which have become the trademark of *The New Voice*. Terry's artwork goes to Dick Brown to be added to the rest of the hard copy.

Dick pastes in all photos (which he took to Bob Ewing at Printing Plus earlier in the month so they could be half-toned), the artwork for the cover, and the camera ready display ads. Dick then delivers the finished copy to Bob Ewing at Printing Plus who does the printing, collating, and stapling of the finished product.

Pat Phalen picks up the finished magazine from Bob, puts the copies for subscribers in their envelopes, packages magazines to be sent to distribution points outside of Omaha, and sorts and prepares the envelopes for bulk mail. After these issues are mailed, Pat makes his rounds to all the bars, businesses, and organizations and delivers the finished product for distribution. With that, the Steering Committee begins the cycle all over again.

Once again, I salute all the other members of the Steering Committee: Dick Brown, Sharon McCartney, Pat Phalen, Terry Sweeney, for a job well done. A special salute also to my partner, Carla Petersen, for her talent in writing articles and in doing the final layout of the magazine. And a salute and a heartfelt thank you to all of our writers and reporters — especially to those who write on a regular basis like RJ, Scott Lowther, Shelley Foster (who donates her syndicated column each month), R.N. Hedges and Greg Hicks (B & G). Keep up the good work!!

### FANTASY AUCTION REPORTED INCORRECTLY

It has been brought to my attention that the article regarding the Chinese Auction held at Fantasy '93 was incorrect. Mr. Paul Johnson, who was pictured with Dustin and Amy, was actually in the auction longer than Dustin and ended up putting out over \$100 of his own money before he dropped out of the auction. My apologies for the error.

Sharon Van Butsel, Editor

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER LETTER

Dear Editor:

Yes, I have a response to Andrew Hasenauer's September letter. First, even the most ardent "pro-choice" people have stated they personally oppose abortion and even find it abhorrent as most heterosexuals do. When I said heterosexuals find abortion abhorrent, I should have stressed they are less likely to defend an abortion clinic than those who are gay or who favor gay rights. To the public for gay and lesbian people to defend abortion only reflects badly on gay people. Secondly, many gay and lesbian people who are in relationships and have children feel shunned by the gay community. Some gay and lesbian individuals have complained that married gay couples and their children amounts to the "heterosexual assimilation" of gay and lesbian people.

You can say you're "pro-choice" all you want as can the public but it has no basis in reality. I have talked with many women who have had abortions and every single one said society provided NO CHOICE, no options, and regretted the abortion. Men hate women when they're pregnant which explain why women are often beaten by their "lover" upon becoming pregnant. Abortion is the abusive work of philandering male heterosexuals who defend the practice so they do not have to make a commitment of caring for a child. Sound crazy? The only place you find women in the contraceptive and abortion industry is in the area of public relations. All too often it

is men who perform the abortion and prescribe the contraceptives.

Mr. Hasenauer, if you had read my letter with a bit more care you would realize I was complaining about the actions of idiotic heckler and not the entire gay and lesbian community. However, I must say that the use of the "right to privacy" argument doesn't hold water in defending gay rights, and the "marriage" to abortion advocacy has only worked because society favored sexual liberation. But if you have noticed the term "sexual freedom" has been replaced with "reproductive freedom" you will note a change has been made which can exclude gay and lesbian people.

Readers, which of the following is least likely to happen?

- A) a woman is fired from her job for having an abortion
- B) a woman is fired because she is pregnant
- C) a woman is fired because she is a lesbian
- D) a woman is fired because she wore a pro-life button to work.

The answer is A, ask Jan Stoney of U S WEST about letter D. I provide this to show you that abortion is more likely to be defended than any available option regarding pregnancy, sexual orientation, and speech. I am sorry but the "right to privacy" defense for gay rights is very limited. Gay and lesbian rights can only rely on the politics of the President or the current trend of the courts.

If gay and lesbian people still see homosexuality as a sin instead of a gift from God. There are many who unfortunately feel "well, if I'm going to hell anyway I may as well try all the other sins of the world" or worst yet "there is no such thing as right and wrong so I'm going to do what I feel like doing."

If gay and lesbian people do not see themselves as good people, how in the world are we going to convince the rest of the world we are good people? If our attitudes changes, our politics would be more positive, more effective and stand for something instead of attacking "them".

Is it too much to say God loves both gay and straight, born and unborn children? Why am I attacked for saying people are worth something?

Sincerely,  
Andrew Sullivan

## I NEVER THOUGHT I'D DEFEND A PRO-LIFER

Dear Editor:

I wonder how many mouths dropped in disbelief when people read "A Woman's Right to Choose" in the October edition of *The New Voice*. My mouth was one of them. I never thought I'd defend a pro-lifer, until now.

The writer of "A Woman's Right to Choose" correctly states that abortion is not a gay issue. Yet, he took half a page to try and make it one.

I will be damned before someone tells me that because I'm gay, I'm only capable of taking one side of an issue. We are not made of one mind, especially when it comes to non-gay issues.

The two men who held up a sign which read "PRO-LIFE GAYS" had every right to do that. Although I don't agree with their opinions on this issue, I would stand up for their right to hold that sign any day.

Instead of shouting them down, I would have applauded them. They held that sign up at the March on Washington for one reason; to show America how diverse we really are.

The writer says, "What right does anyone have to force a woman to give birth against her will? The anti-choice people cannot answer that question without referring to a god or their religious beliefs."

My question: What's wrong with that? Besides, I have heard answers to his question that made no reference to a god or any religious belief.

Perhaps the most frustrating thing about the abortion debate is each side's intolerance for what the opponent is saying. The writer shows his intolerance with the answer to his own question. He provides the usual reasons to support pro-choice.

However, I have news for him. The pro-life force has arguments worth considering too. If this issue is ever going to be resolved (and I doubt it will), both sides had better stop being so unbending.

In an odd way, the diversity shown by those two men created more unity that they're given credit. The writer tried, but failed, to destroy it.

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Sincerely yours,  
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## KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Dear Editor,

Talked to a friend today and we discussed the latest issue of *New Voice* — I agree that we enjoy it. The news of what is happening in the city, the support for all that has been established, and the eye opening article — keep up the good work.

From the "Cornfield"  
Pining for those "City Lights."  
Still have the Closet Door (NAILED) Shut!!

## UNMC FOUNTAIN A WASTE

Dear Editor,

It behooves me to write concerning the expenditure of money on the "fountain" in front of the UNMC Medical Center. This monstrosity is one of the biggest wastes of money I have seen. From the time I have seen it work, it doesn't and can't. I know the reasoning behind governmental involvement on all large cost projects, etc., etc., but let's wake up, folks. A large portion of that money could have been spent on cancer or AIDS research. This letter is from a concerned, frustrated individual who can't believe how badly the establishment wastes money in the name of art. If this thing ever works, it will amaze me and other concerned individuals as well.

Denny D.

## MAN FROM POLAND LOOKING FOR FRIENDS

Dear Sir!

I am a Polish man gay, 31 years old. I live in South part of Poland near Czech border. I am working to the railway as a signal man and over summer's months, I am a guide and translator with foreign tourists at the Concentration Camp Museum in Auschwitz-Birkenau. I am a lover of music. I like to travel, photography, correspondence, hike mountains, animals, good friends. I would really like to have special American friends. Can I ask you a special favor. If it is possible to add, put my address to your magazine, please. I'll be so grateful for your help. I will answer all letters! Thank you very much!

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## BEWARE OF PRISONER ADS: IT COULD BE A SCAM!

Dear Editor:

In your September issue, you ran a classified ad and letter from a man who wrote from prison. As an editor, you should be aware of high probability that such ads turn out to be scams that seek to obtain money from gay men.

*Frontiers* gets about one of these letters each month from a "gay" man who is in prison. ALWAYS requesting a free classified that seeks pen pals. Once they start getting to know those who write (generally targeting closeted gay men; the prisoners always describes themselves in the letters as good-looking men, and the "victim" is usually bound that such a handsome man would be interested in them), they ask for loans or other financial assistance.

These requests are almost always scams. And since *Frontiers* (as likely your publication as well) does not have the resources to check out which are true, we simply don't print any of them.

I hope you take this as a warning that printing such ads is a great disservice to your readers.

Sincerely, Bill Geiger  
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## READERS!

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH ADS FROM PRISONERS! IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN TO A PRISONER PLEASE CONTACT THE NEW VOICE REGARDING YOUR EXPERIENCE SO THAT WE CAN MAKE A POLICY DECISION THAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR READERS. WE WANT TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR READERS.

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## NEW VOICE OPENS DOORS

Dear Sharon,

Enclosed are my submissions for this month. During this past month, I lost both a roommate and his computer, so now I must employ an old typewriter that is possessed by some frustrated poet who never got past rhyming every other line.

Thanks again for all your help and support. So many doors have opened thanks to *The New Voice*.

Hope everything is going well.

Thanks,  
Brian Bengtson

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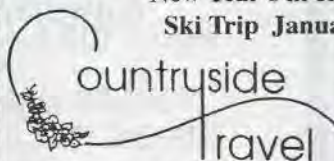
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# FEATURES

## UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is dedicated to presenting the history of the persecution and murder of millions of innocent people by the Nazis and their collaborators. Though Jews were the primary target of Nazi extermination policies, many others were victimized for various reasons.

Communists, Social Democrats, trade unionists, and pacifists were arrested because of their politics. Homosexuals were imprisoned because of their sexual preference. Dissenting clergy faced arrest if they spoke out against the regime, Jehovah's Witnesses were punished for their refusal to swear allegiance to the state and, because of their Communist ideology, Soviet prisoners of war were the only POW's singled out for barbaric treatment and starvation through a special German directive.

The majority of victims, especially the Jews, were targeted for extermination because of their racial origins. In Nazi thinking, humanity was divided into a series of "higher" and "lower" races. Like the Jews, Roma (Gypsies) were deemed racially "inferior," and similarly, Poles and other Slavs were believed to constitute a threat to the "pure Aryan" Germans because of their "substandard" racial makeup. The mentally and physically disabled were regarded as social burdens on the German state.

Through artifacts, documents, videotaped eyewitness testimony, historical photographs and

film footage, the wartime experiences of these various victims will be included in the Museum's Permanent Exhibition, special exhibitions, collections, library, archives, educational programs and resource materials.

The new chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, Miles Lerman, a Holocaust survivor, spoke about the need to become involved with the Museum. "I don't care where the prejudice grows, whether it's against Jews, blacks, Jehovah's Witnesses or gays — it doesn't make any difference. Hate is hate. Our job has just begun. We need to reach out to all of America," Mr. Lerman said.

Radu Ioanid, Director of the Jewish Holocaust Survivor Registry, spoke about the Museum's Research Institute. "We have a serious need for more material and would appreciate donations of any photos or archival material," he said. Mr. Lerman underscored the desire for more material about gays in the Holocaust. "I cannot tell you how hard I worked to get information on this subject. We need it. Please help us gather information, artifacts and oral histories through your own sources and contacts," he said.

The fundraising effort to complete the costs of building the Museum is not finished. More than 25 million dollars still needs to be raised. Contact for the gay fundraising effort is Brenda A. Fraser who can be reached at 202-4888-2662. Tax deductible pledges, payable over five years, and all other donations to the Museum can be sent to her attention at 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W., Washington, DC 20024-2150. Checks marked with the code 8014 will be earmarked as gifts from the gay and lesbian community.

### Persecution of Homosexuals in Nazi Germany

As part of their attempt to purify German society and propagate a "master race," the Nazis condemned homosexuals and lesbians as "socially aberrant." Soon after taking office, Hitler banned all homosexual and lesbian organizations. Meanwhile, storm troopers razed the institutions

and gathering places of the homosexual and lesbian community.

Because of the criminalization and social stigmatization of homosexuals in European countries for decades following the Holocaust, it is particularly difficult to collect material on this subject. Very few artifacts have survived, most survivors were discouraged from telling their stories, and most material consists of documents and published laws. (If you, or anyone you know, has material on homosexual victims of Nazism and would be willing to make it available to the Museum, or if you know someone who witnessed the persecution of homosexuals during the Holocaust, we urge you to contact us.)

In 1934, the SS chief, Heinrich Himmler, created a special police bureaucracy primarily to combat male homosexuality. As early as December of that year, homosexual men were subjected to systematic criminal prosecution. Many of them were imprisoned in concentration camps. The uniform sometimes bore an identifying mark, usually a black dot. Later, this mark was replaced by a pink triangle.

The majority of homosexual victims were males; lesbians were spared systematic persecution. Between 10,000 and 12,000 homosexuals, most of them German and Austrian, were imprisoned in the camps. They often received the hardest work assignments, and as a result, more than half died. Many homosexuals were also sentenced and interned under other categories. The mortality figure is believed to be at least 2,200 - 5,000. Apparently, as many as 63,000 men were convicted of homosexual offenses in courts from 1934 - 45.

Under the Allied military Government of Germany, homosexuals were forced to serve out their terms of imprisonment, regardless of time spent on concentration camps.

The Nazi law against homosexuality remained in effect until 1969. Homosexual concentration camp prisoners were not acknowledged as Nazi victims, and any German reparations were refused.

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# CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

by Shelley Roberts

I've forgiven TJ for being heterosexual. And she's absolved me of any responsibility to her about my particular life choices.

Which is good, because we're really close friends.

We once were also partners, trying to create an advertising agency out of a couple of untended dreams, and way too little capital. Just at a time when the financial ground under New England feet was shaking and crumbling. There wasn't enough business to keep us in business. But, in spite of our differences, there was enough friendship to last.

She, her husband, and her two teenage-boy children left the state we were in and headed innocently into Oregon. I headed for warm South Florida fortunes.

Now TJ visits us once a spring to get a tan. (They don't specialize in sunshine in the Pacific Northwest.) And also to get her yearly fill of female. When you're surrounded by that much testosterone for fifty weeks, you're due a little estrogen relief. So TJ spends her days beaching, her evenings cooking us gourmet meals, none of which call for hot dogs or peanut butter as a key ingredient, and her nights talking woman-stuff.

She loves it. We love her. We don't have to cook for a week. We eat well, watch sappy movies in the afternoon when I'm done writing, or go touring, and generally, it feels like we go on vacation together. Which is great for Judi and me, because we don't pay airfare, and TJ buys the groceries.

One outdoor afternoon on Ocean Avenue, feasting on Miami Beach warmth, the tourist array, and the hideously guilt-inducing satisfaction of News Cafe burgers and fries, I decided to talk Oregon. (Florida is facing yet another self-righteous religious fanatic attack and it's always helpful to get perspective from a winning arena.)

"So, what was the Oregon fight like from a straight person's perspective," I queried, mental note-pad poised for helpful hints on our local struggle. I didn't get any. Instead, I got umbrage.

"You can't do that to me!"

"Do what?"

"Ask me a question like that. It presumes that we're different. It separates us."

Phew! Hard to disagree on that. Haven't I spent hours of ink, haven't I we all spent hours of effort, telling the *Thems* that we weren't different? That we were just the same as everybody? That we were just like them and they shouldn't treat us differently?

But I realized in that conversation, in fact, that we are different. Oh, not the way David

Koresh wannabe's want us to be. Not so much in sexual practice, as in *survival practice*. We, in circling our wagons, have created ourselves as a culture. Not as author Frank Browning suggests, a *Culture of Desire*, but a *Culture of Survival*. One that gives us common ground even in our fractioned diversity, a common perspective from which to voice our shared experiences, hopes and fear. When Browning asks what a gay North Carolina Pig Farmer, and a New York City drag queen have in common, meaning "nothing", I say to him what I said to TJ: "Lots!"

The differences aren't so much genetic as societal.

