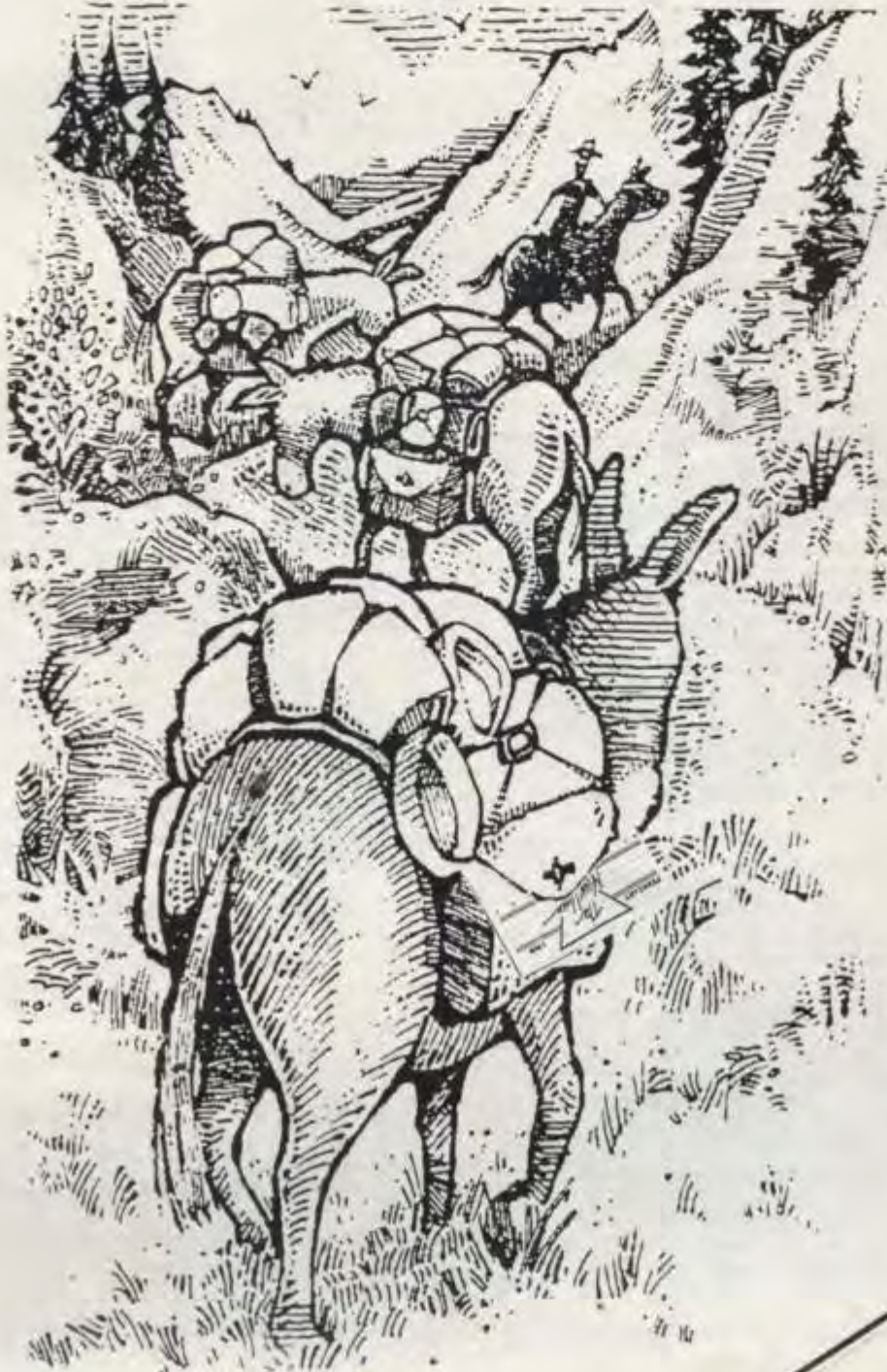


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## FINALLY IT IS MY TURN

By Pat Phalen

It is time to say goodbye to a piece of Nebraskana.

Larry Wiseblood had a vision many years ago. A vision shared by many over the years. I thank him for his persistence, his commitment, and his vision.

There will be a void in Nebraska next month, a void that may or may not be filled — if it is great. If not, maybe the void is not as bad as thought. Larry thought there was a void. Jerry Peck thought there was a void. Others like Sam Mandina, Sandy Vopalka, Don Longmore, Tom Winfield, Gary Eminitove, and so many others agreed there was a void and filled it. No other organization has put as much energy and service on a solely volunteer basis as *The New Voice of Nebraska*.

Recently, kudos have been wrought to the magazine as it announced its conclusion — we know that the magazine was invaluable to our community — no recognition was necessary as those of us who have worked for the past ten years as the magazine came to Omaha did it because, like our predecessors, we saw a need and filled it.

There is no way to recognize all those who have contributed from the advertisers, readers,

writers, editors, treasurers, and volunteers. You know who you are, you succeeded as no others have.

Jerry Peck had been working on the magazine when the Lincoln staff decided it was burned out and would be unable to continue — they announced a 3 month deadline. A meeting was called to see who would take over. A few of us were at a coronation out of town and returned to Omaha to discover that there was not enough interest. Terry Sweeney, myself, and Jerry Peck decided Nebraska needed a community magazine — a second meeting was called and as of this issue it truly is "History."

Over a year ago, burnout started with the current staff — a plea was sent out — help, we will train you, something the Omaha volunteers didn't have — no serious reply, no commitment.

The decision was made to terminate the magazine — not an easy decision. Since that time a few, very few individuals offered to help. The current staff decided that the quality we had brought *The New Voice* to must not be compromised — again a conclusion to the magazine.

This is the last time — apologies to Larry Wiseblood on behalf of this community for not being able to continue his vision.

Meanwhile — I do take this opportunity to thank some of you who have been pillars around this magazine.

Editor Sharon Van Butsel and Carla, a team that has weathered many a storm and definitely gave of self for the success of this magazine. Mr. Bob Ewing and Printing Plus for support beyond any to be expected from merely a printer — Bob, you are more. You rescued us many times from correcting typos, creating ads, donating issue and giving of your personal time and energy — Thanks, Bob.

To the Poet Laureate of Nebraska, Mr. Brian Bengtson, this magazine gave you a real boost and you a boost to the magazine.

Mr. Dick Brown, my friend and confidant, there is no way this community will ever know nor recognize your contribution: time, money, patience, your nomination for community service from ANGLE is only the tip of the iceberg. To all my friends who have given of themselves in support of me and the magazine. Thanks.

Finally to the one who shares all the pain, happiness, frustration, and was part of Larry's vision, Terry Sweeney. Who would think that we would endure this every month for 10 years, much less, who would think you could endure me for 20 plus years. The Pope has your name in the sainthood book. Thank you.

Without the community, there would be no need for a magazine. It has been trying but yet a real pleasure providing this service to you.

Remember your history, where you came from — try not to reinvent the wheel — grow and prosper, come out, and Be Proud.



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# AND SO IT GOES

By TL Sweeney



OK, OK, I'm writing! OK, so it took a lot of pushing for me to sit down and put something together for the last issue of the *New Voice of Nebraska*. I realize that it should not have, but it did. So the question becomes what is it that I really want to say as we close yet another chapter in the Lesbian, Gay, Transgendered Community of Nebraska (oh, what the hell, of the Universe!) It really isn't a very hard decision to reach, really, once you think about it.

I would first off like to say thank you to my partner of 23 years for his dedication and enthusiasm to this forum since its beginning. Pat Phalen is the only remaining member of the original staff (and we still have the stock share issued to him). He has offered time, facilities, and leadership that is irreplaceable. I must also give thanks to the other influence in my life and this magazine, Dick Brown. What I have learned from Dick is integrity and positive willingness to work toward a better life for all of us. How on earth he was able to hold on to his temper, and his

tongue chasing down those ads and then the money for them is beyond me! Both you and Pat are true leaders and men to be admired. I love you both.

Now, let me offer an apology. To Sharon Van Butsel, I had no idea when I asked you, OK. I just thought it important to have a womyn's involvement. I know you made it through, and alive, and I hope it was mostly all good. Thanks for your commitment. Without it, as without the others previously mentioned, we would not have likely made it to this issue. Of everyone who is still involved it seems the end of the *Voice* is hardest for you. I'm sure you will put the extra time to other very good uses and I wish you and Carla the very best as you move on with your lives together.

To the rest of the staff, both past and present, I salute you for a job well done.

To our advertisers, Thank You! Your contributions were crucial to the legacy we leave. It was in 1989 that I wrote an article for the *Voice* under the pen name of J. Montgomery (any All My Children fans out there?) where I repeated the question, *what legacy is to be found in our silence?* I believe we at the *Voice* do not leave silently nor do we silence this community. We do, however, leave you with plenty of memories, and the charge to find new, creative, comprehensive ways to keep the forum open and the challenge (perhaps to our youth) to see that it continues. If that means another magazine so be it, or maybe it is time for a cable community program. Whatever it is, as we pass the torch we wish you "happy trails" and all the best that life can offer.

Let me conclude with a statement that RuPaul ended his program with, "if you can't love yourself, then how the hell you gonna love somebody else." Stay strong, stay proud, and most of all be **BOLD**.

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# FROM FEAR TO GRATITUDE

By Dick Brown



With little experience in bookkeeping, my arm was twisted almost 10 years ago by Pat and Terry to take the position of Treasurer of *The New Voice of Nebraska*. That was only the beginning of the great learning experience I was to face. Shortly thereafter I was also given the position of Advertising Manager. (Oh, Shit) I'm really not a sales person and had absolutely no experience with a computer. I was very fortunate to have the training by (the computer Wiz) Lee Donehower. He must have gone crazy with a ditz like me under foot. He did get my feet wet and I had enough knowledge to be dangerous. Sharon McCartney then took me under wing and gave me more confidence in the placing and working up the ads. I was then left alone when she departed to Denver and have been learning more and more by trial and error ever since.

Tracking down ads to get them laid in was a major challenge for me. I'm sure I've pissed off a few people along the way, but I had a job to do and a time frame to meet every month. (So if I have offended anyone, ...Pity!)

I have worked close with Sharon Van Butsel on the magazine for quite some time and have to say she bewilders me with all she does. I must admit though, she should cut back on some things because it did sometimes hinder time frames on getting things done and putting in some late night hours. Carla has been a strong figure with the magazine and I have seen her prodding Sharon along the way also. Carla also bewilders me with all the activities she is involved with. Maybe with the end of *The New Voice* they may have time for some quality time....

I wish I could have worked more closely to Kevin W. (our proofreader). He is quite a man with a great smile.

The magazine wouldn't have been possible

without the many advertisers' support. I must mention that The MAX has been the longest running advertiser that has been associated with *The New Voice*. Without the subscribers and members of our community picking up *The New Voice*, we wouldn't have need to be out there for 14 years. One great thing I enjoyed was driving down to Lincoln dropping off the magazines. The gang at the Panic were always so friendly and made me feel welcome. The Q often wasn't open when I dropped off the magazines, so I didn't have as much contact with the crowd there (*It is a gorgeous bar, though*).

My heart belongs to Bob Ewing for all his work above and beyond the line of printing. He's a great sounding board, too. I've really become very fond of Mrs. Ewing for her cheerful smile and the back breaking job of had collating every copy of the magazine. (*You're really looking good! It's magic.*)

Regrets, I had a few, but again too many to mention. Oh, well, I did it my way!

Should I have gratitude...*more wrinkles, less hair*...yes, I forgive you Pat and Terry for twisting my arm to get involved because I have grown so very much with all that I have learned and all the wonderful people I have met. It's been a real trip and the miles on my vehicles over the years have shown it. Thanks for the opportunity to have served the G.L.B.T. community and thanks for the wonderful memories. I hope each and every one of you can experience the gift of volunteering with such a devoted group of people like I have been associated with. (*Thanks for putting up with me.*)

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# THANKS!

By Sharon Van Butsel

This has been a highly emotional time for me. In all honesty, I would probably have kept on doing *The New Voice* forever, but 10 years is long enough. Through all of the emotions, there has been the realization that I am not alone and that there are people who believe in me and what I have done to serve the community over the years.

You, the readers of *The New Voice*, know all too well that I am far from perfect. I lose my temper too easily; put my thoughts in print when I shouldn't even think them; don't respond well to criticism; make lots of typographical errors; lose things (articles, ads, letters, photos, everything!); print articles that are poorly written and have little journalistic merit; and have this silly idea that people enjoy reading about the ups and downs of the life of two lesbians. Oh, and I do tend to get defensive and want to be in control.

But in spite of all that, there are many, many of you who have taken the time to tell me that you are pleased with what *The New Voice* has done over the years. Thank you for all the kind words and for your ongoing support.

I am very proud of what we accomplished during the ten years that we published *The New Voice*. We continued to carry on the torch that was handed to us by the founder, Larry Wiseblood. He wanted a magazine that would allow the GLBT community of Nebraska to express its thoughts and feelings in a safe, open forum. And that we did (most of the time). We did not require articles to be in journalistic style, nor did we require that they be "newsworthy." We printed about 99% of what was submitted to us. We also tried to minimize mudslinging and name-calling. We would print critical letters, but always offer the group or individual criticized in the letter the opportunity to respond (in the same issue, if possible.)

We printed resource lists and calendars that were as complete and as accurate as we could make them. We praised and supported groups and events throughout the community. And we offered new writers and new artists and new poets a place where they could develop their skills.

Yes, I am proud of what we did with *The New Voice*, and I do not let it go easily. However, the time has come to close the door, and I do so with love and best wishes.

Thanks go to Sharon McCartney, who has continued her dedication to the magazine even though she moved hundreds of miles away.

Thanks (and a personal apology for the roller coaster ride) to Brian Bengtson for his dedicated service to the magazine for four years.

I offer special thanks to Pat and Terry for inviting me to join *The New Voice*. They opened the door for me.

Special thanks go to Dick Brown who has been the underpinning for *The New Voice* for all these years. Without him, we simply would not have existed.

Thanks go to Kevin, whose gentle manner and infinite patience helped keep me sane.

And, of course, special thanks go to Carla for allowing and assisting me to continue with *The New Voice* for all of these years.

And, most of all, thanks go to all of you. Without you, there wouldn't have been any reason for *The New Voice* to even exist.

May you continue to walk in the light of God's love.



## DIVORCED AT LAST!

By Carla Petersen

After nearly 10 years, we finally get to be a twosome—a couple. We're divorcing the *New Voice*, and it feels great! Almost ten years ago, I came to Omaha thinking that I was gaining one partner, but I got two. Before I ever moved in, Sharon was married to the *New Voice*. When we'd go out to the bars for a drink, invariably the *New Voice* went with us. Someone would stop Sharon to give her an ad or to talk about an article or to compliment or complain about the last issue. When we left the bar, she'd mention needing to go by the post office to pick up the *New Voice* mail. And if we were out running errands around town, we often added a trip to Florence to drop mail by Dick's or to pick up something from him. For years there were monthly steering committee meetings. They lasted for hours and always seemed to hit the one free Sunday afternoon we'd have—or rather the one free Sunday afternoon we could have had. When we bought a house, the three of us shared an office. I was teaching, and Sharon had the *New Voice* editor's stuff. It wasn't long before the *New Voice* took over the whole office—including the top of my wooden desk. NVN long ago accounted for at least a third of the messages on our phone every day. If I had a romantic thought, before it would materialize, the *New Voice* would butt in with a phone call or typing that just had to be done! Especially when THAT TIME OF THE MONTH came around—nothing stood in the *New Voice*'s way. It got Sharon's full attention—no matter what I wanted! Yep! The divorce will be final in the next few weeks as we take back our house—as we move the office out of the Resource Center. About the time the Beat hits the street, the *New Voice* will be history at my house and at yours.

In reality—over the years, we've figured out how to live as a threesome, and believe me I've really grown to love and appreciate the *New Voice*. The *New Voice* has brought me many

joys, many wonderful friends, and many memories. Here's a few:

**THE FUNNIEST**—Our ad for a Siamese stud kitty that some poor guy responded to thinking we were looking for "Mr. Right!"

