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PAT ROBERTSON RESPONDS

During the time that the Reverend Mel White was fasting while jailed in Virginia Beach, *New Voice* staff member, Carla Petersen, wrote to the leader of the Christian Broadcasting Network, Mr. Pat Robertson, encouraging him to meet with Mr. White. The following responses were received from Pat Robertson's staff at The Christian Broadcasting Network.

March 29, 1995

Dear Ms Petersen,

As you may have heard, Pat Robertson did meet with Mel White on March 8th at the Virginia Beach City Jail at the request of Mel White's parents.

Without condoning the homosexual lifestyle, Mr. Robertson responded to the request of a hurting family who asked that he spend five minutes with their son in jail. During that conversation, Mr. Robertson condemned violence aimed at the homosexual community and unequivocally stated that he would never participate in such rhetoric. As a part of that compassionate act, Mr. Robertson also dropped trespassing charges against Mr. White.

In addition, Mr. Robertson condemned violence aimed at homosexuals in his March 28th broadcast of *The 700 Club* when he stated:

We abhor violence against homosexuals and that type of thing. So, we would counsel strongly in relation to homosexuality that you could hold your religious beliefs without beating people up and being violent. I don't think that's the appropriate way to treat this issue.

Mr. Robertson stands firm in his beliefs that homosexuality is biblically wrong. At the same time, Mr. Robertson wanted to express his Christian love and compassion in this situation.

Thank you for allowing me to update you on the Mel White story.

Sincerely, Gene Kapp
Vice President, Public Relations

Press Release:

PAT ROBERTSON'S JAIL VISIT ACT OF COMPASSION

Pat Robertson visited Mel White in the Virginia Beach City Jail Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and announced that CBN would drop the trespassing charges against him. This act of compassion occurred because Mr. Robertson wanted to honor the requests of Mel White's parents.

Mr. Robertson exhibited the kind of Christian love and compassion that has been the hallmark of this ministry for 35 years. Mr. Robertson visited the jail because he felt it was important to minister to the needs of a hurting family. Mel White's parents, who wrote letters expressing grief at their son's lifestyle and his incarceration, requested that Mr. Robertson visit their son and spend five minutes with him in jail.

This five minute meeting was cordial, open, and frank. The meeting did not bring compromise to Mr. Robertson's Christian convictions, nor credence to the homosexual lifestyle, but, instead brought compassion to the issue.

During the meeting, Mr. Robertson while expressing Christian love for the homosexual community, strongly rejected Mel White's claim that Mr. Robertson's comments are responsible for the violence aimed at the gay community. In fact, Mr. Robertson condemned that violence in his conversation with White. As we have stated from the beginning, Mel White's focus should be on the extremists who are responsible for the violence and intolerance against gays, not Pat Robertson or CBN.

Send your recollections of Omaha and Nebraska's Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Transgender history. Let's share our memories.

REMEMBER WHEN?

By Sharon Van Butsel

Carla and I were philosophizing the other day about how much the Omaha/Nebraska gay and lesbian community has grown in the 7 years since she came to Omaha. Since then, I've found myself reflecting back on the progress/growth in the Omaha/Nebraska/Western Iowa communities. I've listed some things which I remember. What do you remember? After all, we'll be celebrating Pride next month and this year's international theme is "From Silence To Celebration." Let's take the opportunity to reflect back on our roots. Your reflections will make great material for next month's magazine (just make sure they're submitted by May 10th so we can include them in the June issue).

Remember When....

*The Cave and The Hollywood were the places to go to meet your friends?

*The MAX had just opened with its disco and light show. Stosh's Saloon wasn't even a gleam in Bruce's eye yet.

*Remember when DC's opened? We wondered about a gay country western bar?

*Remember when Mark from the Run appeared at a City Council meeting, waving a copy of *The New Voice* to illustrate a point?

*Remember when it was important to know if you were "butch" or "femme"?

*Remember when Don Flowers first put on that red dress? And the Meatpackers were a leather group?

*Remember when everything happened at The Warehouse? (There's a lagoon and a ritzy housing development when it stood.)

*Remember when we were happy to get 100 people out for an event?

*Remember when we said that Omaha would never have a gay event at the Civic Auditorium?

**Remember when AIDS was something that they had on the coasts and you'd never even thought about making a Quilt Piece?

*Remember?.....



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOW TO DEAL WITH AIDS

Dear Sharon,

Regrettably, I was unable to read the March 1995 issue of *The New Voice* until the end of the month. Reading "Our Turn" and "A Guru Responds..." I feel compelled to respond with some thoughts for consideration. In the expressions of Brian Bengston, Daniel Siragusa and Sharon Van Butsel, there is a diversity of attitudes that perspectives of death, living with HIV+ and dealing with AIDS. As each person expresses their opinion there seems to be fractionalization that there is only one politically correct or psychologically correct manner to address these monumental issues of humanity. I would dare say that each individual presents a unique perspective that is neither better or worse than the opinions expressed by any of the other writers. And each opinion needs to be respected in that light without risking the danger of maligning another individual.

A classic mainstay of life and death issues has been the work of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, most notably through her book *On Death and Dying*. She presents a five-stage process individuals often experience in their acceptance of life-threatening peril and death itself. I am sure many of you are already very familiar with her works and the stages she has proposed. To reiterate, they are: 1-Denial & Isolation, 2-Anger, 3-Bargaining, 4-Depression, and 5-Acceptance. When individuals

experience a life threatening disease they experience the various stages while they attempt to accept their condition and to find new hope with life. It must be pointed out that it is an ideal to progress through the stages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. More likely than not, there will be progress and there will be regression followed by more progress. In short, the process is never ending and the hope will sometimes ebb and flow. The five-stage process is also a grief process that applies to a broad spectrum of health and living issues, not just HIV+ or AIDS.

I have mentioned the five-stage grief process as I think each writer mentioned earlier exemplifies a voice spoken from a different stage of the "process". None of the writers are exactly right, although each seems to be trying to convince the others they are. Each writer is only expressing their view of their life experience at this time with the challenges facing them. There is no right way to grieve. There is no right way to accept HIV+ or AIDS. There are ways to facilitate acceptance, hope and living but the path also entails anger and pain. Let us accept each other as we each pass through the grieving process whether it be for HIV+, AIDS, loving someone with HIV+ or AIDS or other life illnesses that burden our souls.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ellis

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR REMEMBERS EJ

Dear Sharon,

I'm a lesbian student who goes to Benson High. I'm 17, also a senior, thank God. I really appreciate your two page article on E.J. I only had a chance to meet him once before he died. I would think that Benson would become more aware of the harassment that goes on, but it hasn't. Some of the staff has become more open and friendly since E.J.'s death, but students have become more hostile.

I do have a few friends who are accepting of me. But lately, I have been threatened as well as called names by fellow classmates. The counselors have tried to put a stop to what's been going on, unfortunately, that only makes it worse. I do think people need to become aware of what it's like to be gay, lesbian or bisexual teenager.

I'm also involved with the state system, I just recently moved to a new foster home. I've been afraid to tell the people here that I'm a lesbian. Who knows what would happen. I'm also very pissed about this new policy that prevents gays or lesbians from becoming foster parents. That kind of home would be ideal for many foster kids.

Anyway, thanks for writing the article. People need to know what it's like to have to go through that kind of harassment daily. It's not fun.

Peace Always,
Name Withheld

GRADUATION BASH!

Dear Sharon,

Everyone who has worked with Sandy Vopalka or just wants to come, there will be a graduation party on May 6 at 3319 S. 46th in Lincoln. The open house will start at 1PM and everyone is to bring a lawn chair and something to eat (munchies or a potluck dish). I am inviting people through the community means because I could never send out invitations to everyone I know or have worked with in the past 13 years.

I still don't know where I'll be living after July.