I asked TJ if she knew who Kate Clinton was. Did she listen to Romanovsky & Phillips? Did Jude mean anything more to her than National Watermelon month? Had she heard of Stonewall? Read anything by Michaelangelo Signorelli? Or Jewelle Gomez? Where had she put herself on the Kinsey scale? Had she considered weighing herself on such a scale? Could she recite the dialog from the movie, *Lianna*, by heart? Or seen *Desert Hearts*? If I referred to "the kiss" on LA Law, would she know what I was talking about? Sure, she knew about Harvey Milk, but did the name David Kopay ring a bell? Did her magazine rack hold *10 Percent*? Or *Out*? Or *Lambda Book Report*? Did San Francisco hold a special place in her heart for anything beyond dungenous crab and cable cars? Had she studied Loulan?

I didn't mean to exclude her, but as we talked, it became clear to us both that there were differences in our lifestyles. And it didn't revolve around either of our stereotypes. When my son was young, I spent as many hours as she did baking cookies and at PTA. Though she'd never listened much to Chris Williamson, she does like KD Lang and the Indigo Girls.

While we were swabbing our fires, we came to an understanding. It wasn't necessary to us to be exactly the same in order for us to share love, and honor. Our human qualities, the ones that were the same, like laughing and crying, and loving and dying, and most of the one-on-one emotional interactions between, were enough to forge strong links. And that there was still sufficient space to allow for our diversity. That it was okay for us to be not-exactly-carbon-copies, because out of that difference could come respect.

I guess I hadn't thought of us like that before. Not until TJ demanded that I not make myself different from her, did I begin to examine the reality of our differences. The richness and value of a culture that I hope we're not willing to sacrifice in the name of assimilation. Someone

asked Frank Browning on my radio show, if he thought that our culture could survive the success we seek. He said he didn't know, but that since he thought it could "take a couple of hundred years for us to achieve that success, what difference did it make? We'd all be gone by then."

If he'd have asked me, or TJ, after that afternoon on South Beach, I think we would have disagreed. We'd have said that it will be the combination of the richness of our cultural differences and similarities that will create the acceptance we're after.

I can't wait till TJ's next visit. I know we're going to continue this conversation. And by then, I should have worked through enough cholesterol angst to order another burger. Her, too. It's something we have in common.

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## Museum Collections Document Fate of Homosexuals

**Artifacts:** Two pink triangular patches categorizing prisoners as homosexuals; Prisoner of the Camps segment of the Permanent Exhibition.

**Photographs:** Photographs depicting gays and lesbians in Germany before 1933 and "mug shots" of prisoners; some are in the "Enemies of the State" and Prisoners of the Camps segments of the Permanent Exhibition.

**Oral Histories:** One audiotaped interview with a homosexual victim.

**ID Card Project:** Ten ID Cards on homosexual victims. Each visitor to the Permanent Exhibition will be offered a passport-like card bearing the name and picture of a Holocaust victim, matched by gender and similar in age to the visitor.

**Archives:** Photocopies of records documenting the persecution of homosexuals in Dusseldorf, Cologne, and arrests by the German police in raids in 1936, from the Bundesarchiv in Koblenz, Germany.

**Educational Materials:** Artifact Poster Set and accompanying Teacher Guide; annual Days of Remembrance book and lesson plans; and Resource Center materials all document the fate of homosexuals under Nazi occupation.

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## LEGALIZED DISCRIMINATION IN VIRGINIA CUSTODY CASE

On September 7th, a Virginia judge declared Sharon Bottoms an "unfit" mother because she was open and honest about her love for another woman, April Wade. Sharon's mother will retain custody of her two-year-old son, Tyler. This decision is a tragedy for Sharon, April and Tyler, for all Virginians, and indeed all Americans—parents and children, gay and straight alike.

The case of Sharon Bottoms has received national attention in the media because it is believed to be the first decision by an appellate court where someone other than a parent successfully sues for custody of a child based on a parent's homosexuality.

But custody battles—involving ex-spouses and even grandparents—are nothing new in our community. The threat of losing custody of one's children in court has been and still is a danger for millions of gay and lesbian Americans. The American Bar Association estimates that there are over four million lesbian and gay parents in the United States, raising six to eight million children. "Disputes over child custody and visitation," reports John Sheets, President of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI), "are the number one reason lesbian and gay Americans go to court."

While we were hopeful that a favorable decision for Sharon and her family would correct past injustices against gay and lesbian parents in Virginia, this decision is not entirely unexpected. Historically, Virginia has been one of the slowest states to adapt to changing social patterns. In the 1960s, marriage outside one's race was grounds for imprisonment in the state.

Virginia still interferes in the lives of its citizens with one of the most repressive anti-

sodomy laws in the nation. And Virginia is one of two states with the most unfavorable legal situations for lesbian and gay parents. Lesbian and gay parents in Virginia have always been hesitant to be open, because they know such unfavorable laws exist.

The decision in the Sharon Bottoms case is based on HOMOPHOBIA—the irrational fear and hatred of lesbians and gays. Because of homophobia, judges ignore expert testimony on the overwhelming "fitness" of lesbian and gay parents and "normalcy" of our children. Instead, "they listen to the lies and perpetuate the MYTHS," says Vickie Harris, GLPCI's Executive Vice President, "myths that destroy families in the name of Family Values."

We must confront and destroy these myths!

Are our children unhealthy psychologically or vulnerable to mental breakdown? — No, study after study shows that there are no significant differences between our children and the children of straight parents.

Are lesbians incapable of maternal feeling? — No, America is in the midst of a "Gay Baby Boom" as more and more lesbians are making their dreams for children come true. And likewise, more and more gay men are acting on their desire to become fathers.

Do our children grow up confused about their gender identity and sexual feelings? — No, they do not, but they often grow up more accepting of people who are different.

Do all of our children grow up to become lesbians or gay men? — No, they do not. They grow up to be exactly who they are meant to be. And our children are lucky to be born into families that love and accept them — whatever their

sexual orientation.

Do gay men and lesbians, including parents, molest children? — No, the typical abuser of children is a straight, male family member.

Are gay and lesbian parents "unfit" to be parents? — Absolutely not! says the American Psychological Association of Social Workers, among others.

With the Sharon Bottoms custody decision, the Virginia courts took a giant step backwards — while the rest of the nation is slowly moving forward. Twice as many states have appellate court rulings stating that homosexuality *per se* cannot be used against parents in custody decisions, as opposed to states where it can. An increasing number of jurisdictions have granted "second parent adoptions" — allowing the partner of a lesbian or gay parent to become a second legal parent to the child. More and more adoption agencies are realizing that the lesbian and gay community is a largely untapped source of outstanding homes for children needing parents.

What can we do to fight for what is right in Virginia? The anti-sodomy statute must go! We can change hearts and minds by coming out to our family and friends, our neighbors and co-workers. We can write letters, speak out, volunteer and vote. We can Destroy the Myths!

Sharon, April, Tyler — keep fighting! Our hearts are with you! Love makes a Family!

Notes:

1)ABA Annual Meeting Provides Forum for Family Law Experts," 13 Fam. L. Rep. [Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., Washington, DC], pages 1512-1513 [August 25, 1987].

2 Second parent Adoptions have been granted in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California,

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### COLAGE REACTS

On September 7, 1993, a Henrico County, Virginia judge ruled that a woman may retain custody of her lesbian daughter's two-year-old son. The judge said Sharon Bottom's relationship with her live-in partner renders her an "unfit parent."

COLAGE, Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, is the only national organization run by and for the daughters and sons of lesbians and gay men. Our 600-plus members represent only a tiny fraction of the six to eight million Americans with lesbian and gay parents.

We know firsthand that the judgment in the Sharon Bottoms case was inaccurate, prejudiced and does not reflect the reality of growing up with a lesbian mother. Scientific studies and our own experiences show there are no bad effects of growing up with lesbian and gay parents. However, the secrecy many of us must maintain because of the threat of custody cases is a burden. The irony of this judgment — "in the best interests of the child" — is that decisions like these cause the most problems for us.

Our hearts go out to two-year-old Tyler. We all have experienced some type of negative reaction to our families; custody rulings based on sexual orientation of our parents are simply an extreme form.

Fortunately, this case does not reflect the positive trend in courts and other institutions toward our families. We believe this trend will continue as more and more Americans realize that children aren't raised by their parents' sexual

orientation, they are raised by their parents' love.

### Further information

The Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI) is a worldwide advocacy and support group for lesbian mothers, gay fathers, co-parents, prospective parents and children. GLPCI does not provide legal services for parents involved in custody battles, but urges parents seeking legal resources to contact the following organizations:

National Center for Lesbian Rights  
1662 Mission Street, Fifth Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415-621-0674

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund  
666 Broadway, 12th Floor  
New York, NY 10012  
212-995-8385

Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund  
P.O. Box 21567  
Seattle, WA 98111  
206-325-2543

Contributions to the "Sharon Bottom's Custody Study" may be sent to the Lesbian Mothers' Defense Fund.

GLPCI publishes a 20-page "Bibliography for Children with Gay and Lesbian Parents" has over 85 titles of picture books geared for kids from birth to age 10 (\$2.50). GLPCI's quarterly newsletter, *Network*, is free with a \$15.00 annual membership contribution (complementary issues are available upon request). All mailing information is kept strictly confidential and will never be released to any organization.

COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere) is a program of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI) — a worldwide advocacy and support group for lesbian mothers, gay fathers, co-parents, prospective parents and children.

*Just for Us*, the newsletter of COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gay Everywhere), is available for the daughters and sons of lesbian mothers and gay fathers (suggested annual donation \$5.00). COLAGE can be reached at: 3023 North Clark, Box 121, Chicago, IL 60657; Phone (202)583-8029.

Contact GLPCI for more information, including information on local chapters in your area. GLPCI can be reached at P.O. Box 50360, Washington, DC 20091, USA; Phone (202)583-8029. In Canada, write GLPCI, c/o Gay Fathers of Toronto, Box 187, Station F, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2L5.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## PERI JUDE RADECIC NGLTF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**PERI JUDE RADECIC BEING INTERVIEWED FOLLOWING OMAHA'S 1992 PRIDE PARADE**

The Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) named Peri Jude Radevic as the organization's new executive director. Radevic, the organization's current Deputy Director for Public Policy, replaces Tonic Osborn. "Peri Jude is a Task Force success story," said Elizabeth Birch, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors. "With her dynamic leadership abilities, institutional knowledge, and tireless energy, the Task Force could not be in better hands."

Radevic, 33, brings more than 15 years experience in movement organizing, management, communications, and top notch political skills to her new position. She joined the staff of the Task Force as a lobbyist in 1987, organizing the lobby days around the 1987 March on Washington. She moved on to become the organization's first Legislative Director, then was promoted to her current position as Deputy Director for Public Policy in 1991. Radevic was a central figure in the successful effort to pass the Hate Crime Statistics Act, a key legislative victory for the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community, and was invited to witness President George Bush signing the bill into law at the White House.

"Our work will be a strategic mix of building and strengthening our movement at the state and local level, combined with a more aggressive Federal lobby. The work of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has never been more critical," said Radevic. "New programming priorities, such as health policy with a focus on lesbian health care and AIDS, campus and workplace organizing, state and local civil rights organizing, strengthening our response to increasing threat of the Far Right, are at the heart of our movement."

Radevic earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication at the University of Pittsburgh, where she was collegiate All-American discus thrower in track and field competition. She cut her political teeth working with the National Organization for Women as the Lesbian Rights Program Director at the national office.

## BATTLE AGAINST MILITARY BAN MOVES TO COURTS

The U.S. House of Representatives voted to set into federal law an anti-gay military policy — a virtual replica of the 50-year old Defense Department policy. The policy, put forward in an amendment by Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO) and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), is part of the 1994 DoD authorization bill that President Clinton is expected to sign when the bill reaches his desk. While the House vote codifies discrimination against gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, the 169 votes against codification indicates a solid base of support in Congress for ending discrimination. The battle against the ban will now continue in a variety of court cases challenging the Constitutionality of the policy.

The House voted on an amendment offered by Rep. Marty Meehan (D-MA) to strike the Nunn-Skelton codification amendment. That measure, which was identical to a measure offered in the Senate by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), was defeated in a 169-264 vote. Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA) offered an amendment to reinstate asking the sexual orientation of those entering the military. That amendment was defeated in a 144-291 vote. The House voted 302-133 in favor of the Skelton amendment, which will make the anti-gay policy a federal law rather than a DoD directive.

"The votes in favor of the Meehan Amendment in the House and the Boxer Amendment in the Senate are encouraging, in spite of the opposition from the White House and vigorous opposition from the Pentagon," said Peri Jude Radevic who takes over as Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) on November 1. "The White House completely acquiesced on this, allowing supporters of the ban to carry the day. With White House support, the Meehan and Boxer

amendments might have passed."

The focus of the battle against the ban now moves to the courts, where there are at least a dozen challenges to the old policy, the interim policy and the new policy. Last week, a U.S. district court judge ordered Sec. of Defense Les Aspin to appear in his courtroom to explain why the DoD has not followed the judge's order to stop discharging gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals. The order was issued in the case of Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, an openly gay man, who is challenging the military's policy. In January, U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter issued an order reinstating Meinhold and directing the military to stop discharging soldiers on the basis of their sexual orientation. Aspin or a representative is scheduled to appear in court September 30.

In addition to the Meinhold case, other pending challenges include the following: Joe Steffan, a former midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy who recently presented oral arguments before a U.S. court of appeals; Zoe Dunning, an active Navy reserve officer, who has been recommended for discharge because she is a lesbian; Justin Elzie, former Marine Corps Sergeant and Marine of the Year award recipient; Tom Pannicia, former Air Force Sergeant, who was discharged last year for his sexual orientation; Joyce Walmer, an active duty Army Major who remains on active duty under a temporary restraining order; Margarethe Cammermeyer, a former colonel in the Washington State National Guard, who filed suit last year after acknowledging during a security background check that she is a lesbian; and Dusty Pruitt, a former captain in the Army Reserves, who won a partial victory at a circuit court level that demanded the military present a substantial rationale for her discharge under the anti-gay policy.

"The legislative chapter of this issue is now closed, but the litigation chapter is only beginning," said Tanya Domi, NGLTF Military Freedom Initiative Director. "As we've said all along — this battle won't be finished until discrimination against gay men, lesbians and bisexuals is no longer institutionalized or supported by the U.S. government. The issues won't go away, and we're not going away."

## U. S. HOUSE PASSES NEW HATE CRIME LEGISLATION

In a major victory for lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act of 1993 by an overwhelming voice vote on September 21st. The vote marks only the second time in history that legislation specifically including lesbian and gay Americans has passed the House.

"At a time when lesbian and gay issues are at the forefront of our national political agenda, Congress put aside partisan differences to unite against gay bashing and hate crimes," notes Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which strongly supported the legislation. McFeeley was among those who spoke at a Spring press conference when the bill was introduced. The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI), now moves to the Senate where Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) is expected to oppose the inclusion of sexual orientation as a category in the bill. The legislation, if passed, will increase, by three offense levels, the sentence for federal hate crimes where the victim was targeted because of race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.



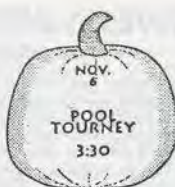


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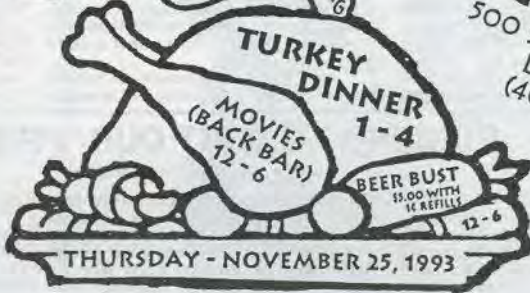
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# CLINTON GIVES DENVER LESBIAN NOD TO HIGH POST

by Kathy Deitsch

In a phone interview Carol Bellamy, director designate of the Peace Corps, confirmed that Judy Harrington, former campaign advisor to Equal Protection Only Colorado (EPOC) campaign, has been selected by President Clinton to assume a high post with the Peace Corps. When contacted at her Denver home, Harrington explained in an interview with Preferred Stock, "the position didn't require Congressional confirmation" but a security clearance was mandatory. The White House couldn't confirm the appointment, but the Peace Corps press office acknowledged Harrington is under consideration for a Senior Policy Making position which will be in place through the term of the Clinton presidency. The Peace Corps has a five year limit on a job with the agency, so Harrington would be required to leave in the middle of Clinton's second term if he is re-elected in 1996.