**THE SADDEST**—When we shared with you about Kady Kitten and her untimely death, so very like the untimely deaths of so very many *New Voice* readers—your friends and mine who have died from AIDS.

**THE PROUDEST**—Pride Parades; ANGLE Recognition Dinners; Successful Fund-raising Shows—Toyz 4 Totz, Labor Day Shows, Food 4 Thought; Night of 1000 Stars Dinners; ICEBOWL; New Voice 10th Anniversary; Heartland Regional Rodeo; MCC-O 20th Anniversary and the list could go on and on and on!

Thank you all for sharing the good times, the many compliments, and the wonderful memories. Thanks! You readers have been terrific! I wish I had counted the 100's of you who have taken time this year alone to say "Thanks, Carla! Thanks, Sharon! I appreciate all you've done for the community through your work with the *New Voice*!" THANK YOU for taking the time to say thanks to us.

So—What lies ahead??? As for tomorrow, well, I have a long list of projects: deck, hot tub, finish painting upstairs, finish the basement, travel, plant flowers, tend to the grass and yard better. And there's the fence. It needs painting. Samuel wants petting too! Oh, and Sharon and I have a little interrupted "homework" too!

And of course there's a whole list of community activities we've never had time for. God has blessed Sharon and me with a common belief—you have to get involved with life. If you stand on the sidelines, all the joys and rewards will just pass you by. So look for us out and about—after all, some couples were meant to be threesomes!

# THE NEW VOICE AND THE COMMUNITY

By Kevin Westhues



After discussing my background in journalism, we quickly realized that I could certainly help the *New Voice*. Sharon put me right to work. Three months later, I found myself on the steering committee, proofreading the magazine every month and occasionally contributing articles.

Proofreading was interesting. Articles ranged from intriguing to absurd... and from informative to so confusing that I had no idea what the article was about. Most were entertaining.

Knowing when a mistake should be left uncorrected was the easy part of proofreading. Receiving an upcoming issue late one night and being expected to have it corrected and returned the next day was not easy. Then it got harder. Eventually, I was given the use of a computer belonging to the *New Voice*. That meant I had to correct the copy in the computer myself instead of having someone else do it. (Remember when computer software was not on a floppy disk or a CD-ROM, but on an audio cassette? This computer is THAT slow).

My goal of meeting others socially through the *New Voice* didn't go very far. The staff was rather small and everyone had their own lives — but that didn't matter. I enjoyed doing what I could for the magazine and I enjoyed the occasional meetings.

I tried to find a new way to meet others through the magazine. For two months, I placed a personal ad in the classified section. I met some very decent guys — but no one was a match, so I gave up. Thankfully, I found my honey through other means (and I love him so much).

Some people don't realize the love and dedication that the *New Voice* staff has had over the years. As for me, I have done barely a fraction of the work that Dick, Sharon, Pat & Terry have done. Their hard work will be realized once *The New Voice* is no longer waiting for us in the mailbox, at our favorite bar or bookstore — wherever we pick it up.

My admiration for Sharon grew tremendously

a year ago. After deciding that she could no longer be editor, she set a deadline of one year for someone to come forward and take over.

Think about that. One year is a long time. Although volunteering can be a joy, it's also hard work. Sharon could have bailed out at any time, but she didn't miss a beat. Neither did the other staff members who were burned out too. Despite the burnout, *The New Voice* was published every month.

Not everything has been rosy. I must admit that I've been bothered by the fact that I haven't been asked to proofread the publication every month over the last two years or so — even though my name was stuck on page one as being the one to blame for any mistake. However, I have understood what was going on. Burnout was setting in and the staff needed more time to get the publication together — and more time for their own lives.

I've always been bothered by the way society in general uses the word "community" (the "gay community", the "black community", the "religious community", etc.). It inevitably leads to a "community leader" who inevitably speaks for the community. There is rarely a consensus in any "community" when it comes to any number of issues. I bring this up because I think a publication like the *New Voice* is the best place to find a "community". A true community is made up of people who share a common trait, but who also think individually. We're not robots. It's been satisfying to see so many different views expressed in the *New Voice* over the years. It shows the "gay community" as diverse as any other.

It's sad to see *The New Voice* go away. In a way, it's like the upcoming departure of Seinfeld. It's been a good run and it's a good time to end. To whoever takes the baton and runs with the next publication, please be as responsible and fair as the *New Voice* has grown to be in its 14-year history.

Four and a half years ago, I was a shy guy and just out of the closet. I was looking for some way to "give back" to the gay population — not to mention find a way to meet people. So, after spending almost a year reading *The New Voice*, I decided to find out if I could volunteer my time with the magazine.

I found the *New Voice* booth at that year's Coming Out Day event at UNO. Little did I know that I was about to meet someone who I would privately admire for the next four and a half years — editor Sharon Van Butsel.

## And Here We Are (most of us) Performing "Seasons of Love" at Coronation 17



# "THERE ARE NO ENDINGS, JUST CHANGES IN DIRECTION."

By Brian E. Bengtson



I don't think anyone outside of our community would have predicted that the *New Voice* would have lasted this long. When I was living in New Orleans, the locals had a hard time believing that we had more than one bar here (if they believed that gays and lesbians existed in Omaha at all, that is); let alone our own printed material.

When *The New Voice of Nebraska* first started, I was still in high school, struggling with my newfound sexual identity, and hiding my school clothes from my mother every morning (before the snickering and innuendoes start flying, I will explain. Back then, I was a struggling punk-rock wannabe and my mother was "not having any of this nonsense," so I had to wear two layers of clothes and carry a backpack to stuff the "acceptable" crap in.) I was so scared that people would find out that the name-calling I had to suffer did have some basis in fact. I was haunted by the crazed vision that I was the only gay man in Omaha, Nebraska. I lived in the suburbs and my view of the world was very limited. I wonder how different my teen years would have been if I knew about this magazine. I wonder how many lives have been changed and enriched since its inception.

The printed word can be one of the most powerful tools in our society. It can inform, entertain, incite, reward, reveal, and unite a community just by its existence. All we know about the societies that have gone before us is from the words they have let behind, whether on parchment, scroll, cave wall, or temple. I wonder what people of the future would think our little "community within a community" after reading these collected words. I wonder if they would understand.

This magazine has been with us throughout most of the AIDS epidemic. All of our pride marches have been covered (since it took a while for the other newspapers to come around), along

with all the other sorts of pagentry and spectacle that we have created for ourselves. We have said goodbye to many special people. We have watched other magazines come and go, and wished that we could have done more to help.

*The New Voice of Nebraska* has been the unifying voice in our community for over ten years. It has watched "family businesses open and close, seen groups form and disband, and has covered it all. It will be missed.

On that note, I will end with a couple of poems for old time's sake. Recently, I have started speaking in high schools as part of NAP's Public Speakers Bureau. It has been a very strange experience; sometimes uplifting, sometimes scary, but I always come away from these talks with something new. Last Friday (January 9), I spent the day at Burke High School. During each of these classes, someone would ask a question about the NAMES Project Quilt. I am taking that as a sign (along with a request to print one of my older pieces) and presenting something very appropriate, and I am sharing a new piece, just to show that I haven't lost my touch.

Thank you Sharon, Carla, Dick, Pat, Terry, and Kevin for being the constant in our changing community. I don't envy whoever will try to fill your shoes. They will have a tough standard to live up to. Life is about change, and as the old gardener would say, "Even the old oak sprouts new branches."

Take care of yourselves.

Brian

*-Personal Note: Sharon graciously asked me if I would consider dusting off my keyboard and writing something for this landmark issue. I could not say no. I had been taking some time off from my usual writings to focus on other projects, and I fear I may have gotten a bit rusty."*

If no one has told you yet, you are holding a piece of history. No, I am not talking about my stuff (my ego may be big, but even I have limits.) I am referring to this magazine.

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# "STANDING AT THE EDGE OF THE QUILT"

By Brian E. Bengtson

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at all the proverbial edges,  
when you see the volunteer guard  
set giant squares free,  
while dancing on those off-white walkways

that connect crack babies  
with aspiring drag queens  
and all the delicate kids  
who had to be careful playing outside  
with Nebraska farm boys  
who never thought  
this one time would come

I feel hollow,  
like the vacuum of air  
between strokes on the drumroll  
when they bring the quilt to rest  
in my hometown, once a year.  
I close respectful eyes,  
and use another bus stop.

In the flat frame of mind  
that doesn't see the glass half full,  
I question my time to join the tour.  
I think of who might attend my vigils  
with shaking hands;  
how many day may pass  
between the crumbling of topsoil  
and the folding of cloth.

So I wait at the edge of the quilt  
like the kid in the back  
of class watching the captains choose teams.  
I watch the bodies dwindle down  
and wonder when my name will be called.

# "GRANDMOTHER'S TEA"

By Brian E. Bengtson

I drink the tea  
my grandmother  
could not finish  
before she died.

I roll the plastic bags  
together, and I smell  
the French Quarter  
after a cleansing  
mid-day rain.

My fingers play  
in the dried leaves  
like the storm winds  
scattering twigs and petals.

I wonder if she could taste  
the subtle flavors  
I hand-picked  
for her afternoons.

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# THE NEW VOICE — A PART OF NEBRASKA'S HISTORY

By Sharon Van Butsel

With this issue, *The New Voice of Nebraska* passes into the dim mists of history. For fourteen years, *The New Voice* has reported on the growth of Nebraska and Iowa's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and sensitive community.

I started out to do a timeline of important events in the history of the GLBT community in our area, but I found that it was an overwhelming task. However, in the process I learned many things about our history and it made me more determined than ever to preserve as much history as is possible. It is my dream that our Rainbow Outreach Center will someday house a GLBT museum which will catalog the emergence of gay society and the development of the GLBT community. I hope that there are others out there who share the same dream.

The process of collecting information did make me more aware of some basic truths:

- 1) *The New Voice* was not the first gay publication in Nebraska, and it will not be the last.
  - 2) Over the years the GLBT community has diversified. It is no longer enough to be bound together by our sexual orientation. We now gather into "interest" groups such as Frontrunners, Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, Wild Kingdom Bears, Lesbian Centered, Leather Engineers of Omaha, and on and on.
  - 3) There is more to do in the gay community than ever before, thanks to the development of these interest groups.
  - 4) People continue to make the same mistakes over and over again. We just don't do a good job of learning from the past. And we do insist on re-inventing the wheel every few years.
  - 5) Nothing lasts forever and nothing is indispensable. *The New Voice* may pass into history, but any void it leaves behind will be filled by some other publication (maybe a web-site this time).
- Now, I did find some historical items of interest (to me, at least). For example:

**1950** — The Diamond Bar welcomes gay customers. Owner Jimmy Sescher invited 3 gay men who were harassed outside another bar to come to his bar and to invite their friends. This was the first known "gay bar" in Nebraska.

**November 1970** — United Ministries in Higher Education at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln hosts the first Coffeehouse for the gay/lesbian community. Coffeehouses continued until the late 1970's.

**1970's** — Omaha Meatpackers forms as a Leather and Levi Club, later focusing on fundraising for AIDS related causes.

— *Lincoln Gay News* and *Capitol Times*, Publications focusing on the gay community, begin and last a few issues before closing.

**1973** — Metropolitan Community Church Evangelistic Team comes to Omaha to lay the groundwork for a local congregation. MCC begins to meet, first in private homes, then in First Unitarian Church.

**1974** — First Metropolitan Community Church of Nebraska is chartered; name is later changed to Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha.

— *The Gayly Nebraskan*, listed several groups in Nebraska: The Lincoln Gay Action Group (Lin-Gag) and the University Gay Action Group (Uni-Gag) sponsored several activities including the Gay Rap Line, rap groups, a coffeehouse, and publication of the *Gayly Nebraskan*.

**June 1978** The first Gay Pride Week was held in Lincoln and included a Gay Pride Beer Bust. Hosted by Jay and Karen, the event included volleyball and dancing. A Coffeehouse celebrat-

ing Gay Pride was held in the Lower Level of the UNL Student Union.

**1979** — The Hollywood opened, advertising as a "mixed" discotheque.

— GAIN (Gay Awareness in Iowa & Nebraska) published Omaha's first major publication.

— Lincoln League of Lesbians, founded in 1979, was active for many years, sponsoring cultural events, picnics, potlucks, workshops, speaking engagements, discussion and support groups.

**1981** — Imperial Court of Nebraska was formed  
**1984** — Gay/Lesbian Information and Support Line began operating in Lincoln on March 1, continuing in operation for 10 years.

— P-FLAG was a small group of about a dozen families when *The New Voice* began publication.  
**March 1984** — Larry Wiseblood and friends publish the first issue of *The New Voice of Lincoln*. The name was changed to *The New Voice of Nebraska* within just a few months. Larry uses a pseudonym "Larry Weiss" at first.

— Mid-City Chorus formed in Omaha. An initial group of 12 performed at the Chesterfield as part of a benefit for MCC and then sang at the Good Friday Services at MCC.

**1984** — Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) saluted the Imperial Court of Nebraska for its support of AIDS activities.

— The Imperial Court of Nebraska held Coronation at the Joslyn Museum in conjunction with "Gay Pride Week" — Velvet and Gary West were elected Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court. A recorded turnout of more than 450 people attended coronation and cast votes for the monarchs. — Jo Jo Morrison is named as Duchess to the royal family of Empress 4 Velvet. Food for Thought and Toys for Tots began as annual project of the Imperial Court.

— Lincoln-Lancaster Drug Project formed an outpatient group for gay men and lesbian women. Randy Todd was the organizer of this program which is still active today.

— *The New Voice* was subject of article in the *Lincoln Star* which was picked up by the Associated Press and put out on the wire services. This led to coverage from the *Lincoln Journal*, the *Omaha World-Herald*, and several radio stations.

— *The New Voice* wins a lawsuit filed by the publisher of *The Voice News of Southern Lancaster County*, a small weekly newspaper published in Hickman, NE. Judge Jeffrey Cheavront denied an injunction filed by *The Village Voice* to prevent *The New Voice* from using a name so similar to that of the *Village Voice*. In his ruling, Judge Cheavront stated that no evidence of confusion between the two publications had been presented.

**September 1984** — River City Mixed Chorus formed, following footsteps of Mid-City Chorus — Nebraska Regional Gay Lesbian Classic Bowling Tournament held at King Louie Rose Bowl with a \$10,000 purse.

— The MAX opens  
**July 1985** — Imperial Court of Nebraska organizes the first Gay Pride parade in Nebraska (June 19, 1985) The World-Herald reported about 60 people marching and about 400 spectators.

— AIDS Risk Reduction pamphlets were distributed as an insert of *The New Voice*. UNMC offered a Comprehensive Care program under the direction of Dr. Johnathan Goldsmith and offered "HTLV-3 Testing"

**August 1985** — Representatives of the Coalition met with W. Don Nelson, chief of staff for

Governor Bob Kerrey to discuss the role of state Health Department in coordinating AIDS education.

Don Flowers and Kevin Houdesheldt of the Imperial Court met with Mayor Mike Boyle to seek public funding for AIDS research. They were also interviewed on KETV

— The "Coordinating Committee" held its initial meeting at the MAX. Represented at the meeting were the Imperial Court of Nebraska, The River City Mixed Chorus, the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, the "Omaha" Volleyball team, and *The New Voice of Nebraska*. This group hopes to help avoid scheduling conflicts. This group later became the "Bars and Organizations of Omaha (BOO), and still later "Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors (ANGLE)

— Omaha AIDS Project was formed to be an umbrella organization for AIDS work

**1986** — A reader writes a letter of complain about the December 1985 cover "Mr. Noel", calling it tasteless and an insult to those of us who still recognize Christmas as a deeply significant, religious holiday. The original charcoal "Mr. Noel" the work of local artist Sam Orwen is part of the *New Voice Legacy*

— 2nd annual Nebraska Gay Pride celebration included an Art Show and Sale, the world premier of the play "Straight to the Point", a Pride concert, a Volleyball tournament, a gay film festival, the Coronation of the the Imperial Court of Nebraska, The 2nd annual pride parade, and a picnic and coffeehouse reunion in Lincoln.