Sandy Vopalka

ACOUSTIC MUSIC ALSO AT DOWNTOWN GROUNDS

Dear Sharon,

I am writing in regards to your review of the Blue Barn performances in your March '95 issue of *The New Voice*. As a musician and as a promoter of acoustic music in Omaha for three years, I would like to congratulate *The New Voice* for recognizing this musical format and bringing the attention to it. At the same time, I would like to remind the readers of *The New Voice* that as well as the Blue Barn's Monday night originals (which has finally been recognized and shown regularly - congratulations) Downtown Grounds Coffeehouse has offered its Acoustic Monday Series for three years now and invites the readers of *The New Voice* to check us out in conjunction with the Blue Barn. As I stated earlier, I have been highly involved with acoustic music in Omaha and have been working extremely hard to bring this format to a more visible level in the

Metro. During the past three years Downtown Grounds has been a strong supporter of local-original acoustic music and solo musicians - giving an outlet to those of us who had very few before. The Coffeehouse has since evolved into a venue for touring musicians from many states across the country housing some of the best yet unsigned talent in the city as well as maintaining support of our local artists. So once again, in the spirit of acoustic music, I say thanks to *The New Voice* for reviewing an acoustic performance and bring to your attention the as always gay-friendly Downtown Grounds - a longstanding supporter of original acoustic music.

Dawn Luttrell, Entertainment Director
Downtown Grounds

Editor's Note: We'll pass the message to *AI S.*, our music reviewer and see if he'll do just that.

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REVEREND HATE COMES TO LINCOLN

Dear Sharon,

I had a chance to go protest the master of homophobic rhetoric and I didn't go. Pastor Fred W. Phelps came to Lincoln, Nebraska to scream, hoot and holler that some play at the Lied Center was promoting homosexuality.

I had been asked to go and didn't because I expected there were mixed motives for the protest. I am certain I am right.

The U.S. military kicks a man out of the military for being gay and what do we do? Not much. Shouldn't we tell young gays: when you fill out your card for the Selective Service to write on the form, "by the way, I am gay, so if you draft me it better be damn important!"

It doesn't end there. When Nebraska Social Services banned homosexuals from being foster parents, why wasn't there a sit-in at the Governor's place? (If there was one, why didn't we here about it?)

When the Omaha police force confiscated homosexual art work from an Omaha bar and when homosexuals were arrested in the parks, where were the protests? Certainly complaints were made but no voice of outrage. Silence equals death? Nice rhetoric.

I am certain that many of those who protested Phelps did so because he is a pastor. Once again this makes homosexuals look irreligious in the eyes of the public, no matter how much that people are willing to dismiss Phelps as a lunatic. Needless to say that some homosexuals, if not many, have set out to demonize and hate religion and religious people as the main source of homophobia and hate, while secular society continues to attack and repress homosexuals. Phelps will be gone soon, but the Omaha police, Nebraska Social Services and the U.S. military will remain. Protesting Phelps, while the right thing to do, will not do much to help homosexuals achieve the goal of full citizenship for he does not have the power to deny homosexuals citizenship.

Sincerely, Andrew Sullivan

POST-DIAGNOSIS

Moving from the intimate space of a cancer patient's hospital bed to the national sacrifice zones of atomic bomb test sites, Sandra Steingraber's *Post-Diagnosis* sets out to find Ground Zero in order to tell "the whole story of what happened." The author — a gifted young poet, a survivor of cancer in her twenties, a biologist with an environmental bent committed to cancer activism — writes about hope and renunciation, desire and determination. With a clarity of vision that comes from the particularities of her own experience while living in times of large-scale crisis, Sandra Steingraber names the dead and sends the living out to learn how to "reinvest the gestures of survival." In Response to a Promotional Ad Claiming That the Number of People Who Have Survived Cancer Could Now Fill the City of Los Angeles: *And the nonsurvivors fill the Pacific Ocean, the Grand Canyon, and the whole of Antarctica. They fill our silences. And they fill our mouths when we try to speak. They inhabit vast and magnificent cities. The nonsurvivors remember Los Angeles as just a dot on the map; a stone's throw in the sticks where everybody knew each other's business. And then there is the wife of a man in Illinois: he's been waling the streets for thirty years because the space of her body fills every living room of every house he sees.* 104 pages Firebrand Books, ISBN 1-56341-057-5 \$9.95 paper, or ISBN 1-56341-058-3 \$20.95 cloth. Individuals please add \$3.00 shipping for the first book and \$.50 for each additional copy. New York State residents add sales tax.

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POETRY: Edited by Brian E. Bengtson

"BUY A PIECE OF THE GURU, (he slices, dices, and Julienne-fries!)"

Good morning, little pookie-bottoms!! I have been warning all of you faithful readers, and now the blessed event has come! **My book is out! My book is out! Thank the Lord Almighty, my book is out!** Now you, my true believer can own your own copy of *Gay...Some Assembly Required*, my first collection of poems in book form. In this book, you will find some of your favorite pieces (and some of mine, of course), along with a couple of never-before published works! Be the first on your block to own this collection. It's fat-free, low in cholesterol, and tastes great in milk! On this page, you will see an order form, so just clip it out (or make a photocopy, for those who can't stand to deface the Midwest's best damn gay/lesbian magazine), and mail it off to Lone Willow Press (along with the \$7.95 and one dollar postage), and soon you too will have a piece of the Guru! And you won't have to make breakfast afterwards! If you want, just track me down, and I will autograph it for you. I will also autograph body parts, as long as the boyfriend isn't looking!

For this month's slice of the poetry-pie, I will be serving up helpings from Fritz Bally, and Christina Springer. As a special dessert, I am providing two of my more recent pieces, just to tempt you as you wait for my book in the mail (**Big-Honking hint!**)

Be good to each other,
Buy my book!
Brian

THE SILENT RIDER By Fritz Bally

Along the passage it moves,
slowly at first
then adding a quickness to its pace.
Deeper it goes - longing to find its mark;
ghost-like, pale white,
slick moves oiled up.
Long/lean, covered with protection -
easy feeling - ride on 'til dawn,
'til tomorrow's light cracks -
weak and spent.
Happy with its outcome,
the rider plays his hand
smooth over the canyon -
not risking, implanting some memory -
for future thought - high rolling
uncontrollable fellow.
What passion - no mistake.
Pale rider, silent beauty,
you've entered me with your treasure -
hold me, press me -
shared flesh responding -
pale rider moves on.

NATURAL REMEDY #3 (curing promiscuity) By Christina Springer

Drape yourself crumpled sexy
in sheer white gauze & no drawers.

Undulate
into the
north wind blasting flurry furies
in clumps of sticky thick rivers.

Imagine drinking it. Press
your long dog tongue wide out.
Rip the fabric with dramatic
longing. Urge a red chaffed flush
of bitten painful hard nipples
& become satisfied relaxed.

SMOKE AND LUNGS By Brian E. Bengtson

Cigarettes balance
in the first crease of my fingers,
just like all the adults
in those formative, must-see years.

I let the white paper burn
as processed tobacco becomes
a sixth digit
on my left hand;

each inhale of the tar coats
lungs singed since a summer
afternoon in the fifth grade
hiding behind concrete tubes
in the playground by the pool.
I stole mine from my mom's
two-pack-a-day habit.

My conversations gain
orchestration
and my points carry
a small trail of grey ash.

A LETTER TO MY LOVER (that took me a week to write.....) By Brian E. Bengtson

Dear Todd: I wish you wouldn't worry.
Just like that story people frame with
sunset photos of a beach, you are my single
set of footprints in the sand.

The first morning
I woke up with you on the pillow beside
me, I felt safe, like when I was eight and
had to walk home in the snow; I finally
reached the front door, and smiled, knowing
that soon I would be warm.

I wish I could show you how a poem is born,
but sometimes, even I blink and miss it.
I spend my mornings fishing through
my memories, stream of thought,
and the toys I scatter so precisely;
sometimes the metaphors are biting,
most days the water is calm.

Don't worry about the way you see
the world; I need your calm when the
pills I've been prescribed outnumber me,
or the first breath of the morning draws short,
or when I am starting to forget the good days,
because I am sharing the disease
for one more verse,
one more chorus.

I wish you could see the balance we make;
You lean on my years, and I push on your youth.
You have days that end way past midnight,
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as long as I can. Love, Brian.