Harrington and Bellamy both served as Peace Corps volunteers in the 60s, Harrington in Venezuela, Bellamy in Guatemala. For a portion of 1969, Harrington was editor of Peace Corps Magazine. She first met Bill Clinton during their work together in the McGovern campaign in 1971-72. She worked in Clinton's Little Rock presidential campaign organizations. She assumed the job of campaign director to the Colorado campaign against Amendment Two in January 1992. For much of 1993 she has been on temporary assignment in Washington reportedly working for Clinton. When asked about her appointment, Harrington said her selection "was not a news story". She had assumed a similar posture during the course of the 1992 campaign against Amendment Two and was widely criticized for running such a "low key" campaign. Many EPOC donors were furious that she chose a media strategy that didn't confront the endless

"lies and myths" put forth by the Colorado Springs organization backing Amendment Two. She has consistently declined to discuss the 1992 EPOC campaign with reporters.

After the campaign, there were unconfirmed reports that Harrington had channeled campaign funds to a Little Rock research group to "prop up" her chances of receiving a presidential appointment. Such allegations have been denied by EPOC spokespersons. Campaign records attest that the Arkansas-based group was responsible for early polling data to determine attitudes of Colorado voters toward homosexuals and the proposed amendment. The campaign acknowledges and Secy. of State files confirm staffers were paid as contract labor and that EPOC escaped payroll tax. EPOC maintains they are attempting to clear up any tax questions and will pay any amounts owed. According to Tina Scardina, EPOC's secretary, the campaign has over \$20,000 left in its coffers. A final campaign report, filed with the Secy. of State in December reflected a balance remaining of \$47,525. Many questioned such a large sum of money remained when the campaign organization claimed to have shut down. Scardina contends that a January meeting, salaries of 3 employees through March, phone and postal billing all came due since the last filing and have taken out a "large chunk of money." The campaign is not required to file a financial report until December of 1993 or when they officially disband. Colorado for Family Values terminated their campaign organization in January 1993. It is alleged they are currently engaged in raising funds for the 1994 election. If so, they will be fined and required to file a campaign committee.

On July 2 Clinton nominated Carol Bellamy to head the agency. She is expected to receive

Senate confirmation when Congress reconvenes. Bellamy has held elective office first as a New York State Senator in 1973-1977, and then as President of the New York City Council 1978-1985. Virginia Appuzzo, a longtime lesbian activist, now serving as a director in New York State's Housing Department said Carol Bellamy is an "extraordinary woman whose integrity and competence is needed in government." Appuzzo recalls her ardent support of Bellamy in 1977 when Bellamy determined to leave state office and run for NYC council. Appuzzo said when she made her bid as the first openly gay candidate to run for New York state assembly, Bellamy did not support her. Appuzzo says, "that's water over the dam and she holds no ill will." Appuzzo believes "the community of lesbian and gays must move past petty political infighting and rally around those who have been our long time supporters." Bellamy is acknowledged to have a long history of support for minorities, women and gays.

The Peace Corps faces reorganization under Bellamy. Officially established in 1961 under President John Kennedy, the agency promotes world peace with a budget of \$218 million dollars. Its organizational mission is to provide trained workers to countries in need, thereby fostering a better understanding around the world of American people. Clinton in his inaugural address, challenged Americans to a "season of service—to act on your idealism by helping troubled children and keeping company with those in need." Since those first volunteers went to Ghana in August 1961, more than 138,000 volunteers have served in more than 100 countries. An old Peace Corps recruiting slogan said, "it's the toughest job you'll ever love," and for most who served it remains "the best job we ever did."

## RUNNING AGAINST OUR "FRIENDS"

by The Honorable Carole Migden

Since the election of Harvey Milk to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977, lesbians and gay men have made striking gains in securing elected office in the United States. But given our share of the electorate, our high level of political activism, and the need for heightened response to issues affecting our community, there simply aren't enough lesbians and gay men in public office — even in progressive, pro-gay cities.

The reasons are many: the high cost of running for office, the unfair stereotype that lesbian, gay, and bisexual candidates are "single issue", and the barriers erected by political machines to preserve their power. But in the final analysis, the problem isn't that we can't win office, but that we're too often afraid to run — against our "friends" if necessary.

In 1976, Harvey Milk first ran for the California State Assembly against Art Agnos, the candidate of San Francisco's Democratic Party establishment. Harvey insisted that it was not enough for lesbians and gay men to count on friendly liberal politicians to carry our issues — politicians who would claim their voice would be most likely to be heard in decision-making bodies. He insisted that lesbians and gay men need to have sufficient pride to run for office ourselves. Agnos went on to be strongly pro-gay legislator and mayor. But the political machine of which he was a part has continued to block gay political self-empowerment, holding the line against such highly qualified lesbian and gay candidates for

Congress and the State Assembly as Harry Britt, Roberta Achtenberg, John Duran, and John Laird.

It is clear that, despite the strength and loyalty we have brought to the Democratic Party, we are still not tapped by the power brokers to run for political office. Time and time again — in California and throughout the country — the gay political community has been disappointed to have the power establishment run their own hand-picked candidates, people they feel they can "count on", against viable gay candidates in races that we could win. Responding to the pressure they receive from a homophobic society, straight party leaders become nervous at the thought of openly supporting us for office.

Many in the party still subscribe to the condescending and self-serving notion that only politicians have the experience and can claim the respect necessary to secure legislation on issues affecting lesbians and gay men. Pro-gay legislators have even suggested that we should leave them alone and run our candidates in districts with homophobic incumbents — districts where they could never win. Our "friends" just can't understand why we're not simply grateful for everything they've done for us.

There's no question that many straight elected officials have supported the lesbian and gay community on issues including civil rights and AIDS. Certainly, we appreciate their efforts. But let's be realistic: our strongest champions serve in districts where a strong record on gay rights

and AIDS is required to stay in office.

For the political reality, the lesbian and gay community should not be so grateful that we do not assert ourselves in electoral politics. Our community must be willing to run against our straight friends to meet our goal of self-empowerment — just as African Americans, Latinos, and other minorities often must challenge white allies to win self-representation.

The goal of electing lesbians and gay men to office is not simply to flex our muscles. We can be far more articulate and uncompromising in representing our issues than non-gay elected officials can. Beyond that, lesbians and gay men in office have shown that we are effective on every policy levels of government. Most importantly, the power we gain by electing ourselves to office is the power to break down homophobia and change public attitudes about lesbians and gay men.

As the numbers of lesbian and gay officials have grown, and now with the leadership of Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, we have been able to provide a higher level of practical support for lesbians and gay men considering races for public office. But the most important advice we can give is to simply have the courage to run. Power is never relinquished; it has to be taken.

Carole Migden is a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. This article is excerpted from the Victory Fund's upcoming book, *Out For Office*.



## SUPPORT CLINTON'S HEALTH REFORMS

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, will support President and Mrs. Clinton's efforts to ensure access to health care for all Americans. "The general principles and reforms outlined in the plan address the greatest flaws and inequities of our current system," said Tim McFeeley, the Campaign Fund's executive director. "The concerns of gay, lesbian, and bisexual Americans in health care are also the principle issues for all Americans."

McFeeley praised President Clinton for addressing issues such as the practice of insurance underwriting to exclude from coverage people with preexisting conditions. "We believe that access to health care is a basic human right. People with AIDS and HIV know how preexisting conditions have been used to deny them access to health care. President Clinton has stated repeatedly that this practice should be eliminated and if his plan passes it will be. We will be with him in this fight."

President Clinton's health reform plan includes "funding for health care costs associated with clinical trials, and provides coverage for prescription drugs. We are continuing to lobby for these provisions, and for coverage of 'off-label' uses of prescription drugs, at last in the case of life-threatening or disabling illnesses," said Beswick, the AIDS Research Policy Analyst.

McFeeley noted that the debate over health care reform will take many months before final legislation is voted up or down. "Our community has a vital stake in health care reform. This debate affects every lesbian, gay and bisexual American, every woman concerned with breast cancer and reproductive rights, and every person with HIV and AIDS."

AIDS Action Council Executive Director Daniel Bross visited the White House to express to President Bill Clinton AIDS Action's support of the president's health care initiative.

"People living with HIV/AIDS are in dire need of fundamental change in the health care delivery system," said Bross. "AIDS Action Council applauds President Clinton for taking this historic step to reform the nation's health care system. The AIDS epidemic, more than any other public health crisis, has exposed the woeful inadequacies of our existing health care delivery system."

AIDS Action Council has evaluated the Clinton plan and found that many of its provisions address the AIDS communities' concerns.

"The broad principles in the proposal set forth by the president provide the first comprehensive national framework for addressing a range of health care issues facing people living with HIV/AIDS, from the elimination of preexisting condition exclusions to the preservation and enhancement of Ryan White CARE Act programs," said Bross. "We look forward to continuing to work with the administration to assure that issues and concerns of special interest to people living with HIV/AIDS are addressed."

"AIDS Action will press for more specific assurances regarding the confidentiality of medical records and civil rights protection for health care consumers, and will work to see that reform challenges existing shortcomings in the delivery of health care to poor and underserved communities," Bross continued. "For instance, services for people seeking treatment for substance abuse and mental illnesses must be responsive to all communities."

## HRCF's MANDY CARTER RECEIVES PEACE PRIZE

Long-time lesbian activist Mandy Carter has been chosen to receive the War Resisters League's 1993 Peace Award. WRL, which is currently celebrating its 70th anniversary presented the Award to Carter and six other recipients at its Annual Dinner in New York City on October 16, 1993.

Carter, a grass-roots organizer for more than a quarter of a century, has been a public policy advocate for the Human Rights Campaign Fund since April of 1992.

One of the nation's foremost African-American lesbian activists, she is being honored for her exemplary service to the Peace Movement during the 1970s when she served on the staff of WRL and was instrumental in organizing demonstrations to end the Vietnam War. In 1990,

she was Director of North Carolina Senate Vote '90, an independent political action committee supporting Harvey Gantt's bid to defeat conservative Senator Jesse Helms. She is also an elected member of the National Steering Committee for Stonewall 25.

On being notified of the Award, Carter expressed great thanks to the War Resisters League, and reflected that "in silence and secrecy, lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals have served in every struggle for peace, civil rights, and social justice that has ever moved this nation forward. As one of the many African-American lesbian and gay activists who was politically born in the peace and justice movement of the 1960s and '70s, it is extremely gratifying to now be honored openly."

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A nationwide network of attorneys today announced the formation of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network to provide pro bono legal assistance to gays and lesbians serving in the armed forces. The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network will respond to requests from active duty servicemembers and, using a national network of attorneys who have agreed to assist on a pro bono basis, provide local counsel and advice to gays and lesbians who are subject to harassment, investigation, discharge or imprisonment based on their sexual orientation. "The debate of the last nine months has left lesbian and gay servicemembers unsure of their rights and unsure where to turn for help," said Michelle Benecke, co-director of the Network. "The new policy is in many respects worse than the old policy, and has given commanders license to continue investigations and discharge proceedings at bases across the world," she continued. "Every day, we hear from gay and lesbian servicemembers who live in fear for their lives and their careers," said Dixon Osburn, co-Director of the Network. "The Network will coordinate and expand the nationwide network of attorneys willing to offer their services, will monitor the implementation of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" policy, and will publish analyses of ongoing cases and military policy to assist advocates who are counseling servicemembers. The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and is directed by Michelle M. Benecke and C. Dixon Osburn, respected attorneys and scholars on issues relating to gays and lesbians in the military. If you would like to become involved in the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, please contact the organization.

## FIGHT THE RIGHT

Interested in supporting the local campaigns organized to defeat anti-gay ballot initiatives? Here's a list of contacts who need and deserve your financial and moral support!

Arizona: Arizona Human Rights Fund, Post Office Box 26, Phoenix, AZ 85001-0026, (602) 530-1660.

Florida: Floridians United Against Discrimination, PO Box 310, Indian Rocks Beach, FL 34635, (904) 561-6336.

Idaho: Idaho Voices for Human Rights, 2027 Springbrook Lane, Boise, ID 83706 (208) 336, 7351.

Idahoans for Human Dignity, P O Box 797, Boise, ID 83701 (208) 34-4295.

Maine: Maine Civil Liberties Union, 97A Exchange Street, Portland, ME 04101 (207) 774-1200.

Equal Protection/Lewistown, P O Box 7804, Lewistown, ME 04243 (207) 782-5253.

Michigan: Michigan Coalition for Human Dignity, P O Box 27383, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 887-2605.

Triangle Foundation, 1964H West Seven Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48219 (313) 537-3323.

Missouri: Privacy Rights Education Project, P O Box 24106, St. Louis, MO 63130 (314) 862-4900.

Ohio: Equality Cincinnati, P O Box 271, Cincinnati, OH 45201-0271 (513) 541-8778.

Oregon: Support Our Communities, Post Office Box 40625, Portland, OR 97240 (503) 222-6151.

Washington: Hands Off Washington, P O Box 4828, Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 233-1932.

For more information on anti-gay referenda and the groups fighting them, contact the People For the American Way, 2000 M Street, N.W., Suite 40, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 467-4999.

## UNITED AIRLINES ADDS SEXUAL ORIENTATION TO EEO POLICY

United Airlines, the nation's largest airline, recently revised its corporate Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy to prohibit discrimination against gay and lesbian employees. The new policy, which became effective July 1, states that "...it is corporate policy to fill positions, with qualified candidates regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation", and that the policy applies to "employment, subsequent job placement, acceptance into our apprenticeship programs, training, compensation and all other areas of personal practice."

The EEO policy revision makes United Airlines one of the largest corporations and the first U.S. air carrier to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation. Responsible for the revision was an association of gay and lesbian United Airlines employees called the Gay/Lesbian United Employees or GLUE Coalition.

GLUE Coalition is a not-for-profit employee association dedicated to full and equal recognition for all gay and lesbian employees of United Airlines.

GLUE Coalition members represent almost every job classification at United Airlines, and reside throughout the United States, Latin America and Europe.

The organization is made up of local chapters and an international steering committee, and is currently researching and preparing a domestic partnership policy proposal to submit to United Airlines management. Information about the organization may be obtained by calling 800-999-3448.

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Omaha, 68102 Call (402) 345-2252

**Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept,** 2200 St  
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**Grand Island-Hall Co Health Dept,** 105 East  
1st St, Grand Island, Mary (308) 381-5175

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

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

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

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Regional Ctr, Admin Bldg #16,** (402) 370-3395

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

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## HOME HEALTH CARE

**LINK-ON Home Health Care,** 2118 South St.  
#B, Lincoln, 68502 (402) 435-0574, Mon-Fri  
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teaching of HIV infected individuals, people  
with AIDS, and others; Rick Swank, Director.

## AIDS ADVOCACY

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

## PASTORAL CARE

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

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

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

\*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

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

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

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

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

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600 S 42 Omaha 68198, (402) 559-6681

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

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

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

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worth, Omaha 346-8800: Dean Pierce, x 4119

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

## A FAMILY PROJECT

"Alexzandria was a fighter, very full of life." Charlyne Biggs says of her two-year-old daughter who passed away in July of 1992. For Brian and Charlyne Biggs and their two surviving daughters, the Quilt offered a way for the whole family to face their grief together. "It's something that you just have to do," says Charlyne.

The Biggs' had relocated from Chicago to the D.C. area to be near the National Institutes of health, where Alexzandria was receiving medical treatment. After they lost their daughter, Brian and Charlyne heard about the upcoming international display of the Quilt in Washington, D.C., they knew their family had to get involved. Every day they went to The NAMES Project National Capital Area workshop to work on Alexzandria's panels. During that time, they shared support and developed close ties with other panelmakers.

