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# COUNTER CULTURE

by Sharon Van Butsel

Occasionally I find that I let myself respond to an article or poem or letter submitted for publication. This month's feature "This Thing Called Culture" is the latest to elicit a response.

"This Thing Called Culture" is obviously the product of an educated, literate person — and an impassioned person. Paula never chooses to share with us just what has happened in her "gay" life that has led her to see so much negativism in the gay/lesbian community.

I am forced to agree with many of the things that Paula says — we are, indeed, our own worst enemies. However, I also find that our community is a dynamic, growing, changing ecostructure which is a never ending source of delight to me.

Let me share with you a few of the very, very positive things that have happened in my "gay" life during recent weeks.

1) I went to Peggy and Dawn's house in the country to watch spectacular fireworks. This delightful couple had invited 40 of their friends for a potluck supper and fireworks in the yard. The group that gathered included straight, gay, transgender, bi, male, female, old, young, children, black, white, thin, fat, drinkers, non-drinkers, smokers, non-smokers, talkers, listeners, etc. They invited friends from church, from work, family members and family friends. This melange of people didn't know each other but they met in a welcoming, open atmosphere to share fellowship and laughter.

2) Carla and I performed a slapstick country western lip sync at ICON's Coronation. It was corny and great fun and the audience loved it (even the very impressive Empress Nicole from San Diego who is one of the "heroes" featured in the book *Uncommon Heroes* admitted that she enjoyed it.)

3) We flew to Chicago to help with the International Ms Leather Pageant. Our friend, Amy Marie Meek, asked us to help with

registration and we were glad to be able to help her and the other women of the leather community.

4) One friend celebrated a year of sobriety, and another friend started drinking again — and we love them both.

5) John Pierre came to spend a morning with his two grandmothers. It gave us a great excuse to spend the morning in the park and to go to Chuckee Cheese and see the show without having to admit we enjoyed it, too. Grandkids are great for that.

6) We got to watch the MCC Crusaders play softball. These women don't win many games but they just keep hanging in there and showing up every week and playing their very best. Some of the players are very good and some are just learning, but they all get to play and everybody cheers for what everyone does — even if all they can say is "Nice Try."

7) I got to work the pop stand at the ICON Picnic on the fourth of July. I met the most charming young man who nearly killed me with his polite manner. But when I teased him about being too polite, he just told me that he was raised in the South and that his Momma would have "whooped" him if he wasn't polite to his elders.

8) I celebrated my 51st birthday! That's a milestone that I'm pretty proud of.

9) The Rev. Earle Lewis came to Omaha to be the Pastor of MCC-Omaha. His energy and his determination to take this church on the next stage of its journey are a delight to behold. Rev. Lewis speaks with a down home Texas accent and his eyes sparkle when he gets tickled about something. And the love that is reflected in his eyes and the eyes of his partner, Martie, makes my heart sing with the joy of their love.

10) My friend, Don Randolph, was named interim director of the Nebraska AIDS Project. Congratulations, Don!

11) We (the Board of Directors of the AIDS

Coalition for Empowerment) made the decision to close Unity House and to be a part of the new center being developed for the Nebraska AIDS Project. How very exciting to be present as something new takes shape.

12) Some of my friends from the Visiting Nurse Association who happened to be in the office on Sunday, June 11, came out and watched the Pride Parade with me. These heterosexual, professional nurses cheered and clapped right along with the rest of us.

I hope by now you get my point. Yes, there are negative things around us, but I believe that you combat negativity by spreading positives. If you're tired of negative people who are always criticizing or fault finding, just start smothering them with praise and reports of positive things. Odds are that you'll find that they shut up really quickly. And they might just surprise you and start being positive, too. After all, being gay or lesbian or bi or transgender is a really special and positive thing. Remember, we're the lucky 10% — the other 90% are just ordinary straight people.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KARL

Dear Editor:

Karl Heinrich Ulrichs' 169th birthday will be celebrated on August 28. It would be nice if all your readers took a few moments to remember he is the first known openly Gay person to speak and write that Gay people are health in both mind and body.

In 1867 at age 41, before a convention of 500 jurists assembled in the Grand Hall of the Odeon Theater in Munich, Germany, he made a public pleas for the inalienable rights of Gay people, even before the word homosexual had been coined.

Ulrichs spent 18 years producing 12 books on Gay rights. He legally defended Gay people, and the Prussian police twice imprisoned him for his political views. At age 55 he retired in Italy and died in L'Aquila on July 14, 1895.

If your readers want more information about this pioneer of the Gay Movement, they may contact us. Happy birthday, Karl!

Sincerely,

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## CORRECTION ON GAY/ LESBIAN LIT CLASS

Sharon,

In the recent issue (June 95), you printed a story about the gay & lesbian class at UNO. The time of the class that was printed was wrong though. Here is the correct information.

Call # 01041 Eng 2000-801  
Monday 7:05pm - 9:45 pm  
Peter Kiewel Conference Center  
Instructor: Tim Cramer

Tim would have contacted you but he is out of town for the summer, so he asked me to let you know.

Could you print this information about the class in the next issue?

Thanks,  
Jennifer

## MR DESERT PLAINS DRUMMER THANKS NVN

Dear Sharon,

Thank you for the article the New Voice ran on the Mister Desert Plains Drummer Contest. I realize that the staff has many events to cover each month and the Midwest Leather Community appreciates the time and column space that the New Voice provides to our many activities.

I will be representing the Midwest and Southwest regions of our community at the International Mister Drummer Contest this fall in San Francisco. I hope that I can keep the same spirit of community that the New Voice has provided to me over many years. I also wish to thank everyone who helped me financially by buying Jell-O shots over the July 4th Holiday weekend. Miss MAX Monica, Michelle, Shawn, and Raegan were a big help to me as well.

Thanks again to you, your staff an the entire Gay Community of Omaha for all the support and encouragement I have received. I plan to make you all very proud in September.

Sincerely,

Jim, Mr. Desert Plains Drummer

## CORRECTION: JOE TOOK FIRST PLACE

Thanks to our readers who keep us honest! In the last issue of *The New Voice*, I described the great fun we had at the Indoor Rodeo at DC's. However, I got so busy having fun that I didn't take good notes. As a result, I listed Jim Bohrer as winning first place in the individual competition. If fact, it was Joe Batter who took the first place trophy home with him. (Somehow, I got Joe listed in 3rd place — I bet that I wrote the names down in the order they were announced and then couldn't remember which way they went!) Anyway, our apologies to Joe — anyone who is the proud owner of a first place trophy should definitely get credit for it. Thanks for the phone call!

## CUT-A-THON REACHES OUT ACROSS NEBRASKA

The August 12 Cut-a-thon for the Nebraska AIDS Project has participating salons from Sidney to Omaha, Nebraska.

The event, sponsored by Innersalon Design and Supply, Peels Salon Services, Standard Beauty Supply, Klindt Corporation, and Progressive Enterprises has greatly helped the exposure for the event.

Following is the list of participating salons. Please consider making your appointment on August 12. A percentage of your patronage will go to support the Nebraska AIDS Project.

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Command Performances.....	334-5030
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John Coleman-Haircrafters.....	895-9713
Mane Gallery.....	571-6822
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## THIS THING CALLED CULTURE

by Paula

I'm a relatively new lesbian in that I've only been out to myself and the community 3 years. Prior to being "out" I was an advocate of gay rights, giving me some familiarity of the gay lifestyle and associated struggles. Now that I'm out and exposed first hand to the community, I would have to say that we are our own worst enemy.

Granted, my perceptions and foundation for these comments are based on my experiences and the experiences of a few friends. But there are so many similarities in our "gay" lives that I'm inclined to believe there is a norm that erodes any foundations that might exist allowing us to support one another in finding happiness.

The specific norm which keeps us segregated, defensive, offensive, and abusive toward one another is a carry over from what society wants to believe about gays and lesbians. Are we sick? Bad? Perverted? Sinful? No, we aren't. But just like children who hear all their lives that they are ugly, stupid, and fat, it's difficult to develop a positive self image. It's difficult to turn off the tapes and replace them with self talk that's supportive and positive. What do we know about people with low self images? Sometimes they have a tendency to make themselves feel better by talking bad and making up stories about those around them. Sometimes they are so full of self hate and anger that they become abusive emotionally and/or physically. Too well we know that many we care about develop chemical dependencies.

Personally, I have never been exposed to more negativity in my life than the negativity that thrives in the gay community. We're appalled by "gay bashing" and, yet, we are the worst gay bashers. We spread negative rumors, we distort facts, we beat each other, we threaten each other. We even burn each other's flesh. What is wrong with us? We are so motivated to plant weeds in each other's yards that we forget to tend our own gardens. We are so quick to turn our backs on those we need most... each other.

Do we not understand that success experienced by any gay or lesbian person is a success of ours? Do we not understand that if we support each other in finding happiness that the happiness will begin to fill the community and spill over onto each of us?

Each one of us needs to decide that we deserve happiness and so do our brothers and sisters. Who doesn't want happiness, health, and love? Is there anyone who isn't sick of all the "games?" To stop the tumbling of a chain of dominoes, someone has to prevent one domino from falling into the next. We each have the option to stop the tumbling within ourselves and lend support to those around us rather than being part of the negative momentum.

As individuals we have a lot of power and the ability to cultivate a positive climate for growth. Confront rumors by not listening and not spreading them. Focus on improving yourself and the conditions that surround you rather than preventing others from moving forward. Help those that have abusive inclinations to seek help. Respect relationships between lovers and friends. Be trustworthy. Be responsible when you "party." Stop hitting each other! Celebrate each other's successes! Thank the people who have helped you and help someone else in return. Apologize to those harmed in the past by your actions.

Perhaps I'm being too presumptuous to believe that we would all choose to have fulfilling lives (not only for ourselves, but our friends and families) but I can't imagine not having that desire even if it might be buried so deep within our souls that it's hidden from us. Surely we are all tired and saddened by the seemingly dominant pattern of self-destructive behaviors in our community. Aren't we?

Just between us dominoes... I don't care how long it took for this pattern to be created and I don't care how many people are tuning in to watch us

## PARDON OSCAR WILDE

WILDE, the new national gay men's magazine that integrates culture and sexuality, launches an American campaign requesting Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to pardon Oscar Wilde to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the conviction and imprisonment of the celebrated Irish writer for "gross indecency with other male persons" in 1895.

The Oscar Wilde Pardon Campaign supports an ongoing drive launched in Britain last year by the gay rights organization, OutRage. Postcards expressing support of the campaign were inserted in the 1995 issue of WILDE which premiered March 1. An additional 300,000 cards will be distributed to gay organizations throughout the United States. Returned cards will be collected by WILDE and delivered by hand to Buckingham Palace in November.

Wilde wrote *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Salome*, *Lady Windermere's Fan*, *A Woman of No Importance* and *An Ideal Husband*, which will be presented on Broadway this April. Wilde died in Paris in 1900 at the age of 46, three years after his release from prison.

Wilde was convicted of "committing acts of gross indecency with other male persons" under an 1885 law then called Section 11, now labelled Section 13: Sex Offenses Act of 1956. Outrage has estimated that more than 100,000 men have been convicted of similar acts between males under the law.

On February 14, a stained glass window was dedicated to Oscar Wilde at Great Britain's literary "Hall of Fame" known as Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey, where he joins English language luminaries Shakespeare, Tennyson, and Dickens, among others. Wilde was recently named the "first modern homosexual" in *The Gay 100* published by Citadel Press (1995).

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# POETRY: Edited by Brian E. Bengtson

## "I'VE RUN OUT OF CUTE 'GURU' SAYINGS. PLEASE HELP....."

Good morning, my little servants of smile! Well, this has been another busy month, what with it still being the "honeymoon" and all. Yes, your guru of words poetic is still in wedded bliss, still walking on air, still stopping to smell the roses, still trying to find uses for three soup tureens! Before anyone asks, soup tureens **do not** make good handbags, backpacks, fishbowls, doorstops, bedpans, and it takes of lot of work to turn one into a home entertainment center.

I want to thank all those who showed up at the ACE fundraiser last month, and a really big thank-you to all those who bought a copy of my book, *Gay.....Some Assembly Required*. "What," you say, "My favorite purveyor of poetry has a book out? That's the best news I have heard all year! Oh my! Oh joy! Who needs therapy now!"

Yes, true believers, I have a book out. It's a wonderful collection of some of my best poems, covering over two years of my work. Some of these poems have appeared in other magazines, such as *OUTLOOK*, *David's Place*, and *Bay Windows*. Edna Buffington of Red Oak, Iowa read my book and now **she can walk without a cane!!!** Hugh Grant bought a copy of my book, and he has sworn off sleazy prostitutes forever! NASA has sent a copy of my book into space in the hopes that other worlds will share in the joy of my guru-ness! (Do you feel left out yet? Well, buy a copy already!!!)