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FEATURES

MAY 1979 - RIOTS ROCK SAN FRANCISCO

by Joseph W. Bacon

Editor's note: Joe Bacon, well-known, respected public relations professional in Houston, wrote the following essay on the night of Dan White's voluntary manslaughter conviction. White, a former City Supervisor in San Francisco, was an all-American who believed in values he identified with the essence of patriotism — home, family, church, children. As a policeman, then fireman — eventually as a City Supervisor, White saw himself as a protector of those values. When the equilibrium of his life was threatened by financial pressures and political reversals, he put a gun in his pocket, crawled into City Hall through a basement window and murdered Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk on November 27, 1979. White received an eight-year sentence for committing the murders, outraging many in San Francisco's gay community. Riots broke out, police cars were torched, and Mayor Dianne Feinstein was faced with thousands of furious and indignant constituents. This is in remembrance of the riots that rocked San Francisco in 1979. — Allison Cowan, Houston Grand Opera.

It was a sad night, Monday, May 21, 1979. I heard the incredible news of Dan White's voluntary manslaughter conviction and was stunned. Maximum penalty, eight years. Dan White killed two, yet received a lighter sentence than many marijuana smokers. It didn't make sense. And it outraged the city's gay community.

I went to Castro Street, the focal point in the city for gay people. The place where we gather to celebrate our political victories and mourn our dead. The mood, the atmosphere, reminded me of New Orleans bracing for a hurricane—the air clears and tensions build. But this crowd clearly intended to do battle with the hurricane.

Signs were appearing: "Avenge Harvey Milk," "Undo the Coup," "Dump Dianne & Joe," "Gay Rights Now!" A small group blocked traffic at Castro and Market Streets, ordering cars to turn around. Others protested, urging people off the streets. No police were in sight at this time.

A former aide to Harvey Milk, an intense young man with a bull horn and a strained voice, urged the crowd to pull together and move to Castro and 18th Streets. The parade started. Whistles were piercing the air and demonstrators started shouting, "Out of the bars, into the streets!" On the door of the Bank of America at the corner of Market and Castro Streets read a sign: "Eat A Twinkie & Shoot Dianne." The shrill yell of the tow whistles got louder and people started shouting, "Close down the bars!"

At 19th and Castro they assembled like a boulder that would later become an avalanche. Straight motorists looked frightened and nervously locked their doors. A cacophony of whistles and jeers, "We're going to City Hall!" launched the parade, the march and the protest began.

The momentum was building as I stepped from the sidewalk and joined the procession. As we turned onto Market Street, I remembered the night we walked this route, nearly six months ago, the night of the assassinations. Forty-thousand of us, with lighted candles. The silence, at the time, was awesome. Not tonight. "One, two, three, four, we won't take this shit no more!"

By the time we'd proceeded two or three blocks the crowd again shouted, "Out of the bars, into the streets!" Huge uproars of applause greeted those who answered this call. The swelling crowd stretched all the way across Market Street, refusing to confine itself to one lane.

Darkness had not yet come when we reached City Hall. Rather than hearing Joan Baez singing *Amazing Grace*, we heard applause and cheers from the 1,000 or so already there on the Polk Street steps. Whistles blew, the crowd grew, and confusion settled in. What was supposed to happen next? No one seemed to know. The crowd began to chant, "Dump Dianne!" Then, "Where's Dianne?" And once again, "One, two, three, four, we won't take this shit no more!"

A leader was needed, a voice that could channel the energy and calm the growing hysteria. But none surfaced. Henry Britt tried to talk. He was shouted down with cries of, "Bullshit!" Someone starting singing *We Shall Overcome*. Cries of "Bullshit!" drowned him out too. Sally Gearhardt, a lesbian leader, tried to speak, screaming in vain that, "Harvey wouldn't want this. Harvey wouldn't want violence." The crowd answered, "Harvey's dead! Get that in your head!" Leonard Matlovich grabbed a bullhorn but was hissed and booed. The only person that could be heard was a blond lesbian who proclaimed that the time had come for gay women and men to fight back.

About this time, rocks could be heard bouncing off the walls of City Hall. The ornamental iron work flanking the main doors was pulled off and used as spears to break the glass. Roars of approval blasted from the crowd followed with pleas of, "No more violence!" Yet each rock or beer bottle shattering glass was greeted with cheers and applause and whistle blowing. Before long, all of the glass in the main doors were broken and crowds were working on the first and second floor windows. Carol Ruth Silver, a City Supervisor, appeared alone on the balcony, holding a lighted candle. But she couldn't be heard. Not only did she not have a public address system, the crowds were jeering her. She retreated and reappeared in the crowds on the steps. (Later she was hit in the mouth by a flying

brick and had to go the hospital for stitches.) Shortly after, a man walked out on the balcony, looked over the crowd, turned abruptly and rushed to Dianne Feinstein who had made a couple of steps onto the balcony. He grabbed her and backed her to safety.

There was still a lot of confusion. Some were urging the crowd to proceed to the Mayor's house. Others insisted on marching to the Hall of Justice where Dan White was being held. But the crowd stayed at City Hall. Trash cans were overturned and set on fire. The trees flanking the side of the main doors was set on fire. The shattering of windows continued. The police advanced a couple of times and retreated after a few tense moments with skirmishes. Finally, two tear gas bombs were detonated in the streets and people started running. I decided to leave.

I stood on the corner of Market Street, pondering the absurdity of taking a bus home from a riot. I thought the tear gas would dispel the crowd and people would filter back to Castro. But it was only the eye in the calm of the hurricane. The mob regrouped, and before long police cars were burning and heads were being hashed.

It was a sad night for San Francisco. Outrage turned to violence. And there was not a single person in the city who could talk to the protesters. The reverberations of all of this are yet to be felt, but it would seem that the political climate of the city will not be the same once the unrest is over. Many predict a backlash, an abandonment of a large degree of tolerance that has been offered to the gay community. This is probably true. And possibly constructive. For it could give us the opportunity to assert ourselves as real people, with real goals and ambitions and problems. A people to be dealt with the same degree of dignity offered other minorities. As opposed to indulgent, paternalistic liberals languishing in their tolerance of something that still basically abhorrent to them. Whatever the repercussion to the gay community, it will certainly cast a new light on the political future of Mayor Dianne Feinstein, District Attorney Joe Freitas and Supervisors Carol Ruth Silver and Harry Britt. These so-called leaders were virtually helpless in last night's confrontation.



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CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: QUEEN FOR A DAY

by Shelly Roberts

This year's homecoming queen at Cherry Grove was (gasp!) a woman. Now, Cherry Grove, as you may know, is not just *Anytown, U.S.A.* It's *Courtown*. Full of Fairies and Faggots and Dykes, oh my. Only, it mainly used to be a boys club. No Girls Allowed! Some women tolerated. But only if they were a) rich, b) devoted, and c) willing to share make-up secrets and dish.

Then a good and bad thing happened. You all know the bad thing, AIDS. But the good thing is that baby-booming lesbians grew up and came into some money the old fashioned way... they earned it. Thanks to the Women's Movement, (another venue that needs to thank the lesbians) lesbians were allowed to become doctors, and lawyers, and merchant chiefs. And if they were very good when they grew up, they could become independently wealthy just like the men, and afford to buy property in the same safe-havens. Partially because they wanted to be where they were normal and Mr. and Mrs. Brady were the exception. And partially because, contrary to popular fiction, some of us actually *do* like men.

Just when the women were coming into mortgage qualifications of their own, and looking to buy available property, unfortunately, the property of a lot of men with no heirs came onto the market. There aren't a whole lot of middle aged men living in Cherry Grove anymore. Young ones, firm in their belief that accidents happen to other, *older* guys. And monogamous, aging queens whose raging hormones had luckily subsided when their boomer brothers were stretching stayrdom's edges.

Fortunately, as the Cherry Grove gender balanced better, women were there to caretake. They saw to meals and meds and weeding, and, as usual, did what needed doing in bad times. Angels? Hardly. Most hard working, hard-driving, sometimes hard-drinking dykes who just did what they could, then watched their best friends die.

Now in the list of Roberts' Rules of the Universe "No good deed shall go unpunished" ranks fairly high in instances like these. That's where we get to the story of our fairy queens, and

the 25th annual Homecoming. Well, not quite yet. First you have to know how it all started.