When the display arrived, the whole family pitched in. Mr. and Mrs. Biggs read names at the display. Their daughters Therica and Nichole, ages 10 and 11, helped put together red ribbons. A few months later, the whole family marched together with Quilt panels in President Clinton's inaugural parade.

For Alexzandria's two panels, they chose cotton because it's soft and folds easily. Flowers represent the garden which Alexzandria loved. A shooting star represents her "shooting for the skies." A rainbow sewn onto one panel has a special story behind it: When the Biggs' were choosing a burial site for Alexzandria, they came upon a beautiful spot by a tree. As they considered the site, a rainbow appeared -- a sign from Alexzandria.

"Everyone is put here for a purpose," says Charlyne Biggs, "and I believe Alexzandria did what she was supposed to have done." Alexzandria's strength has helped Mrs. Biggs to cope with HIV in her own life. "People think that AIDS means you're already dead," she says. "They shouldn't treat you like that -- they should admire and respect you." She expresses these feelings by writing poetry. On September 3, the Biggs' told their story on the ABC program *Good Morning America*.

When you look at me, what do you see?  
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Do you see the suffering of a weakening body,

Or the struggle of a fighting spirit,  
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infection  
Take the best out of me?

No, I say to you and all,  
Sit up, look around you, what do you see?  
Oh my friends, open your eyes.  
Open your arms, embrace yourselves, love  
yourselves,  
And the world would have no choice but to  
respond  
With care and affection someday

But in the meanwhile,  
Sit up and fight back.  
Do not surrender  
To the weakness of this world,  
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poem by Charlyne Biggs



# AIDS NEWS

## BLINKY PROTECTS QUILT

Opting for a low-tech solution to an increasingly complex problem, the NAMES Project recently recruited Blinky to help out in the area of Quilt conservation.

Dramatic improvements in Quilt storage, safety, and handling were made possible by the move to new facilities last winter (including a state-of-the-art sprinkler system) but one problem has cropped up that no one else has been able to handle. Mice.

"There aren't a lot of them, but we want to keep it that way," observes Evelyn Martinez, Quilt conservator. "Blinky has proven quite effective where more high-tech solutions have failed. And with all the cat images on the Quilt, I think he feels quite at home."

Before the adoption, staff and volunteers debated the pros and cons of cat fur vs. mice and decided that a little bit of cat fur was certainly preferable, particularly since it only gets on the back of the folded 12' X 12's.

Blinky has become quite an acrobat—jumping from shelf to shelf and into friendly arms.

He is a welcome addition to the staff of The NAMES Project Foundation, frequently sharing "quality time" with his fellow co-workers.

## LOOKING FOR STUDY PATIENTS

The National Institutes of Health is undertaking an interventional study using oral L-carnitine therapy in HIV-infected patients with AZT myopathy, evaluating individuals who are currently treated with AZT and have symptoms of either fatigue, muscle pain, or weakness. There are no CD4+ cell requirements to participate in this study.

To be seen, a brief referral letter from the patient's physician and recent medical records should be sent by FAX or mail. After a screening history and physical examination, candidates will undergo laboratory evaluations, EKG, echocardiogram, and muscle biopsy. The result of all studies will be forwarded for the patient's clinical care. Those included in the study will be randomized and followed bimonthly for 6 months.

There is no cost to the individual for being seen at the National Institutes of Health. Patients will only be responsible for travel costs for the initial visit. If included in the study, subsequent travel will be provided free of charge.

Other conditions currently being studied in the Neuromuscular Diseases Section include HIV-associated inflammatory myopathy and HIV-associated demyelinating neuropathy. Again there are no CD4+ cell requirements for these studies. People with symptoms of numbness, distorted sensation, or weakness starting distally and progressing proximally will be evaluated.

For more information, contact Edward J. Cupler, National Institutes of Health., Building 10, Room 4N 248, Bethesda, Maryland 20892; phone 302-496-9979 or FAX 301-402-0672.

## TREATMENT APPROVED FOR WEIGHT LOSS DUE TO AIDS

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# UNDERGROUND AIDS THERAPIES

Believe it or not, adults in the United States make more visits to providers of unconventional therapy (425 million in 1990) than to all mainstream primary care physicians combined (388 million in 1990)\*. Most of these patients seek care for chronic rather than life-threatening conditions. But the national survey that uncovered this information also underscores some startling truths that physicians who treat people with HIV disease should keep in mind. Younger patients with relatively more education and higher incomes are more likely to turn to unconventional therapies such as spiritual healing, dietary and herbal regimens, homeopathy, and folk remedies, and most are not inclined to report these alternative treatments to their physicians.

Although many people with HIV disease have tried alternatives to orthodox medical care, they and their advocates have also demanded something more: wider access to experimental and unlicensed drugs. The ways in which AIDS activists have sought and obtained this access demonstrate that orthodox therapies can themselves be obtained by unorthodox means. In the process, activists have helped to create a movement for self-empowerment. The central tenet of this movement is that waiting for the mainstream medicine to produce a cure just isn't good enough — that aggressive treatment must be had immediately, even if this means self-treatment. Like others with life-threatening diseases — but more publicly and successfully than ever before — persons with HIV insist that critically ill people have a right to try drugs not yet demonstrated to be effective in clinical trials, as long as those therapies have been shown to be safe.

What unproven drugs do people with HIV disease use? Since the AIDS underground was established in the mid-1980s, four types of treatments have been available.

- Drugs licensed in this country for one or more indications but used off-label by person with HIV disease, such as azithromycin (Zithromax) and clarithromycin (Biaxin Filmtabs) for *Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare* complex.

- Drugs not licensed in this country but available elsewhere, such as oral amphotericin B for azole-resistant candidal infections or oral N-acetylcysteine (NAC) to inhibit tumor necrosis factor, which is elevated in late-stage HIV disease.

- Experimental agents not licensed anywhere, such as peptide T, currently under investigation as a treatment for HIV-related dementia and peripheral neuropathy; compound Q, (trichosanin, GLQ223) a possible antiviral; and sublingual interferon alfa (Kemron), a potential immune enhancer.

- Products available without a prescription, such as St. John's Wort (hypericin) and Sho-saiko-to (SSKT, an Asian herbal preparation), both possibly possessing antiviral properties.

Most underground therapies are conventional medicines licensed in other countries. Indeed, many agents now widely prescribed for persons with HIV disease — drugs such as pentamidine isethionate (NebuPent, Pentam), fluconazole (Diflucan), zalcitabine (Hivid, also known as ddC), and clarithromycin — were once available to persons with HIV through the underground.

What alternative therapies might patients be trying? Studies indicate that persons with HIV disease have sought out modalities such as acupuncture, aromatherapy, colon cleansing, crystal therapy, cupping, dietary regimens, herbal therapy, homeopathy, hypnosis, massage, medication, ozone therapy, reflexology, spiritual healing, visualization, and high-dose vitamin

therapy. Although most of these alternative treatments are benign, some are potentially dangerous, and others are considered exploitative. For example, patients have contracted infections from colon cleansing performed with unclean instruments, and others have spent large sums of money on treatments such as ozone therapy and IV vitamin C, which have no proven efficacy.

Where do people with HIV disease get underground drugs? Some off-label drugs are prescribed by physicians, but most pharmaceuticals are obtained through buyers' clubs. A significant part of the self-empowerment movement, these are community-based organizations that provide clients with information about and access to drugs not otherwise available to them. Most agents sold through buyers' clubs are imported from other countries specifically because they are unlicensed here, but approved drugs may also be sold if they can be obtained less expensively from foreign manufacturers or if the supply in this country is limited. The Food and Drug Administration's personal use importation policy — the rule that permits the importation of unapproved drugs from other countries for personal use — has now been tacitly extended to buyers' clubs.

Because buyers' clubs are unregulated organizations, not all are run the same way. Some — the PWA Health Group, for instance, which is the largest and oldest buyer's club in the country — sell drugs at the lowest possible cost, operate as nonprofit organizations, request a physician's prescription for agents that require medical monitoring for safe use, and provide information on the safety and efficacy of their products. Others are less objective about what they sell, promoting their products freely. The PWA Health Group sells primarily pharmaceuticals, but the inventory of some buyer's clubs consists largely of vitamins, herbal therapies, and other products of the kind available in health food stores.

- Eisenberg DM, Kessler RC, Foster C, et al: Unconventional medicine in the United States: Prevalence, costs, and patterns of use. *N Engl J Med* 1993; 246-252.

## Underground AIDS drugs and the FDA: An uneasy truce

Until recently, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was silent on the subject of AIDS buyers' clubs, which help persons with HIV disease gain access to unproven drugs. But on May 26, the FDA delivered a letter to all known AIDS buyers' clubs formally acknowledging their existence for the first time. The letter, signed by Randolph E. Wykoff, MD, director of the FDA's office of AIDS Coordination, mentions the agency's "personal use importation policy...to allow individuals with life-threatening diseases to bring in small quantities of unapproved products for personal use." Some buyers' clubs, the letter says, "have taken the position that their activities fall under the guidance provided by the...policy." The FDA appears willing to allow buyers' clubs to operate under this assumption, even though the clubs are technically illegal, provided three criteria are met:

- Persons who patronize buyers' clubs are purchasing the drugs for their own personal use and using the drugs under a physician's care.

- The buyers' club does not commercialize or promote its products.

- The product does not "represent an unreasonable risk," because the safety of the agent itself is unknown or because its purity, sterility, and strength cannot be guaranteed.

At least one buyer's club is "heartened" by

the FDA letter, Sally Cooper, Executive Director of the New York City-based PWA Health Group, the largest and oldest AIDS buyers' club in the country, told *Patient Care* that "the FDA came around and inspected the buyers' club about a year ago. This letter is in part a response to those visits, and I think it shows that they didn't find anything particularly egregious. Obviously, the FDA can't sanction self-medication," Mrs. Cooper adds, "but the government also recognizes that there is no good existing antiviral treatment for HIV. That is the reality we all live with."

According to Ms. Cooper, the PWA Health Group "works closely with physicians. We have physicians on our board, and most of our patients are referred by physicians. We require prescriptions for many of our products — and we actually require monitoring forms in two cases where they're not required by the FDA. We also ask every client to read and sign the personal use regulation." Not all buyers' clubs work closely with physicians or within the system. Ms. Cooper says, "Some clubs sell primarily nutritional supplements for which there are no FDA guidelines for physician involvement. But I don't know of any buyers' club that sells prescription drugs without requiring a prescription."

On May 27, Dr. Wykoff testified before a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee on the subject of health fraud and AIDS. His opening statement mentions the FDA's letter to the buyers' clubs and the agency's "willingness to allow continuation of the beneficial aspects of the personal use importation policy, as long as abuses of the policy are prevented." The statement also addresses the issue of AIDS fraud, situations where "an unscrupulous person preys on the terminally ill patient and, for personal profit or self-aggrandizement, exposes that patient to a fraudulent product." Ms. Cooper says, "These scams and quick cures are also a concern of ours. But we feel the FDA makes a distinction between them and buyers' clubs, which by and large are nonprofit and run by people with AIDS for people with AIDS."

Well-run buyers' clubs, Ms. Cooper maintains, "fill a gap in the health care system for persons with HIV disease and will continue to do so, at least until the FDA develops a parallel track program to the point where the need for underground distribution of potentially promising new drugs disappears. No doctor has ever gotten into trouble sending patients to buyers' clubs," she says, "and I don't think any doctor ever will."

## Buyers' clubs: Guidelines for ethical operation

In January 1992, representatives for 11 AIDS buyers' clubs met in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. to develop a set of voluntary principles to guide their operations. Persons with HIV disease looking to purchase underground therapies should seek a buyers' club that subscribes to the principles and goals listed here.

- *The self-empowerment of clients.* The club will work to help people make educated treatment decisions of their own accord by providing unbiased information, access to resources, and encouragement to seek qualified medical supervision and advice.

- *Refraining from giving medical advice or promoting particular treatments or interventions.* The club will work to disclose its own biases regarding any treatments it provides and will refrain from making medical recommendations unless qualified to render such advice.

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## UNDERGROUND (cont. from p. 16)

•*Providing services at the lowest possible cost.* The club will organize officially as a not-for-profit corporation or will remain committed to the spirit of such organizations! As such, excess revenues will be reinvested in the organization or returned to the community and will not accrue to the benefit of any individual(s) except as reasonable compensation for services rendered. Further, the club is committed to maintaining reasonable operating expenses.

•*Public disclosure.* The club will work to make complete information regarding revenues and expenses available to clients and to the public at large.

•*Providing some measure of access to services for those who would not otherwise be able to afford them.*

•*Representation of the HIV/AIDS community within decision-making bodies.* The club will work to serve the community by actively seeking direct input and participation. Further, it will publicly disclose the mechanisms of its decision-making processes and will acknowledge how and to who it is accountable.

•*Quality assurance.* The club will work to ensure that products it provides meet the highest possible standards with respect to purity, potency, lack of contamination, and truth in labeling.

*Courtesy of Sally Cooper, Executive Director, PWA Health Group, New York City.*

### Buyers' clubs for AIDS drugs

AIDS Manasota Chicago Buyers' Club  
Sarasota, Fla. Chicago  
(813) 954-6011 (312) 569-5127

The Aliveness Healing Alternatives  
Project Foundation  
Minneapolis San Francisco  
(612) 822-7946 (415) 626-2316

Atlanta's Buyers' PWA Health Club  
Club New York City  
Atlanta (212) 255-0520  
(404) 874-4845

Carl Vogel PWA Health Link  
Foundation Oakland Park, Fla.  
Washington DC (800) 456-4PWA  
(202) 289-4898

### Information sources for experimental AIDS treatments

AIDS Clinical Care (monthly)  
1440 Main St.  
Waltham, MA 02154-1649  
(800) 843-6356  
\$89/yr.

AIDS Medicines in Development (quarterly)  
1100 15th St., NW

Washington, DC 20005  
(no phone)—Free

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ATN Publications  
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San Francisco, CA 94141  
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## CAREGIVER PROMOTES EDUCATION IN UGANDA

Noerine Kaleeba, director of the AIDS Support Organisation (TASO) of Uganda, has written a book entitled *We Miss You All*, the title of which is drawn from a Quilt panel. The AIDS Memorial Quilt includes four panels created at TASO. The original TASO panel was the first African panel to be included in the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Since losing her husband to AIDS in 1987, Mrs. Kaleeba has devoted her efforts to educating people about AIDS and the need for support for those living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones. "The courage of the families who have put the names of their loved ones on the quilts have contributed towards a more open and supportive attitude towards people with AIDS," she says.

The following is an excerpt from *We Miss You All*:

"My very first encounter with a person with AIDS was very brief and promptly dismissed. Today the experience is very vivid in my mind.

"I had gone to one of the medical wards in Mulago hospital to locate a paraplegic patient for a practical demonstration on the techniques of transferring a paraplegic from bed to a wheelchair, for physiotherapy students. I located a young man who couldn't have been more than thirty years old. I introduced myself and explained what I required of him. He was very receptive and gave permission for my students to learn from him that afternoon. His medical notes indicated that he had paraplegia due to Immunosuppression Syndrome, but I did not know what that was. I went to the ward sister to get permission to teach the students on her ward that afternoon, and to tell her which patient I had identified for the demonstration. She came closer to me and said 'I wouldn't touch him if I were you. He has AIDS. We don't touch him, we only show his mother what to do.'

"I did not use him for the demonstration, neither did I go back to him to explain that I would not be coming. I cancelled the class and arranged for another patient from the orthopedic ward.

"I did not think about him again, until the diagnosis of AIDS came through my front door. Today there isn't a day which passes when I don't wonder what happened to him. With whom did he carry the burden? With whom did his mother carry the cross? What friends did she have to share her emotions? How much did he know about AIDS? What support did he have: God, children, loved ones? I suppose I will never know."