Enough harping about the book for this month! This month, I am presenting a brand new poet! Sean A. Martin hails from Omaha, and has a really cute handle on the Internet! I am also including three of my own pieces because I know how much you all like them, and I am running short of poems again! So send me some! Dust off your old limericks, haiku's, and sonnets. **Type them!** (I have pretty poor handwriting analysis abilities, and would hate to screw anything up!) And send it to me! Who knows, maybe you will get a book, too! And then you will have to mercilessly hock it all over the place.

Be good to each other,  
Love, Brian

## ON A RAINY AFTERNOON

By Sean A. Martin

A bracing thunderstorm rages outside, bringing harsh rains, winds that bend the very trees, lightning and thunder that thrills to the marrow. A storm bold enough to terrify and captivate any child. The darkness of the clouds steals the mid-day sun as it waits patiently to regain possession of the heavens.

I lie on the porch swing. The air is chilled, damp from the rain falling just beyond the eaves. A large mug of coffee fulfills its promise of warmth, aided by an old quilt comfortably draped about my body. Old friends from a tattered and reread novel are the company with whom I share the secrets of the storm.

The old and rusted chains on the swing creak and groan, straining to be heard above the thunderous skies as they propel me gently over the peeled wooden floor. The rain spatters the roof above, washing down through old stopped-up gutters, loudly splashing the ground where it pools itself around the plantings and flowers.

I nod off into a light sleep, gently spirited away by the lullaby of a storm on a rainy afternoon.

## MY OWN PRIVATE PASSION PLAY

By Brian E. Bengtson

My fingertip is cut  
by the odd-numbered page  
as I turn to  
the next chapter.

A droplet of blood  
races non-stop  
to blur the brand-new  
paragraph. I try not to  
notice the one-act  
of omens laid out  
before me.

My symbol of life  
jumps off the binding  
and crashes to an unwashed  
wooden floor, an afterburn  
of T-cells, platelets,  
antibodies and red - placed  
just below the line of sight.

I dab at the footprints  
of crimson and metaphor  
with my free hand, try to  
make out the first word.

## CULTIVATION

By Sean A. Martin

As a flower grows  
in a greenhouse,  
I flourish under your care.  
My roots are deeper,  
thicker, stronger —  
my branches are many.  
The tender care with which  
you tend the plant of my soul  
hastens my growth,  
and allows the budding  
of my spirit.

## TOILETRIES

By Brian E. Bengtson

Our communal bathroom  
became the family memorial  
each time my father read  
about the war.  
My two brothers and I shared  
curious glances at the tanks,  
machine guns, bronze stars,  
and purple hearts with each  
flush of the commode.

We skimmed over the much-laden  
plans to forever drive the Axis  
out of the ruins of Poland.  
My mother told us not to look  
during the week of the Holocaust.  
After dinner, he would be sternly  
scolded for bringing the kids  
silent grey shrunken bodies,  
rooms filled with empty purses,  
gas chambers, and concrete markers  
over crowded graves.

We learned the mind of Hitler  
when we brushed our teeth  
after breakfast, studied the  
remains of Pearl Harbor as  
we tried to shave. My father's three  
boys grew in the shadow of VJ-Day,  
and every necessary holiday his boys  
combed the mall for a new  
addition to the family shrine.

## ARISTOTLE POSED

By Brian E. Bengtson

An off-white dove perches  
in one corner of the steel-black  
cage, his afternoon shadow  
melts into the bars.

He has puffed out his feathers  
to fend off any draft or hidden  
visitor. His wooden bar is chipped  
from mornings of beak-work.

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oak floor like sacred stones around the  
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# FEATURES

## ROBERTS' RULES: One Of The Girls

by Shelly Roberts

(Warning: Tough TS material to follow. Not for the oversensitive. Or maybe it will be.)

I admit it, I haven't a clue what it's like to be trans-gendered (TG) or trans-sexual (TS). I don't even know what the politically correct terms are. And up until recently, I haven't cared to do a lot of exploring.

Oh, sure, I gave lip service (uh...let me rephrase that) paid nominal attention to who they were, and what they were doing on my rainbow alliances...right after the bi-people, but that's another column. I tried to be politically tolerant. Believed I was. Wanted to be.

But my interactions to TS/TG's were purposely at arm's length. Imagine my confusion over TS/TG lesbians.

Okay lemme see if I've got this: You're a biological guy, right. And you think that nature made a boo-boo during the androgen wash twelve weeks prenatal. Uh-huh. So you know they made you stand in the wrong chromosome line, and you wanna change lines. Right. That part, I got. It's okay. I understand so far. Go on. You're...uh...not interested in guys as partners, because that would be homosexual, and you're not that. Okay, seems acceptable, but confusing. So now you want to be a woman, who is interested in guys, which does sound vaguely homosexual all along. And confusing. Which is okay, because lots of us denied our orientation until much later. But, waitaminute. You're really interested in women, which would have been okay when you were a guy, but now that you're a woman, you want to join yet another oppressed minority because secretly...you're really a lesbian who was trapped in a man's body. Oh my.

If you thought you were confused, imagine their dilemma.

Well, that's just the problem. Admit it your own self. If you didn't know a TS/TG person personally, or were one, you too kept them at arm's length.

And, another thing. I know it is purely biological bias, but it has always seemed to me that if you have lived in a man's body for as long as it takes to get to be TG'd, you kind of pick up the lingo, if you know what I mean. The sensibilities. So if there's a problem, (what a silly question, much of the acceptance area is a problem for TS/TG-ers) it's that Halloween question for lesbians. The who's masquerading as whom concern, that sits slightly subdermally, picnicking on trust.

I know nobody who ever talks about it. Except TS/TG-er amongst themselves and their mates and those close personal friends willing to vault the prejudice wall.

Allow me to introduce you to a new friend of mine I only just met, and have never seen. She's joined my lesbian electronic pen-pal set on the internet, and outed herself in such moving ways, that I wanted to share her. With her permission. Because maybe a whole bunch of us, never looked close enough at some of the other people marching in our parades.

I am 42 and a med student. While many would consider me a lipstick lesbian, I am very out. What I am not generally out about (except at school where I transitioned, and with close friends)

is that I was diagnosed as TS. I say "diagnosed" because I do not identify as a transsexual as an intersex; I identified first as girl and later as a woman. To me, TS and intersex are simply labels for medical conditions, birth defects, which are being corrected. I dislike being labeled as TS because I do not wish to be treated as an escapee from Gerald based on preconceived notions other than being treated as the person I am. It bothers me to be labeled as a medical condition; after all, people are not usually labeled as heart attacks or cancers. While I do not deny my "status", neither do I normally disclose. The question simply does not arise since I am perceived and treated as the person I am, a middle aged professional woman.

"In response to the matter of having lived as a 'man': If it can be said that an actress has the history of the role which she portrayed, then I

suppose it could be said that I have the history of a 'man'. It sure does not feel that way to me though. I awoke each morning for over four decades, knowing who I was, feeling that I had to play the game another day and wondering if I had the strength to go on. In order to survive, I constructed a shell, thin and brittle to be sure. I played the role expected of me as best I could never quite being able to completely figure out the rules."

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# GAY MONEY TALKS — LET YOURS SPEAK "OUT" LOUD AND CLEAR

by Scott L. Lowther

An interesting thing happened the other day on the way to the opera. No. Sorry . . . That's another story. Actually this is the story of what one gay couple, my partner and I, encountered when we recently purchased diamond rings for our engagement.

Although both of us are "out" and proud, we found it a bit disconcerting to encounter odd stares and continuous, stupid questions during our search for the rings which would announce our intention to wed to the world. After all, this is a very special occasion.

The question asked most frequently by sales clerks hoping to close a sale went something like this: "So, which of you is buying today?" Another closing question we heard frequently as one of us tried on a prospective ring was "So, are you helping your friend pick out a ring?"

I don't know about the rest of the community, but I find the euphemism "friend" makes my blood boil. One woman was so bold she actually told me "friends" wouldn't want to have rings just alike.

One clerk, realizing Randy and I as a couple, just blurted out, "So, when's the big date?" I liked that, but it seemed insincere since the rest of his manner was a bit on the pushy side.

Randy and I did encounter one store, though, in our pilgrimage through town that made us feel

very comfortable. They were discreet, yet comfortable, identifying us and talking to us as a couple.

They understood that we wanted two rings of the same type from the moment we began looking at men's wedding rings together, and offered to give us a special price for buying two just alike. This store was Gordon's Jewelers in the Crossroads Mall.

This is not to say that there aren't scores of other stores in Omaha that might have made us feel as comfortable, but we didn't happen to experience them during our search.

Nothing can take the fun out of the search for matching wedding bands with your beloved a quickly as having to deal with ignorance, prejudice, and discrimination.

This experience led to a dialogue between myself and Gary, the manager of Gordon's Jewelers. He mentioned he would like me to spread the word to the "gay community" that Gordon's is very gay-friendly and is anxious to help the gay community with our jewelry needs.

In addition, Gary mentioned a limousine company he and his business partner own, known as Embassy Limousine Service. He explained that his limousine company would be available to individuals and couples in our community and that we could feel comfortable with his staff.

I have rented limousines before. In fact, Randy and I rented a limo on our first date and, although we encountered no problems, we wondered how the driver would react when we kissed on our way to dinner. It might have been nice to know that the company we hired advertised in a gay publication and was known to be gay-friendly.

Embassy Limousine Service, Inc. celebrated its grand opening on Thursday, July 11, in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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*Editor's Note: Living openly as a couple does bring certain frustrations.*

*If you have encountered a gay-friendly business, let us know. We'll do our best to get the word out to the rest of the community.*

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## THE AIDS MIRAGE

by Fred A. Cline, Jr.

Caton, Hiram. *The AIDS Mirage*. Sydney, University of New South Wales Press, 1994 (Frontlines, 4) 62 p.

Professor Caton's small book is unique in the growing body of AIDS dissident literature. Not only does he expose the usual political, scientific and medical frauds and deceptions of the AIDS phenomenon, but goes to the heart of the matter in his last chapter entitled "Medicine and human suffering." The title of the book refers to a mirage, which, in my dictionary is defined as "something illusory," (i.e. not real). This characterizes the AIDS "epidemic" from its inception, and nobody realizes this more than those of us who have been afflicted with this disease, and who have come to refer to it similarly as "smoke and mirrors". Caton seeks to explain how this deplorable situation has come about.

Scientific medicine is embedded in our society, and therefore to discover the root of the problem we must examine ourselves. Most of us are either incapable of, or refuse to do this. Caton attempts to assist us with this analysis through the use of "yarns" in a manner that most of us can understand.

Claiming that AIDS is "the most political disease of our age" he explains how the assault on the mind resulted in political agendas, both in the gay community and the community at large, which tend to foster this paradigm and protect those who know about the deception, but refuse to face it. He relates how this has crated "infotainment" because the real thing, probably a breakdown of the immune system related to lifestyle, is too boring to report. Infotainment feeds on "the craving for calamity and enjoyment of the sense of personal threat." This in turn causes patients to panic and seek out treatments that ultimately create the disease itself. John Lauritsen has referred to this as "iatrogenic genocide." The media continue this farcical drama as a means of attracting viewers and readers.

Professor Canon's message is not totally iconoclastic, for although modern medicine does not involve the patient in the healing process, preferring to objectify the process and provide the patient with offers of surgery and prescriptive medicine — he is clearing a supporter of alternative medicine, which does involve the patient, and is still readily available to us. This book should be read by all those who are sincere about participating in this process.

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Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! It's the 1990's and time to sit down and think a bit about the crazy times we are in. It truly is an amazing time; not only for gays and lesbians but everyone. Oh yeah, we have come a long way, baby, over this last Quarter Century. AND, we are feeling good about our progress; but where really are we? Well, for one, we are sitting on the edge of many major legal decisions; decisions which will affect our community greatly in the days to come.

As the new Century arrives, we actually could be honorable. Military personnel with full access to all the benefits the straights receive. I'm even buzzed at the possibility that we might even come to the point where the Military may have to separate the bigots in the Military because THEY are mentally and emotionally incapable of interacting with the majority of straights in the Military who live in love and understanding on a level of intelligence rather than emotion and a robotized philosophy. It could happen!

It could happen IF we do as President Clinton said: "EXERCISE YOUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH!"

The world also probably will be finding out what all of us already know and Science will soon be proving: we didn't choose being homos; it's as genetic as our individual peculiar skin shade.

## FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace London, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

We and the world will learn that our life-style is chosen, JUST as the lifestyle of each and every straight person is chosen. We will learn that a very small percentage of our community has chosen to be a drag, while the 99% majority of our community has chosen lifestyles little different from the majority of the straight community. Of course, our little drag percentage with their flamboyant chosen lifestyles will continue to be that segment of community seen and heard on the TV Talk Shows and in the media headlines. Of course, this kind of TV exposure for our community will continue to delight the religious fundies who already just knew this is the lifestyle of ALL of "the Godless queers" have chosen.

And, the ultra Left will be elated because they will feel that their extremist fringe group has been expanded.

It may be concluded this will reveal there is no basic difference from the past, but the real difference will be that it might be learned. IF enough of our voices are heard, that EVERY one chooses their lifestyle but NOT their sexuality or gender will in their present physical body.