There is an ancient rite in Cherry Grove called Walking To The Pines in Drag. The Pines is the chic neighboring gay community a half-mile sand trudge away. It wasn't unusual in the olden days (or now) for men, freed from necktie bondage, to play dress-up and walk over. So one day Dora Darling in magnificent array arrived in time for cocktails, tied himself to the nearest bar stool, and asked for something cold. She got shoulder. "No one served without shoes, shirts of their own designated gender" the invisible sign said. She stormed back to the Grove and on the following Fourth, a revolution began.

Every year from then on, a boatload of female impressionists (When on earth did we give them *that* impression?) invaded the Pines in full regalia. They'd charter a boat, prance dockside in ermines and pearls, hats and hairdos, dresses to die for, the plank and peg pier playing havoc with their high heel. The costume party would depart to cheers, and arrive splendidly in the Pines for half an hour of free drinking, courtesy of the apologetic innkeepers. Each year it grew, and drew thousands from the mainland. High summer camp, and good business for both towns. For 25 years the drag-sters elected one of their own as homecoming queen. Enter Joan Van Ness, attractive, active lesbian who is assistant fire chief, a director of the CG Arts Project, general island booster, good neighbor and personal friend to legions. Joan usually prefers *dyke* drag, chino cut-offs, print shirt and boy's haircut. She doesn't spend a lot of intimate time with Max Factor. But she did spend wonderful days with a dearly departed, playing queen-for-a-day. They'd powder and paint, and then he was gone, and it was homecoming election night, something silly they'd often shared.

"I woke up that morning thinking about Martin. We'd been friends for a long time. Whenever I felt a bit campy, I'd go see Martin. He'd paint my face, put me in one of his gowns, and we'd have a good, silly time. I felt like doing something fun and campy to raise my spirits and

to celebrate Martin." Joan, after some urging, entered the contest as Scarlett, and by acclaim of a 70-30 male/female crowd, was crowned. Enter the villain in press clothing, a resident cross-dresser, and columnist for the local rag, who wasn't in attendance, got his drawers in an uproar and wrote, vitriolically, "First the boys got sick, they died, their homes sold, and now, kicked in the ass and their traditions taken away." Well, my dears, kaboom. Explosions came a little early to July Cherry Grove. An Alternative Invasion was proposed. A lipstick line was drawn in the sands. *Newsday* sent a reporter. Local TV sent a crew. It was, as one paper put it, a tempest in a C-cup!

In this tiny townlet with no cinema or bowling alley, it was chat to die out on. Would the men defect? Would the camp divide? Would the boys-on-one-side, girls-on-the-other elementary school rules reapply? Letters and responses to the editors flared. The columnist's business boycotted. Supporters surfaced. Pro and con accept-no-substitute posters were applied to fences. It was amusement d'jour. On the Fourth, Scarlett Oh reigned supreme. Many commented on what a fine looking woman she made. 170 wolfs in she's clothing (the largest invading force in history) boycotted the faux foray, did the right thing and paid proper homage to her royalty. The official invasion set splendid sail while only five or six slight sour supporters of the surrogate foray sulked on dockside stools. The storm of integrating protest blew itself into barely a zephyr. The men and women of the Grove proved they could work and play well with others. The *Newsday* heading read *Cherry Grove Queen Proves She's No Drag*. Cherry Grove is where I spend my summer vacations, the week after Stonewall 25. Wish you'd been there. We had a gay old time.

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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lunden

Nationally Syndicated Columnist

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Some stupid parents must have recently left their cigs and lighter out where there kids could play with the lighter and the house must have burned down or something. Why? Because a civil action must have followed; blaming the cigarette lighter instead of the parents and now we can only buy "child-proof" lighters. The majority has to suffer the consequences of the irresponsible stupidos!

Sorry, but I get a bit riled when I see any freedom of choice being deprived for any people. The hair on my back bristles a bit when I think of stupidities of life which anyone foists upon the public. I'm reminded of the little old lady who bought a steaming cup of hot coffee to go at McDonald's and then sued - and won! - because the coffee was like coffee should be - HOT! And how did she do it? She burned her inner thighs and you-know-what-else. After all, don't we all put our hot steaming coffee to go cups between our legs when we're driving our car?! Why, of course...NOT! Well maybe, for those who haven't had anything hot between their legs for some time; it might be worth a try! Or possibly there are a few masochists who might be hoping for a thrill or even the possibility of CREATING a lawsuit...but people with any sense at all wouldn't think of doing it.

What is absolutely ludicrous is the thought of blaming the person/company who sold you the cup of coffee for your present discomfort because you were stupid enough to put it by your crotch when you were driving!!! Honey! Wake up and smell the coffee - even if you have to put your head in your crotch - and don't tell me she

couldn't have done this because it was already down there; just a little bit to the rear! Let's get real with all this stupidity involving the ever-growing wealthier legal community. There really ought to be some law prohibiting this sort of nonsense temptation to get rich quick by thumbing stupidity in the face of a helpless public.

My daddy always used to say: "Kid, if you can live your life without ever having to use an attorney, stand before a judge, or be arrested by the police, you'll have a lot less wrinkles and live a lot longer." I sure hope none of our community is involved in frivolous lawsuits or greedy-for-gain lawsuits which would end up limiting the personal choices and freedom of others. We've all got the opportunity to erase many potential wrinkles and add years to life. Hope you don't blow it! By the way, anyone for a lukewarm cup of coffee or a damn cigarette lighter which you have to break your nails to light?!

CHANNEL CHANGE: You must have heard by now about our evolvement as a national gay/lesbian community. Yes, it's true. We all have been evolving individually and collectively. One thing for sure: we've learned that evolvement takes time. We've learned that if we are going to evolve onto a stable, ground position in our growth process, we MUST have roots from which to grow. Our roots go back centuries, similar to the Hebrews...like we've been around a long time. Our roots go back to what some refer to as the I "Gay rights movement" from the late 60's/early 70's. We refer to those pioneers as our front-line soldiers who blazed paths which we've been following the past 25 years; these folks provided us with roots, which, if acknowledged, should give us stability in our growth process. A step by step, day by day, year after year process which should lead to equal, not special rights.

It is an evolvement as that is what physical life is and mental/emotional life follows in the same pattern as a logical part of our Nature. In many ways our growth process as an evolving community may even compare to a metamorphosis. It is an evolvement from an ugly rioting group into the beautiful royalty of truth and freedom-seekers; leading our people into richer, fuller lives. And what might be one of the biggest steps in the evolvement process? Learning to love yourself so you become capable of loving others. Also, up there in the driver's seat will be learning about something we all go through: facing fear and the unknown. And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet.

Mr. Lunden is former Mg. Editor of Zipper Magazine. 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.*

A COMING OUT STORY

by Cynthia

I've known my friend, I'll call her Jane, for about three years. She's maybe, approaching 40. Jane is an intelligent woman, college-educated, fluent in two languages. We met when we both attended a self-help group, "Adult Children of Alcoholics". In that atmosphere, we shared a lot of our past history and, more important, our hopes and dreams for the future. Jane and I kept in contact. About a year and a half ago, she joined the Peace Corps. Now we correspond in writing on a regular basis.

I always enjoy receiving Jane's letters. I admire the work she is doing. She's terrific. Two letters ago, Jane told me she'd met someone, another Peace Corps volunteer, that she was interested in. Jane never talked much about relationships, I'd never known her to date. I was excited for her. Jane knows of my involvement in P-FLAG. I wrote back to her saying, "Keep me posted on your infatuation. It sounds exciting. P-FLAG has taught me never to assume: Who is s/he?"

Her next letter included this: "Thank you for giving me the lead I needed about my infatuation, SHE is ... a Peace Corps volunteer on another island. It's strange for me because I've never been so strongly attracted to anyone before. I just knew that I loved her personality and then the physical attraction grew. It was an awakening of something that I've never really admitted to myself, thought about a lot, but never really admitted. Actually, it's probably a large part of the reason that I came into the Peace Corps - for a few self truths. The funny part about ... and I was that we spent two weeks alone together, too frightened to say anything and then we both wrote letters telling each other about our attraction to each other. That was in September. Now we are working hard just to get together again as we are so far from each other and our holidays are scheduled differently. This is a nice feeling. Scary, but good too. I always wondered what it was like as I watched others experience it. Finally, it's my turn! I've decided to take risks and be more vulnerable than I've ever been before. It may not work out but at least I can say I gave it my all, including trying to be completely honest. Now that is hard!"