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# A PAGE OF POETRY

## WAYNE

by Brian E. Bengtson

bud light  
shot of tequila  
with a tomato back;  
the years are downed, and  
they're asking us for our ID again.

your pants are too tight  
again.  
you stand with all the practiced  
innocence  
of the glamor girl that adorns your room.

your hands are flying  
along with the best of the bar-comfortable.  
you pull your friends close  
and you're just dyin' girl,  
you're just dyin'.

six lost years,  
are passed with your tip to the bartender.  
the scene changes,  
and I walk away.

## AFTER THE BAR CLOSSES

by Li Min Hua

1st Try

Yoo hoo!  
Hi there.  
Hey, you!  
Hello, good looking.

2nd Try

Yoo ho!  
Hi there.  
Yea, you!  
Hello, handsome.

3rd Try

Yoo hoo!  
Hi there.  
Hey, Yes, you.  
You're gorgeous.

Refrain (when needed)

Yoo hoo! Yoo hoo! Yoo hoo!

## BAR BABY

by Brian E. Bengtson

little boy,  
skin so smooth  
hates to get that last drink of happy hour  
smoke in that newly-gelled,  
newly cut,  
never pulled back in the moment hair.

bashful trade  
that barstool kind of tips to the  
side, so be careful when you get up  
to paradise.

little flavor,  
drop one button on that pressed shirt.  
let us in on the memory  
of anxious short gasps and  
the selective touch  
of new-boy contact.

my slightly dirty thought,  
get used to those stares,  
and all the slurred speech that  
slaps you on the butt  
with a flick of the tongue.

never take them home if you're unsure.  
never call them sunday mornings  
if their faces stay in your mind.  
don't listen to their dreams as they  
smoke that cigarette and fan out the covers.

little boy, just  
close your eyes,  
and give your gifts.  
mark your calendar and wave goodbye.

## CLARIFICATION

by Li Min Hua

Did you say "sperm babies"?  
the host teacher engaged.

No, "spurned babies burning."

## VINCE

by Brian E. Bengtson

it was a voice, with a sensual familiar feel of  
talking  
to a long lost friend, or a little brother that has  
grown  
before your eyes.

it was the face, with all the appropriately drawn  
lines,  
like the stark sketches of a streetcorner artist, or  
the  
warm touch of marble on an August evening.

it was arms, with the  
imane strength of your last hope that could stop  
you  
in your tracks, even with the casual caress of  
recognition  
across the table.

it was the skin, tainted from the sun, yet  
still held a softness that could put  
sleeping questions in check.

it was the smile, that lit up his eyes, and you  
could remember the security of cold November  
mornings,  
or the last time an old song pulled at you.

it was those last five minutes before the two  
of you went to sleep that called you, and  
you awoke in the morning with a reflection  
of the overcast dawn scarred in the space beside  
you.

it was his touch, that swooped in and restrained  
you,  
safeguarding you from a world that didn't want  
you;  
from an emptiness that laid out on the sidewalk  
waiting for the chalk outline.

it was that kiss at the car door, five years later,  
that awoke you, and gave you the smile of a  
nineteen year old, the sweet taste of raspberry  
schnapps,  
the first morning after.

it was you.

## SUMMER LAWN ASPIRATIONS

by Owen Keehnen

Porch swing squeaks won't suffice,  
the chain has worn thin from friction.  
All the paint has been carefully peeled,  
the tree and shrub count checked  
and double-checked.

My hopes have groaned  
like thirsting summer lawns -  
the notes rose clear and full,  
like bees hissing to hives  
through writhing summer heatwaves.  
Captive tears form like blisters,  
but they won't suffice,  
the years have been counted  
and recounted.

Clouds move in ritual across summer lawns  
and give only a moments relief.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## FIGHT BACK AGAINST GAY BASHING

**A bill called the National Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act has passed the U.S. House of Representatives. This bill is coming up soon in the U.S. Senate, where it faces a tough fight.**

**\*\*\*\*This bill makes it harder to repeal hate crime and gay rights laws.**

**\*\*\*\*This bill makes it possible to try offenders in both state and federal courts.**

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## ICEBOWL '94

Just a short note to let you know what's going on with IceBowl '94 fundraising efforts for the month of November.

The Bowler's Show will be November 14 at the MAX. This has been organized by Scott, and is guaranteed to be a great time for all who attend. During the show we'll be having 50/50 raffles and you can never tell what else may go on!!! Make sure you're there so you don't miss a thing.

We're trying something new in the gambling world this year. We'll be selling spaces on a 100 space board for the quarterly scores of the Nebraska/Oklahoma game on November 26. Look for those selling the spaces. Each quarter will pay \$100 and the final score will reward the lucky person with \$200. We'll also be doing this for the 'Super Bowl' in January.

Also watch for pig roasts at DC's and Gilligan's in the near future. Check bars for posters advertising time and place for all IceBowl events.

### LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

For a great night out, check out the Dundee Dinner Theatre. Showing until Nov. 14 is *Little Shop of Horrors*. You'll recognize the voice of Audrey II as Bill Bohannon. Mark Anderson's performance as Seymour is also worthy of note.

## DRUMMER 1993

By Jeanne Moe

Picture this, if you will, an industrial warehouse the size of a football stadium dimly lit from overhead lights. Vendors selling everything from the newest latex love toys to iron slave cages. Over 3,000 beautiful leatherfolk milling in and out of the various nooks and crannies. This is the scene that first greeted us as we walked into the concourse for Drummer 1993.

This year's Drummer Contest, which marks the end of Leather Pride Week in San Francisco, was the 8th annual International Mr Drummer contest. Drummer is the second largest men's leather event next to International Mr Leather, held in Chicago. Drummer was created to honor those men who "marched to the beat of a different drum." In 1992, Desmond, Inc., the publisher of *Drummer Magazine* was purchased by Martijn Bakker, who resides in Amsterdam. He continues to produce the Drummer Contest at the international level. Other publications owned by Bakker which the reader may be familiar with include: *Mach*, *Dungeon Master*, *Sandmutoipian Guardian*, *Tough Customer*, and the *Leather/Latex Company* of Rob of Amsterdam.

Mr Drummer has an equal counterpart title which in International Drummer Boy. This title serves to honor the outstanding boys in the leather community. Whereas, Mr Drummer portrays the image of the big, beefy top leathermen, the Drummer Boys are those tireless bottomos who selflessly serve their tops, daddy's, etc. and who deserve the community's recognition and support. After all, there would be no daddy's without their boys.

The Mr Drummer competition is based upon the decisions of 7 judges handpicked by Drummer for their achievements in the leather community. The four categories which are used to evaluate the contestants are as follows: 1) Speech 2) Interview 3) Fantasy and 4) Jockstrap. The outcome of the Drummer Boy contest lies solely in the hands of the Drummer contestants. The boys are evaluated on their service to the Drummer contestants and their boy image and attitude throughout the course of this week.

This year's contest featured 14 Drummers and 13 Drummer Boys. The Great Plains Region

(formerly and unjustly known as the Great Leather Wasteland), well represented by Mr Great Plains Drummer 1993, Joey Kraly, and Great Plains Drummer Boy 1993, Rick Gannon, did splendidly with Kraly taking 1st runner-up and Gannon receiving 2nd runner-up.

The contestants were required to be in the San Francisco area on Tuesday, the 22nd, but the Drummer competition did not actually begin until Thursday at the Fetish and Fantasy Ball. Fantasies by the Drummer Boys were showcased as well as some hot local performers including the one and only Rainbeau.

An Egyptian motif was the theme of this year's contest, and Friday night featured a stupendous opening number in true Egyptian style. The official title for Friday night was the Jockstrap Review, which brought all of the contestants out in their jocks of cotton, chrome, and leather for the judges' scrutiny and the audience's delight.

Saturday was the final competition and the fantasies by the Drummer men. We saw the range from a repeat performance of Joey Kraly's wonderful Bugs Bunny routine (also known as Drummer Toons) to a heart breaking Leather Quilt saga by Barry Bishop, Mr Southeast Drummer. The range of emotions was wide and strong. When the final numbers were tallied, Northern California took the sweep by capturing both the Drummer and Drummer Boy titles. International Mr Drummer 1993, Graylin Thornton from San Jose, and International Drummer Boy 1993, Spot, from San Francisco, will have their work cut out for them with a busy travel schedule making appearances throughout the country and even the world. Our region hopes to see them sometime in the near future. If not, we will see them at Fantasy Six, next summer.

Our Great Plains men have returned to start their year of promoting leather pride, political awareness, and *Drummer Magazine*. We have much to fight for in this part of the country, starting with the simple fact that we cannot even purchase *Drummer Magazine*, itself, in this part of the country. Something to think about when it comes election time, folks.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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## NEWS FROM THE COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT

by Carla

"Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are past us now. The Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day Picnics came and went faster than a speeding bullet. Now we plan and fret over the Food for Thought, Toys for Tots, and Closet Ball Shows. The Imperial court of Nebraska is always busy from one month to the next with planning stages of benefits or shows, and of course, our coronation that is to be held June 10, 11, and 12, 1994. I know how much ICON and the monarchs and their royal families appreciated all of your support this past summer and we are looking forward to your continued support in the coming months and year. Always remember that diversity and problems can befall anyone or any group, but standing by and being there is what gets people through and helps them to survive."

Connie Henke  
Diamond Ram-Emperor XIII  
Reign of Eternal Light

Yes, November has come and it's time for Food for Thought. Sun., the seventh is the date and THE MAX is the place—9:30 p.m. Empress Roxy has a simply smashing show prepared just for you. Proceeds from the show will go to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for PWA's and to help the MCC-O Food Pantry. Join us as we put our love into action!

Then come December 5, it's Emperor Connie's night in the spotlight as she presents our annual Toys for Tots Show. This too promises to be a night of great fun and entertainment and a night to show your support for the community!

The Board of Governors welcomes Alice Bellamy and Steve Lucart to the Board—"Welcome! We look forward to working with you once again!" In September Emperor Connie represented you in Des Moines as their court celebrated its first anniversary. Then in October Emperor Connie traveled to Colorado Springs to represent you! And to Monica West—our Princess Royale—we extend "Congratulations! Wow! Miss Gay Omaha! You're on a roll!" To Empress XII, Phoenix Fallentino, we also say, "Congratulations! First Runner-up! Way to go! You're one classy lady!"

Just a final note or two of ICON business: 1) coming in November—nominations for the December elections, 2) the audit for Coronation XII is completed and printed on page 28 in this issue, and 3) finally, Oct. 22 we presented our case in small claims court—check *The Times* or the December *New Voice* for the results.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is here to serve you. Please join us for our monthly meeting the first Monday of each month in Stosh's Saloon at THE MAX. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m.

See you all at Food for Thought!

## FIND THOSE COUPONS!

by Carla

Sharon and I had the distinct pleasure of lunch at Chef Bob's (10th & Jackson) just a week ago! Like many in the community, we received a buy one, get one free coupon from CFEP as a part of one of the booths we worked during the NCOF Fest at UNO. For under \$5.00 & our coupon, we both had black bean and rice salad and a soup of our choice. My choice was mushroom barley, and Sharon had the cheese with chiles. Both were great! Fresh pita bread made the meal complete... Ummm! Ummm!

## BLUE BARN MOVES TO THE MAX TO PRESENT THE NIGHT LARRY KRAMER KISSED ME

The Blue Barn Theatre proudly announces the return of its blockbuster summer hit, *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*, by David Drake. This time around, however, the exciting one-man show will be presented at THE MAX for three shows only on November 19, 20, and 21. Hughston Walkinshaw, who performed the role at the Blue Barn and will reprise it at THE MAX, said that "...for weeks after it closed, we kept receiving calls and requests for more performance. We realized that as packed as we were every night, there were still a lot of people who simply couldn't get in."

The reason the show was such a success, according to Walkinshaw, was due to the positive message the play put forth. "Over this past decade," Walkinshaw said, "homosexuality has wrongly been equated with death. *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me* is so powerful and effective because it equates homosexuality with life. You witness so many aspects of gay life: from coming out to the whole gay scene, from a first kiss to cruising the bars. Of course the play deals with the tragic losses due to AIDS, but it goes past that, past the plague...to our survival and victory over death and discrimination."

Performances are November 19 and 20 (Fri/Sat) at 7pm and November 21 (Sun) at 2pm. Because the Friday and Saturday performances are during regular bar hours, only 21 and older will be allowed in. The Sunday matinee at 2pm will be open to all ages. All tickets are \$10.00 and can be reserved by calling the Blue Barn Theatre at (402) 345-1576. Advance tickets will not be available through THE MAX.

## IN BLACK AND WHITE: METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH'S "MILITARY MADNESS"

1) Metropolitan Community Church International needed money to sue the United States Military for not allowing Gay and Lesbian Chaplains to stay in uniform.

2) Sharon Van Busetel and Pat Phalen, MCC's Lay Delegates to the General Conference, pledge \$500.00 from MCC-Omaha.

3) Sharon, Pat, and Carla try to figure out how to raise this money:

4) They include Dick Brown in on the fun;

5) They invite a couple dozen friends to get involved and thus;

6) — "Military Madness!"

DC's played host to this variety show with our Military and President in mind. Opening was an encore performance of the Omaha Meatpackers doing a cadence entitled *Don't Ask, Don't Tell*. We thank Don and the Meatpackers for donating their time and talents to the cause. Following the Meatpackers were performances by Miranda Rights and Monica West and then a live performance, *From a Distance*, by R.N. Hedges.

Viktoria Towne followed with *Save Up All Your Years* and Miranda Rights gave a great performance of *Missionary Man* by Annie Lenox. At this point, Pat Phalen, emcee for the evening, played with the audience for a few minutes and then brought Justine Seals to perform *Touch of Love*.

Inga, the Queen of benefit shows, was next with *Billy-A-Dick* from *For the Boys*. If there is

## NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY UNITES NEBRASKA

Over 800 people came out to "educate and legislate" for five full hours on Sunday, October 10, 1993, in honor of National Coming Out Day. UNO's Milo Bail Student Center, over 13,000 sq. ft. was filled with fun gay carnival games, music, educational displays, 22 local exhibitors, and sense of extraordinary pride in the heartland.

Over 30 people won raffle prizes ranging from "GAY MONEY!" stamps to Kate Clinton tickets and everything in between. At least 20 people signed letters to Nebraska Senators telling them to pass legislation protecting the civil rights of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. There was a little karaoke in the air, and an overwhelming spirit of family and pride.

Timothy Rose, from Minnesota, the eighth state to say "no to hate" by passing legislation which prohibits discrimination against gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgenders, delivered a moving keynote address. The Nebraska room, full of men, women and children of every orientation froze when Timothy Rose spoke on the liberating choice within all of us—the choice to come out and come out and come out. The truth is...as Audre Lorde once said, "Your silence will not protect you."

This year's National Coming Out Day has united pro-gay businesses, organizations, and individuals in Nebraska. We've committed to "Equal Not Extra Nebraska" a slogan designed to defray opponents' complaints that LB 395 is a special rights bill. LB 395 is an equality bill which prohibits an employer from firing gays and lesbians because of their sexual orientation. We believe that early in 1994, Nebraska will say "no to hate" by becoming the ninth state to pass this legislation.

CFEP would like to thank everyone who attended, exhibited, and contributed to the phenomenal success of NCOF '93.

a benefit and there is a cause, you can count on Inga's being there to help. Monica West performed *Peace in the Valley*, and then we were treated to the very moving *This Is The Moment* from *Jekyll & Hyde* sung superbly by Metropolitan Community Church's Choir Leader, Bill Burtch.

Next was the secretary of the church, Carla Petersen, performing yet another very moving number entitled *Fine Young Men*. Bringing back a lighter performance was the apron-clad Sharon Van Busetel, looking like everybody's mother and a lot like Barbara Bush complete with white hair and pearls. She performed *Don't Wear Leather Pants to the Seder*.