Because of the present legal maneuvers, there may also come the day when we will be treated equally with our straight brothers and sisters in regard to "marriage". In the meantime we will probably continue to USE the present legal systems to protect ourselves and our Rights.

We'll use adoption to legalize our lifemates Rights. We'll prepare our Wills better to insure lifemates from being left out when and if the bizzard relatives decide we belong to them rather than to our chosen lifemate. We will work within the Corporate systems to bring individual Corporations into agreements where "family rights" will be equally recognized - husbands and wives AND lifemates. We'll learn to take advantage of the Rite of Holy Union.

It appears now that even the Feds have ended their practice of using homosexuality as a basis

for denying a Security Clearance. Sure is nice to see this happening in my lifetime because when I was younger—a Senior in High School - the Feds had a big thing going with a Loyalty Program. It was a time of hysteria over the alleged Communist threat we faced then and Security Clearances were on the line. You not only had to pass "The Puko Test", it was also included you could be removed from service for "sexual perversion". Security Clearances were denied to homos on the assumption we were at risk of being blackmailed.

Man! What a difference a half a Century can make!

Today, I couldn't be blackmailed like I was back then. Why? Because only a liar CAN BE BLACKMAILED, and I was living a lie in my closet then, pretending to be something I wasn't; pretending to be straight. Now, the closet doors are opening wide and there's nothing to hide any longer; nothing to be blackmailed for simply because we are homosexuals. Cheers! To all who have chosen to live in truth.

For those still in their closets: maybe it would be a good idea to be blackmailed so they'd get their butts out of that damn suffocating closet and become leaders in living in truth. And, wouldn't it just be a kick-in-the-ass for the wild and wacky world of Politics to have to deal with truth and not have to be afraid of being truthful any longer lest they lose their elections!

God! I can almost hear a voice crying out "I'd rather be right than be President."

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

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

## SQUEAKS FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

What was all that furor in Washington, D.C., recently? It sounded like somebody had left the barn door open and the jackass was over at the Senate braying again! I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away from my hole I flew like a flash, tore round the studs and climbed over the trash! And what to my wondering eyes should appear but Senator Jesse Helms — why am I surprised? You know he represents one of the states which leads the nation in producing the product which is the leading cause of cancer and heart attacks, to say nothing of elevated blood pressure. And what he was saying really elevated my blood pressure!!! He is trying to stop funding of the Ryan White Care Act program, which helps AIDS patients and their families through the tragedy of that illness. His rationale — if you can call it such — is that we are already giving too much money for this disease which "they brought on themselves by disgusting, immonal acts." And even worse, few people dared to disagree with this braying vocalist!!

I got to thinking about it. What will happen if we don't let the folks who represent us in Washington know this help is desperately needed by those who are too ill to help themselves? What would happen if every one of us who knows or has known someone who has or had either HIV or AIDS would take fifteen minutes to write a letter to each of the Senators from our state to voice our

disagreement with the garbage this man was vomiting? You doubt your little letter will do much good? I doubt it, too, but if a hundred such letters came across a Senator's desk, I know he or she would take a second look at the issue. And we can put our little hands together and make a thousand letters appear as if by magic if we just get busy and do it. But we need to do it now! Next month will be too late — the funds may have already been voted down by then.

Since I'm only a church mouse, my little squeaks don't count for much, but you can bet I'm going to do all I can! I've already made plans to leave my favorite "calling cards" on the braying demagogue's desk when I run across it tonight. He probably won't notice, but at least I'll know I've done all I can do to make a difference. And in the morning, who knows? He just might realize he's been visited by someone who cares about suffering, sickness and financial difficulty. He'll probably order a whole shipment of new mouse traps and poison — costing no telling how much — since his favorite solution to something he disagrees with is to try to wipe it out. And that includes me — and you, if you happen to be different oriented than he is.

Well, I'd better get busy eating this stale cheese. I want to have plenty of "ammunition" when I go out "cruising" this evening.

Rocquefort, the church mouse

*Editor's note: For those of you who will take the fifteen minutes needed to write a letter, we've included the names and local office addresses of the Nebraska Senators.*

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## DENDRITIC CELLS: KEY TO HIV INFECTION

Patrolling immune system cells called dendritic cells may begin the HIV disease process by carrying the virus from the site of infection to the lymph nodes where other immune cells become infected, according to investigators at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Drew Weissman, M.D., Ph.D., of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation discussed the "Role of Dendritic Cells in HIV Pathogenesis" at the Second National Conference on Human Retroviruses and Related Infections in Washington, D.C. "Dendritic cells probably have particular relevance to HIV infection because they are the first immune system cells to arrive at sites of inflammation on mucous membranes, the major site of sexual transmission of HIV," said Dr. Weissman. Dendritic cells travel through the body and bind to foreign invaders, especially in external tissues such as the skin and the membranes of the gut, lungs and reproductive tract. Once the cells encounter an invader, they ferry the foreign substance to lymph nodes to stimulate T-cells and initiate an immune response.

Dr. Weissman and his colleagues have found that dendritic cells, taken from healthy individuals, bind HIV directly to their surfaces. The researchers also found that adding certain immune system signaling molecules — cytokines — enhanced or inhibited the infection of CD4+ T-cells. "Further work on the mechanisms of HIV binding to dendritic cells and the transfer of the virus to CD4+ T-cells, as well as the cytokines that influence this process, may lead to new therapies to block or alter the initial events of HIV infection prior to significant damage to the immune system," said Dr. Weissman.

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# "OUT IN THE STARS" Astrological Forecast for AUGUST 1995

by C. Lichtenstein

Clear a path for those lazy, hazy, sensuous days of summer. Let us promise to wear as little as possible and demonstrate how beautiful we are inside and out.

The planetary troika to watch this August is a combination of the affirming Sun, lovely Venus and intellectual Mercury all in confident Leo. Put your plans on the front burner and bring to a boil. Thank Leo for the happy results. happy birthday, all you pink and proud Lions!

**ARIES (March 21 - April 20)** School is out, but the planets demand that you follow the three "Rs" - romance, relaxation and revelry. (Not bad for the dog days of summer, eh?) Enjoy yourself, but remember to put a bit of time, energy and effort into relationships. Partners can always use a little TLC and you could use a gay party mate. It takes two to tango, you know.

**TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)** August may be an opportune time for you to re-explore family history and re-approach family members. Disagreements could be ironed out and ties can be forged. Could this possibly be a reaction to recent disappointments with certain friendships? Why ask why? Concentrate on home, security and family this month and you won't be disappointed with the results.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)** Geminis are in their element this month - thoughts and communications are effectively on target. Good thing too. Career issues continue to percolate and boil over. The benign influence of Venus and the Sun on your speech enables you to sugarcoat demands and ultimatums to eventually get you what you want and need. Try a little push for all of us.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)** Pink Crabs can make the most of investments this month as financial matters are pleasantly highlighted. Sock some extra funds away for a rainy day. Try not to plan any faraway trips or embark on a huge course of study without fully planning every detail out. Snags could crop up and you will save yourself a great deal of aggravation to check the list twice.

**LEO (July 24 - August 23)** August is your month to shine. Proud Leos need very little in the way of self confidence so why fight fate? Strut your stuff sweetheart and show the world who you are and what you can do. One word of caution, Don't become too overbearing and demanding. You often have a tendency to call it as you see it, but is the wise Lion who uses charisma and charming persuasion to get the point across.

**VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)** If an idea pops into your mind from out of nowhere, you may be well advised to see where it leads. Intuitive powers get a jump start this month. Why not insure the good karma by volunteering for a worthy community cause or by doing good deeds for those of us in need? You can send money, devote some time at a hospice or even write that well placed letter to get others involved.

**LIBRA (September 24 - October 21)** Friends are there to help you or you may be called upon to support them. At any rate, this is what Libras live for, so don't hesitate to lend a hand to pals if and when they need it. You have a great amount of energy this month and can get languishing projects off the ground, pushing them to new heights of development. Problems? Only in the nitty gritty planning of day to day jobs.

**SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22)** Personal transformation continues apace this August as Pluto detonates and overturns the barriers preventing you from being who you truly are. It's working... People who have known you for a long time may begin to see a glimmer of pride in those dark, penetrating eyes of yours. Don't fight it my Eagle. Soar and conquer the world in the names of equality and respect.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22)** Proud Archers are the luckiest signs of the zodiac and jolly old Jupiter continues to spread a little good cheer on new projects, people and various things in your life. This is a great time to travel and explore exotic areas of the world. Grab a friend and get the global road map out and plan the vacation of a lifetime. Get going before you have to get your mind back on career issues.

**CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20)** The planetary push in your career gives you oodles of self-confidence and psychic advantage. A planetary fire is lit under you. Expend the necessary effort and energy and you will almost certainly reap the rewards. Happy life is not all work and no play, you may feel a tad feistier than usual, as well. Share you desires and enjoy the close company of a certain special someone.

**AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)** Relationships take on a greater importance this month as you seem to feel more and more connected, one to one, with others. Aquarians carry the banner for us and love to march to great gay causes, but the happiest ones are those that do not march alone. Savor the closeness of partners and friends, they keep you going and give you what you need.

**PISCES (February 20 - March 20)** It's been a long haul and it

will continue to be a long journey to success, but you intrinsically know that the results of all your efforts will be wonderful. Don't you see that light at the end of the tunnel? Career prospects are good and your hard work at your studies will pay off handsomely. Keep on plugging, this is no time to stop and rest, my friend!

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## JESSE HELMS, WHAT DID YOU SAY THIS TIME?

Senator Jesse Helms was stirring his insensitive brew again last month.

In July, the North Carolina Republican suggested people who have AIDS got it because of their, "deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct."

Helms, who is openly heterosexual, went on to say, "We've got to have some common sense about a disease transmitted by people deliberately engaged in unnatural acts."

It was easy to understand what Helms was getting at. He has always had a disgust for gays, and he hates funding a disease that has hit that particular segment of the population especially hard.

His words came as the Senate prepared to consider whether to renew a federal program for the care and treatment of those with AIDS.

Helms, and others, are concerned that more federal funding goes to AIDS rather than diseases that kill more people, such as heart disease and cancer.

Helms suggested more money be spent on heart disease. The senator underwent open heart surgery three years ago.

*The New York Times* reported that Helms' challenge on the priorities of federal funding was wrong.

Public Health Services statistics show that heart disease received more than \$35-billion in federal funding, followed by cancer with nearly \$17-billion, and AIDS with \$6-billion. Helms' comments about AIDS funding were first reported in *The New York Times*.

Reaction to Helms' comments varied from support to outrage. Sadly, few people, if any, challenged Helms' reference that homosexuality is disgusting, revolting, etc.

Most outrage directed at Helms reminded

him that AIDS affects more than the homosexual community.

Jeanne White-Ginder, Ryan White's mother, said teenagers are at the biggest risk right now. "We cannot choose to ignore this. Jesse Helms can't. Where is Jesse Helms going to be in 20 years? I mean, young people are what we're talking about here and everybody who has sex is at risk for this disease. Every one of us. And Jesse Helms, I would say that includes you."

White-Ginder went on to say that her son would be surprised that we're still dealing with issues like these today. "Especially the homophobic issue," she said, "AIDS is a people's disease. I mean anyone can get AIDS now. This is not a gay disease."

A few days later, President Clinton came out to publicly stand with the gay community in response to Helms' inflammatory statements.

Speaking at Georgetown University, the President said, "The gay people who have AIDS are still our sons, our brothers, our cousins, our citizens. They're Americans too. They're obeying the law and working hard. They're entitled to be treated like everybody else."

The President's remark drew loud applause from academic, religious, civic, sports, media and entertainment leaders who made up the audience.

Helms also received negative response from the Republican leadership. Kansas Senator Bob Dole scheduled a vote on the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, against Helms' apparent wishes. The act is the federal government's care and treatment program for people living with HIV and AIDS.

If passed, the Ryan White CARE Act would spend \$690-million in AIDS, down from \$880-million spent in 1990, the year Ryan White died.

## GAY-THEMED MOVIE RECEIVES NOMINATIONS

A made-for-TV movie about the life of a lesbian being ousted from the military did quite well in the Emmy nominations last month. *The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story* aired on NBC in February. Cammermeyer came out to the Army National Guard during an interview in which she was supposed to be promoted. When the nominations were announced for the 1995 Emmy Awards, the Cammermeyer movie received six nominations. Actress Glenn Close received a nomination for lead actress in a miniseries or special. Judy Davis received a nomination for supporting actress. The movie also received a nomination for best television movie. Other nomination categories: directing, writing, and editing for a miniseries or special.

## EDUCATORS RECOGNIZE PRIDE/HISTORY MONTH

The National Education Association has taken a step to recognize the importance of the Lesbian and Gay History Month.

Last year, the NEA passed a resolution that recognized the importance of raising awareness and sensitivity to sexual orientation. It included amendments that encourage programs that accurately portray the roles and contributions of gay, lesbian and bisexual people throughout history. It said whenever tolerance of diversity is taught in the classroom, the acceptance of sexual orientation should be taught as well. And it called for an end to sexual orientation name-calling and jokes in the classroom.