— John Ziegler, principal clarinetist for the Omaha Symphony and musical director for the River City Mixed Chorus died of AIDS. His death was the first to be publicly reported.

Nebraska AIDS Project held an awards dinner at which individuals from 6 local organizations were recognized for their help in establishing and maintaining the Nebraska AIDS Project.

**January 1987** — Larry Wiseblood steps down as Editor of *The New Voice*. Sandy Vopalka becomes the first woman to edit *The New Voice*.

**February 1987** — The first ever article written by Sharon Van Butsel appears in *The New Voice*. It deals with the end of a relationship and is entitled "A House Meant for Two"

**November 1987** — Sandy Vopalka steps down as editor. Jerry Peck assumes position of editor and *New Voice* moves to Omaha

**December 1987** — The first issue to be published in Omaha

**January 1987** — Jerry Peck resigns as Editor, Sharon Van Butsel assumes position.

**April 1987** — Treasurer Larry Adams disappears along with all the money in *The New Voice* treasury.

**May 1987** — Dick Brown joins the staff of *The New Voice*.

And so we moved into the "current decade" of *The New Voice*. During the next ten years the number of GLBT organizations would triple; bars and businesses would come and go; the Leather Community would establish a strong, public foothold in Nebraska; the Transgender community would reach out to the GLB community and would develop a unification that is unique in cities across the region; and we would lose many of our historic leaders and others would emerge to take their place.

The cataloging of the history of Nebraska's GLBT community will continue as I move into retirement. But for now, I bid you a fond farewell. Until next time.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THANKS

Dear New Voice:

My name is Shane Ellston. you can print my name this time. My favorite memory of the *New Voice* was in January, 1997, when I wrote *The New Voice* a letter telling gay people to stay away from the Village Inn of Grand Island, NE, because of gay bashers. And you printed the Letter. And kept my name confidential. You can print my name this time. The gay bashers liked to beat up gay people. And one gay basher claimed that he beat up a gay man with a baseball bat. I worked at the Village Inn at the time the letter was written. I wish to thank *the New Voice* for printing my letter, for not doubting my word. As for the gay bashers, I think they still work at the Village Inn. So I hope you will print this letter to spare gay people from eating at the Village Inn.

Thank you *New Voice*.

Sincerely,  
Shane Ellston

## WAS HOPING TO WRITE

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of an article I wish to submit for the Feb. '98 issue of *New Voice*.

I am sorry to learn that *New Voice* is discontinuing. I was hoping to write articles for it in the future.

Thanks,  
Gina Martinez

## "THANK YOU" FOR ENLIGHTENING OUR LIVES

Dear Editor,

I ran across the January *New Voice* which announced that your February issue would be your last. Since moving from Nebraska to Louisiana, *The New Voice*, has been my information source on the "Gay Scene" there in my hometown.

I would like to say that there is no other gay magazine in Nebraska that compares to *The New Voice*. Every issue shows your hard work and dedication that you and your staff have put into it. People say that "All good things must come to an end." — a sad statement but true.

I am sorry to see *The New Voice* come to a close, but there have been some very enjoyable issues and I would like to "Thank You" for enlightening our lives. I wish all of you the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Charles G. Howard  
New Orleans, Louisiana

## 18 YEARS TOGETHER

Dear Sharon,

In the December 1994 issue of *The New Voice*, you ran an article entitled "Letter from a Gay Couple found after 13 years". Well, we are the couple and have always been going to write you and acknowledge the note. As you know, one thing after another and things never get done unless you sit down and take care of them.

We have been together now for 18 years this coming June. Has it always been a smooth road? Ha... But we have learned to live together as one, not as two separate individuals. We became clean and sober together in 1988 and last September celebrated 9 years of sobriety. This has helped our lasting relationship, like no one knows, until they do it themselves. We do not go out to the bars and have just this last year started finding some very close friends.

We did indeed remodel that house completely for the landlord. We learned a lot about remodeling at his expense. He paid for all materials, but not anything for all the sweat and tears that went along with it. I believe we can both say that every inch of that house was not virgin to sex when we moved out.

We are both going to miss *The New Voice*. Thank you for the years that you have put into keeping the monthly going.

Love,  
Jack McCormick & Robert Bogenreif

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Jack and Robert, thank you so much for writing to let us know that it was you who wrote the note and that you are still together after 18 years! I would appreciate it if you would call me at 556-9907. I would like to get more of your story for Omaha's GLBT archives.*

*The Original Article Follows:*

## LETTER FROM GAY COUPLE FOUND AFTER 13 YEARS

Dear New Voice,

We recently moved and while we were remodeling we found this note hidden behind two cabinets. So when we moved them we replaced the note and added our own.

Thought it was a neat idea -- we all figured they didn't think another group of fags would find the damn thing! We certainly did have a good laugh.

Also thought maybe Dick, Terry, or Pat might know the couple and what they are up to. Judging by the date we can only hope they have survived. An interested bit of gay Omaha history!!

Sincerely,  
Mitch, Dan, and Randy

November 27, 1981

Hi!

We put these cabinets up at noon on this date. We are gay lovers and have been together one and a half years. We completely redecorated or remodeling this house during the past three months.

Love and Peace to You!  
(the first name is illegible)  
& Robert J. Bogenreif

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## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ICON?

Dear New Voice,

There is no doubt we can all agree that presently and in the past, ICON has truly done heroic efforts in fundraising, helping thousands of people in need. However, recently it seems to be all the talk around town of the way they do things. I myself find it totally appalling that a person who was responsible for missing funds can now be elected as President of this organization! What kind of message is this sending? It seems to me that there needs to be some changes made.

Along with this there appears to be a couple of individuals who have totally "steered" this organization for a long time now. Maybe more people would become more involved with this group, if some of the people presently involved would give others a chance. It appears there needs to be some new blood for ICON to survive the challenges it will face down the road.

Committees of any kind cannot operate by one or two people running the whole show, nor, in my opinion, should they elect people whom the public may scorn for past conduct.

Gary Christiansen

**CHECK OUT THE VALENTINE'S DAY FETISH BALL!**

## ICON RESPONDS: LET'S SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

—The 1993 Executive Board of the Imperial Court, Carla P., Gary W., and auditor, Duane S., respond:

The previous letter questions why the Imperial Court would elect as president someone who was "allegedly responsible for the loss of thousands of dollars." In order to put to rest the gossip and innuendoes which have been circulating throughout the community, we will once again put forth the facts of the matter.

During the time when our current president, Joe Reed, was treasurer of the organization (1993), the Imperial Court did not have locked money bags nor night deposit. They borrowed a simple metal box from ANGLE and, following Coronation 13, the money received was put into this box and sent with the Treasurer to keep until it could be deposited. While this box was locked in Joe's apartment, someone living in the building entered the apartment and removed funds from the box, leaving a large part of the money intact, apparently in hope that the theft would not be discovered. The identity of this person became known when he attempted to enter the apartment a second time. When the theft was discovered, Joe informed the executive board and also confronted the individual who had been found attempting to enter the apartment with his suspicions that he might have taken the money. The man admitted he had taken the money and asked that he be allowed to repay the money. The members of the Executive Board and two independent observers met with the man, and had him sign a statement admitting that he had taken the money. Later that night, the man disappeared.

The executive board turned the matter over to the police and gave them the statement he had signed. Unfortunately, the man was never found and never brought to justice.

The Board of Governors then filed a suit in small claims court, claiming that Joe should repay the money since it was in his possession when it was stolen. The judge in small claims court entered a judgment against Joe based on the erroneous assumption that he was a "fiduciary" treasurer and so responsible for all funds. Joe appealed this decision, but did make payments toward the judgment as he was ordered to do.

When the Executive Board met with an attorney regarding the appeal, they learned that the judgment in small claims court was in error because the ICON treasurer was not a "fiduciary" position. The attorney advised the Executive Board that the appeal would be upheld and that attempts to fight it would result in legal and court fees that would be more than the amount taken. The attorney advised that ICON attempt to settle out of court before the matter went to trial. The Executive Board and Joe Reed agreed to let the matter drop and let the payments that had been made be regarded as payment in full for the judgment which had been issued.

The matter was closed four years ago, and those who were involved with the Imperial Court at the time are well aware that Joe Reed was the victim of a crime. It is unfortunate that the community still prefers to listen to gossip and innuendoes instead of talking directly to those involved and getting accurate information.

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Dear New Voice:

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We remember the very first year of Fantasy — 1989. Your publication did so much to help make the event a success. You even put the Logo on the cover.

Maybe it has something to do with you New Voice people? Sharon, Dick, Pat, Carla, Terry, and even a former staff member, Amy, have all helped out EVERY year, not only with *The New Voice*, but in your time commitments during the weekend, by acting as members of the staff.

For the past years, we are sincerely appreciative to your publication for taking the time and effort to cover the Leather side of the community.

With your coverage of events in the leather community, you have helped broaden everyone's knowledge of our lifestyle.

We understand how you all could want to go on with your lives and try to live something of a normal lifestyle; one without so many deadlines, listening to people complain about the magazine, or tracking down advertisers for money of advertisements for the publication. One that doesn't end every month by sitting down to stuff envelopes and drop off the publication throughout the state. It truly is amazing that you have done it for this long. I just hope that your readers will realize how much work, time and effort you all put into this publication.

This doesn't mean that we won't miss you. We most certainly will. In our opinion, your publication has been a staple to the Nebraska gay lifestyle as a whole. One without prejudice, one

without bias.

Again, THANK YOU ALL so very much for taking the time out of your lives to help make Nebraska a more knowledgeable, informed community. And Best of Luck to each of you in the future.

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## POSITIVE INFLUENCE

Dear New Voice Editor:

I would like to thank you and the entire *New Voice* Staff for your efforts over the last ten years. It takes great dedication to put out a monthly news magazine. A non-profit magazine like *The New Voice* is a project of love for the community it serves. There were times when I did not like the quality of the magazine or its articles. However, I always realized that it is far easier to sit on the sidelines and complain than it is to roll up my sleeves to do something about it.

Over the long run, however, *The New Voice* has been a positive influence in the community. An open forum for discussion of the various issues affecting our lives. Its ending will be a great loss. But our community cannot say that we were never warned nor that we did not have a chance to save it.

Hopefully the death of *The New Voice* will bring about the birth of something new for the Community. Enjoy your "retirement," *New Voice* Staff, it's well deserved!

Sincerely,  
Ned Harrison

Editor's Note: Thank you, Ned. Your kind words are a high compliment.

**Carla,  
I love you. Thank  
you for being part  
of my life for the  
last ten years--  
Sharon**

## SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHERE TO GET INFO

Dear Friends!

I understand that Sharon Van Butsel and Carla Petersen have been keeping *The New Voice* going these past ten years, but I also understand that Terry Sweeney and Pat Phalen were the visionaries before that.

Is there NO one to take over *The New Voice* now? Do you think that *New Voice* is no longer useful.

I myself might try to help if I had any idea as to how. I've been a student of desktop publishing, page layout, etc. (used PageMaker on a Macintosh, for example) as a student 1994-95 (also used PhotoShop, scanners, Adobe Illustrator), but I have not yet had to rely on those skills, nor have I been able to use them much since 1995. Computer hardware and software was more than I could afford.

So, while I probably wouldn't make a good editor, there must be someone who would! Where else in the region can we find anything like *New Voice*?

I guess you COULD argue that the *Advocate* now comes out of Illinois, but that's only the distribution center: the magazine is put together in Los Angeles.

There was *R.F.D.* (sort of a Rural Page Digest) that was published quarterly in Tennessee (I think).

Looking through *Gayellow Pages* and/or *Damron Address Book*, I wonder what I'll find for the area. Nothing in Iowa: *The Parachute* publication and maybe *Personally Speaking* (contact service, apparently) each in Wichita, KS MIGHT, if combined, offer the kind of info for southern Kansas that *New Voice* provided for s.e. Nebraska; Kentucky had *Kentucky Word* and *The Letter*, each from Louisville, I think, don't know if those still exist; I guess the best regional

resource now will be *Lesbian and Gay News Telegraph*, out of St. Louis, MO, with a satellite in K.C., MO; I contacted *Times of the Heartland*, in Omaha, NE, but never got any response, so I think that must have closed; and while Ohio has *Gaybeat* and *Gay People's Chronicle*, those seem to have a narrow focus: mostly Columbus and Cleveland; Oklahoma has *Gayly Oklahoman*, from Oklahoma City. A few other resources might include *Liberty Press*, Wichita, KS; Indianapolis, IN, is a source for various publications: *Indiana Word*, *Kentucky Word*, *Ohio Word*. RFD (Box 68, Liberty, TN 37095), and *Query*, out of Nashville, TN complete the list of Midwest-Ohio basin resources I know. If YOU would publish that list, it might help your readers. If YOU know of resources (and phone numbers, addresses, e-mail, web sites, etc.) please let us know!

Craig Nickels, Kansas

## THANK YOU FROM L.E.O.

The Leather Engineers of Omaha would like to express our organization's personal thanks for providing us the means to inform and reach our community. Thanks especially to the staff and also the contributors of the *New Voice of Nebraska*. The efforts of so few have contributed greatly to so many in the GLBT communities of western Iowa and all of Nebraska. The talent and efforts of those individuals involved with the *Voice* will be sorely missed. The many years of publication have provided a forum for many and support and service to us all. Your personal touch at the *New Voice* and attentiveness to the readers set a standard for others to reach and surpass. "Congratulations on a job well done!"



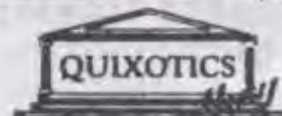
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Dear New Voice Staff:

Mom and I wish to extend our sincere gratitude for all you have done for the GLBT community for such a long time. My first introduction to *The New Voice* was, of course, by picking it up at one of the bars in Omaha many years ago. My second introduction was when Jerry Peck stopped by Printing Plus one day to see if we would be interested in printing the magazine. He quite overwhelmed me when he asked if we would be willing to drop everything we were doing, stay up all night, work weekends, and anything else that was needed to produce each monthly issue. Of course, we said we would do all we could to help out in this new venture, and that the magazine would take on a slightly different look than what everyone was used to, but we had different equipment than what had done the job in Lincoln. But what impressed me the most was the fact that Jerry insisted that we do the printing. Not because he knew me at all, but because he knew that *The New Voice* would be printed by a **GAY OWNED BUSINESS**, and that seemed very important to him. It wasn't long after that, that Sharon took over as editor and things really got rolling. We started out printing 900 copies per month ten years ago. With the December 1997 issue we produced 2400 copies. What started out taking us 2-3 days to do, now has taken us a full week to produce. But as mom always says, she loves to keep busy.

Of course, there were up and down times. Like when somebody stole all the money from *The New Voice* checking account and we didn't get paid for 3 months. And when I accidentally put two pages out of order and had to go in on a holiday weekend to correct the problem. And then there were all the last minute ad changes, ads that would not turn out well because of the copy provided, meetings, and agendas that would change at the last minute, etc. But we have always enjoyed producing *The New Voice*.

In fact, *The New Voice*, was a Godsend to us. We had only been in business for one year when Jerry stopped by that day. And with the help of *The New Voice* we have prospered for 11 years. Also because *The New Voice of Nebraska* believed in doing business with a gay owned printing company, we were able to help almost every GLBT organization in the state of Nebraska. Whether it was through financial donations, free or discounted printing, it was because you supported Printing Plus with your business that we were able to help so many others. As I've stated on numerous occasions, we as a gay community are so willing to fly across the country to march on Washington for our rights, but so unwilling to drive across town to support a gay or lesbian owned business. To you and those who have made that drive, we thank you.

God Bless,  
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# GAY IN UKRAINE

Dear Friends!