When I wrote back, I thanked her for sharing her life with me. Even though she could guess I would be friendly, it was brave. I wished her the best of luck. The only advice I gave was the same I'd say to anyone starting a new relationship, "proceed with cautious enthusiasm".

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"OUT IN THE STARS" Astrological Forecast for May 1995

by C. Lichtenstein

Gather round the maypole, kids. May is the time to dance in the sun. It's time to bask in the solar sensual energy of Sun in Taurus before we energize our minds with the Sun in Gemini. May can bring us more than we bargained for. Uranus, the planet of surprises, finally changes signs and moves into unorthodox Aquarius. Don't ya just love an explosion or two?

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) Despite the unpredictable behavior of friends, you feel in control in May, speaking your mind (as usual...) and doing pretty much what you want. Keep in mind that most activities that depend on the kindness of strangers may run into snags and delays. Ultimately, this frustration could unfurl a loose and rather nasty tongue. Wait until the dust completely settles.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) May is your month! Queer robust Bulls trot happily through their summer pastures, blissfully unconcerned about the trials and tribulations of their careers or the problems associated with friends. You understand that professional surprises can be handled with a little common sense and that sometimes pals need to learn from their own mistakes.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Meet and greet sweetheart. This is definitely the month to set up any interviews with new, important people. Your mind is sharp and you will express yourself in the most advantageous way. Strike early, before Mercury runs aground at the end of the month. At that time, you will certainly place your foot squarely in your mouth at any and every opportunity!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Relationships may take on purple haze. What was absolutely intolerable in another person may seem almost delightful and forgivable now. You do look pretty in pink, but take the rose colored glasses off! The planets have a way of sheltering you, but you need to tear away the veil of delusion in order to avoid nasty surprises (particularly in the area of sex and intimacy.)

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Your career merrily rolls along despite petty annoyances on the day to day job. Well everything in life needs a balance of good and bad, dear. Thank goodness your self confidence and energy level remains high. It is possible to make an excellent, if overwhelming, first impression on others now and then be able to cash in for some real future security.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Not only do you get high on champagne, but even the thought of drink or drug will get you high as a kite. Fun may have a way of getting a little out of hand, if you are not careful this May, so avoid any mind altering things. On the bright side, you will have all the energy you need to volunteer for our causes as well as enjoy any faraway or exotic studies. Get high on creativity!

LIBRA (September 24 - October 21) Problems continue on the job, but it may be because you have a lesson or two to learn before you can really surge ahead. Happily, partnerships bring you contentment and any activities involving friendships will bring back the old Libran smile. Join a group of like-minded people to really feel empowered and proud.

SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22) You continue to reevaluate how your life has been going and may make some incredible strides in how others evaluate you. Don't fight these changes, the idea is that change is often good for you whether you realize it or not! Surprises occur at home and may involve more day to day tasks or added work. Happily, this too shall pass...

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) Lucky Sags may just find themselves meeting the right person at just the right time as long as they are not money advisors. Don't listen to those who offer you financial advice. Things are simply not what they appear to be and you could lose the whole bundle! Continue to write and express yourself to whoever will listen. Surprises are in store where communication is concerned.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) "Who am I?" you ask yourself. This month, the answer may be, "I really don't know." Don't panic or despair. The answer can be found within yourself. Pull back from the world and take time out to listen carefully to your inner voice through meditation or spirituality. Maybe you need to change your circle of friends or social associations to really get a clue.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Aquarians are even more unusual than usual. Look at your appearance! What are you wearing? Others who may not know you as well as I do may simply assume you have finally gone off the edge. Who cares. As a true and unorthodox Aquarian, I'm sure you won't give others' opinions a second thought! Be who you are and be proud!

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) It may be time to pull up the streets and nestle in the comfort of your home. You feel happy and secure there and seem to have reserves of energy just waiting to be put to good use. Tackle any jobs now while the energy is strong. Entertain at home. Meanwhile, don't rely on your intuition to provide you with any usable insights.

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EVERYTHING I WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT LEATHER

by GLPCI Network

Jim Webber of the Gay Fathers Association of Seattle had the privilege of addressing thousands of lesbians, gays and their friends at the Freedom Day Rally after Seattle's Pride Parade. His topic: FAMILY VALUES. With Jim was his three-year old daughter, Claire. Shortly after their speech, Claire made a new friend. Here's how Jim tells it:

Before we could comment on my knocking knees, a member of the leather crowd strolled by, clad in black hot pants and several accessories: studded dog collar and arm bands, black motorcycle boots fringed with leathers, snake tattoos, nipple rings joined by a looping silver chain and the crowning touch — several inches of bone through the nose that looked like miniature elephant tusks. Claire was a little amazed and seemed frightened.

"Is that Lon Mabon," she whispered, referring to the head of the Oregon Citizen's Alliance and sponsor of anti-gay initiatives in several states.

Mr. Bone-In-Nose noticed Claire's rapt attention right then and there and asked if there was a problem. He was amazingly soft-spoken. I told him what Claire had asked. He smiled.

"No, I'm not Lon Mabon. This is just a costume I like to wear for fun," he explained as he got down on his knees to talk to Claire at her level.

Claire proceeded to introduce herself and asked all the questions I always wanted to ask but could never get the nerve. Did it hurt to poke a hole in your nose? What happened if you sneezed? Do the bones get caught in anything? How do you blow your nose? Why did he have earrings there (pointing at the nipple rings)? The surprising answers to these questions will not be revealed here because I do not want to deprive my readers of the rare pleasure of conducting their own interviews.

After Claire's new buddy strolled away, we talked about how you can't always tell what a person is like just by how they look. I wasn't sure if she understood at first, but then she summarized it better than I ever could have.

"He looked scary at first, but he was really nice," Claire said. "Lon Mabon might look nice, but he is really scary."

Amen and thank God for three-year olds. If they could only vote.

MY PBS, MY NEA

by Richard D. Mohr

A voice comes over my local NPR station urging me to write my congressman and beg him not to zero out federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The reason: "NPR is important to families, especially families with children." The station's self-promotion continues: "So in this era of family values, what deserves your support more." Say what?

It's Saturday afternoon at the Met. I'm excited. I've scribbled a bit on opera, but I've never been to its premier American house. A generous friend has offered to take me when I visit New York. I realize just how generous when he hands me the ticket. It reads: "Walküre Balcony \$150." I gape. Later I read that the largest single grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in 1995 is to the Met—a half million bucks. I gape. Kids flipping burgers at McDonald's have subsidized my patron's tickets.

Do gays need the CPB and the NEA? Are gays getting value for money from them? Do they act justly? Are they helping gays win the war for the hearts and minds of America? No.

When Clinton was elected President and Jane Alexander became the head of the NEA, artists, museum directors, and liberal pundits breathed a sigh of relief. They thought that they had seen the end of political interventions into the NEA's peer-review system for the evaluation of artistic merit. Early on, Alexander gave a heartening interview to the *Advocate* in which she claimed that the sort of politically-targeted interventions made by Reagan and Bush appointees would not occur under her leadership. But Clinton's NEA proved no more principled than Clinton himself. Immediately prior to last Fall's elections, the politically-appointed NEA oversight board reversed peer-review decisions to fund three sexually-themed projects. One was that of Andres Serrano, the world-class photographer whose works include card-table size images of male ejaculates in flight. To work for gays, the NEA would have to be principled. But it's not. And it won't be in any foreseeable future.

The same is true of PBS. In 1994, the six-hour gay celebration *Tales of the City* was PBS' most successful program, even when success is measured at its crudest — total number of couch potatoes glued to screens. But under conservative political pressure, PBS failed to build on its success and fund the filming of the second volume of *Tales* series. In consequence, the project died.

The general rationale for public support of the arts is the same as the rationale for government support to the sciences. Public funds provide forums for potentially important ideas that would not make it on their own in the market place because they are new or abstract. Federal funds are not needed, and should not be used, to support and reinforce old ideas, customary practices, and money-making enterprises.