Viktoria Towne, another veteran of benefit shows, performed *Stuff Like That* from *For the Boys* and R.N. Hedges sang live the inspirational *His Eye is on the Sparrow*. After Justine Seals performed *Hero* and Inga did *High and Mighty*, Dan, the owner of DC's performed the very funny *Take It Back*, a stand up comic skag drag routine.

Bill Bohannon did a great job singing *God Bless The Children*. Bill is also a member of the MCC-O Choir. The Show was wrapped up with the *New Voice* Staff performing *Together Proud and Strong*.

The church staff and members did a very nice job with this show. We also need to thank all of the friends of MCC, including the folks at DC's.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**





**Monica West crowned Miss Gay Omaha  
by Dorian Drake**

*photo by Joseph Vazquez*

## FRED GRANDY TO MODERATE IOWA PUBLIC FORUM ON SEXUALITY

On February 8 a group of four lesbians and gays from Sioux City plus a straight liberal clergy couple who are very interested in gay rights had a meeting with Congressman Fred Grandy (after having tried for six months to get an appointment). The purpose of the meeting was to share with him our concerns as lesbians and gay men in Northwest Iowa, to hold him accountable for his votes on our issues, and to begin an ongoing dialogue.

All of those attending came away from the meeting feeling as though he had listened to us seriously and that, although he has not always voted for our issues, he is not in principle opposed to gay rights. He does, however, come under a lot of pressure from the Christian Right, who is much more vocal and better organized that we have been up to this point. When we don't contact our elected representatives about our issues, they think we don't care.

As a result of this meeting (and to our stunned surprise), Congressman Grandy volunteered to serve as a neutral moderator of a public forum on human sexuality issues at which we would, along with other straight supportive experts in various fields (Bible, AIDS, human sexuality), have a public discussion of our issues with whoever shows up. It will be our job to organize the forum, but Mr Grandy will lend his name and prestige (if not his partisanship) to the gathering. We feel that a public discussion of this sort is long overdue and were delighted that he would be involved. Planning will start immediately, and we will let you know the date, time, and place when they have been decided. Things are starting to happen in Northwest Iowa!!

### DRUMMER 1993

**By Jeanne Moe**

If you are interested in learning more about the world of leather titleholders or, even better, becoming one, make sure to attend the 1994 Mr and Ms Leather Nebraska contest to be held at DC's on November 20th. If you are indeed interested in competing for one of the titles and are a resident of the Nebraska Omaha Metro area, please give Amy a call at 451-7987. There will be several great prizes to the winners, including a chance to compete at the International competitions, IML and IMSL, next year.....See Ya There!!!!

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## THE FAR RIGHT IS IN NEBRASKA!

Did you think we were exempt? No indeed! Any of you who have been reading the news know that chapters of nationally organized far right groups are **HERE**. CEE (Citizens for Excellence in Education) has been here for several years. The Nebraska Chapter of the Traditional Values Coalition formed here this summer. There has long been a student chapter of the Rutherford Institute Leadership Conference at the UNL Law College. And the Nebraska Leadership Conference is mailing out a tabloid size newspaper.

So what can we do about it? We are well able to provide support and recognition to other groups and individuals who are open about the needs to defend our basic civil liberties. The real agenda of the right wing was shown in Oregon and Colorado. This week in Montana they have filed a petition against "gay rights". Florida has been targeted, among other states. Here in Nebraska, I hope we can learn and act in advance.

The Mainstream Committee in Lincoln was formed to do just that. It is a coalition of a number of groups interested in a common cause, that of preserving the basic rights granted in the Constitution & Bill of Rights. PFLAG is a member of the Committee, along with other mainstream groups.

Come to the "2nd Tuesday, Write-In" at 6 PM, for information, a short video, and a time to write those important and influential letters in the company of others, others who share your vision of a future free of bigotry. Bring a "Brown Bag" and we'll eat together, too!

-PFLAG Cornhusker Newsletter

### SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER IS COMING TO OMAHA!



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then see her at the Joslyn  
on March 5th



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## GREEN GATEAU DISCRIMINATES

### Coalition calls for boycott of local restaurant

The civil rights of a Lincoln man have been violated by a blatant act of bigotry. The victim is Sean Bolte, who waited tables at the Green Gateau until two weeks ago, when he was unexpectedly fired. The perpetrators are Bill and Bev Livengood, owners of the Green Gateau, who fired Bolte because he is gay.

According to Bolte, the Livengoods received a phone call from a customer who complained that Bolte was too effeminate and would attract "the wrong sort of people."

Gia Rauchnot, an employee of The Green Gateau since it opened last October, quit upon learning why Sean was fired. "I wouldn't work for anyone who would treat their employees that way," she said.

"Sean was wonderful, the best waiter (at the Green Gateau)," Rauchnot added.

Kevin Caughlin, who also quit when Sean was fired, agreed. "I was impressed with the way Sean worked. Sean was fired solely because he is gay, not because of his job performance." Both Rauchnot and Caughlin support a boycott of the restaurant.

Said Caughlin, "I can't see them making money after this. When they fired Sean, they didn't expect anyone to do anything."

So why, after ten months of service was Bolte suddenly fired? The Livengoods claim his work schedule wasn't compatible with theirs.

"I don't know anything about any phone call," Bill Livengood said. "We want full-time employees. You can't run a restaurant with part-time employees."

Caughlin and Rauchnot both confirm the phone call that Livengood denies. In addition, Bolte pointed out that he was originally hired to work only two days per week, and that The Green Gateau had only four full-time service employees.

"There are at least six servers who work less than 25 hours a week," he said, "and others that work less than two or three days a week."

When asked whether he would discriminate against an employee based on sexual orientation, Livengood responded, "I'm not saying what I would do." It was clear that the Livengoods don't want the "wrong sort" of employees or customers at The Green Gateau.

In an effort to help make the Livengood's dream of gay-free restaurant come true, the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights is calling for a boycott. If you believe that the rights of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people should be respected, please support this boycott.

Let the owners know why they will no longer be receiving your business by calling the restaurant at 477-0330 or writing to

The Green Gateau  
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-Coalition Chronicle

## HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

### By Patrick Williams

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association held their monthly Board of Directors and General Membership meetings on Saturday, October 2, at D.C.'s at 5:00 and 6:00 respectively. The decision was made to have a flag with our logo made up and to purchase collapsible poles for all of the flags to make transporting them easier. It was also decided to have special fundraisers to help reimburse Charley for some of these expenses as IGRA Trustee.

Due to a lack of participation, we had to postpone both the indoor rodeo and dart tournaments scheduled for September. It was felt that part of the problem was due to bad scheduling, i.e., conflicts with the Nebraska game, etc. We will try to plan better in the future, and the officers and entertainment committee wish to extend their apologies to everyone who was inconvenienced by these events being postponed.

We will be sponsoring a hayrack ride near Ashland on November 6 at 7:00 p.m. to be followed by the monthly meeting around a campfire. Cost is only \$2.50 for HGRA members, \$5.00 for nonmembers and also includes hot dogs, chips, and pop. Please refer to the October HGRA newsletter for a map with directions. If you need a ride or wish to carpool, be at D.C.'s by 6:00 (remember the new location!) Because space is limited to 50 people and we need to plan the refreshments, please make a reservation with Terry and Shelley (712 325-0434), Don (551-7941), Larry or myself (402 477-3899) by Friday, November 5.

Our Christmas Party and meeting will be held December 4 at Rod's in Superior. Check the November HGRA newsletter for further details and directions. In case of inclement weather, the party and meeting will be postponed to December 11 at D.C.'s.

November marks the kick off of the 1994 IGRA Rodeo season with the IGRA Rodeo in San Antonio and the GSGRA Rodeo in Palm Springs November 5-7.

Remember to contact Charley if you are attending a rodeo, particularly if you are competing, as the host rodeo association must have a membership roster on file two weeks prior to the rodeo. Charley can also provide other important details.

Membership cards are ready and were distributed to the members present. They will be available at upcoming events and meetings, or call me if you wish to receive yours in the mail.

Looking forward to spring, HGRA would like to have a gymkhana, an all day training event, for rodeo contestants and volunteers. Please contact any member if you have a space and/or livestock that you could rent or donate.

Also, we have had some problems receiving our mail promptly. Please remember to use the 9 digit zip code (68505-7441) when mailing to our P.O. box. Hope to see ya all at some of the upcoming events and meetings.

## U.N.O. GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The University of Nebraska at Omaha's Gay and Lesbian Student Organization has been "Reorganized, Rethought, and Revitalized." Bi-weekly meetings are currently being held with approximately 15 people attending per meeting. The organization has already sponsored a panel on homophobia, as well as the National Coming Out Day celebration at U.N.O. Membership is open to all U.N.O. students, and everyone is welcome at the meetings (a special invitation goes out to other college students in the Metro Area). Discretion is practiced for all; the degree of involvement or anonymity you feel comfortable with is up to you. For information on meeting times, or if you have any questions about the organization, please call president Suzette at 558-8697, or the U.N.O. Office of Student Activities at 554-2717.



## NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

Labor Day Weekend brought to the community many fundraisers and activities. The events brought \$1400.00 in donations for the PWA Emergency Assistance Fund. \$9,000.00 was raised within the community and a matching grant of \$5,000.00 was given to supplement the efforts of those involved. The annual ICON picnic was held again this year at Progressive Park. Club 2001 in Lincoln held a show and after hours. A party was given in memory of three persons who had recently passed away from complications to AIDS. This event raised over \$800.00. Persons who attended the get together could either donate money, canned or non-perishable food, or both. The money raised was presented at the Meat Packers and Packettes Labor Day Show held at the MAX. The Meat Packers, originally formed in 1971, began doing fundraisers and benefit shows in 1984. They eventually evolved into the Meat Packers and Packettes of today. The members target their efforts to raising money for Nebraskans living with HIV or AIDS. The Babes Behind Bars also performed at the MAX. The Babes are a group of bartenders who have formed together for the cause, and the fight against AIDS. The performers were entertaining and enjoyable. The host and hostess of the evening were Don Flowers and Velvet. An auction was also held during intermission at the Show. The items were donated by local businesses and individuals who are HIV/AIDS sensitive. Thank you to all who participated, donated, and attended the Labor Day events.

A special thank-you goes to the Metropolitan Community Church. One of the Kwik Shops has been donating bread to NAP and MCC has come to our rescue. The church has purchased a freezer

to store the excess. They allow NAP to access the bread and other non-perishable items from their pantry as needed for persons in the area who have food needs. Thanks again.

NAP had a booth at the State Fair. Volunteers from the AIDS Project donated their time to staff the booth and provide much needed educational information to Nebraskans attending the Fair. Thank you to all who participated and those of you who may have stopped by to get informed.

September also brought to the screen the long awaited, "And the Band Played On." The movie was shown on HBO and included a star studded cast. The show, both emotional and moving, took its viewers back to the early 1980's and the beginning of the AIDS pandemic. It brought up several issues regarding the politics, the early cases, and personal stories, and the research needed to identify the cause of the destruction of the immune system. The end of the movie brought a closure with an Elton John song, and pictures and clips of our nation's celebrities and activists who have died because of AIDS.

September 19, 20, 27, & 28, the SNAP Production "The Normal Heart" took to the stage at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre, all proceeds benefiting the general fund for NAP. Thanks once again to SNAP for their continued efforts, and to the wonderful actors who made this production a big success.

NAP Case Management Census	
Monthly summary for: September 1993	
Open Cases as of Sept. 1, 1993	256
New Cases this month	19
Clients Deceased this month	4
Cases Closed this month	0
Total at last day of month	271

### POLICE PATROLS DOUBLE IN RECENT MONTHS

The late summer months brought a rash of assaults in the downtown area. Meetings with the police by the Greg Kowal Reward Fund Committee were instrumental in the police assigning more officers to the downtown area. The horse patrol, undercover agents, and increased cruisers are all a part of this reassignment. As a direct result incidents of violent crime have significantly decreased. We suggest you write or call Police Chief Skinner to express your appreciation of the police department's response to the community's concerns. We also suggest that you take extra caution in identifying "designated drivers" and in your "cruising." Increased police will target all illegal activities!

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF GREG

By Bill S.

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, October 3rd, the family, friends, co-workers, and members of the gay community met to remember Greg Kowal. The group assembled on the north edge of the lagoon in Hanscom Park. Three trees, two maples and a red ash, had already been planted in Greg's memory. The money for the trees (\$346) came from a collection taken at the Union Pacific where Greg worked. A priest opened the ceremony and then other people were asked to recall memories of Greg. Because of the beauty of the day and the meeting of friends, surely Greg would have enjoyed it.

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**IN BLACK AND WHITE:**

**INGA AND COMPANY - COMING OUT DAY SHOW**

From the first performance to the last number, Inga's show at The MAX on Sunday, October 10, was a delight. With a variety of entertainment from all of her friends, Inga pulled off one of the more enjoyable shows we've been to at the MAX.

She and Pat Phalen, master of ceremonies, got the show off with Inga, Phoenix, and Viktoria performing a medley of songs from *For The Boys*, but they did most of it in the dark as someone had forgotten to move the spotlight into the main dance room from the saloon. After we had light, Pat brought Inga to the microphone to explain why she wanted this show. She wanted some of her friends who have helped her with benefit shows be able to do one together and have a lot of fun.

We were then introduced to the cast of *Studs* which is being performed at the Howard Street Tavern, who performed "live" such retro tunes as *My Girl*, *Don't Make Me Over*, *Walk On By*, and others. It was great to have these supporters of our community there.

Miss Max, Amanda Foxx, brought us two songs of Tammy Faye Baker's and looked very much like old teary eyes herself.

Todd Ruser sang *I Have Nothing* from *The Bodyguard* and Jasmine Starr performed *Queen of the Night* from the same movie. Inga came back to the stage to dedicate the song *Wind Beneath My Wings*, to partner Brandon Shukis.

*The Ones Who Aren't Here* was performed live by Mr. Bill Burch. As usual, he gave a great performance! Sammi Bennett performed *This*

*Used To Be My Playground*, from the movie *A League of Their Own*, and ended the number with *A Long Way From St. Louis*.

Emperor of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, Connie Henke gave us performances of *I Think We're Alone Now* by Tommy Jaynes and the Shondells and *Dizzy* by Tommy Roe. (Yes, we're old enough to know who sang them.) Thank you for those numbers, Connie.

The Empress of the Imperial Court performed *Whoever's In New England*, by Reba McIntyre and looked just as beautiful as the artist.

One of the evening's crowd pleasers was Inga and Jasmine. Inga, impersonating Dolly Parton, performed the singer-songwriter's version of *I Will Always Love You*, but was interrupted on the last chorus when Jasmine, as Whitney Houston, burst on the stage - pushed Dolly out of the spotlight - and finished the number. You go girl!

Regina Belle's *If I Could* was performed next by Stella Dallas and Madam X treated us to the very funny *These Things Always Happen to Me*, a song about a bride who finds out the groom likes the best man better than her. Amanda Foxx returned with *That's What Love Is For*, by Amy Grant and Mr. MAX, Tim, and the girls did *Trashy Women*. Then last year's Empress of the Imperial Court, Phoenix Fallentino, belted out Jennifer Holliday's *Dream With Your Name On It* and the former Mr. MAX, Michael Gaffney, performed *Have I Told You Lately That I Love You*. Next Viktoria Towne livened up the stage with the high stepping Miami Sound Machine

Mix, ending it with *Coming Out Of The Dark*, by Glona Estefan.

Monica West, the newly crowned Miss Gay Omaha, did the disco number *Reach Out And Touch Me*, and we could see from the performance why she would earn a title as this.

Two more highlights of the evening were at the end with the superb live performance by Todd Ruser, singing *Don't Run On My Parade* and the duet of R.N. Hedges and Bill Burch singing *Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me*, by George Michael and Elton John. The two were dressed like the couple (complete with dangling earrings and wild sunglasses) and brought the audience to their feet.

For the final number Inga brought the entire cast of the show to the stage, thanked them, and performed with them *Put A Little Love In Your Heart*.