Probably you are surprised to receive a letter from Ukraine. My name is Oleg, I am 21 y.o. I found your address accidentally and decided to write this letter. The problem is that I don't have any gay friends here. I live in a big city, but we don't have gay clubs, magazines, etc. The public opinion towards gays is very negative. It's almost impossible to meet gay men here. So I am writing to you. I don't know if you publish the international ads, but I hope you can do it. I hope to find a real friend in your country. If it's possible, please, publish my ad free.

Sincerely Yours,  
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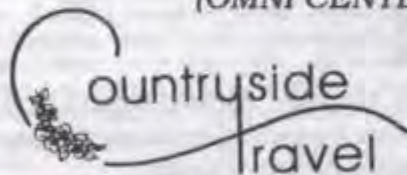
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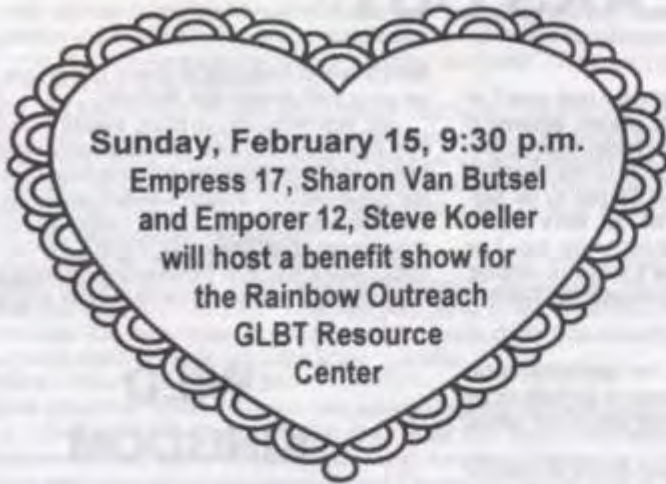
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## PATRICK SPEAKS OUT

I'm a 14 year old gay boy. I've known I was gay since as far back as I can remember. I'm writing to tell others it's not easy to come out.

Ever since I've known, I've been scared. I was always afraid because I was different. My brother is one of the athletic types. My mom is a teacher. My dad is a professional and grew up in our small town, and my sister is a blond Jan Brady.

I'm currently in a treatment center because my family isn't too fond of me. I knew if I came out it would be havoc for me, considering my family is 9th century Catholic and my small town.

I came out to my family in January of '97 at 13 years old. I came out to my town after my birthday last summer. I was terrified both times.

I feel that wanting to be in Drag is even worse. My boyfriends haven't been too supportive ei-

ther.

I guess I'm writing to say in the past year I've been to 8 different treatment places, because if you don't come out to somebody, you're just going to get worse. I've been to the point of suicide, because it's not easy in life to be gay. Also, if you're going to come out, have a good support group. To help others isn't easy, too. I've been trying to and I guess that's why I'm writing.

Just PLEASE don't go to length like I did! It only makes things worse.

*Editor's Note: Patrick, we appreciate your courage and your determination to help other young people who are facing decisions about coming out.*

*Patrick's article has been edited to remove any identifying information. Even though Patrick*

*has chosen to come out at a very young age, I feel we must still protect his privacy.*

*As you read this article, please remember that Patrick is only one of the hundreds of youth in our area who face this decision every day. It is our responsibility as adults to help make the road easier for these young people. I encourage you to support our local groups (P-FLAG, Proud Horizons, Gal.O, GISEN, Positively OUT, and all the other groups who focus on the needs of youth.)*

## WILD KINGDOM BEARS

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The Wild Kingdom Bears, Inc. are pleased to have received coverage in *The New Voice* over the past months as we have undergone our inception and formation.

While there is a listing for the group in the Area Resources pages, we apparently have not provided an update including our contact information.

Could the Area Resources section be updated to include this information?

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# FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Landon

Nationally Syndicated Columnist



Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Moving certainly can be a moving experience, can't it? It has reminded me of something which used to be very special to our gay and lesbian community. It was so special it even crated a reputation for us; a good reputation! I'm not so sure it is this way at the present time.

A few years following Stonewall you could hear it whispered amongst straights in such cities as San Francisco, the Hollywood area now called West Hollywood, as well as cities in the East and Midwest. Property owners were saying such things as: "If you want good renters, rent to homosexuals (they hadn't gotten used to calling us "gay" yet); they'll take good care of your place."

You see, what was happening was that when gays or lesbians moved into an area and either rented or bought homes, they'd fix them up to look great; we were proud in those days and it showed through our homes. We were proud of the fact that we could now "nest". Additional to remodeling many of the old houses the yards were treed and beflowered for all in the surrounding community to behold and enjoy. It also encouraged other gays and lesbians to move into the area; soon we began to have blossoming little neighborhoods of "us". Where my mate and I lived, they even began calling our West Hollywood area "Boy's Town"; why, we could even walk down the sidewalks unashamed and unafraid to hold hands or be arm in arm. It was just

like we were human beings!

Being an asset to our neighborhoods, even if we're the only gays or lesbians on the block, is so very important to our national community image. WE hear so much these days about "family values" and as gay or lesbian couples let our neighbors know we respect family values as well. We can do it through the care and upkeep of our homes.

To gain respect of our fellow humans we needn't be as concerned about putting up a sign on our front lawn or door stating that "Lezzie Liz and/or Brucie Babe lives here" as much as we care about painting, neatness, mowing the lawn, planting flowers and trees. Let our deeds/actions speak so loudly the neighbors won't even flinch when they hear we're homos.

Maybe it's because we've been intimidated by that damn virus or who-knows-why, but I do think over the past few years we've lost touch as a community entity with creating beautiful homes and neighborhoods. I do know there are homes and neighborhoods all over our nation just waiting to be loved by "sensitive" folks like us. And who knows! Maybe if we get back to those early Stonewall roots, we'll begin building neighborhoods which will be gay-friendly and welcome our renters and buyers dollars. It would happen!

**CHANNEL CHANGE:** What is this confusing thing called "love"? This only-thing-in-life-which-really-counts thing called "love"?

It's one thing to say to someone "I love you". It's quite another thing to act upon your feelings for another, isn't it?

We say we love our parents, our relatives, our lifemate, our friends, our co-workers, our children. We even say we love our Country and the world. Well, HOW do we love them? How do they KNOW we love them?

Of course the answer is that our actions speak louder than our words.

In our thoughts about love we must not fail to recognize the five recognized definitions from history such as agape, phileo, etc. when we consider taking vacation. For instance, we can show

love to a parent, child, lover, mate, etc. by physically holding them in our arms, but we can't do the same with our love for our country or the world; but this does not deter us from acting upon our lover for country or the world.

I'm probably little cock-eyed (no pun intended) but I look at it this way: I honestly do love this little blue planet called Earth and I act upon that love by trying not to destroy her. Guess you could say I'm a Republican environmentalist. I love my planet enough to advocate peace not war because I know war destroys her good-looking face; maybe that's why I support the peace effort in Bosnia. Of course this support might also be because of a love I have for humanity, and, having enough intelligence to realize that ethnic cleansing is as stupid now as it was when I was younger during Hitler's reign of terror. We didn't nip that one in the bud soon enough so we eventually ended up in a World War simply, to keep the planet from being White Only and subservient to a religious demigod nut-case. And then, even though we loved our planet, we ended up dropping an A-Bomb to end the defacing caused by the continuing war?!

Love for my country is shown in similar ways but actions also include actually voting in elections. After all, these are the folks who will enact the laws to reveal my love for my country. This act of love however is also not an easy task as it's not easy always to detect a greedy, bastard politician whose wake-up artists have him/her dressed up looking like a statesman who really cares but honestly doesn't.

Love for our planet and humanity, can be terribly confusing at times, huh? But this shouldn't stop us from loving should it?

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

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

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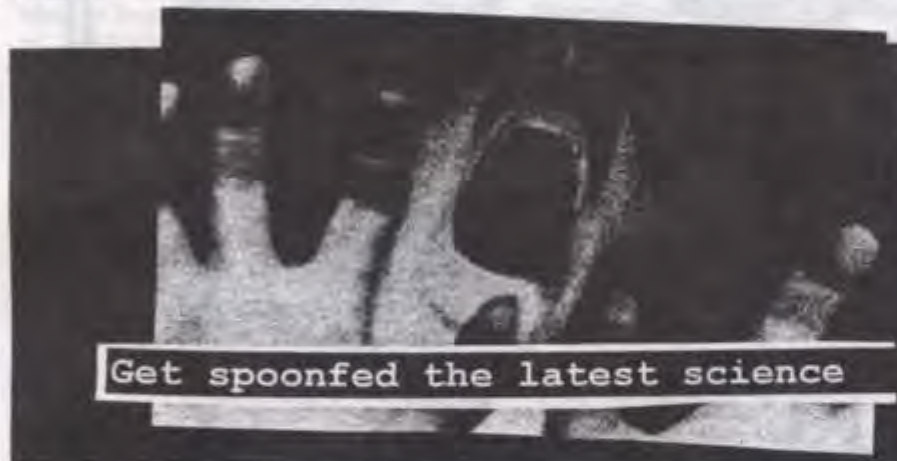
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As part of their research, Rev. Freeman is seeking one-page stories or testimonies from UFMCC members and friends who have been through "ex-gay" ministries. These testimonies should include the following information: What led you to an ex-gay ministry? What claims were made by the "ex-gay" leaders? What level of "success" did you see in these groups? What prompted you to leave? Any other relevant information on your experience will be appreciated.

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THE NEW VOICE

# "OUT IN THE STARS"

Astrological Forecast for February 1998

by C. Lichtenstein

Don't stand on the sidelines this February. It's time to toss ourselves into the loving fray with affirming zeal and loads of Rainbow Valentines. We have more than a few planets in humanistic Aqueerius which means that active involvement is key. Meet your match by getting Out there and being "available". You can't phone it in friend, also some of us may try...

**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)** February highlights platonic relationships but who is to say that saucy Valentines can't be friends first? The secret to success is to put yourself on the "A" list for social invitations. (And remember that "A" is for "W1" not for "Asshole".) Be generous and jolly, proud Ram. You attract more flies with honey than with vinegar and even more with a key to your weekend house.

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**

Gay Bulls may be working themselves down to a nubby stub career-wise this February, but it's all for a good cause; advancement. Try to mix business with pleasure this month so the long hours that you put in at the office don't seem so burdensome. The Aqueerian planetary energy rewards those who cleverly play by the political rules. Change the rules when you rule.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**

All these planets in Aqueerius gives you room to breathe and experience life at its fullest. Proud Twins may travel more than usual this month and should leave themselves open for adventure and, dare I say, romance. It could be a trip to the moon on gossamer wings with Neptune and Uranus paying for your ticket. If so, chalk it up to just one of those delicious little things.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)** All these planets in Aqueerius highlight sexuality and deeply personal motivations. Pink Crabs should make the most of this zesty energy while the Valentine's season is in full swing. Take things one step at a time and learn to pace yourself both physically and emotionally. Remember what they say, "Laugh and the world laughs with you. Kvetch and you sleep alone." **LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)** No self respecting gay Lion should be sitting home alone this February. All the planets in Aqueerius give you clear sailing to seek the mate of your longing choice or cement current relationships into permanence. It's a romantic time of year bubble, so shower your intended with attention, affection and goodies.

**VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)** Proud Virgins are not always the most romantic of signs. Now, with all these planets in Aqueerius this February, love may be discovered at work or, even better, at the health club. (Easier to examine the merchandise before you buy...) Since cleanliness is next to godliness for these conservative souls, perhaps you'll meet up in the steamroom, sauna or whirlpool. Head there first.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCTOBER 23)** February is no time to be alone. The planets in Aqueerius conspire to push proud Libras out into party hearty central so gather your forces and become a force to be reckoned with. Creative inspiration is also in the cards now; dreamy Neptune can be an artist's best friend but can also lead you down the path to dissipation and excess. Which path will you choose? Let's guess...

**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)** February is the perfect month to invite a few friendly folks over and entertain at home. All these planets in Aqueerius can entice even the most antisocial Scorp to seek connections with others. And speaking of connections, this may not be a bad time to connect with family. Who knows what can happen when the cards are laid on the table? You may find quite a few pieces of trump.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)** Communication is highlighted in February when more than a few planets traipse through Aqueerius. Proud Archers can sound eloquent and wise, but frankly dear who are we kidding? I'd wager that when there is nothing more to be said on a subject, you'll say it... very loudly. Oh well, at least anyone within earshot will know how you truly feel.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)** Practical proud Caps may have a few fiscal surprises in February. Generosity is key this month so check the bottom line, loosen your purse strings a little and enjoy the Valentine's rush. Mars empowers you to say what needs to be said. Good thing too; we need a directioned and calculated spokesperson for gay community efforts. If you can't talk love, talk politics.

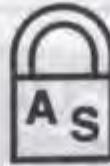
**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)** There is no stopping you this February when all these planets hover in your own sign. Aqueerians are busy bees whose presence seems to be demanded at every major social event. See and be seen cousin; there is no time like the present to make that first fabulous impression. The planets may also devise a new "look" for you. The question is, What goes with pink spandex?

**PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)** Mystical pink Fish get the vibes this February when too many planets trawl through Aqueerius. If your imagination is revved into overdrive, blame the likes of wild Uranus and woolly Neptune and settle into a nice warm tub to soothe down. For closeted Fish, this is an opportune time to open up the floodgates and swim free. If not now when, if not you, who?

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## RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

As of the 17th of January, the teams Damn Good was 5.5 games ahead of the second place team, T.J.'s Marauders. Gilligan's Two was back in third place by 1/2 a game, followed by Lady and the Tramps and Finally on Track. Lady and the Tramps hold down high team series (2065) and third high Team game with a 742. Gilligan's Two has the second high series (2059) and the high team game (782). Damn Good has the third high series with a 2034 and has the second high team game with a 771. Mike Wierzbicki has the men's high series (635) and the second high game (254). Bob Andresen has the second high series (610) and the high individual game (257). Dan White has the third high mens series (607) and Walter Wyldes has the third high men's game (245). Norma Harrison has the high women's game (611) and is tied with Lynn Bailey for the second high women's game (224). Trish Findley has the second high women's series with a 600, followed by Kathy Barnes with a 592. Kathy also holds the high women's game with a 225.

Complete team standings are:

Team	won	lost
1. Damn Good	50	26
2. T.J.'s Marauders	44.5	31.5
3. Gilligan's Two	44	32
4. Lady and the Tramps	44.5	31.5
5. Finally On Track	43	33
6. The MAX	41	35
7. Bowling Bitches	41	35
8. Omaha Mining Co.	40	36
9. Choke Artists	39	37
10. Castaways	39	37
11. DC Bowlers	38	38
12. Split Happens	37	39
13. ICON Court Jesters	35	41
14. Gilligans One CCB	34.5	41.5
15. Split Personalities	34	42
16. Mama's Boys	34	42
17. Chesterfield	29.5	46.5
18. Nutty Buddies	25.5	50.5

## UFMCC OUTREACH TO PANHANDLE

The December issue of *Out West*, the newsletter of the Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services, reported a special outreach of the Mid-Central District (now the Mountain and Plains District) of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC).

This outreach included a Christmas Eve worship service, "Joy to the World," held at St. Christopher Episcopal Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming. A series of workshops on "The Bible and Homosexuality" were also held in Cheyenne during the month of January. For more information on MCC in the Panhandle area, call Rev. Mark Lee at (970) 495-0792, e-mail MarkLee1@compuserve.com.

For more information on the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, visit their homepage at <http://www.ufmcc.com>

## FREE FRIDAY NITE MOVIES AT RAINBOW OUTREACH

How about a "Devine" evening with your friends? Or a side-splitting evening with Whoopie? Or a romantic evening with Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour? Or do you want to "Come to the Cabaret?"

Each and every Friday night you can enjoy not one but two free movies at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth.

The movies begin promptly at 7:45pm. Munchies, soda, and coffee are available for a minimal cost.

This is a wonderful way to have an inexpensive evening out with your friends, catch up on your favorite movies, and enjoy a smoke-free atmosphere.

If you have a favorite movie you would like to have shown, just let the host or hostess know. Or you could consider hosting a movie night and inviting your friends to join you.