This year, the NEA added an amendment that says, "Support for the celebration of a Lesbian and Gay History Month (is) a means of acknowledging the contributions of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals throughout history."

## MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

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

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

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

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## PLEASURES: INNOCENT AND OTHERWISE

by Joseph Schumann

My kitchen lighting fixture - a charmless fifties fluorescent - is the ugliest thing in my apartment. (No, Michael, mirrors don't count; thanks for asking.) It's been nominated for an Ugly Oscar. One of the tubes doesn't work and the tube that's left gives too much light anyhow, the instant-on feature wastes electricity, and the fixture is installed cock-eyed because otherwise the kitchen door can't open. After six years I thought I might treat myself to an upgrade, so I asked my friend Jack the Architect for ideas.

You've heard about mission creep? This was mission *takeoff*. I was firm: I like the original 1920 sink; I like the cast iron frying pans on the wall. I stopped him before he could say something about moving walls. "Well," Jack objected, "at least you need more counter space." Most people, I suppose, do want a counter space bigger than a cutting board. But the cutting board is plenty for me. How much space do you need to slice vegetables and scramble eggs? Still, Jack had the clincher: "If you had it, you'd use it..."

I've been chewing on that answer for weeks. Of course he's right. I remember my first high school physics: countertop clutter expands to fill the space available. And it's true that it took me several months and one broken dinner plate from my ex-lover's good tableware to figure out how to do dishes for six in that kitchette. But that broken dish is not the reason he's my ex, or at least it's not the only reason; and besides, it was his *fault*. Anyhow, it took me a little thought to figure out how to get by with what I have; and yes, if I had more I'd quickly come to use it. But I don't think those are reasons to have more. Those are reasons *not* to have more.

If I had more counter space, would I come home every evening and get a warm, satisfying glow by looking at my kitchen? When I come home now, I don't feel oppressed or deprived. If a countertop the size of a cutting board is enough, then more isn't a luxury. It's *waste*.

Waste is a bad strategy for happiness. "Simplify, simplify, simplify," said Thoreau. "That man is the richest whose pleasures are the cheapest." Waste can even be an illness: the December issue of the *University of California Wellness Letter* had an article about compulsive shoppers. Besides, I find waste even uglier than my kitchen fixture.

In a world without limits, simple living might be strictly a matter of wisdom, wellness, and taste. But in the real world, it's also a matter of ethics. All resources are scarce; some are just less scarce than others. You can't throw anything away; you can only throw it in somebody else's back yard. In the real world, waste is sin.

Waste, like HIV, is not unique to gay men. Even our Lesbian sisters aren't immune, and there's a growing epidemic among breeders. Still, again like HIV, the waste virus may be particularly widespread among us faggots. When somebody asked the *Advocate's* financial advisor about "gay spending disease", the advisor speculated waste might be more of a problem with Guppies with discretionary income. I know how that works from fighting with my eating disorder: "none" is much easier than moderation. And perhaps there are other reasons, too. "Assimilation-ists," the advisor suggested, try to buy acceptance into straight society; isolationists seek security in things, furnishing homes as fortresses; ghettoists join exclusive groups for a stronger sense of identity; and escapists indulge in fantasy lifestyle decorated with symbols of superiority.

There are, I think, innocent luxuries. There are garage sales and flea markets. After all, if waste is a sin, then intercepting something which is on the way to the landfill, and giving it a good home, must be a cardinal act of virtue. And there are other innocent luxuries, too. As I reminded Michael many years ago, "OK, I don't get lucky. But I can still look, I can still beat off, and once

every few years I can get tickets to see *Swan Lake*." You don't need to cut down trees to indulge in those treats, and there's nothing to throw away. Still, if waste is a sin, I'm a sinner. After all, I've lived perfectly well for six years with that ugly fluorescent. I don't really need to replace it. But I confess: it's going to the landfill anyhow. *Joseph Schuman is a Chicago attorney.*

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# LOCAL NEWS

## A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

ANGLE sends a big thank you to the community for their support of our Pride activities and fundraising events.

I would like to personally thank all the entertainers in my annual Pride Show at The MAX.

A total of \$540 was raised after expenses from the door and tips thanks to: Sharon Van Butsel, Carla Petersen, R.N. Hedges, Annie Welty, Brooke Owens, Helin Bedd, Miranda Wrights, Quincy Valentine, David Hansen, Felice Whitney, Rusty Sands, Kendra Williams, Madame X, Mark East, Sammi Bennett, Joe Reed, Theresa Robinson, Muffy Rosenburg, and emcee's Monica West, Tim Pedersen, and Pat Phalen.

A special thank you to Jim Gau, the staff of the MAX, and owners, Don Moran, and Bruce Barnard.

Our other fundraising activity, the Pride raffle took in \$237 with donations of items from: Joan, R.N. Hedges, Addendum Jewelry, Sharon & Carla, ICON, RCMC, and Fantasy Productions.

Thank you to all who helped support this fundraiser as well as buying Pride buttons, T-shirts, and bumper stickers.

We would like to invite everyone to attend our August meeting to learn more about ANGLE and get acquainted with our current members. We'll be meeting at the UNO Religious Center, 100 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha, at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 1.

Please join us as we plan for our 5th Annual Recognition Dinner and Awards, fundraising events for our general fund and the telephone line, and next year's Pride activities. For more information, call the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line (558-5303).

Look for more information about the recognition Dinner and Awards in next month's issue of *The New Voice*. Nomination forms will be available at the bars, MCC, NAP, and at other community events starting August 1.

If you are interested in helping with this event or need information about the nominations, please call the phone line and ask for Stan to return the call.

## RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS UPDATE

The River City Mixed Chorus wishes to thank everyone in the community who attended our Pride Concert on June 3rd and 4th. Because of the tremendous support we receive from the gay community, the Chorus is able to continue to provide musical excellence and education to the larger community of Omaha. Thank you!

Rehearsals for the Fall season begin in late July. Our director, John Bennett, is busy selecting the exciting new pieces we will perform in our upcoming concerts. This year promises to be a hectic one, but one we are very much looking forward to.

The River City Mixed Chorus is proud to announce that we are one of the GALA choruses selected to perform at GALA in July 1996 in Tampa, Florida. In anticipation of this event, the

Chorus will be holding many fundraisers throughout the year. Needless to say, it will cost a large sum for an entire chorus to travel to Florida. In addition, the Chorus has voted to change our concert attire to tuxedos. If you wish to make a financial contribution, please contact our fundraising chair, Rich Ketter.

Also, the chorus will be holding auditions for new singing members. Anyone interested in auditioning for the Fall season should contact the musical director, Mr. John Bennett at 341-SING.

Stay tuned. We'll keep you up-to-date on our upcoming concert dates and locations. Thanks again to everyone who has supported us for the past ten years. We welcome our new friends and supporters during this exciting, new performance season!

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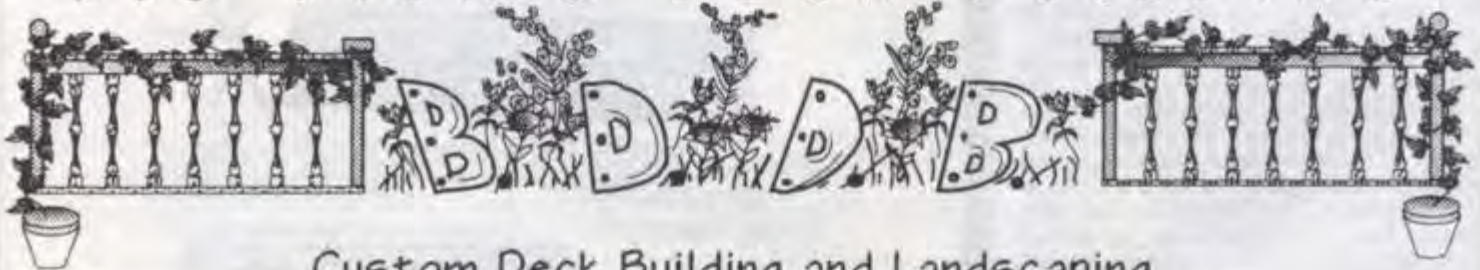
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# AN "UNCOMMON HERO" IS AMONG THOSE ATTENDING CORONATION XV OF THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

Coronation XV of the Imperial Court of Nebraska was a delightful combination of glitter and glamour combined with the down home hospitality of a Nebraska Hoedown. Emperor XIV David and Empress XIV Mae held court from lawn chairs, sitting on the farm house lawn with a barn, silo, and old oak tree as backdrop. The set, created by the very talented Danny Smith aka Roxy, also featured a corn field, outhouse, and chicken coop that housed the disk jockey.



**6 time San Diego Empress Nicole Ramirez Murray**

Seven out of town courts and 15 local organizations and title holders walked to pay their respects to the outgoing monarchs. Among the honored guests was Empress Nicole of San Diego. This six time Empress is featured in the anthology *Uncommon Heroes*. She was selected for recognition because of her dedication to meet the needs of all the community. For example, Empress Nicole responded to a request from a gay activist in Mexico. Local funeral homes were refusing to bury persons who died from AIDS and so the activist was requesting help obtaining body bags so the community could bury their own dead. This project continues even today, as the Imperial Court of San Diego still provides body bags for that Mexican Community. Empress Nicole Ramirez Murray is so highly respected in her home community that in 1987 the Mayor of San Diego declared Nicole Ramirez Murray Day. For more about this glamorous and dedicated



**Brooke & Annie are Newly Crowned Monarchs of Reign XV**

Empress, check page 214 of *Uncommon Heroes*. When asked why she chose to attend a coronation in Omaha, Nebraska, Empress Nicole stated to Emperor David Hansen that she had been impressed by the hard work and dedication to the community shown by their extensive fundraising during Reign XIV. She commented that she was especially impressed that the funds raised went to local organizations rather than just meeting the needs of the Court itself.

#### **Diamond Ram Award to Steve M.**

Of course, there were many special moments during Coronation XV, some funny, some serious, and some heartwarming. Of special note was the awarding of the "Diamond Ram" Award to Steve M. for his dedication and support of the goals of the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

On a lighter note, *The New Voice of Nebraska* received the award for the best "In-town" presentation. Thanks to the creative spirit of Advertising Manager Dick Brown, the New Voice staff were decked out in huge red Nebraska Husker Cowboy hats and passed out Jell-O shots to the crowd. (After all, no hoedown is complete without

a serving of Jell-O salad.) The award for best Costumes went to Sharon and Carla for their command performance as "A Couple of Country Boys." Best "Out-of-Town" presentation went to the Imperial Court of Iowa for their delightful gospel choir presentation.

Of course, the climax of the evening came with the crowning of the new Monarchs. And after the proper amount of pomp and mystery and the presentation of the sealed envelopes with the results of the voting, Archbishop Ron Minobe took his place and crowned Emperor XV Annie Welty and Empress XV Brooke Owens.

#### **Coronation XVI theme will be: "The Roaring Twenties: Whatever Happened to Buggsy Malone?"**

As always, Coronation XV ended with a look ahead as Brooke and Annie announced the theme for Coronation XVI, to be held in June 1996. Start thinking about *The Untouchables* and *Gun Molls* and *Speakeasies* and *Bathtub Gin*, because for Coronation XVI we'll take you back to: "The Roaring Twenties: Whatever Happened to Buggsy Malone?"



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# 8TH ANNUAL DENVER PRIDE WEEKEND

By RJ

June 24 saw me heading the Lynx west. Denver, here I come. Having taken in the Kansas City Pride Fest, I was determined to see Denver's.

Sixty miles out of Denver, I pulled in for the night, so I could finish the drive in the daytime. I also intended to take in the 8:00 services at MCC of the Rockies as well.

Due to getting started later than I planned, and trying to still get to the eight o'clock services, I made the little Lynx fly. Regardless of a comedy of errors, I was able to get to MCC at 8:30 a.m., so I figured on the 9:00 services instead. One little problem — I was in such a rush I forgot about Mountain Time and that there is an hour difference. I was in plenty of time for either church service.

MCC of the Rockies has a beautiful church. It was formerly a Congregational Church, but had been vacant for 5 years and had become a roosting site for wayward pigeons. The building had really fallen on hard times. Then along came MCC of the Rockies, looking for a home. But could they see beyond the ruin, the grime of years? Could money be obtained to purchase the site? Where would the money come from to restore "The Grand Old Lady" of 10th and Clarkson to her former splendor? It took several visits, a lot of vision, and even more faith, but MCC of the Rockies rolled up their collective sleeves and went to work.

This "Grand Old Lady" is now on the National Register of Historic Places, and is it a beautiful church! MCC of the Rockies did themselves real proud with their accomplishment. The stained glass windows are all back in place. Some had to be chased down, some had to be restored. The two major windows show Jesus in the Garden. They are gorgeous! The stained glass window above the door in the main entrance is an MCC design, as is a smaller one above the door by the altar. What a beautiful church MCC of the Rockies now has. I noticed that the two leading Pastors are also wayward Methodists who heard the call and responded to the roll of a different drum. But, it's the Methodists' loss, MCC's gain.