Now, when it comes to gay issues, does public funding do things that the private sector does not? Again, no. For example, NPR's news and commentary programming — notably "All Things Considered" — is way behind the *New York Times* in its coverage of gay issues. And we have FOX and ABC, not PBS and the NEA, to thank for gradually demolishing the taboo against depictions of same-sex affection and for portraying gays as expected fixtures on the landscape of everyday American life.

The chief problem with public funding, though, is not that under political sway the federal government will fail to fund gay performance art,

photographs, and screen plays in favor of funding Wagnerian operas and macramé. Rather, the chief problem is that federal funds have sinusoidal tendrils extending deep into the private realm. And these intrusions are a positive detriment to gay progress. For, you see, museums and other nodal points for representation and meaning, notably universities, are hooked on federal funds. The result is that museums and other non-federal institutions must be good boys and girls by federal standards to get the goodies that will keep them from going into withdrawal convulsions. So as Rush Limbaugh's followers set these standards, gay images and ideas will vanish from museums and other federally-entitled institutions. More than ever, museums will censor themselves and play it safe in order to stay hooked up to federal sugar.

Over the next couple months as Congress takes up issues of funding the arts and airwaves, a worst case scenario is likely to come true. Funding for NEA and CPB will be reduced to a level where nothing interesting will be produced by them. Certainly gay art and gay programs will not be funded. But funding will not be reduced to the point where institutions are free of government oversight. If conservatives are clever, they will not cut funding entirely. Rather they will maintain a trickle of federal money to museums, television stations, universities and the like in order to extend farther into the private sphere their surveillance and control, their manipulation and suppression of gay images and ideas. In these circumstances, it will be better for gays if the NEA and CPB are terminated.

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TESTIMONY ON LB 400 & LB 21

by Richard Dienstbier

The following is my testimony on legislative bills in Lincoln on February 27, 1995:

I testify on behalf of the Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Nebraska. I testify in support of LB 400 and LB 21. Because my testimony will focus on what people with gay and lesbian sexual orientations do and do not typically do, and whether they are a threat to society, I will take a moment to tell you about my credentials to say these things.

I am a professor of psychology at your University — the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. For more than 10 years, I have taught the course called Human Sexuality and Society. Four different academic departments offer credit to their students who take my course. That course is taught at the senior and graduate level, to prepare future therapists, social workers, criminal justice

workers, etc. with a research-based information about human sexuality. Thus I must stay knowledgeable about current research in the sexuality area.

One of the cornerstones of our society is fairness of opportunity. To insure that fairness, we systematically prohibit discrimination against peoples when there is not good reason for that discrimination to exist. Those who would permit or encourage discrimination against gays and lesbians believe that they should be discriminated against either simply because they are different or because they are potentially harmful to others. But in our enlightened society, it is intolerable to allow discrimination merely because someone is different. People in ethnic and religious minorities are different, and there are people who would discriminate against them, but rational people

with a normal sense of morality and decency will not discriminate merely because others are different. Discrimination against gay and lesbian people seems particularly reprehensible in light of the preponderance of evidence that both the sexual orientations of homosexuality and of heterosexuality are strongly guided by genes and by hormonal differences in the fetus of young individuals — causes the individual cannot control.

If discrimination based only on the fact of differences is not appropriate for gays and lesbians, the only rational basis for discrimination that can be argued, the only rational basis for discrimination that can be argued is that they pose a rational danger to others. The dangers often ascribed to people who are gay and lesbian are that they are potential child molesters or that by their example or their mere presence, they will change the sexual orientation of others, particularly, of impressionable young people. What are the facts concerning those two issues?

The research evidence strongly affirms that men and women who are legitimately termed gay or lesbian are no more likely to seek out sex with children than are men and women who are heterosexual. In fact, one of the leading experts on sexual deviance in this country, Dr. A.N. Groth, who works with sexual criminals in the Massachusetts Prison system, believes that adult homosexuality is incompatible with pedophilia — sexual attraction toward children.

Another research literature shows us that kids who are adopted and raised by homosexual couples are no more likely to become homosexual themselves than are kids raised by heterosexuals. If growing up in a home with two homosexual parents does not influence the sexual orientation of children, then it seems very very unlike that having a gay or lesbian co-worker or teacher will have a major impact, except possibly to make people more tolerant of others who have a different sexual orientation.

As a footnote to my comments that gays and lesbians seem unlikely to molest children, let me add that I know people sometimes claim that some statistics show that homosexuals are more likely to molest children. Let me explain that a bit. It is certainly true that some men who molest children prefer to sexually molest boys. Far less commonly, women sometimes sexually molest girls. Most of the time, these people in both categories prefer adult sexual partners of the other sex if they have an adult sexual orientation. In other words, if they can be classified as homosexual or heterosexual based on their sexual preferences toward other adults, the vast majority of molesters are heterosexual. On other other hands, many child molesters have no adult sexual orientation. They cannot be classified as homosexual or heterosexual — they are genuine pedophiles — people sexually attracted only to children. You can see that if every instance of a man molesting boys were seen as a homosexual molesting boys, that would be a grave error for the man who molests boys is far more likely to be either properly classified as a heterosexual man or as a pedophile or both. Beware of the pedophiles, and protect our children from them. But also beware of those who cite statistics showing that everyone who molests children of their own sex is a homosexual. Remember, homosexuals are less likely to molest kids than are heterosexuals.



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NATIONAL NEWS

LESBIAN FEDERAL OFFICIAL RESIGNS

Roberta Achtenberg wants to be mayor of San Francisco. But in order to run, she said she had no choice but to resign her position as assistant housing secretary.

Achtenberg, the highest level openly gay official in the federal government, submitted her resignation to President Clinton in April. Her nomination in 1993 touched off a political firestorm in Washington. Many senators attacked her sexuality during her confirmation process. Conservative Senator Jesse Helms, a Republican from North Carolina, described her as militant and mean.

She was given the job on a relatively narrow vote of 58 to 31.

MAINE WON'T DISCRIMINATE

Maine will face its first anti-gay state ballot measure on election day this year. According to Maine Won't Discriminate, a group formed to combat the initiative, the language of the bill cloaks its anti-gay message in indirect language. If passed, it would repeal many laws including an anti-discrimination ordinance in Portland that protects gay men, lesbians and bisexuals from employment and housing discrimination. If you are planning a trip to Maine, contact the Maine Won't Discriminate headquarters for information on volunteering at one of the many local chapters across the state. Call (207) 761-1788.

HIV VANISHES IN INFANT

Federally supported investigators at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine report in the March 30 *The New England Journal of Medicine* about an infant who cleared HIV infection.

The infant reported is the first virologically well-studied patient who clearly had HIV that is now undetectable, says NIH-grantee Yvonne Bryson, MD, lead author of the article. Small numbers of other HIV-infected children whose infections seem to have disappeared have been reported, but these cases were not well documented and in the absence of definitive explanation usually were attributed to laboratory errors.

The child, now five years old, was born to an HIV-infected mother. Scientists could not find HIV in the child's blood when the child was born, but viral culture tests at day 19 and day 51 did reveal the virus. Later attempts to find HIV using HIV-culture techniques, polymerase chain reaction and antigen searches did not reveal any virus. Today, the child is healthy and has no evidence of HIV infection.

Scientists from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which helped support the study, caution that although the report provides new and encouraging information showing that, in rare instances, infants may clear HIV, the data do not suggest that HIV infection in infants will automatically disappear. Rather, the findings raise numerous questions about the frequency and mechanism of transient HIV infections, the implications for pregnant women and their children, and the HIV disease process and the body's immune response.

AIDS-RELATED INFECTIONS

Two studies of therapies for AIDS-related infections appeared in the March 16 *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

In patients with advanced HIV infection, three treatments have similar effectiveness in preventing pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP). Investigators assessed the risks for developing PCP during 36 months of therapy among more than 800 patients with HIV and 200 or fewer CD4+ T cells. CD4+ T cells are the infection-fighting cells targeted by HIV. The risk for developing PCP was 18% among patients taking trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP/SMX), 17% for those receiving dapsone and 21% for those on aerosolized pentamidine therapy. For patients with fewer than 100 CD4+ T cells, therapies that start with TMP/SMX or high dose dapsone are superior to treatments beginning with pentamidine.