February 6 — Total Eclipse

My Best Friend's Wedding

February 13 — Grease 1 & 2

February 20 — Naked Gun 1, 2, & 3

Start Time: 6:30pm

February 27 — Long Time Companion  
Parting Glances

## PRINCESS ROYALE VALERIE VORTEX HOSTS UNIQUE PAGEANT The "Not So Miss Gay States" Pageant

She's tall, she's talented, she's beautiful, and she has a perverse sense of humor — that is our incredible Princess Royale Valerie Vortex. And she will be hosting the most fun pageant to hit the Nebraska runways since Miss Parallel Galaxy came to Lincoln.

The "Not So Miss Gay States" Pageant will feature contestants representing various states, each contestant trying to win the coveted title and the prizes which accompany it. You will see real home-grown talent, including such unbelievable talents as the kazoo virtuoso, the twin jug player, the dramatic reading of "Grandma's False Teeth," and more. The costumes will reflect the taste and creativity of each contestant as well as their abilities as a seamstress. And the swimwear competition will be beyond belief.

A special featured guest will be the very first "Not So Miss Gay States" returning for her first public appearance since she won the title in MXXIV. Join us at DC's on March 1 for this down home pageant and help raise money for the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association.

## APPLY TO BE EMPEROR OR EMPRESS OF THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

Applications are now available for Emperor or Empress of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. Application forms are available at the Rainbow Outreach Center, Metropolitan Community Church, at your favorite bar, or by mail from the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

1) Applicants must be a Reign 17 member of ICON. Memberships are available from the Treasurer, Carla Petersen, by calling 556-9907, or by mail. At present, memberships are \$15 and expire after the Memorial Day Picnic. Memberships must be renewed at that time. The cost for Reign 18 memberships for candidates has not been set.

2) Applications must be on an official application form and must be mailed to the Board with a postmark on or prior to April 13.

3) Applicants must be of legal drinking age in Nebraska; must have no outstanding warrants or criminal actions pending against them; and must have no outstanding checks with any GLBT business, organization, or establishment.

4) Applicants must have served successfully as a Monarch or member of a Royal Family of a recognized Court in the Imperial Court system; have served successfully on the Board of Governors of ICON, or have attended at least three (3) meetings of the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

5) All applications to be a candidates for the position of Emperor or Empress of ICON shall be accompanied by the following:

a. Letter of Intent/Statement of Goals of the Candidate

b. \$50 NON-REFUNDABLE Application Fee  
c. A letter of recommendation from the Monarch(s) served if applying as a previous member of a Royal Family or from a member of the Executive Board in place at the time if applying as a former Board Member.

d. Current members of the Board of Governors must include a request for a leave of absence from the Board of Governors as described in the Rules of the Campaign.

6) All applicants who meet the basic requirements will be interviewed by the Board at a special meeting tentatively set for April 20th, 6:30p.m. at The MAX. Only those applicants who are approved after the interview process will be allowed to run as Candidates.

7) Only approved Candidates will be listed on the official ballot. Only Reign 18 members of ICON will be allowed to vote. Ballots will be mailed to the membership in June and the winning candidates announced at the finale of Coronation 18, June 27.

8) No applicant may say he/she is a candidate until after the official announcement of candidates at the Candidates' Show, May 3. No campaigning may begin before the Official Introduction of Candidates. Campaign activities must follow the guidelines in the current By-Laws. By-Laws will be provided to all applicants.

9) Address questions to ICON, PO Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68103.



# COMMUNITY MOURNS LOSS OF LEADER

## Jerry Dike Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

By Sharon Van Butsel



*Jerry Dike, pictured above with his life partner, Jim Morford, was a highly visible leader in the GLBT community during the past three years. With his partner, Jim Morford, Jerry was a volunteer and committee chair at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha and was on the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. He died of a massive heart attack on January 13. I was honored to be asked to write and deliver the eulogy at his funeral. The text of the eulogy follows.*

Gerald Breeden Dike was born November 24, 1943 in Milford, Nebraska and he died on January 13, 1998. He is survived by his spouse, his life-partner for nearly 25 years, Mr. Jim Morford, by his foster son, Patrick Riley, by his mother Julia Dike; his brothers, Jack and Robert; and his sister-in-law, Annette. He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Helen and Forrest Breeden, his father Marvin Dike, and his brother, Edward.

Such a very few words to describe the life of our friend, Jerry Dike, but within those words lies the essence of Jerry Dike.

Jerry was born November 24, 1943 — born and given up for adoption, placed with a Catholic orphanage. But even then Jerry's warm personality and ability to relate to people was evident. When his adoptive parents, Helen and Forrest Breeden, came to the orphanage they brought clothes for a tiny baby which the orphanage had planned to place with them, but while they were there the Mother Superior said, "I have another baby I'd like you to see — he is so lovable." And with a winning smile, Jerry stole the heart of his adoptive parents and they journeyed back to the store to exchange the baby clothes they had purchased for ones which would fit this healthy, husky baby.

Jerry graduated from Scottsbluff High School, then getting an associate's degree which allowed him to teach elementary school. In the early 1970's, Jerry quit teaching long enough to enroll in the bachelor's degree program at Chadron College. And during his senior year there, Jerry and his adoptive parents took a vacation which would change Jerry's life forever.

On the way home from an extended trip, the Breedens stopped in Omaha to visit old friends. On August 10, 1973 Jerry decided he was bored and went out for a drink at the Diamond. He put some coins in the juke box, punched up Roberta Flack's "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," and turned to watch a handsome man walk in. It was the first time Jerry ever saw the face which would share his life for the next 25 years.

Jim Morford remembers that he wasn't looking for a relationship when he stopped at the Diamond — he really didn't want to be bothered

with anything but a drink with some friends — but Jerry was determined to impress this man. By the 50th time that "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" played on the jukebox, other patrons were glaring at Jerry, but Jim had weakened and agreed to go out.

The next day Jerry found his way to Jim's home in Council Bluffs to leave a note before he went back to Scottsbluff. The two talked for a while and then began a long distance relationship of letters, calls, and trips across the length of Nebraska. By November, Jim moved to Scottsbluff while Jerry finished his senior year. Jim says that he protested at first, thinking it more sensible to wait until Jerry knew where he would be teaching after he graduated, but Jerry prevailed, convincing Jim that he should go ahead and move to Scottsbluff since the teaching assignment wouldn't be anywhere near Council Bluffs. Of course, as fate would have it, right after graduation, Jerry came home and announced that his first teaching assignment would be, of all places, in Council Bluffs.

After three years back in Council Bluffs, Jim and Jerry moved to Portland, Oregon, seeking a milder climate and to be near Jim's father. While teaching and running their antique business, Jim and Jerry made friend after friend. Over the years dozens of people who were down on their luck or in need of a warm, supportive environment found their way to Jim and Jerry's home — some staying a few hours, others staying a few years. Among these people was the man who they would call their foster-son, Patrick Riley. He stopped to ask about work so he could get some cigarettes and a square meal and ended up as part of their family.

In fact, Jim and Jerry introduced Patrick to his wife, Iris, at the local Moose Lodge; hosted Patrick and Iris' wedding in their back yard; and even joined them for a 7 week honeymoon tour of the United States; rejoicing with them when their son, Andrew was born nine months later.

Jerry was active with the Moose for 35 years, both as a member and as an officer, helping with their many projects, including the regular Bingo sessions. It was at a Bingo session at the Moose that Jerry would meet a very special little person. Pam Davis and her brother Gary Slack became a part of Jim and Jerry's family, building a relationship that would last across two decades.

During all of this time, Jerry's family was a special part of his life. Both his adoptive family and the birth family he had never known. Indeed, this love was so strong that in 1978, Jerry embarked on the search to find his birth family. Jerry was fortunate that the Mother Superior in that orphanage had given his adoptive parents his original birth certificate and it did not take long to trace his family through church records and helpful officials. Jerry was able to be re-united with his parents, Marvin and Julia and with three brothers: Edward, Robert, and Jack and he remained in regular contact with them throughout the years, eventually having his name legally changed to his birth name of Dike.

Jerry and Jim returned to Council Bluffs in 1989, after Jerry retired from teaching, in order to be closer to their families. They became active in Council Bluffs Eagles and became well-known figures throughout the city. They were noted for their warmth and hospitality. Indeed, their Christmas parties were noted for the food and

friendship (along with Jerry's infamous Tom and Jeries!)

In February of 1995, Jim and Jerry began to seek a spiritual home, coming to Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, arriving for the very first visit on a Saturday morning, right in the middle of a women's support group meeting. They were greeted warmly and encouraged to come back for church services the next day. They did come back for services and after the service, Jerry turned to Jim and said, "As far as I'm concerned, I'm home."

And MCC did become home for both Jim and Jerry, offering their friendship, opportunities to use their many talents, and the chance to grow spiritually. Jerry maintained an active role at MCC; serving as usher, acolyte, fellowship committee, Chairing the Christian Social Action Committee, and directing two one-act plays as fundraisers for the church.

But it was a Christian Weekend Retreat called Excel that opened the door for Jerry spiritually. During this weekend Exercise in Christian Living, Jerry found a formula that he put into practice: Pray, Study, Act! Jerry was an active participant in EXCEL of the Midlands, EXCEL of Three Corners, and was a founding member of the Couples EXCEL of the Ark, only the second such EXCEL experience to be developed. Jerry was such an EXCEL enthusiast that his friend Peg commented, "Right now he's probably organizing an EXCEL of the ANGELS!"

Jerry's enthusiasm did not end with MCC. He became interested in the development of a resource center in Omaha for the GLBT community and joined the steering committee which laid the groundwork for the center located at 1719 Leavenworth. He went on to be an active member of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Outreach Center, seeking to help others as he had done all his life.

While teaching in Portland, Jerry served for seven years on the Public School In-School Scouting program and created and implemented a Drug Awareness Program in the elementary school where he taught. Friends have said that Jerry loved people and would never intentionally hurt anyone. Jerry was never a rich man, but he would share all that he had with someone in need.

Jerry was a collector — a collector of things (bobnail glassware, giraffes, Rod McKuen songs and books, all sorts of music; and he loved flowers — wildflowers, garden flowers, just flowers!) And he loved the theater, whether acting, directing, or just attending.

Jerry loved people and he loved life. He loved beauty and he loved freedom. And this is the final legacy that Gerald Breeden Dike has left behind — an example of love and compassion that serves as a role model for us all. And a memory of arms that wrapped themselves around you and held you close until the troubles and trials of the world were only a distant memory.

Goodbye Jerry. Until we meet again.

*Memorial Donations may be made to Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha or to the Rainbow Outreach Center. A benefit show in Jerry's honor, "Keep the Dream Alive," will be hosted by Emperor (2 Steve Koeller and Empress 17 Sharon Van Butsel) on February 15 at DC's. All proceeds from this show will benefit the Rainbow Outreach Center.*

# BISEXUAL BANTER

By Gina Martinez

I recently went to a BiNet meeting. I went as a bi-friendly gay woman. The people there were all, predictably, bisexual, and all very friendly. They made me feel very welcome. I was initially concerned that they wouldn't accept me into their group as a gay woman. They all laughed at this and expressed to me the difficulties they have had been accepted into the gay-lesbian community as bisexuals.

We had a very interesting conversation about the theories of bisexuality and homosexuality in general. Everybody agreed that everyone in the world is basically bisexual, but that everyone leans more one way or the other toward homosexuality or heterosexuality. A couple of the men agreed that they leaned more toward heterosexuality. A couple of the women claimed they leaned more toward homosexuality and one woman claimed she was dead center.

We discussed the ways in which you might tell whether you are gay. I suggested that if a woman found that another woman made her heart flutter and her clit twitch, then she knew she was gay. Another person asked, "Well, what if a man finds that women make his heart flutter and that guys make his cock hard?" We all agreed that he would then be bisexual.

We all discussed the possible reasons why gays/lesbians have difficulty accepting bisexuals as a legitimate group. We decided, for example,

it was just as threatening to a lesbian woman to suggest that she might be attracted to a man as it would be to suggest to the typical straight man that he might be attracted to a man. Any claim to the contrary of your chosen orientation is a threat to your established sexual identity.

We couldn't agree on whether sexuality is choice or chance, nurture or nature. For the same reason, we couldn't agree on whether there is a genetic basis for sexual orientation. We toyed with the idea of whether there is a separate gene for bisexuality as well as for hetero and homosexuality.

All in all, we couldn't come up with many answers but it was good to have a dialogue about these topics. These are all things I had been thinking about for a long time but had never had much of a chance to discuss.

It's too bad the group wasn't larger. We all wondered why there weren't more participants in the BiNet meeting. We came upon the conclusion that bisexual people are reluctant to admit their leanings and prefer to stay under the protective veneer of straightness. "I'm still attracted to women/men; therefore I'm OK," syndrome.

I encourage everyone who has bisexual leanings or thinks they might, to come to the monthly BiNet meetings. You might make a few like-minded friends and learn a few things about yourself too.

# KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE!

**Emp 12 Steve Koeller & Emp 17 Sharon Van Butsel host Feb. 15 Benefit at DC's for Resource Center Benefit Honors Memory of Jerry Dike**

For the last two years of his life, Jerry Dike worked to make the Rainbow Outreach Center a reality. His work came to an abrupt end when he died of a massive heart attack on January 13, but his friends have vowed to continue his dream and to work to keep the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center alive and well.

Empress 17 of the Imperial Court, Sharon Van Butsel, has made a public commitment to keep Jerry's dream alive and will be joining with Emperor 12 Steve Koeller in a benefit show to raise the money needed to keep the Center's doors open. This show, at DC's Saloon on February 15, will feature area performers to sing live, to dance, to lip synch, and to do comedy — all *To Keep The Dream Alive*.

Already scheduled to perform with Steve and Sharon are Emperor 17 Jeff McKenzie, Emperor 16 Royal Bush, Emperor 15 Annie Welty, Emperor 9 Joe Reed, along with DC favorite Ron Carlot, Barbra Love, Monique, Trina Tabloid, and more. Special appearances by members of the Rainbow Outreach Board are planned as well as special guest, Pam. If you would like to assist with this fundraising effort, please contact Sharon Van Butsel at 556-9907.

## RAINBOW OUTREACH CENTER SEARCHES TO FILL VACANT BOARD POSITION

How many times have you said, or even thought, "I really would like to be involved in my community." Don't stop there... Your time has come. Rainbow Outreach Center is currently accepting applications to fill a vacant position on the Board of Directors. Currently the Board of Directors consists of eleven members and the twelfth cold chair could be yours. Applications are available at the Center, 1719 Leavenworth, and can be picked up M-F, 6-9pm, Sat 12-6. If you have previously applied for a Board position, you need not reapply... Just give us a call at 341-0330. Let us know of your continued interest, and your original application will be resubmitted for you. Application deadline is February 13. They can be dropped off or mailed to the Center at the above address. If you're not quite ready for such a big step, we still need you! Volunteers are always needed for the continued success of the Center. Give us a call now... We need you.

## A Few of Our Favorite Memories.....



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## MARKET BASKET RATES HIGH

By Sharon Van Butsel

We recently had the opportunity to try Sunday Morning at the Market Basket in Countryside Village and found it to be an excellent restaurant reminiscent of the way The Garden Cafe was before it became too big and too commercialized.

The menu at the Market Basket offered a large variety of old favorites done with a new twist: "fried" potatoes that were bite sized chunks with the skins intact that had been gently braised in butter with subtle touches of herbs, omelets over-stuffed with fresh vegetables and trimmings, hot cakes with whole grain flour and gourmet toppings, exotic flavored coffees, quiche galore, and a wonderful crab and artichoke combination that was unlike anything I've sampled.

The service was prompt and friendly, including an especially sharp waitress who never had to write down an order and never got anything wrong. The prices were low to moderate and the portions ample. The bakery case was filled with temptations for take-home goodies.

All in all, I strongly recommend The Market Basket for an informal dining experience in a definitely friendly atmosphere.