After a real neat service at 8:00 (Mountain Time) which featured some real neat music by a trio on the saxophone, flute, and clarinet, brunch was served in the Fellowship Hall.

Then I took off to Cheesman Park, to watch the parade assemble. The park was buzzing with activity.

The parade started off with about 40 cycles of all shapes and sizes. Many of the floats were wheeled. Altogether, I believe there were about 180 entries, and not just from Colorado alone. Western Nebraska, Wyoming, and New Mexico were there, along with many towns in Colorado, Pueblo, Colorado Springs. (Yes, Colorado Springs. Not everyone there is a homophobic basher — just a select few and I understand that those are not native. They just kind of slithered in from some place.)

So many wheeled floats! (Some folks sure went to a lot of hard work putting some of them together. But it's fun, as I remember from my high school days which now seem eons ago.) Plus so many dogs! Does every G/L/B/T own a dog in Denver? It almost seemed like it — but no cats!??

The parade was a good hour plus long. It seemed like everyone was there: PFLAG, the churches, synagogues, city government, US West, (I saw Sharon McCartney), Russ Warzyn was marching, such a variety and so many and everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. I didn't see anything negative in the parade. Just a lot of people in the parade and watching the parade, enjoying themselves.

From Cheesman Park, down Colfax Avenue, to the steps of the State Capitol, they marched. There, Denver Mayor Wellington Webb greeted them with a positive agenda for protecting their civil rights. Sue Anderson, executive director of Equality Colorado, also addressed the crowd, urging them to continue on with their struggles and to stand up for their right to be treated equally. District 10 Councilman, Ed Thomas, was there with his gay son, letting the crowd know quite clearly his opposition to the den of vipers down in Colorado Springs who call themselves "Religious Christians", but whose hatred of G/L/B/T persons is well-known.

After the parade and the rally at the Capitol steps, the crowd flowed west to the Civic Center Park. Here, around 800 tents, pavilions, and exhibition booths had been set up. Entertainment and dancing were added to the "gay" festival.

There were two outstanding acts. One was a group of 3 — two back-up singers/dancers in leather and a lead singer in drag. They gave a rousing number, "Rolling" and they were really good! The lead could really lip sync. At least, I think it was lip sync. If it was, it was really well done. The other group, about 7 or 8 in number, came on stage in choir robes. Their boots were clipped and could they tap dance. Their sync in movements and in rhythm were excellent. They removed their robes, and the crowd went wild. They had on full leather underneath! They were good — real good.

Other religious groups were prevalent as well, so one has a good choice if MCC is not their style, including non-Christian religious groups.

Denver seems to have something for nearly everyone. I did miss some of my old "haunts" where, in the past, I had some great times. One was still there, but under another name. But, these are different times, and we in the gay community labor now under a very dark cloud. Those days of yore are gone, at least for me.

It was worth the trip of over 500 miles to go out there to Denver, the "Mile High City" with the beautiful, snow capped mountains to the west. Such a good weekend. One hated to see it end.

# "BREAKING THE SURFACE" MEETING A GAY HERO

By Stan Brown

Greg Louganis, the greatest male diver in Olympic history, winner of 4 gold medals, has written his autobiography with Eric Marcus. Entitled *Breaking the Surface*, for many of us in the gay/lesbian community it is a story familiar to us as he deals with his low self-esteem, depression, abusive relationships, drug and alcohol abuse, and, finally, his battle with AIDS. Most of us knew he was gay long before this book was ever written, but as I read about his life, I never realized what this remarkable man had gone through. He was a hero in my eyes before, but after reading his book my respect, admiration, and pride for this "gay" hero has grown stronger.

As many gay men did during the 1980's, I fell in love with this gorgeous, dark-haired athlete who won the hearts of many as he competed in the Olympics. Who would have ever believed this same man was battling AIDS while winning gold medals. Greg's story is told in rather simple language and narrative form, but his messages stand out even stronger.

He wants to help educate the world, but especially young people, that you don't have to feel bad about yourself because you're different; you don't have to stay in an abusive relationship; and you don't have to use drugs and alcohol to escape how you feel. His "coming out" occurred when he was ready to face the world and its harsh realities that one minute he had been a hero and the next minute no one might care what he accomplished. Not only did he come out as a gay male but one who also had AIDS. As I continue my own "coming out process" and dealing with my partner's death from AIDS, I appreciate and understand the courage it takes to make that decision. Greg Louganis' life is not perfect, even though he was close to perfection in his diving. It is important for all of us to realize that we are not perfect either and that we need to help each other out through the good and bad times.

It was my privilege to meet Greg Louganis during a book signing at a downtown bookstore while I was in Denver on vacation. I watched by video camera as he wrote, talked, hugged, and posed for photographs with the line of people ahead of me. His warmth and positive attitude was refreshing and I knew why this man had achieved so much. Even by the time he reached me (number 107), he still took time to listen as I nervously talked to him about his being a positive role model and he showed his honest appreciation as we hugged before I went on my way.

I hope that each of you who has a "dream" that's not been achieved will read his book and maybe it will help you as it has helped me. If nothing else read his book to better understand why he didn't come out sooner and what it has meant to him to be finally out as a gay male.

# OUTGOING STATE OFFICIAL WAS NOT GAY FRIENDLY

The head of the Nebraska Department of Social Services left her post last month, leaving a record that was not friendly with the state's gay community. Mary Dean Harvey left her job as NDSS director after accepting a position as head of the Boys Club of Omaha. The gay community will always remember Harvey for instituting a policy that prohibited foster children from being placed in the homes of people who identify themselves as homosexual.

Some believe Harvey caved into the Nebraska

Republican party, which tried to make foster children in same-sex homes an issue during its unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign last year.

Harvey's record against the gay community did not stop there. In May of 1993, about 300 employees at the Nebraska Department of Social Services were given the opportunity to attend a voluntary workshop on sensitivity to homosexual issues. The hope was that NDSS employees, such as those who work with foster children, would have a better understanding of gay and lesbian

clients. Harvey stopped the workshops before they got started. They were to be put on by a cultural education committee within the NDSS. Harvey said gays and lesbians should never be included in a multi-cultural education discussion. She argued the gay and lesbian community is not a culture. Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson praised Harvey's four-year tenure as director of NDSS. He gave her credit for accomplishments on other issues, including getting the skyrocketing Medicaid budget under control.





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## ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH FORMS IN NEBRASKA: WELCOMES GAY COMMUNITY

Have you even thought how nice it would be to take your girlfriend or boyfriend to a church in Lincoln, Grand Island, Scottsbluff, or Omaha where you could learn about or grow in the foundation work necessary to keep your relationship strong?

Would you like to be able to go where community functions were available for the entire family as well as for those who are single?

Are you the type of person who enjoys people's company whether straight, gay, or bisexual?

On June 22, Cardinal James Arling of the Ecumenical Catholic Church of America announced his intentions of starting a brand new diocese for the state of Nebraska. He said that the first chapter and state office would be in Lincoln. He was also quick to add that he wishes to train and ordain "those who have prayed about and felt the call to the ministry." He has goals of opening other parishes in western Nebraska. He later admitted that this will create a need back in the Portland parish, that he hopes will be taken care of, soon after the move.

Arling, 64, admits that this is a "working ministry" and no one, including himself, makes money from the church. Our Arch deacon, Gary, is the church caretaker and gets paid only for the cleaning of the building. Jim, besides being a full time pastor, also works part-time as a warehouse supervisor and says he will be eager to find a nice job after they settle in, in mid-September. Along with Gary Matthews, two other people from the Portland diocese include Roger Smith, who will head the music department along with leading Bible studies, and Wesley Hurt, the church secretary will be in charge of youth/teen ministry and will be co-functions coordinator along with David Hall, a 3 year resident of Lincoln.

Cardinal Arling, in front of reporters for the first time, was asked many questions by reporters from Omaha and Lincoln. Being quite candid, he suddenly was asked if this was just another GAY CHURCH? He replied, "Ecumenical is all-inclusive, meaning ALL ARE WELCOME. We do not discriminate against any person due to their race, color, gender, sexual orientation, or handicap."

A churchgoer in the audience who stood up and admitted that on more than one occasion he had been to the Portland service where openly heterosexual couples outnumbered gays and lesbians. Then there were other times that only a few heterosexual couples were in the service.

One reporter said, "That's great, but what about women behind the pulpit? You are a Catholic church?" Cardinal Arling, with a big smile, then said, "when Jesus rose from the dead, who was the first to see and hear his voice? It was Mary Magdalene." He jokingly added, "the last time I checked, Mary was a woman." Then with a more serious tone, he stated, "Jesus never ever said women can't preach, teach, or even lead. They need only to feel the call of the Lord and then follow the necessary teaching and training."

When asked where they would be located, the Cardinal said that finding a place for worship services is important work and that is what a lot of David Hall's work has been so far. A definite location has been narrowed but nothing finalized. "We looked at a few churches that are empty, one was offered to us at 3 times the estimated property value," said Hall. He continued with, "We will find the right place at the right time and at the right price. Until then, we need to keep praying for guidance and wisdom."

Arling, who got to the Lincoln Airport Monday afternoon, left Saturday morning bound for Portland with more knowledge and understanding of the needs of people in the Lincoln community. He plans to share this with the others who are coming out with him. "After being given a tour of the capitol building, I was given the gift of having a wonderful visit with your governor, Ben Nelson. What a nice man," he said. "And what a beautiful town Lincoln is. Portland has become such a fast-paced city, you have to drive 75 miles per hour just to keep from getting run over. Here you can drive 55 and enjoy doing it."

Although the church is called the Ecumenical Catholic Church of America, Arling noted they also offer services with a Protestant or free spirited service, for those who prefer that over the more traditional Catholic style service. "In all services we welcome all attending to partake in the act of communion," he said. "Every service in one way or another builds toward the act of communion. This is to celebrate the Life, the Death, and the Resurrection of Christ Jesus, as it is written:

"Each time that you come together in my name, do this...eat of my body (bread) and drink of my blood (wine), which is called Communion."

Arling finished with a visit to the "Q" and an opportunity for people who had expressed a desire to meet him. Jim extends his gratitude to the owners of the "Q" for allowing that serious of a meeting in their establishment. Arling finished by saying, "Again, the ECCA hopes to be settled into a church home by mid-September. Between now and then if you wish for more information or if you wish to make a tax deductible contribution, please contact David Hall at (402) 438-3192, or write to: Cardinal James Arling, 5917 N. Michigan, Portland, OR 97217.

Reporter's Note: Tithe, time, and talent. The Bible says the Lord asks for 10% of that which he blesses us with. Should people in the Lincoln area give even half of that, I know this can and will be a positive venture for the ECCA, the Lincoln community, and the entire community of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders, and accepting heterosexuals throughout Nebraska.

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All Our Love & Best,  
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## WORKING "OUT"

CFEP is welcoming anyone to a meeting to talk about coming out in the workplace. Three people with differing experiences will lead the discussion and will talk about making the work environment better for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered employees. The discussion takes place at the First Unitarian Church at 3114 Harney Street on Thursday, August 3. Be there by 7:00 PM. Tea and cookies will be served, so what reason can you come up with for not coming out?

## INTERNATIONAL MR FANTASY is August 18-20

This month, Leatherfolk from across the U.S. and Canada will converge in Omaha for the first International Mr. Fantasy contest.

The contest will be held August 18-20 with only one contestant from each state or province eligible to compete. Contestants will be competing in prejudging, Fantasy wear, on stage question and answer, presentation of their fantasy, and the mystery category. This contest was not designed to be political in nature, but rather to find a truly hot man who is very comfortable with his looks, body, personality, and sexuality.

Weekend packages are available for \$35 per person, and includes admission to all scheduled events. For all persons who preregister, there will be a party at the Radisson-Redick Hotel on Friday, August 18, sponsored by Jim Gau, Mr. Desert Plains Drummer 1995. The actual registration party will be at the MAX (1417 Jackson) beginning at 6:00 p.m. Weekend packages may be picked up at that time. Friday evening will also showcase

the introduction of all the judges and the contestants' introductions.

Saturday, August 19th will feature many events happening at local Omaha establishments, to include a benefit brunch sponsored by the Ice Bowl committee. Saturday evening, the night heats up with the International Mr. Fantasy Contest. Emcees for the event will be contest co-sponsor Dustin Logan, and famed comedienne Shan Carr. An after hours party will follow.

Sunday, August 20th, Gulligan's will kick off the day with a farewell brunch to be followed by the now traditional softball game.

The host hotel is the Radisson-Redick. Be sure to mention "Fantasy" when making your room reservations. Their phone number is (402) 342-1500.

It promises to be a weekend full of fun, hot men, and fantasies galore. For more information, contact: Fantasy Productions, PO Box 8203, Omaha, NE 68108-8203.