Fluconazole was more effective than clotrimazole in preventing fungal infections in patients with HIV infection, particularly those with 50 or fewer CD4+ T cells. In a substudy of ACTG 081 patients, researchers found that fluconazole reduced the frequency of cryptococcal meningitis, esophageal candidiasis as well as superficial fungal infections.

AIDS comes in all sizes.



Baby Joe,
14 months



Christine,
age 7



Bob,
age 23



Betty,
age 32



Steve,
age 47

Donations to the Nebraska AIDS Project provides statewide AIDS prevention education. Help stop the spread of AIDS through education. Make your donation to the Nebraska AIDS Project today.

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LOCAL NEWS



Left: Wheelchairs are Delivered to Nebr AIDS Project
Right: Ammie Zahn Crowns Roxy as Miss Suicide 1995



ICON MONARCHS PROVIDE 13 WHEELCHAIRS TO NE AIDS PROJECT Roxy Claims Title of

Miss Suicide

Emperor David Hansen and Empress Mae continue to lead the community in fundraising as they took to the stage at DC's on April 2 for still another fundraising show. Their mission this time was to raise money to purchase wheelchairs for clients of the Nebraska AIDS Project, which they did through the innovative and highly entertaining competition for the title of "Miss Suicide 1995." Journeying back to Omaha to headline the show and to pass her crown on to the new Miss Suicide, was the winner of the first Miss Suicide competition,

Miss Ammie Zahn. Joining her on stage were the Emperor and Empress, David and Mae, as well as Miss Laura Gray, and Miss Muffy Rosenburg. Eight contestants lined up to compete for this title — Monica West, Josephine, Quincy Valentine, Annie, Jennifer Jett, Brooke, Roxy and Sloan.

Each contestant had to draw the name of the number they would perform and then had 5-7 minutes to change into an appropriate costume and prepare to perform the song. There was no time to rehearse or practice. This contest tested the stage presence and the musical repertoire of each of the contestants, as well as their ability to impress the judges (Valarie, Phoenix, and Steve M.).

At the end of the competition, Roxy emerged victorious and claimed the title of Miss Suicide 1995. For her work, she was awarded a lovely Easter Lily with instructions to plant it and tend it carefully so it could be passed on to the next winner. The first runner up, Miss Quincy Valentine, won an assortment of prizes carefully chosen at the local discount grocery store and described in great detail by emcee Steven Koeller.

The contest was all in fun, but the monarchs were serious about their fundraising. They set their goal for the evening at \$1000. This goal was left far behind as the Monarchs raised a total of over \$1700 and also had three wheelchairs donated. Thanks to the generosity of Abby HomeCare and Sol's, the monarchs were able to purchase wheelchairs virtually at cost and so were able to donate 13 wheelchairs and still have money left for NAP to use if repairs are needed. Rich, volunteer coordinator at NAP, reported that they had 5 requests for wheelchairs waiting before the chairs were even delivered.

Chairs Go To Lincoln-Kearney Norfolk-Scottsbluff

After filling requests from local PWA's, NAP has been able to send 2 wheelchairs to their office in Lincoln, and one wheelchair to each of their offices in Kearney, Norfolk, and Scottsbluff for use with clients in those areas.

ICON INTRODUCES REIGN XV CANDIDATES AT Q IN LINCOLN MAY 17

The candidates for Emperor XV and Empress XV of The Imperial Court of Nebraska will be formally presented to the community on May 18 at a special function at the "Q" in Lincoln. The festivities begin at 10pm. There will be a small cover charge at the door. This year marks the 15th anniversary of The Imperial Court of Nebraska and special events are planned in honor of ICON's 15th anniversary.

The Imperial Court is pleased to announce that this year's campaign will include an impressive list of candidates for both positions and that there will be even greater involvement with the Lincoln community. Not only is Introduction of Candidates being held in Lincoln, but there will also be the opportunity for residents of Lincoln and Greater Nebraska to vote in Lincoln. Voting for Emperor and Empress will take place on June 17, the week before Coronation (to be held June 24 at the Airport Ramada Inn in Omaha), at "Under the Rainbow" in Lincoln and at Metropolitan Community Church in Omaha. Watch next month's *New Voice* for details.



Singer/Evangelist Delores Berry

SINGER/EVANGELIST REV. DELORES BERRY TO APPEAR AT MCC-O

On Wednesday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m., Singer/Evangelist Delores Berry will appear at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St. The Reverend Delores Berry presents the gospel through her music — music which reflects both Rev. Berry's heritage and her personal journey. Rev. Berry answered her call to ministry at the age of 19. She was ordained in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, transferring her credentials to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in 1976. Early in her ministry with MCC she traveled with the Fellowship Evangelist Team, talking the message of God's love to gay and lesbian Christians across the country. Rev. Berry has held many positions within the UFMCC, but has done full time evangelism since 1987. She brings her music to an average of 55 churches each year. Rev. Berry will be featured at the Annual Conference of the Mid-Central District of UFMCC which will be held in Des Moines May 25 - 28. Rev. Delores Berry was one of the co-founders of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, and assisted in organizing the first Gay and Lesbian March on Washington, D.C. The public is invited to join the members and friends of MCC-Omaha on May 24 and to hear the special music and heartfelt message brought by Rev. Delores Berry. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be taken.

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GREAT PLAINS FILM FESTIVAL JULY 18-30

Entries due by May 26th

The Great Plains Film Festival is a biennial regional venue for independent film/video artists working in the U.S. and Canadian heartland. The festival encourages and promotes film/video which accentuates and enhances appreciation of our nation's extraordinary multicultural diversity and conveys the rich vibrancy of our cultural heritage.

Augmenting the competitive segment of the festival will be a tribute, The Mary Riepmma Ross Award, to an established film or video artist whose roots or artistic concerns are grounded in the Great Plains region and culture.

Films/videos entered must have been completed between January 1993 and May 1995.

The competition is open to film or videomakers wither from the Great Plains region of the U.S. or Canada or whose film/video relates in content or in narrative to the Great Plains.

Entries produced and/or directed by a person of color or other marginalized person (i.e. Gay or Lesbian or Physically Challenged) are eligible for a special Rainbow Award.

There is a \$25 entry fee for features and a \$15 entry fee for shorts.

The categories are: Dramatic Feature (60 minutes or over), Documentary Feature (60 minutes or over), Dramatic Short, Documentary Short, Rainbow Award, and Made for Public Television Station.

For more information or for detailed submission information, call (402) 472-5353.

HGRA POT 'O GOLD

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association sponsored a "Pot 'O Gold" Raffle at DC's Salon on March 18. We had some great donations from local businesses as well as from some of our members. Spaghetti Works, OldMarket, gave us certificates for two dinners, four passes to Noodles Comedy Club, and two for the Firehouse Dinner Theatre. Lakota Stables donated two gift certificates to Tony Roma's restaurant. Art Plus Gallery in the Old Market gave us a western poster. Member Jim Bohrer donated a beautiful floral arrangement and a stuffed cow. Member Shelley Foster donated a leather belt with matching key chain.

We started selling tickets at 8PM and held the first raffle at 9PM. Prizes were given away every hour on the hour till midnight.

Jim and Shelley got lots of help from Linda Willis, a friend of the rodeo, in selling tickets throughout the evening. After giving away the last of our prizes at midnight, we called the winning number for the 50-50 raffle, giving away \$44 in cash.

We'd like to thank the staff of DC's for all their assistance in helping make the night a success. We would also like to thank Sharon and Carla of MCC for the use of their "pot" to hold the prize envelopes.

The money we raised will be evenly divided between HGRA and the Nebraska AIDS Project. A total of \$170 was raised, thanks to the generosity of DC's customers.

SECOND MISS RIVER CITY PAGEANT

May 28 at The Run

Are you a male who is at least 21 years of age and has proof of age? Are you a resident of the Metropolitan Omaha/Council Bluffs area? Are you a talented Female Impersonator willing to hold at least 3 functions (at least one of them a benefit) during the coming year?