## GILLIGAN'S! WE MISSED YOU. WELCOME BACK!

It has been a very dark and cold December and January without the warmth and welcome of Gilligan's Pub. There's been no Karaoke with Arch. No Gilli-burgers grilled to perfection by Bill or Steve (even Della on occasion). No deep chuckles from Budda. No smile and laughter from JD. And no bathrooms with life size figures painted on the doors. There's been a void in our lives.

But, that's all over now! By the time you read this, Gilligan's should be back at its new location and those of us who look forward to a drink after work or a late night meal will be back at our favorite tables with our very good friends.

Gilligan's has been a solid part of our community, helping and supporting community organizations, providing free bus rides to the picnics so its patrons can party and still arrive home safely, and providing a warm, welcoming gathering place.

Best Wishes for many years to come!

## SMOKIN' IN THE BOYS ROOM

Prince Royale Dan Mathew helps set the stage for Coronation 18, Homecoming at Aksarben High, with his no holds barred presentation of all of your favorite characters from high school. There will be the "Pink Ladies" from Grease, the School Principal, Greasers, Cheerleaders, and Bobby Soxers. Join the Royal Families of Reign 17, the Aksarben High Cheerleaders, and other special guests at DC's Saloon at 9:30pm on March 29 for a "smoking" hot night as we go "Smoking in the Boys Room." There is a \$3 cover for this event. Proceeds from this show will benefit the Rainbow Outreach Center, the '98 Pride Celebration, and the Imperial Court.



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# LOOKING AHEAD: A Calendar of Events for the Coming Year

## March 98

- 1 - ICON "Not So Miss Gay States Pageant" DC's
- 22 - ICON Princess Diva Show & Auction @ The MAX
- 29 - ICON "Smokin' in the Boys' Room" @ DC's

## April 98

- 19- ICON Closet Ball

## May 98

- 25 - ICON Memorial Day Picnic

## June 98

- 5-7 - SNAP "Master Class"
- 12 - 14 - SNAP "Master Class"
- 14 - River City Mixed Chorus Concert
- 15 - ICON Stepping Down Show for Emperor Jeff & Empress Sharon
- 20-22 - HGRA Regional Rodeo

## 28 - ICON Coronation 18

"Homecoming at Aksarben High"

## July 98

- 4 - ICON Picnic
- TBA SNAP Summer Film Festival

## August 98

- 22 - Fantasy 10th Anniversary

## September 98

- 6 - ICON Labor Day Picnic

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- Blazing Saddles 416 E. 5th St.
- Faces 416 E Walnut 280-5463
- The Garden 112 SE 4th St. 243-3965
- Chat Noir Cafe 844 18th 244-1353

#### Omaha (A.C. 402)

- The Chesterfield 1901 Leavenworth  
345-6889
- Club 15 15th & Farnam  
341-5705
- CLUB James Dean 1507 Farnam  
341-2500
- DC's 610 S. 14th, 344-3103
- The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595
- Gilligan's 1407 Harney, 449-9147
- The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110
- Omaha Mining 1715 Leavenworth,  
Company 449-8703

#### Lincoln (A.C. 402)

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

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- Barnes and Noble
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- Custom Leather Works
- D.C.'s
- The Diamond
- Downtown Grounds
- Gilligan's Pub
- The MAX
- Metropolitan Community Church
- Nebraska AIDS Project
- New Realities
- Omaha Mining Company
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians &  
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#### Council Bluffs:

- Adult Emporium
- Lincoln:
- Nat'l Assoc for Women Events
- The Panic
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#### Des Moines:

- Blazing Saddle
- Faces
- The Garden
- Chat Noir Cafe

#### Sioux City:

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# AREA RESOURCES

## RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO HIV/AIDS

### HIV/AIDS EDUCATION, INFO & REFERRAL

- \*\*Indicates HIV Testing Available
- AIDS Educ Project**, UNL G/L Resource Cntr, Rm342, NebUnion, 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
- \*\***Charles Drew Health Center**, 2201 N. 30, Omaha 68111 (402) 453-1433
- \*\***Douglas County Health Dept.**, 1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-77502
- \*\***Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Department** 3140 N Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Walk-in  
\*\*NE Urban Med. Ctr., 1935 Q, 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
- HIV Clinic**, Univ of NE Medical Center, 600 S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6681
- Lincoln Cancer Cntr**, 4600 Valley, 483-1872
- \*\***McCook Family Planning**, 111 West "C" St, McCook, 69001, (308) 345-3626
- \*\***Nebraska AIDS Project** (statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/ Volunteer Services, HIV testing, AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling
- \*\***Omaha Office**: 139 S. 40th, 68131, Administration 552-9260; AIDS Hotline 402-552-9255
- \*\***Lincoln Office**: 2123 Winthrop, 484-8100
- \*\***Central Nebraska Office**: 3423 2nd Ave Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
- \*\***Northeast Nebr Office**: 304 N. 5 St. Suite C, Norfolk, NE 68701 (402)370-3807
- \*\***Western Nebraska Office**: 3707 Ave. D, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 (308) 635-3807
- Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center**, AIDS education to health care professionals. UNMC, 600 S 42 Omaha 68198, (402) 559-6681
- \*\***Nebraska Dept of Health & Human Services**, \*Kearney 3423 2nd Ave 68847 308/865-5609
- \*\***Norfolk**, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395
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- Nebr Regional Hemophilia Center**, UNMC, 600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227.
- \*\***Nemaha County Health Department**, 1824 N. Auburn, 68305 (402) 274-4549
- \*\***Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 342-8716, Testing Sat, 1-4pm; 1st & 3rd Sat Women Only, 2 & 4 Sat Open to Public
- \*\***Scottsbluff Co Health Dept.**, Gering, NE 69341 (308) 635-3866
- Siouxland AIDS Coalition**, 2nd Tuesday, 12 noon  
Siouxland Chapter of Am. Red Cross, 1512 Pierce, Sioux City, Iowa. Call (712) 252-0722
- Veterans Admin Medical Center**, 42 & Woolworth, Omaha 346-8800; Dean Pierce, x 4119

### PUBLICATIONS

**The Positive Heartland**, PO Box 3276, Omaha, NE 68103. Provides safe outlet for HIV+ to meet others through correspondence

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- AIDS Care**, Mercy Center, 427 E. Kanesville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, att: Colleen Kibbe-Vest (712) 328-2609
- AIDS Support Group**: Sponsored by PFLAG, Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437
- Calico II HIV-AIDS Support Group**, Meets 1st & 3rd Tues. 7pm, Alliance For info call: (308) 762-8259
- Douglas County Mental Health - Outpatient Program**, 4102 Woolworth, Omaha, 68105 Att: Leslie A. Epstein (402) 444-7930
- Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support Group**, Meet 3rd Tuesday (308) 385-5175
- HIV/AIDS Support Group for Women**, 7-9pm, NAP Office, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln
- HIV/AIDS Support Group for Gay Men**, Lincoln, Second Sunday, 5-7pm, NAP Office, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln, Call Greg 438-342
- Harambee Mental Health Services**, Business & Technical Center, 2505 N. 24, Omaha, NE 68110 (402) 451-3913. Mental Health Services to people of color who are infected with HIV, their partners, and their families. Charles Drew Health Center.
- Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group**, 1st Monday, info, Barb (308) 865-5610
- Nebraska AIDS Project** (statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/
- North Platte Area Support Grp**, Call: (308) 535-8133
- Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support Group**, Scottsbluff, Call (308) 635-3606

### RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR HIV/AIDS

- 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

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- Sean McFarlin**, Omaha, 333-6000
- Petersen Law Offices**, Thomas M. Petersen Attorney & Counselor, 2712 S. 87th Ave., Omaha, 68124 (402) 393-8080
- Taylor Law Office**, 501 CenterStone, PO Box 82272, Lincoln, 68501-2272 (402) 475-0033
- Nebr Bar Assoc**, 635 S 14, Lincoln, 475-7091
- Nebraska Civil Liberties Union**, Box 81455, Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091
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## GLBT RESOURCES

### GREATER NEBRASKA BASED RESOURCES

- Chadron State College Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Students, Faculty & Staff**, PO Box 924, Chadron, NE 69337, 308-432-404
- Fellowship of Believers**, 812 North 10th, #7, Norfolk 68701, 402-379-9935 Home-based church meets Wed 7pm, Sun 10am Open to all.
- GLB Alliance**, c/o Health Ctr, Hastings, College, Hastings 68901 Judy 402-461-7372 (Health Ctr) 462-2961 (home). For G/L/B Students
- Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr.** Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68847 Support, socials, newsletter. Info: Rod at (402) 879-4650 or e-mail rdeuel@hcc.net
- Lambda Car Club**, Box 2325, North Platte, NE 69103
- Panhandle Gay/lesbian Support Service** Box 1046, Scottsbluff 69363, (308) 635-8488
- PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays**
- \***Fullerton**, PO Box 833, Fullerton, NE 68638, (308) 536-2521
- \***Hastings**, c/o Hastings College Health Center, Box 269, Hastings, NE 68901, (402) 461-7372
- \***Hendley**, PO Box 427, Hendley, NE 68946, (308) 265-7620
- \***Holdrege/Kearney** - meet 3pm, 3rd Sun, St Luke's Epis. (308) 995-54990. Mail: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949
- PRIDE Group**, Counseling Ctr, Wayne State, Wayne, 68787. Karen or Virginia (402) 375-7321. G/L/B Students

### IOWA BASED RESOURCES

- American Business & Prof. Guild**, Box 142, Sioux City, IA 51102, Network of gay business/prof. men from IA, MN, SD, NE, Meet last Sat., Write for info.
- Community Alliance**, 1301 Villa Ave, Sioux City, IA 51103 (712) 258-4704
- Integrity Prayer Service**, Wed, 6:30pm, St. Thomas Episcopal, 12 & Douglas, Sioux City, IA Al (712) 276-8369 or Rev. Kerr 258-0141
- Iowa Coalition for Human Rights** Box 1222, Iowa City, IA 52244, or call Richard Shannon 319-337-5870, rashanno@sprynet.com
- Morningside College Student Group**, Tim Orwig, Advisor, Student Svcs, (712) 274-5426
- PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays**
- \***NE Iowa -- Waukon**, IA Box 142, Waukon, IA 52172, Meet 4th Monday 7-9pm, Robey Memorial Library, 401 1st Ave. SW, Waukon

### SOUTH DAKOTA BASED RESOURCES

- PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays**
- \***Sioux Falls**, SD 4th Sat. (605) 334-5508
- Sioux Empire Gay & Lesbian Coalition**, Box 1716, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, Information and Help Line (605) 333-0603
- Sioux Falls Support Group for Men**, PO Box 1602, Sioux Falls, SD 57101

# AREA RESOURCES

## GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND RELATED RESOURCES

### LINCOLN BASED RESOURCES

**Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:**  
\*\*Mon. 7:30pm, Rainbow AA, 3rd Floor, "Meeting Place" 28 & S, Lincoln  
\*\*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

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

**FLEX (Female Leather Exchange)** PO Box 5512, Lincoln 68505, Email: flexed@juno.com Informal assoc. of women 21 and over interested in leather community.

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

**Lesbian Discussion Group**, Womens Resource Ctr, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588, 472-2997, Call for meeting information

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

**Lincoln Pride Network**, Box 81291, Lincoln 68501-1291, umbrella organization for GLBT in Lincoln area, Call PFLAG Phone Line 402-434-9880, e-mail LPrideN@aol.com

**Lincoln Women for Sobriety** Mtg, Sat, 10am, YWCA, Lincoln, Contact Judith at 472-2998

**National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln** activist org. issues of full equality for women, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 434-6695, meet 3rd Tuesday, 7pm YWCA, 1432 "N" St

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)**, Box 30128, Lincoln 68503, 434-9880, 4th Tues, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Web Site: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/4882/> HIV Family Grp, Under 21 Grp same time/plce

**SAGE** PO Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542-2043, **Lesbian Coffee House**, 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm, 3319 S. 46th St., Lincoln.

**Straight Spouse Support Group -- Lincoln**, Call 489-9088 for info

**Unitarian Church**, 6300 "A", Lincoln, NE "A recognized Welcoming Congregation"

**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**, Lincoln, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women.

**Youth Support Group--Lincoln**, Every Other Saturday 4-6pm, Call 434-9880

**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 BASED RESOURCES

**Al-Anon** Fridays 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

\*\*Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Prsbytrn

\*\*Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri. 7pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian

\*\*Live & Let Live Group, Friday 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74

**BiNet Omaha**, meets 2nd Thursday, 7pm, Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Social/Support group for bi, bi-friendly, bi-curious, Marcella 682-0701, e-mail Quest15@juno.com

**Buzz-Journal**, Box 8523, Omaha 68103, e-mail: Buzzjournal@aol.com Monthly News.

**Citizens For Equal Protection**, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155 398-3027, Legislative action 1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney

**EAGLE-Omaha**, Employee Assoc. of Gays & Lesbians US WEST, Omaha

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

**Gay & Lesbian Org of UNO (GaLo)**, UNO Students - Meet Tuesdays off campus, Phil, 453-8824 or E-mail galo@cwis.unomaha.edu

**Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line**, A service of Rainbow Outreach, (402)341-0330

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

**Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network**, PO Box 6051, Omaha, NE 68106, gay and straight teachers, parents, students & concerned citizens working to end homophobia in schools

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc (HGRA)**, Box 3354, Omaha, 68103-0354, Dan 597-1689 Enjoy/support rodeos, country activities, Meets 1st Sat alternating between Omaha/Des Moines

**ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament**, Tournament held President's Day Weekend

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 Fundraising organization working for advancement of G/L/B/T society, Board Meets 1st Monday each month, 7pm, The MAX

**"Learning to Exchange Power"** Novice BD/SM Support Grp, 2nd Sunday, 2-4pm, Back Room, Wooden Apple, 22nd & Martha, Omaha

**L.E.O. (Leather Engineers of Omaha)** educational-social grp, Gay Men interested in Leather Lifestyle. Write: Box 8181, Omaha, 68108

**Lesbian Centered**, Box 4044, Omaha, NE 68104 Projects & Activities for Lesbians

**LinOms Bares**, Box 8493, Omaha 68106 Nudist/Naturist Club for gay/bi men

**Lutherans Concerned**, 453-7137

**Metropolitan Club**, Box 8603, Omaha 68108-0603, 3rd Thursdays, 7pm, gay/lesbian professionals to meet, socialize, network

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

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, 68103, E-mail address: MCCOMAHA@radiks.net, Web Site: <http://www.radiks.net/mccomaha> Sunday Worship at 9 & 10:30am

**NAMES Project of the Heartland, Omaha Chapter**, Info: Mike 554-1354 Rick 556-3940

**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

**Nebraska Zen Center** for all persons, 3625 Lafayette Ave, Omaha 68131, 551-9035

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

**The New Voice of Nebraska**, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103, (402) 556-9907 or e-mail dmaz67e@prodigy.com

**Omaha Gay Wrestling Club (OGWC)**, for info call 325-4066 or email OmahaGWC@aol.com

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

**Omaha Players Club (OPC)**, Pansexual education & play group Meeting/parties monthly, Send \$5 and an age statement to OPC, Box 34463 Omaha 68134

**Omaha Women for Sobriety** meet Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29 St., Contact Judith at 472-2998 for more info.