Inga said after the show that she appreciates everyone who performed and special thanks to the audience who backed the show. Thanks to everyone at the MAX and we hope everyone had a great coming out!

**ARCHIVES NEEDS  
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The International Gay & Lesbian Archives, the world's largest gay and lesbian research library needs your help to make sure that the people who are writing our gay and lesbian history don't forget that there are important issues happening all over the country. Researchers from the world over come to the West Hollywood based Archives to have access to materials chronicling the history of our people. The Archives is looking for volunteers to clip gay and lesbian related articles from local papers and send them to the Archives. The Archives hopes to coordinate a network of people across the country who know that there is gay life in Atlanta, Nebraska, Texas and Alaska and want future generations to have a sense of the continuity and breadth of our movement. If you're willing to make a commitment to make your daily reading of the paper something to benefit us all, please write the Archives for information on how clippings need to be received so they can be most effectively incorporated into the Archive's collection. Send your inquiries to IGLA, PO Box 69679, West Hollywood, CA 90069 Attn: Pat Allen.

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CFEP (pronounced See-Fep) stands for Citizens For Equal Protection, Inc. We are a 3 year old organization dedicated to fostering a community which accepts, honors, and prospers by the diversity of its people. We believe that society's perceptions of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgenderers will change with education and legislation.

We educate through 3 channels. We publish, we lobby, and we speak out. We publish a newsletter called CFEP NEWS, which is distributed regularly to our members. In the CFEP newsletter, the public relations committee reported on Omaha's National Coming Out Day—one of the largest celebrations in the United States. CFEP's legislative action committee reported on the status of LB395, a Nebraska bill which when passed will prohibit discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. The community outreach committee is recruiting supporters in greater Nebraska to call and write their senators. And the fundraising committee unveiled its financial development plan for 1993 and 1994.

The CFEP NEWS keeps you informed and in touch with your gay and lesbian legislative action group. We let you know how you can help, who to call, and what political issues are relevant to achieving equal rights here in Nebraska. You may receive the CFEP NEWS by sending your \$10 annual membership fee, your address, and a phone number to CFEP c/o CFEP NEWS, P.O. Box 55548, Omaha, NE 68155-0548.

CFEP lobbies our community senators to vote for legislation which provided equal rights for gays, lesbians, and bisexuals by preventing discrimination. We've met with many senators who support us, and we continue to provide information on how the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community wants to be represented. We've met with opponents who have become proponents and maybes through our educational and informational approach. We've developed a rapid response team of callers and writers who respond to legislative issues as they happen, letting our senators know who we are and what we need in Nebraska.

We speak out at events, in our workplaces, in the gay community, and in the media. We have comprehensive media kit which positions us only a phone call away from radio, TV, and print. We've developed new relationships with the major media in Omaha and continue to feed them the other side of the story. We participate in speakers bureaus where we are invited to share our stories with large groups of people in a question answer format.

CFEP is here to contribute to you. If you have questions or would like to find out how you can change perceptions through education and legislation, call Lori or MJ at 342-5664.

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE SCRIPTURES

### TRUE OR FALSE

- T  F 1. The writers of Holy Scripture understood the concept of sexual orientation.
- T  F 2. All homosexual relationships are forbidden in the Bible.
- T  F 3. Jesus condemned homosexuals.
- T  F 4. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because the people living there were homosexual.
- T  F 5. Several passages in the Bible which are frequently used to condemn homosexuals are actually passages which forbid taking part in cults which worship idols.
- T  F 6. Homosexual practices of both men and women are forbidden in the book of Leviticus.

T  F 7. In the ancient world, Eunuchs were associated with homosexuality.

### MULTIPLE CHOICE

8. The words "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." were spoken by: A) David to Bathsheba B) Johnathan to David C) Ruth to Naomi D) Mary Magdalene to Jesus
9. The words "I grieve for you \_\_\_\_\_ my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than the love of women," were spoken by: A) John about Jesus B) Paul about Peter C) David about Johnathan
10. The "one whom Jesus loved" was:  
A) Mary Magdalene B) Peter C) John

The answers to these questions can be found at the end of this article.

### MCC-Omaha Offers Workshop on Homosexuality and the Scriptures

For more information about these questions and other issues related to homosexuality and the scriptures, plan to attend the free workshop to be given by Rev. Matthew L. Howard at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, on Thursday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Answers: 1. F 2. F 3. F 4. F 5. T 6. F 7. T 8. C 9. C 10. C

## COALITION HOLDS DEMONSTRATION AT GREEN GATEAU

On October 12, the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights held a successful protest and sit in at the Green Gateau Restaurant in Lincoln. Coalition president, Pat Greene, reported that about 75 people took part with 25 inside the restaurant and another 50 on the sidewalks outside with signs and handing out leaflets supporting LB395 and protesting discriminatory practices of the Green Gateau, where a waiter was fired for being too "effeminate". The group gathered at about 10 a.m. with about 25 members going inside, being seated, ordering a cup of coffee and remaining at their tables until after 1 p.m., effectively blocking the restaurant's lunch time business. Ms Greene reported that the demonstration was done with dignity and integrity. There was evidence of effective self monitoring - people showed up and, with great respect to all people they encountered, stood on the sidewalk and picketed, and handed out leaflets. The Coalition has contacted all other comparable restaurants. All other Lincoln restaurants stated they have non-discriminatory hiring policies. Former Governor Kay Orr was an unwilling participant when she and her family came to the restaurant for lunch. Mrs. Orr declined to take the leaflets that were offered by the demonstrators. Restaurant owner, Bill Livengood, never showed his face during the demonstration, but did talk with an interviewer on Nebraska Public Radio. When asked if he had indeed fired the waiter for being homosexual, Mr. Livengood declined to respond, saying "I'm not going to make any comment on that."



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## SEASON TICKET HOLDERS GAIN EXTRA CHORUS BENEFITS

Celebrating its tenth year with the theme *A Decade of Harmony*, the River City Mixed Chorus this year is offering a special Season Ticket package. Patrons participating in the advance package will receive, in addition to admission to the January 29 Winter Concert and June 25 Pride Concert, reserved special seating at each of the concerts, an invitation to after-concert receptions, plus the opportunity to participate in other Chorus events during the 1994 season. The package is available for only \$12 for each season ticket. The \$12 price is the usual advance-sale price for each concert individually, with the Season Ticket bonuses of reserved seating, reception and other invitations for purchasing the entire season in advance. In preparing for the January concert, the River City Mixed Chorus is settling into its new rehearsal home at First United Methodist Church. The Chorus will be singing a goodbye to its First Decade rehearsal home, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, this November 5 weekend. Something new this season is small choral ensembles which will be able to perform in diminutive settings providing Chorus members greater opportunity for sharing their joy of singing and giving the Community greater opportunity to hear and see the Chorus representation in varied settings. Persons wanting season tickets can send \$12 for each ticket wanted to R.C.M.C., Box 3267, Omaha 68103. For further information call 341-SING (341-7464).

## ERNIE'S BOOKSTORE LEADS RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE AFTER 5 WEEKS

After 5 weeks of bowling, Ernie's Bookstore holds down first place, followed by Gilligan's 2 in second place. There is a three way tie for third place among City Lickers, Wild Thangs, and D.C. Tuna Melts.

High Scratch Game for men is held by Ron Walters with 248, followed by Bob Andresen with a 233, and Ken Williams with 226. High Scratch Series for men is held by Ken Williams with a 610, followed by Dan White with a 607, and Ron Walters with a 569. The men's high average is a 181.3 held by Greg Strickland, followed by Ken Williams with 179.5 and Rich Handzlik with 177.1.

E. Mueller has High Women's Game with a 204, edging out Norma Nelson with a 203. Kellie Loveall has third high with a 192. Mueller also holds High Women's Series (543) and High Women's Average (166.2). Norma Nelson has second High Women's Series with a 497, followed by Pat Hines with a 491. Gloria Sheer has second High Women's Series with a 159.1 followed by Norma Nelson with a 154.1.

High Team Game (Handicap) is held by Metro Pete's Qurum with a 787, followed by Stosh's Saloon with a 729, and R.U.N. Delta's with a 727. High Handicap Series is held by Eight Balls with a 2035, followed by City Lickers with a 2022, and Wild Thangs with a 1994.

During the fifth week, high scores were taken by Bob Andresen with a 233 game and Tom Cech with a 214 game. High men's series for the week was Kevin Gallagher's 559 followed by Tom Cech's 248. High Women's Game for the week was a three way tie among Pat Hines, Kerry Fleek, and E. Mueller who all bowled a 179, followed by Norma Nelson with a 178. High Women's Series was taken by Pat Hines with a 491 followed by E. Mueller with a 478.

Outstanding personal performances were John Wench bowling 86 pins over average, Mike Burger bowling 76 pins over average, Pat Hines, bowling 56 pins over average, and Cheryl Lenz bowling 31 pins over average.

Complete team standings are:

	Won	Lost
1. Ernie's Bookstore	14	2
2. Gilligan's	12	4
3. City Lickers	10	6
4. Wild Thangs	10	6
5. DC's Tuna Melts	10	6
6. 'Bout Average	9.5	6.5
7. Whippersnappers	9	7
8. The MAX	9	7
9. Stosh's Saloon	9	7
10. Fly Weights	8	8
11. Delivery Boys	8	8
12. Eight Balls	7	9
13. Church Ladies	7	9
14. R.U.N. Lambda's	7	9
15. Hetro Pet's Qurum	7	9
16. Gilligan's 3	7	9
17. Gilligan's 4	7	9
18. DC's	6.5	9.5
19. DC's 3 Steers & A Heif	6.5	9.5
20. R.U.N. Delta	5.5	10.5
21. Tops and Bottoms	4	12
22. Gilligan's CCB's	3	13

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## METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

by Carla

November looks to be a busy month for all the members and friends of MCC-O. The month starts off with the first meeting of four Prayer Care Share Circles. Each meets a different night of the week and gives MCCers an opportunity to get to know one another and an opportunity to form sharing and caring relationships with other Christians.

A new group of members will join our ranks this month after completing their membership classes late in October.

### Choir Gives Concert Community Invited

The first Sunday in November, friends and members of MCC-O are in for one special treat: the MCC-O Choir under the direction of Bill B. will be presenting a 6:00 concert of sacred and secular music. The concert features solos by Bob H., Bill B., Jim V., Barb E., and the director. The concert is free and open to the public. Everyone is invited to attend. An offering will be taken to help defer the costs of music. Preceding the concert, there will be a Potluck Dinner in the Social Hall starting at 5:00 p.m. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and song!

Twentieth Anniversary Celebration planning continues, but at the same time fundraising for the celebration gets in full swing: the 20+ item raffle continues and on the fourteenth we'll be hosting a breakfast at the church following the 9 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. services.

Nov. 18, Rev. Howard will be holding a Sexuality and the Scriptures Workshop starting at 6:30 at the church. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend this informational session.

### Deacons' Coffeehouse

The deacons have slightly adjusted their Coffeehouse schedule. Starting in November, the Coffeehouse will only be open the third Saturday of the month. As always, admission is \$1 or a canned good for the pantry. Everyone is welcome. This is a great no-alcohol event! Families are welcome! There's always a pile of games sitting around just waiting for players. Light refreshments are provided at no charge!

### Congregational Meeting

Nov. 21 following the 10:30 Worship Service and a Potluck Dinner, the congregation will gather for a Congregational Meeting. On the agenda will be Board and Lay Delegate elections, approval of the Pastor's contract, the parking association settlement, SOP's, etc. All friends and members are encouraged to attend.

### Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thanksgiving Day, the deacons will be hosting a Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner at the church. The deacons will be providing the turkey, and everyone else is invited to bring a covered dish item: potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, jello, etc. Community members are invited to attend. Please call the church office so that we can have an idea of the amount of turkey needed. The church will

open at noon and the meal will be at 3:00 p.m.

Movie night is coming again to MCC-O, thanks to the planning of the Social Committee. Join us November 27 for a movie and munchies (popcorn). Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Stop on by, it's movie time!

Finally a word about what's been happening outside. Mid-October our shed was put up and now stores the mowers, our nativity set, and other goodies that are seasonal in nature. The shed makes a nice addition to the alley! As for the south lots, well, a work day made them look amazingly better. Then there's that new fence. Wow! Our outside volunteers have really had a workout! Thank you one and all! As for the rest of the community, if you haven't been by MCC-O recently, you'd better take a drive by. Then again, why don't you stop in. We'd love to have you join us for worship! We worship each Sunday morning at 9:00 and at 10:30. Til December that's it from my pew! See you in church!

### ICON DONATES TO ACE

The Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska voted in their October 4 meeting to donate \$100 to ACE (AIDS Coalition for Empowerment). ACE and its members had the food booth at the chilly Pre-Labor Day Picnic, and sales were much lower than anticipated due to the weather, so the donation was ICON's way to "Thank" all of the ACE members.

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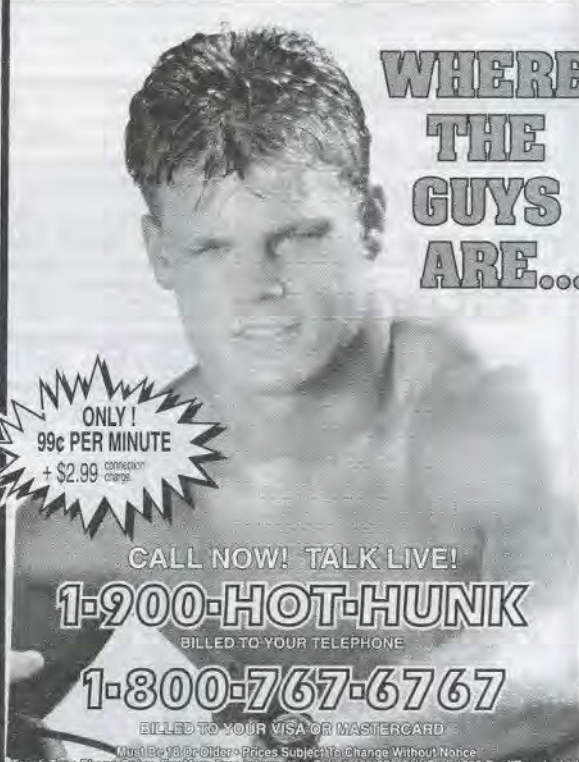
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6-13-93	Stepping Down Show	377.00	
6-18-93	Banks for Weekend	600.00	
6-18-93	Out of Town Show	450.00	
6-19-93	Coronation	2710.00	
6-19-93	Raffles	330.00	
6-20-93	Brunch	748.00	
6-20-93	Victory Show	294.00	35.00
	Misc. Income	57.00	
6-21-93	Deposit		1081.00
6-28-93	Deposit		2595.00
	<u>Cash Paid Out</u>		<u>29.00</u>
	Totals	5897.00	3740.00
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Signed: Don Randolph,  
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FRANKIE & JOHNNY IN  
THE CLAIR DE LUNE**

The off-Broadway hit, *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair De Lune* by Terrence McNally, opened the Blue Barn Theatre's sixth season and is currently running at the Theater at 1258 South 13th in Omaha.

*Frankie and Johnny in the Clair De Lune* is an impassioned love story between a waitress and a short-order cook who met in the diner where they both work. This two-character play is set in the Hell's Kitchen district of New York City, and has been described by the playwright as being about the "need to connect... how people get off the tracks, how they fail each other and how they need not fail each other."

Although Mr. McNally is openly gay, he does not feel compelled to identify himself as a gay playwright. *Frankie and Johnny* is about the universality of the struggle to make contact, to trust and to be trusted, to love and be loved. According to company member Rachel Hauben, who will play Frankie, "these are two great characters. They are funny and interesting, and the course of the play takes them on a beautiful journey."

Amy Matthews will direct this production and John Santangelo will play Johnny. The play will run through November 14, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm and Sundays at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students and seniors. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For information and reservations, call 345-1576.