## THE MAX IS #1

It's not uncommon for The MAX to receive visitors from our sister city, Des Moines, Iowa. Recently, however, the MAX did welcome a special visit from Coleman, Editor of PEN Magazine. Mr. Don "Stosh" Moran, Co-owner of The MAX, was pleased to accept the PEN Magazine's Community Choice Award for the Number One Dance Club in the Midwest. The MAX won out over clubs across the Midwest, including Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. When you combine Class, Style, State of the Art Electronics, and Great Clientele, you'll always be a winner. Here's a salute to The MAX, its staff and its terrific customers.

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## TECA COMBATting AIDS MISCONCEPTIONS AMONG TEENS

Researchers in Philadelphia have demonstrated what many in Nebraska already know — teenagers do not have accurate information about AIDS. Fortunately, there is a group in Nebraska already educating teens about HIV/AIDS. Earlier this year, the Nebraska AIDS Project began TECA: Teens Educated to Combat AIDS. The group is unique in that it is composed entirely of teens trained to educate their peers about this dreaded disease. TECA members staff an HIV/AIDS information hotline on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Teens calling the hotline at (402) 342-TEEN can talk to someone their own age and get frank answers to questions regarding HIV/AIDS. Future plans include expanding the hotline to more days and adding a toll-free number. In addition to the hotline, TECA offers a speaker's bureau staffed with teens who have undergone extensive HIV/AIDS education. According to Rachel Wolk, TECA Coordinator for the Nebraska AIDS Project, "People are often surprised that we talk about abstinence as the only sure way of preventing HIV transmission. But, we are also willing to tell sexually active young people what they need to know to protect themselves." According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AIDS is now the number one cause of death for Americans ages 25-44. Since there is often a 10-year period from infection to death, this means people are infected at 15 - 30 years of age.

## HGRA NEWS & NOTES

The August meeting of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be held on the first Saturday of August in Des Moines at "Our Place," 424 East Locust. The convention committee will meet at 3 p.m., the Board of Directors at 4 p.m., and the general membership at 5 p.m. As always, everyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings. You do not have to be a member of HGRA.

The June Cook-Out at Hap's was such a success that HGRA is going to do it again on August 19th, starting at 2PM. Everyone is welcome, member or not. The price is \$5.00 and that includes the barbecue and soft drinks. It is requested that you bring a covered dish or chips, etc. There may even be a softball or volleyball game. And you are always welcome to camp out as Hap has some nice tent sites around the lake. Directions to Hap's are as follows: From Omaha: Hwy. 6 east through Oakland, Ia. Turn left (north) on 490th, go 3 miles. There will be a farm house on the left and a pond on the right. This is the place! *Compiled from the HGRA Newsletter*

## GILLIGAN'S OFFERINGS

Gilligan's is continuing its generosity by offering a Complimentary Buffet as part of Int'l Mr. Fantasy on Sunday, Aug. 20. The complimentary buffet will begin at 12:15.

On Labor Day, Gilligan's will again open at noon with drink specials and food and a Shuttle Bus for those wanting a ride to the ICON Picnic at Vennelyst Park. The first bus will leave Gilligan's at noon. Shuttles will run on the half hour with the last bus leaving the picnic at 5:30.

## GOING OUT TO THE INFIELD

Your first clue that there is something new and different going on is the bright pink triangle at the corner of 14th & Jackson.

Remember the old "Love Shack"? That sleazy girlic bar that was just down the street from the MAX? Right on the corner beside DC's? Well, the Love Shack is gone and the front of the building has gotten a new coat of paint, including that vivid pink triangle. The broken glass in the windows has been replaced and it looks like they scrubbed the entire street corner.

So what is going on that's new and different? It's the newest "gay" bar in town — the Infield. The owners, Trish and Ruth, have worked and worked to clean up the old bar and they have turned it into a neat, clean, friendly "neighborhood" bar. Of course, it seems small when compared to its huge neighbors, but the Infield manages to hold its own. The interior seems spacious, thanks to spotless, full length mirrors on the walls. The energy and enthusiasm of the owners are reflected by all the staff. You are greeted warmly and served as promptly as they can manage. There's time and space for conversation with your friends amongst a high diverse clientele. Some folks just stop by on their way from DC's to the MAX. Others stake out a table and catch up on all the news. Others plug quarters into the jukebox or test their skill on the games. But everyone has a good time at the Infield. Check it out, the next time you're in the area.

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# HOT AUGUST NIGHTS AT THE MAX

Every year The MAX gets better and better. August 1995 has an unbelievable line up of Talent, Shows, Contests, and Hot Men.

Sunday, August 6, the pages of INCHES, MANDATE, & HONCHO come alive in Omaha. *Portfolio Men* make their debut performance at The MAX. You'll be able to reach out and grab the man of your dreams and he won't be stuck to a page.

It's Yakety Yak that makes you laugh! The MAX presents *LIVE with Rogis & Kathi Lee*. Sunday, August 12. Omaha's Daring Due of the Microphone combine for a different kind of TALK SHOW. Mr. Desert Plains Drummer, Jim, & Miss Gay Omaha, Phoenix, bring sick, twisted, and hilarious guests to a new "network" that has the F.C.C. and Newt a little worried.

If the cows in the fields are starting to look a little nervous and trying to hide their "skins" it's because *Fantasy* returns to Omaha August 18, 19, and 20. One of the country's premiere leather events is back and bigger than ever. This year, The MAX will again host *Fantasy*, and it will also host the first *International Mr. Fantasy Contest*. Omaha will be wall to wall and shoulder to shoulder with the hottest leathermen and leatherwomen from the world over. An estimated 21 men will compete for this world class title. We're expecting contestants from Europe and the United States. Get your advance tickets today.

Miss Great Plains Entertainer of the Year, Laura Grey, and Laura Lee, Nebraska E.O.Y. Promoter, invite you to enjoy the most glamorous entertainers and the most talented live performers for our *Summer Superstar Show*. Sunday, August 26. This show is a benefit for Mister Desert Plains Drummer, Jim (The MAX Show Director) as he travels to San Francisco to compete in the International Mister Drummer Contest September 19 to 24.

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## MCC-O NEWS

What could make a better summer than fellowship, friendship, and fun? You'll find that's just what we're up to at MCC-Omaha.

You want fun? The MCC-O Women's Softball season is still swinging. Games were played Wednesdays through July and make-up games will be played Wednesdays in August. Just call the church office for the time and place and then come join the "Pep Squad" in the stands.

You want friendship? The community groups that meet at MCC-O continue to offer help and foster friendships. There's the G/L AA meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 and the G/L AI-Anon meeting Friday at 7:30. Then there's the New Voice Steering Committee meeting at 1 p.m. the second Sunday of the month, and the Heartland Round-up which meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. There's more! GALP (Gay and Lesbian Parents) meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 and the Women's Support Group which meets every Saturday at 11 a.m.

As for fellowship, well, that's what we do best. All are welcome to worship services Sundays at 9 & 10:30 a.m. with Christian Education (Adult and Children) at 9 a.m. There are also Prayer, Share, Care Circles that meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month and in Lincoln on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Call the church office for locations. MCC-O has been blessed in many ways recently. Among these blessings are 12 new members who were accepted July 16 at the 10:30 worship service. We also count among our blessings the two new membership classes set for August. One will meet Sundays August 6 & 13 from 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. and the second will meet Thursdays August 10, 17, & 24 from 7:30 till 9:30 p.m. Speaking of blessings, new chairs have arrived and we thank all who supported the chair fund drive.

The last of the news from MCC-O is the Fellowship's General Conference, which was held this year in Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. Lewis and the lay delegates attended Conference July 22 - 30. We thank God for the blessings received and for the work they accomplished.

Fellowship, Friendship, and Fun — it sounds like MCC-O to me.

## PLGC LIVES!

By RJ

Have just heard from Cleve. Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns is still alive and kicking!

A meeting was held June 10 at Cleve's place for a period of brainstorming and going over what PLGC is to be.

I was not able to attend this meeting, being in Denver that weekend, but I received a follow-up letter from Cleve.

I was pleased to hear that this meeting was a success and a Pot Luck will be held on August 6th.

Call Cleve at PLGC (733-1360) for more information, if you would like to inquire more into this.

It is great to see PLGC going again. Now, what about Affirmation? I have always maintained that there is strength in numbers. It would be great to see these two team up.

Hang in there, Cleve. This takes work — lots of work — and plenty of perseverance and determination.

And to you Presbyterians, PLGC is working for equality for all within the Church, not just for a privileged few.

Even if you're straight (heterosexual), but want to see, not special rights, but equal rights for Gays and Lesbians in the Presbyterian Church, then PLGC needs you.

And remember, even though you may be straight, a member of your family could be either Gay or Lesbian.

We're everywhere. We could be sitting next to you in church and you wouldn't know it.

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## RICK NOSS ADDS "NEBRASKA MR FANTASY" TO HIS LIST OF TITLES

The first Nebraska Mr. Fantasy competition, produced and directed by Mr. Pat Phalen, was a smooth and professional competition which was fun for both audience and contestants.

DC's welcomed Nebraska Leathermen as they competed for this newest State title, a preliminary to the International Mr. Fantasy to be held in Omaha in August.

Pat Phalen and co-emcee Inga kept the contest moving right along as contestants Jim V., Rick Noss, and a third contestant competed. The "third contestant" was also named "Rick" but chose to neither use his last name nor last initial, so throughout the evening it was Jim V., Rick Noss, and "just plain Rick."

The climax of the evening came, of course, with the presentation of awards and the naming of the first Nebraska Mr. Fantasy.

The title was claimed by Mr. Rick Noss, with first runner-up going to just plain Rick.

Congratulations to all the contestants and best wishes to Rick Noss as he competes for the title of International Mr. Fantasy.

## AIDS QUILT TO VISIT OMAHA IN OCTOBER

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

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

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

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

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

## MAKE A PANEL TO ADD TO THE QUILT

If you are interested in making a panel, please contact Ron Wilson at 734-3421.

There will be a "quilting bee" at Ron's home, 5101 South 39th Street, Omaha, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays, August 19, and September 16.

These "bees" will be an opportunity to get help with your panel and a chance to talk with other panel makers.

Please call to confirm your attendance.

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



## THE "Q" TO CELEBRATE 1ST ANNIVERSARY WITH A WEEK LONG PARTY

The folks from the "Q" turned out for ICON's Coronation and to announce their first anniversary party.

There will be excitement every night as the "Q," 226 S. 9th Street, in Lincoln, celebrates its first anniversary. It's been a great year for the "Q" and they want to say "thank you" to the community with a week-long party. On Wednesday, August 2, Alias Jane will perform from 9pm to 12:30am. On Thursday, August 3,

dance to Backtracks 70's and 80's music or enjoy a Casino Nite and GAY BINGO. On Friday, August 4, it's a Hawaiian Luau and Beach Party and on Saturday, August 5, Q Ball and Portfolio Men, the hottest strippers for Minneapolis, will perform for you. Then on Sunday, August 6, the Party closes with a special show featuring Jacqueline St. James, Miss USA at Large 1993, who will be joined by Miss Dorian Drake.

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

Major program elements of this year's Creating Change Conference have been locked in. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is pleased to announce that Urvashi Vaid, writer, veteran activist, dynamic speaker and executive director of the National gay & Lesbian Task Force from 1989-1992, will address the conference at the traditional Sunday closing brunch/plenary

session. Vaid is currently completing a book that critiques our political movement. Vaid's book, *Virtual Equality: The Mainstreaming of Gay & Lesbian Liberation* (Anchor Books), is due out on October 11, just weeks before Creating Change.

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

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

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

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

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

Creating Change attendees will also be provoked and enlightened by a screening of *Black Is... Black Ain't*, Marlon Riggs final and award-winning film.

The 82-minute film, made available by California Newsreel, prominently features the perspectives of those who have been silenced because their complexion, class, sexuality, gender or speech have rendered them "not black enough," or conversely, "too black".

Riggs became an on-screen character in his own film after he was bedridden by AIDS. Many scenes are shot in his hospital room as he contemplates his own life and his own answers to the question: "What has his "blackness" meant to African Americans?"

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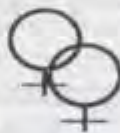


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# "GAY STRIPPERS"

by Benjamin Rogner, PhD

At their most invigorated moments, cartoonists must feel like God with a sense of humor. At the other extreme, to be a successful queer cartoonist must include a unique awareness of the adversity behind the wisecracks. Don't worry, I won't get very serious about humor, which seems like an oxymoronic idea. Just as Jewish life in one time period created "The Borscht Circuit," the gay experience gave birth to "camp." Today, in each case, our arts for the most part imitate very different lives.

Eric Orner's running character Ethan Green, for example, is HIV-negative, but Ethan's lover, Doug, is sero-positive, a frequent topic of the strip. Ethan's ex-lover, on the other hand, is timeless—described as "untrustworthy, shallow, and very handsome." Anybody have an ex who resembles that remark? Many strips are about the post-AIDS emphasis on courting, and Orner describes Ethan as "cannon fodder in the dating wars." Orner grew up in Chicago and, in 1981, moved to Boston. He and his lover now live near Boston, with their cat, Lucy. He assures me that the fact his main character also has a cat by that name is one of the few things he and Ethan have in common. St. Martin's Press recently released Eric Orner's second collection, called *The Seven Deadly Sins Of Love*. I'm going to hide it from my other half, since it includes "finishing each other's sentences," one of my most oft-committed sins.