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays PFLAG** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064, 291-6781 Meet 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Mead Hall, West End, 2nd Thurs, 7 pm, "Program & Sharing", 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Sharing"

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

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

**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Mail: Box 8583, Omaha, 68108, Call 341-0330 for times/events

**River City Beat**, 3000 Farnam, Suite 3R, Omaha, NE 68131 Monthly newspaper

**River City Couples**, Social Support for GLBT couples, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Info Eric: 392-1443, email rccouple@probe.net

**River City Mixed Bowling League**, Sundays, 2pm, Kelly's Hilltop Lanes, Omaha

**River City Gender Alliance**, Box 3112, Omaha 68103-3122 Message! hotline 398-1255, Email: sgibbna@synergy.net. For cross-dressers, transsexuals, those wishing to know more All orientations. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday

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

**SNAP Productions**, 1323 Jackson, #608, Omaha 68102, Call 342-9053 for info

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 7-9pm, 2nd Thursday, 1st Methodist, Room 209, 291-6781

**W.E.L.T. (Women of Educated Leather Tactics)** Box 7083, Omaha, 68107-7083 Educational/social group for women of leather: Omaha/Lincoln 402-477-7741

**Wild Kingdom Bears**, social group for the hirsute and admirers of the hirsute.

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

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

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 &amp; 10:30a.m. MCC - Omaha, 819 S. 22 St. 345-2563</p> <p>G/L Walking Club, 10am, 38th &amp; South, Lincoln, by tennis courts</p> <p>Reconciling Worship Comm. 7:30 pm, Dietz Meth, 1423 S. 10, Omaha</p> <p>River City Mixed Bowling, 2pm, Kelly's Hilltop, Omaha</p> <p>"Positively Out" Stage Right Coffeehouse, 7-9pm, Omaha</p>	<p>HIV Tests NAP, 352-9260, 139 S. 40th, Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha 6-9pm</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Fronrunners, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot</p> <p>PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support Grp, 7pm, 475-2437</p> <p>AA, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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<p><b>February 1</b></p> <p>Fronrunners, 10am, Omaha</p> <p>Evening Worship Healing Service, Metropolitan Community Church, 6:00pm, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p> <p>New Voice Farewell Party, 2-5pm, Stosh's Saloon, The MAX</p> <p>ICON Aksarben High Cheerleader Tryouts, The Chesterfield, 6-8pm.</p> <p>Prince Royale 15 Gary's Night of Comedy, 9:30pm, The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p><b>February 2</b></p> <p>ICON Board The MAX 6:30 pm Omaha</p>	<p><b>February 3</b></p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St Francis Chpel, South &amp; 11th Lincoln</p>	<p><b>February 4</b></p> <p>G/L Book Discussion, 7pm, Borders, 132nd &amp; Maple, Omaha</p>
<p><b>February 8</b></p> <p>Fronrunners 10am, Omaha</p> <p>MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215</p> <p>Learning Exchange Pwr Wooden Apple 22&amp;Martha 2-4pm</p> <p>PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm</p> <p>SNAP Productions "Breaking the Code"</p>	<p><b>February 9</b></p>	<p><b>February 10</b></p> <p>Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>HIV Support Group-Women 7-9pm NAP, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln</p>	<p><b>February 11</b></p>
<p><b>February 15</b></p> <p>Fronrunner 10am, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG/Kearney 3p, St Luke's 2304 2nd Ave (308)237-7136</p> <p>Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488</p> <p>"Keep the Dream Alive" Emp. 12 Steve &amp; Emp 17 Sharon host benefit for Rainbow Outreach Resource Center in honor of Jerry Dike, DC's, Omaha</p> <p>SNAP Productions "Breaking the Code"</p> <p>Miss MAX Performs at The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p><b>February 16</b></p>	<p><b>February 17</b></p> <p>NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln 7pm, YWCA, 1432 "N", 434-6695</p> <p>Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303</p> <p>Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175</p>	<p><b>February 18</b></p>
<p><b>February 22</b></p> <p>Fronrunners 10am, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG-Omaha, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Meth</p> <p>MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215</p>	<p><b>February 23</b></p> <p>ICON Executive Board Mtg, 6:30pm, The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p><b>February 24</b></p> <p>PFLAG-Lincoln -- 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" 434-9880</p>	<p><b>February 25</b></p>
<p><b>March 1</b></p> <p>Fronrunners, 10am, Omaha</p> <p>Princess Royale Valerie's "Not So Miss Gay States Pageant" 9:30pm, DC's, Omaha</p>	<p><b>March 2</b></p> <p>ICON Board Mtg, 6:30pm, The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p><b>March 3</b></p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St Francis Chpel, South &amp; 11th Lincoln</p>	<p><b>March 4</b></p>

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

EVERY FRIDAY

EVERY SATURDAY

**HIV Tests**, NAP, 552-9260, 139 S. 40th, Omaha 7-9:30pm  
**G/L Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" Lincoln, Call V.J. 477-3526  
**Univ of Nebr-Kearney GLBT Grp**, 4pm, Student Affairs Bldg, info Call Ronnie at 308-865-8488 or 236-5312  
**Rainbow Outreach Resource Center**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 12-6pm

**Lesbian Discussion Grp** Lincoln 7pm 488-2043  
**Youth Talkline**, 7pm-12m, For callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln  
**Network Q**, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln  
**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm

**Al-Anon**, 8:15pm, Omaha, Underwood Hills Church  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha**:  
**"An Alternative"** Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave  
**"Live & Let Live"** 8:15pm Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74th  
**Lincoln**: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214

**Lincoln Women for Sobriety**, 10am, Gathering Place, Lincoln, Judith 472-2598  
**Womens Support Grp**, 11am, MCC-Omaha  
**Youth Support Grp**, 291-6781, age 13-21 gay, lesbian, or questioning sexuality, Omaha  
**Youth Talkline**, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln  
**Rainbow Outreach**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open noon-6pm  
**HIV Testing Outreach Center**, 1-4pm, (1st & 3rd Sat.--Women Only.; 2nd & 4th Sat.--gen public), 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



**February 5**

**February 6**

**Womyn's Book Discussion**, Laurie 556-0937  
**Free Movies**, 7:45pm, Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha  
**SNAP Productions "Breaking the Code"**

**February 7**

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, Mtg 6pm, DCs, 610 S. 14, Omaha  
**River City Gender Alliance**, For Transgender Community and supporters, for info call: 398-1255  
**Club 15 Review**, Club 15, Omaha  
**SNAP Productions "Breaking the Code"**

**February 12**

**P-FLAG Holiday Gathering**, 1st Methodist-Mead Hall, 7020 Cass Omaha 291-6781 7pm  
**Straight Spouse Suppt Grp** 7-9pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781  
**Bi-Net meeting**, 7pm Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

**February 13**

**Frontrunners Friday Afternoon Club**, 6:30pm  
**Free Movies**, 7:45pm, Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha  
**Ice Bowl Regional Bowling Tournament**  
**SNAP Productions "Breaking the Code"**

**February 14**

**Valentine's Day**  
**Players Club**, 2pm Wkshp ; 8pm Play Party  
**SAGE Lesbian Coffeehouse**, 6-9pm, 3319 S. 46th St., Lincoln  
**Positively OUT Prom**, The Generator  
**Ice Bowl Regional Bowling Tournament**  
**SNAP Productions "Breaking the Code"**

**February 19**

**Metro Club**, 6:30pm, Market Basket Restaurant, Omaha  
**GLAGN Support Group**, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235

**February 20**

**Free Movies**, 7:45pm, Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha  
**Dos Fallopa**, Comedy Duo, Witherspoon Concert Hall, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha

**February 21**

**Youth Support Grp--Lincoln** 4-6pm 434-9880  
**Club 15 Review**, Club 15, Omaha  
**"Hearts of Fire" GLAGN Benefit for Nebraska AIDS Project**, Sundowner, Grand Island

**February 26**

**February 27**

**Free Movies**, 7:45pm, Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

**February 28**

**PFLAG-Sioux Falls, SD**, 1pm (605)334-5508  
**Frontrunners Chili Feed**, Call 496-3658

**March 5**

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

**March 6**

**Free Movies**, 7:45pm, Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

**March 7**

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**, Mtg 6pm, DCs, 610 S. 14, Omaha  
**River City Gender Alliance**, For Transgender Community and supporters, for info call: 398-1255  
**Club 15 Review**, Club 15, Omaha



## LOVE HURTS: VALENTINE'S DAY FETISH BALL

Everyone knows love hurts, but some of us like it that way!

Love, (and the sound of whips cracking),  
Lust, (and lots of skin),  
Leather, (and rubber and uniforms and boots),  
and... and... Oh my!

All of that will fill Stosh's at The Max on Valentine's Day! The fun begins at 10pm and the evening's festivities will include:

**Slave Auction** (Top & bottom volunteers are needed)

**Drag KING Revue** (C'mon gals, strut your stuff)

**Punishment for Hire** (We don't want anyone to leave without a smile on their face)

**Judged Fetish Costume Contest** (in these categories: Most OUtRageous but still legal, "Oh my god, did you see THAT???", and "What was your fetish again?")

**Grand prize:** Best of Show - Love Hurts: Most painfully romantic.

Some of your favorite vendors have donated prizes including a beautiful red & black flogger from Edge Leather Productions.

Vendors will be displaying their kinky toys from 6pm to 10pm for your last-minute gift buying convenience. If you'd like to participate in any of the planned activities, or just want to help us throw the best party this year, call Deb at 345-4161 or e-mail [dkbest@juno.com](mailto:dkbest@juno.com)

All proceeds will be donated to a local Domestic Abuse Education program.

## NEW ORGANIZATION IS LESBIAN CENTERED

"Lesbian Centered" organizes projects and activities for Lesbians, with a lesbian focus.

**Lesbians Outdoors:** Walk, Hike, Bike, Outdoor Sports, Camp, — locally and plan longer trips. *First Saturdays.*

**Lesbian Feminist Studies:** "Feminars," understanding female and Lesbian oppression and breaking through to new ways of being. Examining Lesbian thought and writing and our own ideas and experiences. *Weekly, Wednesdays at 7:00.*

**Lesbians Open to Friendships:** Informal discussion and sharing, getting to know each other in new ways. *Weekly, Wednesdays at 7:00.*

For more information about Lesbian Centered, including meeting place, write to:

Lesbian Centered,  
PO Box 4044,  
Omaha, NE 68104

## FRONTRUNNERS CHILI FEED FEB. 28

The Annual Frontrunners Chili Feed will be held February 28, from 5 - 9pm. For details and location, call the Front Runners/Walkers Hotline at (402) 496-3658.

## HEARTS OF FIRE BENEFIT FOR NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT IN GREATER NEBRASKA

Members of The Imperial Court of Nebraska and other talented performers from Omaha and Lincoln will join with the members of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) for the annual "Hearts of Fire" Show and Auction on Saturday, February 21, at the Sundowner in Grand Island.

Emperor 17 Jeff McKenzie and Empress 17 Sharon Van Butsel will be joined by Empress 12 & 16 Phoenix Fallentino, and Empress 9 Felice Whitney for the Omaha contingent. Czarina 17 Adore Mi and Princess Royale 15 Red Essence will be joined by Tasha DeVore, Lisa DeVore, and Angel Jackson for the Lincoln Contingent. This powerhouse group of performers will join forces with talents from Greater Nebraska as they work to raise money for the Nebraska AIDS Project offices in greater Nebraska.

This event will be standing room only, so plan to arrive early. We guarantee you that it will be worth the trip.

## COFFEE TALKS DISCONTINUED

The Rainbow Outreach Center regrets that the Sunday afternoon Coffee Talks have been discontinued due to a lack of participation.

# Beat

Your GLBT Monthly Newspaper

EMail: [TheRCBeat@aol.com](mailto:TheRCBeat@aol.com)

# River City Beat

The *River City Beat* is your source of local Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender news. The *Beat* also features articles from the *Washington Blade*—the most well respected Gay Press in America, a national news digest, "Lesbian Notions"—a column for and about being a woman who loves women, a lesbian advice column, "LowBrow Express"—our Gay version of a trashy tabloid, a community calendar, and a resource directory. Don't miss a beat; Call now to subscribe.

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# DOS FALLOPIA AT WITHERSPOON FEBRUARY 20

Dos Fallopa, a kamikaze comedy duo from Seattle will make their first Midwest appearance on Friday, February 20, at the Witherspoon Concert Hall of the Joslyn Art Museum. The pair, Lisa Koch and Peggy Platt, discovered their comedic talents while doing laundry in the Pacific Northwest. Several years and many risky jokes later, they have played to sold out houses and theatres on both coasts and have vowed to continue with the hilarious brand of music and sketch comedy for as long as audiences enjoy it.

This duo combines music, sketch comedy, improv, razor sharp wit, feminist politics and general lunacy to produce an evening of widely-funny commentary from a woman's point of view. With characters like British grunge rockers The Surly Bitches, dysfunctional mother-daughter superstars The Spudds, a flower child couple The Mamas and the Peter, Martina! The Musical, the feminist performance duo Mud (Compost Morning Dew and Dolphin-Free Tuna Woman), and Fran and Annie's 12-step Day Care, Dos Fallopa create their own skewed version of an all-star evening of entertainment.

Lisa Koch is an irreverent singer-songwriter-comedian-actor who has performed nationally and internationally with a diverse group of artists including Steve Martin, Dave Brubeck, Suzanne Westenhoefer, and Holly Near. She is a member of the Seattle cult band VENUS ENVY and still manages to find time to work as a producer and composer, co-writing several musicals.

Peggy Platt, voted Seattle's Best Comic for nine years, has worked as a stand-up comic primarily on the west coast. She has appeared on Showtime and was seen in the feature film, "Harry and the Hendersons." She also works as an actress performing in a variety of Seattle theatres and with Lisa co-wrote and produced many cabaret shows including "Bewigged, Bothered, and Bananas," and "Pretty Girls, Not Too Bright."

Tickets for Dos Fallopa are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and are on sale at New Realities, 1026 Howard in the Old Market and Oak View Mall, and Borders, 131st and Maple and by mail. Their Omaha appearance is produced by Women of the Plains.

## AFTER HOURS DELIGHT -- THE GENERATOR

By Sharon Van Butsel

What do you do on New Year's Eve after the bars close? For Carla and me, this was an important question. We didn't feel like going home and we weren't interested in making the trip across the bridge to the Harmony as some of the crowd was doing, so we decided to check out this new place we've been hearing about — The Generator.

The Generator is strictly an after-hours club, open for dancing on Friday and Saturday nights from 12:30 a.m. until 4:00 a.m. You may remember The Generator as the former home of Fusion, or if you think back even further, as the home of The Magic Theater. It is still the same long, narrow building that it was then, but the new owners have stripped it of all the extraneous things. There are only a handful of tables and chairs and there are some raised platforms to sit or lounge on. The walls are painted flat black, accented with galvanized sheet metal, and lighted by the flash of strobes or laser lights. The dance floor takes up most of the available area, and with good reason. When the music starts, the excellent sound system surrounds you with a driving beat that almost compels you to start dancing.

This is an after hours club, so there is no alcohol and no drugs are allowed. Patrons must be over 18. Obviously, there is a strong draw for the younger age group, but there was a good mix of ages the night we were there.

There is some discussion underway about having a "coffee-house" on the second floor for those of us who want a quieter place to talk during the wee hours. And there is discussion about making the Generator available for private parties.

I encourage you to check out the Generator. The music is hot, the light show is great; the drinks (non-alcoholic, of course) are reasonably priced; and the staff is welcoming. It's a good choice when the music comes to an end before you're ready to quit dancing.