**SPACES STILL AVAILABLE  
FOR TRIP TO STONEWALL 25 IN NYC**

There is still an opportunity to participate in the trip to New York City for Stonewall 25 and the Gay Games, coordinated by ANGLE. There will be one bus leaving Omaha on June 23 and arriving back in Omaha on June 28. Hotel accommodations have been made at a cost of \$31.25 per night (with 4 people sharing a suite with 1 double and 2 twin beds). For three nights the cost would be \$93.75. The cost of transportation on the bus will be \$125.00. The total cost of transportation and lodging will be \$218.75. Hotel accommodations will be at the Mansfield Hotel, 12 West 44th St., N.Y., N.Y. ANGLE is still accepting \$35.00 deposits which will be non-refundable but transferable. Please make deposits payable to ANGLE, Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131. For more information, please call the Gay/Lesbian/Bi Information and Referral Line at (402) 558-5303 and leave a message for Becky. See you in N.Y.!!!

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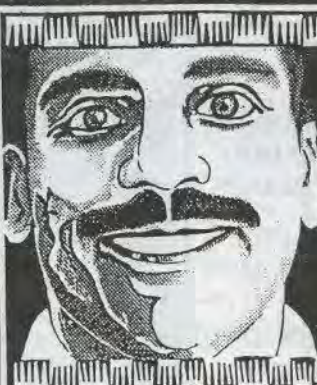
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# RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## \*\*\*\*\*Lincoln\*\*\*\*\*

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, Open Mtg Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214

**Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore**, 2017 "O", Lincoln 68502. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12-5pm, Wally 489-4634/477-5666

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

**Feminist Free Press**, Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501 Feminist Monthly Newspaper.

**Gay Men's Support Group**, c/o Counseling & Psychological Svc, Room 213, Univ. Hlth Center, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450. Confidential

**Information for Older Gay People (INFORMATION)**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043. Local, Nat'l Info, Conference Updates, Education. Coffee House 2nd Saturday of each month, 4-9pm, at 3319 S. 46th Street, Lincoln,

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

**The Male Space**, 1st Thursday (Discussion) 7-8:30pm & 2nd Sunday (Social) 2-6pm at 1448 "E", Lincoln. For Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages. Women may lend financial support. Membership \$10/quarter. Interested; write or visit: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E", Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)**, Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 467-4599. 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Group for family of people with HIV, and G/L Youth Group meet same time & place.

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

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

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

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

**A Woman's Place**, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women. Write: A Woman's Place, 440 S. 44 St., Lincoln, 68510, 476-7692.

**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\*\*\*\*\*

**Al-Anon**, support for those affected by a loved one's use of alcohol. Tuesdays, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Side Door, 3114 Harney, Omaha

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, Info: 345-9916 "Stonewall" Group, Wed. 7:30pm,

MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative",

Fri. 7pm, MCC-Omaha, 455-7916; Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha. Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

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

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

**EAGLE-Omaha**, Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians. US WEST Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha 68102. **Frontrunners/walkers**, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 Running/Walking Club (SASE for info)

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

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

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

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

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 345-2563, Mailing Address: Box 3173, Omaha, 68103. Services at 819 S. 22 St., Sunday School for Adults & Children at 9am, Sunday Worship at 9am and 10:30am. Evening worship 1st Sunday, 6pm preceded by potluck dinner at 5pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Prime Timers**, Social/support organization for older gay and bisexual men and their younger admirers. Meet 3rd Sunday, 4pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow Blvd, Omaha. For more info: call (402) 895-9599 or write: 13908 "S" Plaza, Box 10888, Omaha, 68137

**River City Mixed Bowling League**, President-Scott Rezek, 346-4110, V.P. - Julo Morrison, Secretary - Charley Wade, 597-1689. Sundays at 3pm at Skyland, Center Mall, 42 & Center

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

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

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

**UNO Gay and Lesbian Student Org. (GLSO)**, Membership open to UNO students. Students from all colleges invited to participate, more info. contact president Suzette 558-8697 or the UNO Office of Student Activities 554-2717

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2nd Annual ICE Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament**, Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622, Attn: Scott Hummel-sec.

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

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

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

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

**Times of the Heartland**, 601 S. 16, Suite 710, Omaha 68102. Newline: 341-6900. Advertising, 341-1667. Weekly newspaper for heartland region



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MONDAY, November 1

Imperial Court of Nebraska Bld of Governors  
6:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, **Omaha**

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

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

## TUESDAY, November 2

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

## THURSDAY, November 4

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

The Male Space, Discussion Group 7-8:30pm,  
1448 "E" St., **Lincoln**. For Gay/Bisexual Men of  
all ages. Interested should write or visit: Stan  
Balderson, 1534 "E", Apt. #26, Lincoln, 68508.

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7:30pm, First  
Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, **Omaha**

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

## FRIDAY, November 5

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center,  
1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**, 10pm-2am,  
Testing/Information/Counseling about HIV

*Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*, Blue  
Barn Theatre, 1250 South 13 St., **Omaha**, 8pm,  
Tickets \$10/adults, \$7/students, seniors 345-  
1576 for reservations

## SATURDAY, November 6

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Hayride and  
meeting around the campfire. To carpool  
gather by 6pm, at DC's, 1019 S. 10, **Omaha**.  
Reservations required — call 325-0434, 551-  
7941, or 1-477-3899 by November 5.

Coalition First Saturday Event, 7-10pm  
"Coffee House-Game Night" Cornerstone, 640  
N. 16, **Lincoln**

*Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*, Blue  
Barn Theatre, 1250 South 13 St., **Omaha**, 8pm,  
Tickets \$10/adults, \$7/students, seniors 345-  
1576 for reservations

## SUNDAY, November 7

Concert by MCC-O Choir, MCC-**Omaha**, 819  
S. 22, 345-2563, Pot Luck Supper-5pm,  
Concert-6pm, Public is Welcome

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

*Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*, Blue  
Barn Theatre, 1250 South 13 St., **Omaha**, 8pm,  
Tickets \$10/adults, \$7/students, seniors 345-  
1576 for reservations

Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**,  
sponsors Road Trip to Ashland for Hayrack Ride  
and Hot Dog Roast, 5:30-8:30pm, \$5.00, Then a  
Ho-Down in the Back Bar at 10pm

## SUNDAY, November 7 (continued)

WomenSpace Productions Present Kate Clinton  
in Concert, 7pm, Witherspoon Auditorium, Joslyn  
Art Museum, **Omaha**, Tickets \$17 at the door

The Imperial Court of Nebraska presents "Food  
for Thought" Show, Proceeds provide Holiday  
Baskets for PWA's and benefit MCC-Food Pantry,  
9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

## MONDAY, November 8

AIDS Interfaith Prayer/Healing Service, 7pm,  
Nebraska Chapel, St Cecelia's, 701 N. 40,  
**Omaha**

## TUESDAY, November 9

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

2nd Tuesday "Write In", Sponsored by  
PFLAG-Cornhusker Chapter, **Lincoln**  
Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", 7pm

## WEDNESDAY, November 10

Deadline for December Issue of *New Voice*

## THURSDAY, November 11

### VETERAN'S DAY

**Grand Island Support Group**, Sponsored by  
Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater  
Nebraska, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4,  
North Platte, NE 69101

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

## FRIDAY, November 12

"Food for Thought Weekend, \$1 cover or a can  
of food, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

*Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*, Blue  
Barn Theatre, 1250 South 13 St., **Omaha**, 8pm,  
Tickets \$10/adults, \$7/students, seniors 345-  
1576 for reservations

## SATURDAY, November 13

River City Gender Alliance, For Transgender  
and Crossdress community. All welcome. No  
sexual encounters. For Information Write:  
Box 680, **Council Bluffs** 51502

Coffee House, 4-9pm, 3319 S. 46 St., **Lincoln**,  
Everyone is invited, Hosted by Information for  
Older Gay People, Box 22043, Lincoln, NE  
68542, For info, call (402) 488-4178

Omaha Players Club Workshop, "Body  
Worship" Info: call 451-7987

Roller Skating Party, Sponsor: ANGLE, 5pm-  
7pm, Skateland, 4151 S. 84 (84 & F) **Omaha**

*Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*, Blue  
Barn Theatre, **Omaha**, 8pm, Tickets \$10/adult,  
\$7/student, senior 345-1576 reservations.

"Food for Thought Weekend, \$1 cover or a can  
of food, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

## SUNDAY, November 14

*New Voice* Steering Committee, 1pm, MCC-  
**Omaha**, 819 S. 22

Breakfast at MCC **Omaha**, following worship  
service. Fundraiser for 20th Anniversary  
Celebration. Public is Welcome

The Male Space, Social 2-6pm, 1448 "E" St.,  
**Lincoln**. For Gay/Bisexual Men of all ages  
Write or visit: Stan Balderson, 1534 "E" St., Apt.  
#26, Lincoln, 68508.

*Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*, Blue  
Barn Theatre, 1250 South 13 St., **Omaha**, 8pm,  
Tickets \$10/adults, \$7/students, seniors  
345-1576 for reservations

Champaign presents a Benefit for Homeless,  
10pm, \$3 cover, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

"Babes Behind Bars" host benefit for Ice Bowl  
'94, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

## TUESDAY, November 16

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

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights Board Meeting,  
Cornerstone, 640 N 16, **Lincoln**, 7:30pm

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

"Sexuality and the Scriptures" presented by Rev.  
Matthew L. Howard, 6:30-8:30pm, MCC-  
**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, Everyone is Welcome!

Mr. MAX Tim hosts Dream Time/Slumber Party  
Slosh's Saloon, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

## FRIDAY, November 19

*The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me* on stage at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 7pm, Tickets  
\$10 in Advance, Available at the Blue Barn  
Theatre, 345-1576 (This performance will admit  
only those of legal drinking age-21 and over)

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center,  
1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**, 10pm-2am,  
Information, Testing, Counseling for  
preventing spread of HIV

## SATURDAY, November 20

1994 Mr/Ms Leather Nebraska Contest,  
Sponsor: Omaha Players Club, DC's, **Omaha**

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, Sponsored by  
Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater  
Nebraska, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4,  
North Platte, NE 69101

*The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me* on stage at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 7pm, Tickets  
\$10 in Advance, Available at the Blue Barn  
Theatre, 345-1576 (This performance will admit  
only those of legal drinking age-21 and over)

## SUNDAY, November 21

Sunday Brunch at Club 2001, **Lincoln**, 10am-  
2pm, \$5.95 per person/\$10 per couple

*The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me* on stage at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 2pm, Tickets  
\$10 in Advance, Available at the Blue Barn  
Theatre, 345-1576 (All ages will be admitted)

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



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, November 21 (continued)

North Platte Support Group, 7:30pm, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4, North Platte, NE 69101

Prime Timers, 4pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd., Omaha

Fun with Kendra and the Gals, 10pm, \$2 cover, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln

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

The Midwest Premier of "The Dream Warriors", The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## TUESDAY, November 23

PFLAG Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, 6pm, Bring dish to share and table service, Turkey and drink provided, Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, 7pm, Small group sharing (under 21 group meets separately), Program: "Holidays and Stress" Call 467-4599

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Sunday School for Adults & Children 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Meeting 12noon (308)382-0240

### MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 7:15 to 9:30pm, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St, (Northwest Door), Omaha

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth St, Omaha, 7-9:30pm

### TUESDAY

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

AI-Anon Support Group for those whose lives are affected by loved one's use of alcohol, 1st Unitarian Church, Side Door, Omaha, 7pm

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Stonewall" Group 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha 819 S. 22, 345-2563

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

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

## THURSDAY, November 25 THANKSGIVING DAY

Grand Island Support Group, Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska, Write: GLAGN, 4005 Rodeo Rd, #4, North Platte, NE 69101

Turkey Dinner at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln, 1-4pm, Also movies in the Back Bar 12-6pm, Beer Bust \$5 with 1/4 refills

## SUNDAY, November 28

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

STARS Wet T-Shirt/West Jockey Contest hosted by Tasha, 10pm, \$3 cover, Club 2001, Lincoln

Gloria Revelle's "Sunday Night Fever Party" The 70's Live at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

### THURSDAY

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth Omaha 7-9:30pm

### FRIDAY

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

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Plymouth Cong. Church, 20 & D, 438-5214

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

Every Other Fri., Drop In Center, HIV Counseling/Info Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am

After Hours Dancing, 1 - 4am Late Night, DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

After Hours Dancing, 1:35 - 4am Late Night, New Run Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

### SATURDAY

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Kearney, Open Meeting 3pm

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

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

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After Hours Dancing, 1:35 - 4am Late Night, The New Run Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

## Bars & Restaurants

### Des Moines (A.C. 515)

Blazing Saddle 416 E 5th St., 246-1299

The Brass Garden 112 SE 4th St., 243-3965

Club 508 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508  
The D & M 424 E Locust St., 243-9629

### Omaha (A.C. 402)

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys, 342-1244

DC's 1019 S. 10th, 344-3103

The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595

Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth, 449-9147

The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110

The New Run 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

### Lincoln (A.C. 402)

Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764

Club 2001 500 Sun Valley Road, 476-2001

Red & Black Cafe 1819 "O" 438-2525

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The Run  
St. Mary's Tan

### Council Bluffs:

Adult Emporium  
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### Lincoln:

Arbor Moon  
Club 2001  
Nebraska Book Store  
The Panic  
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays  
Red & Black Cafe  
UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center  
Women's Resource Center

### Kearney:

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Club 508  
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Dear Editor,

I have just received the October issue of *The New Voice of Nebraska*. On the "Letters to the Editors" page, I see where several incarcerated gentlemen have written to you asking you to place an ad once. That is also the reason that I am writing this letter.

I am currently incarcerated at the Omaha Correctional Center. My release date is 12 December, 93, and in January I'll be attending classes at Southeast Community College in Milford, Nebraska. My major is Computer Programming Technology.

I am new to the Lincoln area, and would like to meet and get to know some sincere and open people from the gay community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and I hope that you have the space to print my enclosed ad.

GWM, 6'2", 180 lbs, Brown hair and eyes, HIV-, Currently incarcerated at O.C.C. will be released in December. I enjoy hiking, biking, all music, plays, reading, writing, singing, computers, talking and touching. In search of GWM's, 18-40, who are clean and disease free. I'll be in the Lincoln area soon and would like to meet and get to know people from the gay community. Any replies welcome, all answered.

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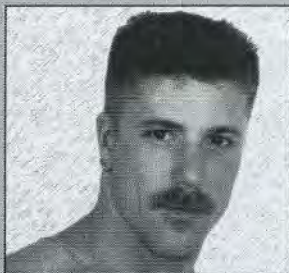
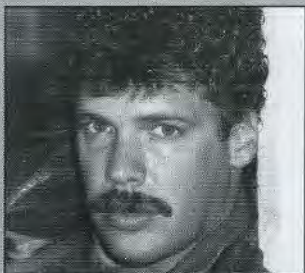
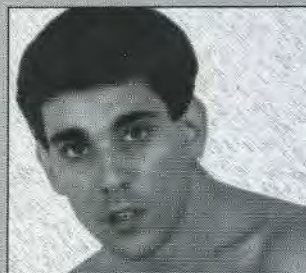
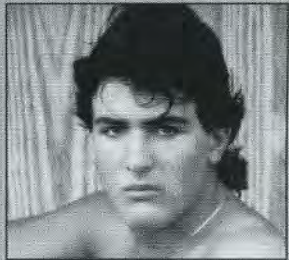
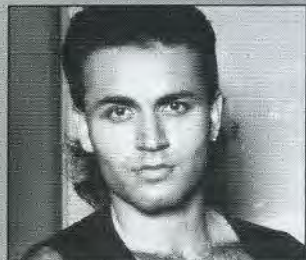
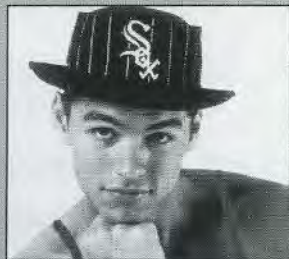
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