In another contemporary reference, Rupert Kinnard's *Diva Touche Flambe* in one strip lambastes *The Vanilla Cremepuff* for not understanding the connection between racism of gay men and homophobia of black men. Kinnard describes himself as "an African-American, Cancerian, graphic artist/art director, who happens to be living 'in the life' in the Bay Area." If you don't know what "in the life" means, ask a black friend. If you don't know of which Bay Area he speaks, turn in your pink card. Kinnard has recurring characters in his *Cathartic Comics*, which allows you to know their quirks well enough to want to chat with them over coffee. If you need touches of witticism and cynicism to counteract the absurdism of realism, hunt down his collection *B.B. and the Diva*, from Alyson Publications.

There's some cross-referencing between artists. For example, in one strip you'll find Ethan Green wearing a *Dykes to Watch Out For* tie, and in one of Kinnard's *B.B. and the Diva* comics we see his *Diva* teaching a grade-school-aged Kris Kovick. Both refer to colleagues, lesbian cartoonists. Kinnard and Kovick have books published by Alyson. Ms. Kovick's is *What I Love about Lesbian Politics Is Arguing with People I Agree With*. I especially like the Kovick drawing in which she has a campfireside k.d. lang asking, "How do you like your wienie, Missy?"

Ethan's neckwear references the product of another "Alyson" Alison Bechdel. Her strip *Dykes to Watch Out For* currently chronicles in about 45 publications plus five collections and a yearly calendar from Firebrand Books, the lives of Mo, Harriet, and the gang at Madwimmin Books. The penetratingly funny strip is often nicknamed "DTWOF." Be careful; after your good laugh, you'll find yourself deep in thought. Ms. Bechdel grew up in rural Pennsylvania and attended Oberlin College, where she majored in art. When DTWOF first appeared, in conjunction with the 1983 Lesbian Pride issue of *Womanews*, she was living in New York City; today, home base is in Vermont, where she lives, like seemingly every other cartoonist in the world, with a cat. Maybe it's their feline friends who actually come up with

the cattiest lines. Rita Mae Brown even gives co-writer credit to her furry buddy, Sneaky Pie.

Gerard Donelan has become a household name in gay comic drawings, but seems to have resisted changing styles with those changing times we talked about. In a way, he is to today's gay comics what Tom of Finland is to its porn: dated, but with a nostalgic appeal. When Donelan moved to San Francisco in 1977, he picked up a copy of *The Advocate* and was disappointed. He noticed it no longer contained cartoons. He says he especially missed Joe Johnson's "Miss Thing" and "Big Dick," so drew a batch of his own and took them to the editor. As a result, *The Advocate* used Donelan's cartoons for nearly 15 years, before "they unceremoniously dumped me from

the pages with a message on my answering machine." His drawings do still appear, however, in *Advocate Men*, often on the last page (don't ask me how I know), and he's delighted that some have been translated into Dutch, German, and Chinese. Donelan studied art at college in Massachusetts, but received his most relevant training from his father, who did editorial cartoons in Cape Cod. When Gerard was working in retail in Boston, he'd do caricatures of the customers and put them up at the registers, where they could enjoy them on return visits. Today, Donelan sells men's fragrances at the San Francisco downtown Macy's. He and his lover, Christopher, have lived in that area for 15 years. And, yes, of course they have a cat; it's named Spooky.

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# AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

## HIV TESTING\*

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

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

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

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

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

**Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Dept** 3140 'N'  
Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Testing, counseling  
Walk-in tests: The Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tues.  
Urban Indian Health Ctr, 140 S. 27, 434-7177

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LEGAL

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

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

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

## AIDS ADVOCACY

**AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),**  
P.O. Box 31305, Omaha 68131, For anyone  
living with HIV and those interested in AIDS  
advocacy. 345-1976

## PASTORAL CARE

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

**Lincoln Interfaith Council,** 140 S. 27th St.,  
Lincoln 68510, 474-3017, AIDS/HIV Healing  
Service: 1st Tues, 7pm, St Francis Chapel,  
1145 South Street, Lincoln, Public is invited

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

\*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-6367

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

**American Red Cross,**  
2245 Heather Dr, Crete 68333 (402) 826-3785  
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997  
2515 St Marys Ave, Omaha 68105 431-4447

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Nebraska AIDS Project**  
(statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437]

**Omaha Office:** 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131  
for Volunteer Services and Administration  
402-342-6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233,  
HIV testing, AIDS awareness, practical  
support, counseling

**Lincoln Office:** 3818 Shendan Blvd 484-8100.

**Central Nebraska Office:** 3423 2nd Ave

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

**Northeast Nebr Office:** 304 N. 5 St, Ste C,

**Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807**

**Western Nebraska Office:** 3707 Ave. D,

**Scottsbluff, NE 69361. (308) 635-3807**

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

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

**NorthPlatte, Craft St. Office Bldg,**

**200 So. Silber, 69101 (308) 535-8133**

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

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

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

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

## HOME HEALTH CARE

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

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

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

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

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

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

**Nebraska AIDS Project**  
(statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437]  
**Omaha Office:** 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, 68131  
Volunteer Services & Administration 402-342-  
6367; AIDS Hotline 402-342-4233, HIV tests,  
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**Norfolk, NE 68701, (402) 370-3807**

**Western Nebraska Office:** 3707 Ave. D,

**Scottsbluff, NE 69361 (308) 635-3807**

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

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

## NAP WELCOMES INTERIM DIRECTOR DON RANDOLPH

Don Randolph became interim director of the  
Nebraska AIDS Project on July 10.

Randolph, long-time director of the PWA  
Assistance Fund will serve NAP until an executive  
director is named by the Board of Directors.

## UNITY HOUSE CLOSSES DOORS AUGUST 31

The Board of Directors of the AIDS Coalition  
for Empowerment (A.C.E.) has voted to close  
Unity House effective August 31. Unity House,  
located at 1007 S. 37, in Omaha, was the first  
Drop-In Center for the Omaha area HIV  
Community. Unity House provided a comfortable  
setting for support groups, 12 step groups, PWA  
luncheons, recreational activities, and  
opportunities for persons living with HIV to  
volunteer and be involved in the community.

The decision to close Unity House does not  
mean that these services will no longer be  
available. Rather, The AIDS Coalition for  
Empowerment will be actively involved in the  
new structure of the Nebraska AIDS Project and  
in the future will share office space with NAP in  
a new center. Details are still pending, but watch  
for future updates.



# RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## \*\*\*\*\*LINCOLN\*\*\*\*\*

### Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:

\*\*Thurs. 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', Lincoln, Info contact V.J. at 477-3526

\*\*Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous,

\*\*Stonewall Grp, Wed, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha

\*\*Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri, 7pm, call 455-7916 for location

\*\*Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

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

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

**Different Realities, Computer Bulletin Board for gay, lesbian, bisexual, leather, transgender community. Access by modem at (402) 697-1512 using 8N1 protocol, 24 hours/day at 14.4 baud.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays**

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

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

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

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# AUGUST CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 &amp; 10:30a.m. MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay &amp; Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th &amp; South Streets, Lincoln, by tennis courts; optional brunch follows</p>	<p>HIV Tests, Nebr AIDS Project 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, West Entrance, Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Frontrunners Run, 6:30pm, Ford Birthsite, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7pm, call 475-2437</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha</p>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		<p><b>August 1 (1st Tuesday)</b></p> <p>ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha</p>	<p><b>Aug 2 (1st Wednesday)</b></p> <p>Crusaders Women's Softball Team, Sponsored by MCC- Omaha, Game at 6:30pm, Dill Field Red, Omaha</p>
<p><b>August 6 (1st Sunday)</b></p> <p>Family AIDS Support Group, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, Sponsored by P-FLAG-Omaha</p> <p>Presbyterians for G/L Concerns Potluck &amp; Meeting, Omaha, 733-1360 for details</p> <p>Portfolio Men, Male Strippers at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm</p>	<p><b>August 7 (1st Monday)</b></p> <p>ICON Board of Governors Meeting, The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln, 6:30pm (Note change of location for this month only)</p>	<p><b>Aug 8 (2nd Tuesday)</b></p> <p>Free/Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster Co Health Dept, 5-7pm The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln</p> <p>P-FLAG Omaha Board Mtg, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Library</p>	<p><b>August 9 (2nd Wednesday)</b></p>
<p><b>August 13 (2nd Sunday)</b></p> <p>New Voice of Nebraska Steering Committee, 1pm, MCC-Omaha</p> <p>MCC Prayer, Care, Share Circle, 6pm, Call Ronald 477-3215 for details, Lincoln</p> <p>LIVE with Regis &amp; Kathi Lee, Phoenix &amp; Jim Gau host a different talk show at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm</p>	<p><b>Aug 14 (2nd Monday)</b></p> <p>AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, Omaha</p> <p>MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 3101 Webster, Omaha, 7pm</p>	<p><b>Aug 15 (3rd Tuesday)</b></p> <p>NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln: 7pm, Women's Club, 407 S. 14th, 477-1226</p> <p>Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303</p> <p>Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 8pm, (308) 381-5175</p>	<p><b>August 16 (3rd Wednesday)</b></p>
<p><b>August 20 (3rd Sunday)</b></p> <p>Frontrunners Run/Walk, 10am, Keystone Trail, North End, Omaha</p> <p>Mr.Fantasy Complimentary Brunch, 12noon at Gilligan's, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal, 3pm, 2304 2nd Ave., (308) 382-0752/995-5490,</p>	<p><b>Aug 21 (3rd Monday)</b></p>	<p><b>Aug 22 (4th Tuesday)</b></p> <p>Parent/Friend of Lesbians/ Gays (PFLAG), 7pm Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 467-4599</p> <p>Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Omaha, 496-3658</p>	<p><b>Aug 23 (4th Wednesday)</b></p>
<p><b>August 27 (4th Sunday)</b></p> <p>Parents FLAG-Omaha, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2-4pm, 291-6781</p> <p>River City Bowling League, Organizing Mtg: 1:30, Bowl at 3pm, Skylanes, Omaha</p> <p>MCC Prayer, Care, Share Circle, 6pm, Call Ronald 477-3215 for details, Lincoln</p> <p>Superstar Show, The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p><b>Aug 28 (4th Monday)</b></p> <p>MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 3101 Webster, Omaha, 7pm</p>	<p><b>Aug 29 (5th Tuesday)</b></p>	<p><b>Aug 30 (5th Wednesday)</b></p>
<p><b>September 3 (1st Sunday)</b></p> <p>Imperial Court of Iowa Coronation, Des Moines, Iowa</p> <p>River City Bowling League, 3pm, Skylanes, Omaha</p>	<p><b>Sept 4 (1st Monday)</b></p> <p>ICON Labor Day Picnic, 12-5pm, Vennelyst Park, Omaha Bus from Gilligan's</p> <p>Meatpackers Foolish Follies, Benefit for AIDS, The MAX, Omaha, 9:30pm</p>	<p><b>September 5 (1st Tuesday)</b></p> <p>ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha</p>	<p><b>September 5 (1st Wednesday)</b></p>



# AUGUST CALENDAR

## EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

## EVERY FRIDAY

**Outreach Center**, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

**Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln** 7:30pm 472-5644  
**Youth Talkline**, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha**: "An Alternative" Mens Stag 7pm, 455-7916 "Live & Let Live" 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 411 **Lincoln**: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214  
**Al-Anon MCC-Omaha** 7:30pm

## EVERY SATURDAY

**Lincoln Women for Sobriety**, 10am, Gathering Place, **Lincoln**, Judith 472-2598  
**Frontrunners Run/Walk**, 9am, Brownell-Talbot parking lot, 56 & Underwood, **Omaha**  
**Womens Support Grp**, 11am, MCC-**Omaha**  
**Youth Support Grp**, 291-6781, age 13-21, gay/lesbian, or questioning sexuality, **Omaha**  
**Youth Talkline**, 7p-12m, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

## THURSDAY

### August 3 (1st Thursday)

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

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

### August 10 (2nd Thursday)

**P-FLAG** 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass, **Omaha** 291-6781, 7pm

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

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

### August 17 (3rd Thursday)

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

### August 24 (4th Thursday)

### August 31 (5th Thursday)

### September 7 (1st Thursday)

**Citizens for Equal Protection**, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, **Omaha**

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

**NOW Program Night, "Domestic Violence"** 7pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, **Omaha**

## FRIDAY

### August 4 (1st Friday)

### August 11 (2nd Friday)

**Outreach Center**, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha** Tonight: 10-2am, free barbecue beef sandwich, chips, and pop. Have a snack, visit for a while, consider getting tested.