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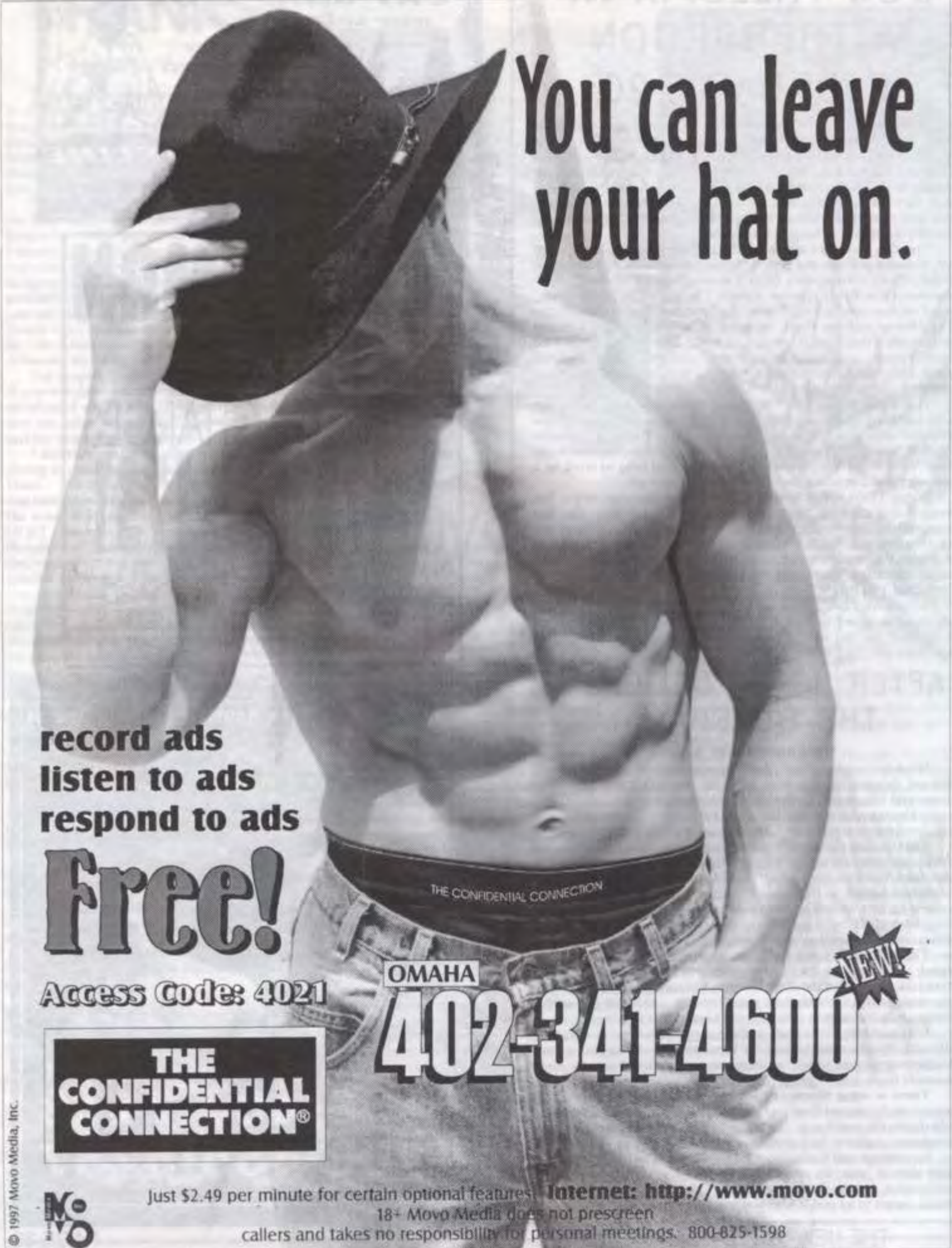


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**Positively OUT** is in search of an Assistant Director and a Communications Chair. For more information and/or an application for either of these positions, please contact Jonathan Raymond at 561-9086 as soon as possible or write to Positively OUT, 6001 Dodge Street, PO Box 43, Omaha, NE 68182. Positions start immediately.

**Positively OUT,** Omaha's newest gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered advocacy and education organization is ISO new members. Our meetings are at Stage Right Coffee (16th & Harney) at 7 p.m. If you would like a copy of our mission statement, agendas, or any other information, write to Positively OUT, 6001 Dodge Street, PO Box 43, Omaha, NE 68182.

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**Searching for love and happiness. INCARCERATED GWM.** 25, 5'9", 160, Brown Hair & Eyes. Smooth, firm, and sexy. Lonely, sincere, very affectionate. I like sports, outdoors, numerous other activities. Seeks older, mature, stable G/M to end our loneliness and hopefully start a life with. Russell Messer #98543, K.S.P., Box 128, Eddyville, KY 42038-0128

**GAY WHITE PROFESSIONAL** — 43yo man looking relationship with 20's - 30's youthful white male interested in sharing fun times that will grow into a LTR? Please respond with photo, description, & phone to Mike, PO Box 19401, Omaha, NE 68119

**GWM, HIV-, 6', 175#,** Looking for GWM 20-40 who wants a little action. I'll be waiting to hear from you. 457-4271

**Black Male,** 45, 250#, 5'11", seeks white/black males 45+ for Discrete, Physical Encounter. Weekends, some daytime meeting possible. Write L.R.K., PO Box 8471, Omaha, NE 68108-0471

**WM, HIV-, 37, 130 #,** good-looking, work out, nice body. Looking for WM Cowboy Type. Hairy bodies a plus in tight jeans. Send Pic & Phone. Respond to: P.O. Box 31054, Omaha, NE 68131

**Wanted: Friends.** I'm a GWM, West Coast transplant seeking support (not sex) with GWMs under age 30. Friends with whom to share gay and other news and activities, also penpals. Students especially welcome. Craig Nickels, 2227 4th Street, Clay Center, KS 67432

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We invite you to enjoy the events held by the Class of '97-'98 during the coming months and ask you to mark your calendars now for Coronation 18, to be held at the Energy Plaza Atrium (a smoke free facility) on June 27. For more information or to reserve your tickets, call Emperor Jeff at 346-4939 or Empress Sharon at 556-9907.

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**TAKING CARE OF MYSELF** Responsible, independent, 18 year old, Gay, White male, 5'11, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks other Gay, White males, 18 to 25, who like to camp, swim, run, shop, and party. Call and I'll come over. (Sioux City) #5450

**TAKE IT PLEASE!** New to the scene! I'm 31 years old and 195lbs. I'm in search of people to help me release my virginity. (Sioux City) #3457

## Nebraska

**BIG RED** This slightly chubby, White male, with long, Red hair, has a great personality and is a lot of fun to be with. I'm seeking fun times, with other guys, who don't expect a relationship to develop right off the bat. Let's have a discreet, good time, with no expectations. (Columbus) #10172

**HAIRLESS AND HAND-SOME** I'm a good looking, muscular, White male, 5'9, 165lbs, with a shaved body, seeking similar guys, 20 to 30, who have a lot of interests, like me. I'm new to this but willing to do just about anything. (Columbus) #7326

**EAST COAST TRANS-PLANT** I just moved here from the east coast. I'm a good looking, 42 year old, White male, with Blond hair, a mustache, and slim beard, and I'd love to find a relationship. I'm very personable and fun loving. (Hastings) #11317

**BOY TOY BRINGS JOY** Good looking, shaved, White bottom, 5'5, 133lbs, with a smooth, defined body, Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks a hung, muscular, top man, who needs to be served by his boy toy. I want to know exactly how to serve you best. (Lincoln) #10645

**TELL ME A SECRET** This good natured, White male, hopes to hear from men in the area. I promise to return every call. (Lincoln) #4535

**NEW BLOOD** This hot, leather top, just arrived from the twin cities and wants to have some fun. I'm 5'11, 175lbs, with light Brown hair, Blue Green eyes, and a nice build. (Lincoln) #7962

**MY FIRST EFFORT** I'm a handsome, White male, 5'7, 170lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, into walking sports, staying home, television, movies, country music, and dancing. I'd like to meet a guy, 21 to 36, for a possible relationship. (Lincoln) #8664

**MAKING MAGIC** This handsome, dominant, 47 year old, White male, wants to introduce a young, healthy man, under 35, to sensual magic. (Lincoln) #8748



**I REALLY CARE** I'm an attractive, down to earth, White male, 27, 5'11, 155lbs, with short, Brown hair and Hazel eyes. I want to have a monogamous relationship with someone willing to take the time for us to get to know each other. (Lincoln) #8209

**LET'S ACT CRAZY** I'm an attractive, White male, 33, into traveling, watching tv, going to movies, staying home, hanging out, and acting crazy. I love trying new and exciting things. I hope to meet a Gay male, 25 to 35, for friendship and a possible relationship. (Lincoln) #8150

**HOMESTEAD BOUND** This 33 year old, White male, 5'7, 130lbs, into traveling, movies, watching tv, and relaxing at home, seeks a man, 25 to 35, for a friendship or long term relationship. I'm a non-smoker but don't mind if you smoke. (Lincoln) #1699

**JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS** I'm looking for a young, Bi, White male, preferably Married, who wants to have a first time, Bi experience, with a father figure. I'm a young at heart, very hip, 50 year old, White male, 5'10, 185lbs, with a good build. You should be clean, healthy, drug-free, and as concerned about discretion and confidentiality, as I am. (Lincoln) #7230

**FULLY CAPABLE** This very friendly, funny, White male, 5'9, 150lbs, with Blond hair, Brown eyes, and a mustache, just moved back from the east coast. I'm hoping to find a long term thing with a special guy, capable of commitment. (Lincoln) #7306

**PUT ON SOME TUNES** This 22 year old, Gay, Asian male, seeks Gay, White males, 22 to 28, to hang out with. I enjoy listening to music, going to movies, and talking, for starters. (Lincoln) #7171

**LINCOLN LIFTER** This muscular, 21 year old, university student, 5'9, 195lbs, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes, seeks friends, 19 to 25, who share my enthusiasm for weightlifting and recreation. Maybe a long term thing will happen. (Lincoln) #7262

**VIDEO VOYEUR** 45 year old, Bi male, into music, movies, television, hot videos, and quiet evenings cuddling and touching, seeks younger guys, preferably smooth and well endowed, for fun times. (Lincoln) #6796

**SATISFY MY BI CURIOSITY** Attention, Columbus, Norfolk, O'Neill, and Yankton. I'm a 36 year old, Bi curious male, who wants to get together with guys in the area for fun and friendship. Can you satisfy my Bi curiosity? Put your message in my box. (Lincoln) #5457

**OPENING IN OMAHA** Young, hot, 18 year old guy, new to the area, seeks someone 18 to 28, I'm 5'6, 120lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, and nice build. (Omaha) #11644

**STEER INTO MY HANGAR** Nice looking, slender, White male, 32, 5'11, 155lbs, with a hairy chest and legs, seeks good times with tops. I'm especially interested in Black and Hispanic men, but want to talk to all. (Omaha) #11989

**IN MY PRIME** I'm a sexy, 20 year old guy, looking for some action. If you've got it, I'm ready to go. (Omaha) #9186

**BUILT IS BEST** Well built, 27 year old, Single male, 5'6, 140lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes, into working out, seeks other nice looking guys, with good builds, for fun or more. (Omaha) #11713

**PAY UP OR PUT OUT** I've got the goods on you. This discreet, good looking, Black male, 38, 6ft, 180lbs, with a great build and heavy equipment, seeks other masculine guys, 25 to 40, for hot fun. I like playing with tops and bottoms. (Omaha) #10479

**FASHION PASSION** This Blue eyed, sexy Transvestite, with a totally shaved body and pierced nipples, loves playing both submissive and dominant role games. Nothing gives me more pleasure than wearing slinky, feminine lingerie, and showing it off for you. (Omaha) #10589

**MIND MELD** Very attractive, 32 year old, professional, White male, 6ft, 175lbs, with short, Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks the real thing with another man, 30 to 35, with similar interests. I enjoy golf, skiing, home projects, and sharing thoughts by candlelight. Call me if you're serious about making the ultimate contact. (Omaha) #10496



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**SPLATTER MY FACE** Very horny, well endowed, White male, bottom, 28, 5'7, 135lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, loves to suck, make out, and take it from the rear. I want your juice all over my face. (Omaha) #9247

**MUSCLE, MAY I?** This well built, Black male, 26, seeks other muscular guys, 20 to 35, for fun times. You must be cute and discreet. (Omaha) #9277

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**GOLDEN GLOBE** Well built, well hung, White male, 34, 5'10, 155lbs, with a shaved head, wants to hook up with other good looking guys, my age or younger, for hot times. (Omaha) #8795

**LET'S MESS AROUND** I'm a good looking guy, in my mid 30's, looking to meet people to mess around with. I'm open to just about anything. I'm an expert at French. (Omaha) #8608

**HOW'S YOUR HEART?** I just moved here and want to meet a White male, 21 to 29, who is kind hearted and understanding. (Omaha) #6163



**SHAVED, HARD BODY** This hot stud is looking for some one on one action. I'm 5'10, 160lbs, with a shaved head, smooth body, and lots of muscles from hard workouts. (Omaha) #8518

**UP MY ALLEY** This loving, feminine crossdresser, wants to meet someone masculine and hairy to do stuff with. I like all sorts of activities, especially dancing and nightclubs. I'm certainly open to doing whatever you like to do. Trying new things is right up my alley. (Omaha) #8119

**I LOVE BI GUYS** Nice looking, clean shaven, White male, 32, 5'9, 150lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes seeks good, safe, discreet fun with tops, 24 to 32. I'm a total bottom. Size is a plus. I'm especially attracted to Bisexual men. (Omaha) #6066

**THE NEW YORKER** I'm a good looking, well built, White male, 23, 6'2, 180lbs, with short, Brown hair and Blue eyes. I'm into the outdoors, movies, music, and enjoying quiet times at home. I'd like to meet someone to hang out with. (York) #10025

**BEER BUDDY** Masculine, discreet stud, early 30's, in eastern Nebraska, seeks other dudes who want to get together, have a beer, and hang out. #11818

**POSITIVE THINKER** I wanna meet big, Black, HIV positive men for fun times. I'm a good looking, very well built, masculine, Hispanic male, 6'1, 175lbs, with Black hair and Blue eyes. I enjoy travel, working on my house, massage, and good clean fun. You must have a positive outlook. (Omaha) #5079

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A ROOMMATE** 36 year old, Bisexual, White male interested in meeting other bisexual men in the Omaha area for fun and friendship, maybe more. Possibly sharing 2 bedroom apartment with the right person. (Omaha) #5217

**NEWCOMER** This will be my first time with a man. I'm 29 years old, a newcomer, 5'10, and 270lbs. I'm interested in someone extremely hairy and uncut. Hung is a plus. If you're a man, 45 or over, I'm ready. Show me what it's like. (Pierce) #5951

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**LET IT DRIP** I know I can't be the only Gay man in north, central Nebraska. I'm an attractive, clean and safe, White male, 36, 5'11, 170lbs, with light, Brown hair and Blue eyes. I'm a versatile bottom. If we hit it off, I'm up for anything from vanilla to rough and kinky. #32914

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**PINK AND BLUE** I like to do all kinds of things including going to bars, dancing, seeing movies, going out to dinner, and more. I'm a little on the masculine side and prefer meeting someone more feminine to hang out with. (Lincoln) #8118

**ANIMAL MAGNETISM** Attractive, 37 year old, White female, with Brown hair and eyes, seeks other womyn in the area, for friendship or more. I love animals, going out, and enjoying peaceful evenings at home. (Omaha) #11419

**ALL DRESSED UP** This feminine, attractive, 36 year old, White female, 5'8, 145lbs, enjoys dining out, long walks, movies, traveling, and relaxing around the house. I hope to meet a special womyn, 30 to 40, who's attractive and feminine, to spend some quality time with. (Omaha) #10847

**IN MODERATION** Soft spoken, White female, 5'7, with Brown hair and eyes, seeks friendships, and maybe a serious relationship, with womyn in the area. I enjoy evening strolls, cuddling, watching tv, and going out for a good time. I'm interested in womyn who don't smoke or do drugs, although moderate drinking is fine. (Omaha) #11196

**GIVE US SOME TIME** Independent, down to earth, Gay, White female, 40, wants to meet someone willing to take the time for us to really get to know each other before we get too serious. You should also be independent and able to relax and laugh with friends. My interests include movies, music, going to the old market, dining out, theater, and an occasional concert. (Omaha) #10144

**BIG BULLS FAN** I'm a professional, college educated, feminine, Gay, White female, 38, tall and thin with Blonde hair and Blue eyes. I love all sports, music, dancing, romantic dinners, humor, and because I'm from Illinois, the Chicago Bulls. I'd like to meet another Gay, White female, to spend time with. (Omaha) #8325

**WHAT'S SO FUNNY?** I'm a smart, good looking, physically fit, sincere, stable, responsible lesbian. If you're like me, I want to talk to you. I'd like to meet another womyn, 21 to 30, who's honest and plays no games. I'll definitely make you laugh. (Omaha) #8536

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**THE AD GAME** I'm a very attractive, 29 year old, Bi, White female, 5'8, 135lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I'd love to meet a good looking womyn, over 25, for fun, hanging out, and getting to know each other. (Lincoln) #8892

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