**Trip to Sidney Iowa Rodeo with Good Life Tours** For reservations call Charles at 800/233-0404

**Great Plains Regional Rodeo**, Wichita, Kansas

### August 18 (3rd Friday)

**International Mr. Fantasy Competition Begins**. Introduction of Judges and Contestants, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

### August 25 (4th Friday)

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

### September 1 (1st Friday)

### September 8 (2nd Friday)

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

## SATURDAY

### August 5 (1st Saturday)

**River City Gender Alliance**, for Transgender community. Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, Our Place, Des Moines, Iowa**, General Meeting: 6pm (Note change of locaton for this month only)

**Trip to Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun with Good Life Tours**, Call Charles 800/233-0404

### August 12 (2nd Saturday)

**Cut-a-thon** to benefit Nebraska AIDS Project, see related article for list of participating salons

**Omaha Players Club** Workshop: 2pm, Party: 8pm, Call Master Amy for info 451-7987

**SAGE Coffee House**: 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, **Lincoln**, (402) 488-4178

**Great Plains Regional Rodeo**, Wichita, KS

### August 19 (3rd Saturday)

**HGRA Barbecue**, 2pm, at Hap's in Hancock, Iowa (see local news for directions)

**International Mr. Fantasy Competition** The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

### August 26 (4th Saturday)

**Bus Tour to Belle of Sioux City & Sloan with Good Life Tours**. For reservations call Charles at 800/233-0404

**Coalition Bowling Night**, 7pm, Gateway Bowl, 333 N. Cotner, **Lincoln**. \$1.50 game

### September 2 (1st Saturday)

**River City Gender Alliance**, for Transgender community. Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, DC's, Omaha**, General Membership Meeting: 6pm

### September 9 (2nd Saturday)

**Omaha Players Club**: Workshop: 2pm, Party: 8pm, Call Master Amy for further information. 451-7987

**SAGE Coffee House**: 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, **Lincoln**, (402) 488-4178



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## REPORT URGES SWEEPING CHANGES IN HIV PREVENTION

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association warns that massive numbers of gay, bisexual and lesbian Americans and Canadians will become newly infected with HIV unless dramatic new steps are taken. Entitled, "The Silent Crisis: Ongoing HIV Infections Among Gay Men, Bisexuals and Lesbians at Risk," a 108-page report presents the results of the first broad-based summit of scholars and community leaders ever convened to address prevention in the gay community. Alarming, the report cites a study projecting that a majority of young, HIV-negative gay and bisexual men in the United States will become infected.

According to GLMA Executive Director Benjamin Schatz, the goal of the report is to help re-awaken the community to the severity of new infections and to place the issue at the top of community and national agendas. "Despite the popular perception that AIDS has moved out of the gay community and that gay men are somehow taken care of, nothing could be further from the truth. Unless serious action is taken, far more gay men will become infected in the years to come than have been infected to date," he said.

The report identifies key themes and urgent priorities that emerged from the summit.

— The rate of new infections among gay and bisexual men is staggering, particularly among men of color and youth; reversing this must be a top priority for gay and AIDS groups.

— Prevention efforts must address profound emotional/psychological issues affecting HIV-negative gay and bisexual men that may be causing them to risk their lives.

— Prevention must be redefined; emphasis should shift from disseminating facts to helping people explore sexual motivations and priorities.

— Building stronger gay/lesbian/bisexual communities and combating homophobia are essential to fighting the spread of AIDS.

— HIV is a lesbian issue: There are disturbingly high rates of HIV among certain populations of lesbian and bisexual women.

— More and better research and evaluation is needed; existing prevention programs have too often failed to incorporate research or undergo meaningful evaluation.

— Gay and lesbian communities must be willing to critically re-examine their own norms.

— Gays, bisexuals and lesbians in differing racial, regional and age populations have different prevention needs and need resources to design their own prevention strategies.

"The gay community and AIDS organizations must start demanding adequate prevention resources for gay and bisexual men," said Schatz. He described as "tragic, but typical" a study showing that only 9% of prevention dollars in California target gay and bisexual men even though nearly 80% of the AIDS cases in the state have taken place among this population. "We've been afraid to ask for what we deserve: AIDS organizations don't want to appear 'too gay' and gay/lesbian organizations don't want to appear too focused on AIDS," noted Schatz. "As a result, gay HIV prevention issues have often fallen through the cracks."

The summit report details the findings of an intensive meeting in Dallas.

Copies of the report can be obtained for \$12.50 from GLMA, 273 Church St., San Francisco, CA 94114; (415) 255-4547 (phone); (415) 255-4784 (FAX).



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Omaha **I NEED A REAL MAN:** 24 y/o professional hair stylist lkg4 a very dom. hairy, well built man to take charge. you must be real hot and ready for anything. #46292

Lincoln **LETS SPEND THE NIGHT TOGETHER:** 6'2 blonde/blue 185lbs lkg4 someone with long hair. I spend a lot of time outdoors and I like rock and country music. I'm lkg2 meet someone to spend some time with. call me! #46361

Lincoln **TATTOO LOVER:** I'm a 28 y/o btm into tattoos, WS, and watching video's. call me! #46511

Omaha **LOOKING FOR EXCITING TIMES:** GWM 198lbs, 5'11, 38 y/o lkg4 fun and exciting times. for more info, please call. #45835

Lincoln **LETS DO IT:** I'm 22 y/o, 5'10, 140lbs and I love to do many things. call me! #45285

Omaha **FUN LOVING:** 25 y/o professional hairdresser in Omaha. I'm lkg2 meet a fun loving, caring guy 22-32 who likes to have a good time. body hair a+ #46292

Lincoln **CHECKIN' IT OUT!** I'm a very slender 23 y/o guy lkg2 meet young guy's 18-22 who are slender, hot and would like to get together and check things out. #47078

Omaha **CALL ME ANY-TIME:** my name is Chuck. I'm a WM 5'10 185lbs. I'm lkg2 talk with other guys in my area. call me! #44859

Omaha **NEW KID IN TOWN SEEKS TOP GUN:** my name is John, I'm new in town and I'm lkg2 meet some very dom. men in the Omaha area, call me, you want be disappointed! #45107

Lincoln **SHOW ME THE ROPES:** my name is Joe and I'm new at this, I'm 5'10 140lbs and I'm lkg4 young guy's 18-25 to show me the ropes. #45285

O'neil **HONESTY:** 44 y/o GWM lkg4 anyone open and honest enough to be a comparison and pass. more. #45403



Omaha **NEW AT THIS:** GWM 21 y/o 5'9 blk/bwn 197lbs. I'm into heavy rock music as well as jazz. I also like romantic times and movies. I'm new to this and would like a guy 25-30. #45206

Omaha **GROUP GROPE:** 35 y/o W bi M lkg4 guy's 35-50 who are gi, gay or straight. groups ok. I'm very sub and take orders well. call me! I'm very clean and discreet. #45484

Lincoln **LETS TALK:** Joe, GWM 23 y/o 5'9 185lbs lkg4 GWM 23+ for walks, good conversation and more. #45839

Lincoln **BODY BUILDERS:** Mike, I'm into body builders. I'd like to meet guy's 22-50 for good times. #45872

Omaha **LETS GO BOWLING:** Murray, GWM lkg4 fun and pos. LTR. I like to bowl and go for long walks. call me! #45835

Omaha **PERSONAL TRAINER WANTED:** my name is Mike, I'm lkg4 a personal trainer who is gay. I'm 50 y/o and I'm lkg2 get back into shape. #45872

Omaha **MAN 2 MAN:** Jim, 5'10 220lbs hairy passionate bear lkg4 man 2 man contact. call me! #43385

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Omaha **RED LIGHT SPECIAL:** 22, indian/blk, iso intell person. dn cut, mexican, 18-24 hope to hear from that spec person #41476

Omaha **YOUNG 27** y/o BM lkg4 agrsv men 4 fun and good times, psble ritshp! #39293

Omaha **FISHING AND BOWLING:** Reggie, Gdkg GWM, 42, 6'1, 180 brn/blu, iso bi or gay males 25-50 for friendship poss rel, movies, reading, amusement parks fishing bowling. lkg for guys in the E. Neb, W. Iowa area, #39264

Omaha **LIGHT SKINNED BM:** 5'7, int in meeting BM LM or oriental males, to find what interests we have in common, have some fun, body massages- #39293

Omaha **ROOM FOR RENT:** Hal, 35 have a separate apartment for rent in my house, into arts, kinda lonely here, like someone to talk to go places and do things with, give me a call- #37196

Omaha **HOT FUN:** looking for nice guys in the area var of int biking swimming tennis or whatever or all kinds of hot fun, lets get together and see what will happen- #37310

Omaha **PASSIONATE:** Cornelius, clean discreet 29 y/o BM into dancing, going out and quiet dinners at home. lkg4 BM 20-30, must be healthy and clean shaven, passionate men a+ call me. #44005

Omaha **YOUNG GUN:** Jason, 21 y/o 5'9 155lbs. I enjoy travel, dining out and being with people, call me #43931

Omaha **SHARE MY INTERESTS:** 27, lt skinn'd bM like to have a good time, movies, dancing, want to find out what you're about and share interests with you- #39293

Omaha **SAFE FUN!** Roger, GWM, lkg for a gay or bi males, 25-45, who are int in getting together for some safe fun, lv a message- #41363

Omaha **EARLY 30s,** dk hair/eyes, 5'6, 125, int are music, like all kinds, exc rap and hard metal, love to travel, eat out- love to dance, alot of friends, like to socialize, prof'l, grad degree warm sens caring down to earth-lkg for 20s: #41446

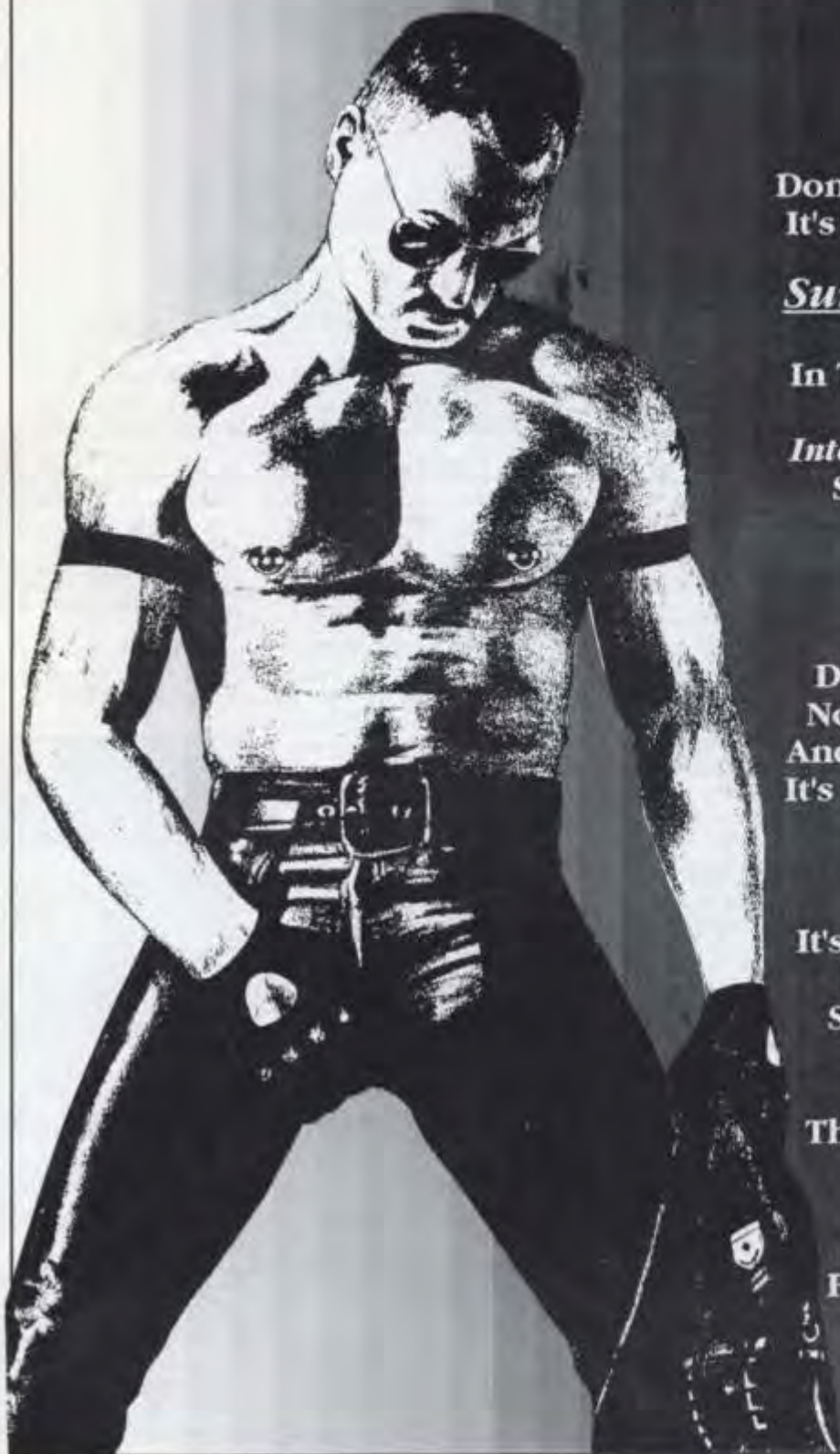
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