Are you willing to compete with the best of the area's female impersonators in the areas of evening gown, talent, and on stage questioning? If so you may become the next Miss River City!!

On May 28, at 9:00 p.m., The Run Bar, Mr. Terry Tippet, Miss Stella Dallas, and the staff of the Miss River City Pageant, will open the doors of The Run Bar and welcome the best of the local female impersonators as they compete for the title of Miss River City 1995.

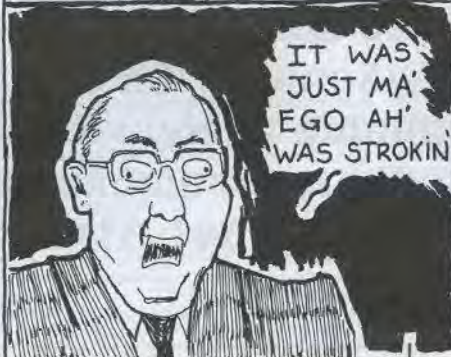
Applications for the pageant are available from the bartenders at The Run Bar. The Second Annual Miss River City Pageant promises to be even better than last year's.

Mark down May 28th on your calendar so you don't miss it.

CLOSET MASTURBATORS OUTTED!

Joslyn Elders was fired for saying "it" now California State Univ. Professor Joanne Marrow is being sued for 2.5 million for talking about "it" in class causing emotional distress to a student... Well, the hairy palm society has recently "outed" two officials to halt the hypocrisy on this issue.

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PRESIDENT CLINTON COMES CLEAN ON RUMORS OF HIM MASTURBATING!!!!

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CC RAE RETURNS TO LINCOLN

The fabulous CC Rae, aka Randy Bouché, returns to the Lincoln stage with performances at The Q on May 20 and at The Panic on May 23.

CC Rae is a 31 year old from Green Bay, Wisconsin, who delights audiences across the country with a unique brand of comedy. The show combines stand-up comedy, life-sized puppetry, physical humor, live material, lip sync material, and celebrity impersonations, including such stars as Barbra Streisand, Pee Wee Herman, the Churchlady, Peg Bundy, Linda Richman, and Morticia Addams.

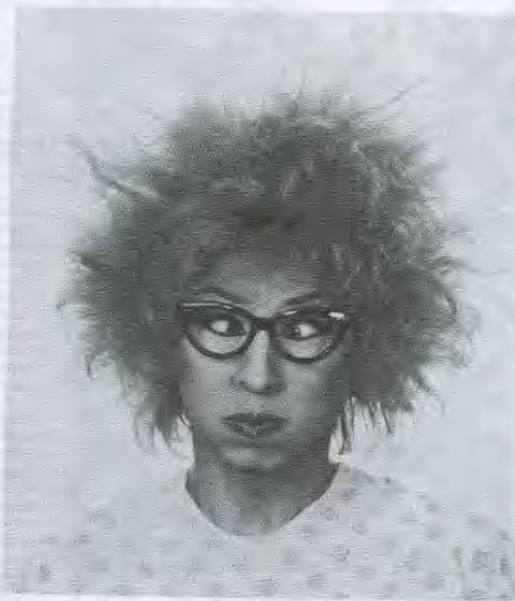
Randy Bouché has been compared to Red Skeleton, Lily Tomlin, Lipsinka, and Charles Pierce. Others have called him the Carol Burnett of the 90's. Carmella Marcella Garcia, 2 time national pageant title holder, says "The CC Rae show is one of the top 3 female impersonator shows in the country!" Brandy Alexander (owner of the MGW Pageant) says, "CC Rae is phenomenal! Our city has never seen a show like this!"

Randy Bouché has been touring with his CC Rae show since 1992, performing at 285 different clubs and events. His last visit to the Midwest was an overwhelming success. Standing room only audiences cheered and laughed until tears were rolling down their faces. If you don't see any other show this season, be sure to see this one.

RONNIE GILBERT, FERRON WILL APPEAR IN KC

Some of the finest women artists in the country will be appearing this spring in Kansas City, compliments of Willow Productions. **Ronnie Gilbert** will appear on May 6, performing her old favorites and songs from *Mother Jones*. **Ferron** will lead off the Kansas City Gay Pride celebration which takes place on June 10.

All of these concerts will take place at the Granada Theater in Kansas City, Kansas, at 8:00 p.m. For Ronnie Gilbert, \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. For Ferron, \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Tickets may be ordered from Willow Productions by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to PO Box 10104, Kansas City, MO 64171. Or call 816-691-8785 for further information. In Kansas City, tickets are available at Jan's Westport Tropicals and Classical Westport.



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Circle of Friends Quilt
Remembers those who have died of HIV Related Illnesses

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS QUILT DISPLAYED AT LIED CENTER

Fred Phelps Demonstration Increases Attendance at Bill T. Jones, Still/Here Performance

Lincolnite, Jack Saltzman, enjoys bringing many people together at large events so they can connect and learn about and help one another. Jack also makes quilts — lots of quilts. His Circle of Friends Quilt was displayed at the Bill T. Jones Still/Here performance at the Lied Center of Performing Arts.

The Circle of Friends Quilt, displayed in the heart of the Lied Center, symbolized and named some of the Nebraska people who have died with AIDS. These names represent and recognize an important part of all societies — not some “fringe” to be dismissed or forgotten or shouted away. It is a festive work remembering and reclaiming lost friends and their memories. The quilt has been seen by thousands of people at Charity events, concerts, meetings and churches. The goal is to reach out and unite people who, in return, will understand and help one another, to remember those who have died, and to education and prevent the need for more names to be added.

Months ago, when asked permission to display the quilt, Tim Bartholow, house manager of the Lied, chose Still/Here as the perfect venue. He and all the Lied are to be commended for presenting this wonderful, if controversial, ballet. The risk was worth it. This was another event to connect many in a common and important concern.

The smear of protest on the outside was wiped away by the audience's explosion of applause when Lied director, Bruce Marquis, gave a well deserved thanks to those attending and those supporting the dance. The counter-protesters allowed a magnificent performance to be recognized and all involved showed what people can do with their creativity and talent.

Throughout the evening, many people inquired about the quilt, its meaning, and the Nebraska AIDS Project. There were many more names contributed. One name, a former dancer in the troupe, was given by his brother who was attending the performance. The Circle of Friends thus enlarged. The evening was a success. The protest served to draw together a greater circle with the resolve and commitment needed.

The handmade quilted work measures 15 by 14 feet. Within the connecting circles, red ribbons are embroidered and beside them eighty names are represented. To fulfill its purpose, the quilt is available to be displayed to help at other events.



SKINNER & PANKOKE ANNOUNCE WEDDING

On Sunday, April 30, Karl Skinner and Larry Pankoke exchanged marriage vows at the Saint Francis Chapel in Lincoln, Nebraska. Following the ceremony, a private party and reception was held at “Q” in Lincoln.

PARTICIPANTS STILL WANTED

Sandy Vopalka finished her thesis in April, but wanted to continue to do more research. She will interview lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people who are 50 years old or older. She had to finish her thesis before she could do any other research. Please write to Sandy Vopalka Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542-2043 or call her at (402) 488-4178 for an information sheet. She thanks everyone for their help and support.

INDOOR RODEO -- MAY 20

by Tom Hansen

On May 20, the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association will be holding its annual Indoor Rodeo at DC's Saloon. Our Des Moines members had an indoor rodeo in April and the winning team will be here to challenge the Omaha gay community. We are asking all the gay organizations and bars to get a team of four to compete. The rodeo will start at 3PM. The entry fee for each contestant is \$2. \$8 per team.

The events will include bull riding, barrel racing, sharp shooting, calf roping and a drag race. The order in which the team members compete is up to the individual team. Here are the rules:

Bull Riding. Timed event. Each member will bounce around the course on a large bouncing ball that has a handle on it. Each rider must bounce on the “bull”, not squat, hold on and drag the “bull” or similar. Each rider will complete the course as laid out and must cross over the finish line before handing the “bull” off to the next rider. Team with the fastest time will place first.

Barrel Racing. Timed event. Each member of the team will be seated on a tricycle and peddle around the course. Each contestant must cross the finish line before handing off the “horse” to the next contestant. Team with the fastest time will get first place.

Sharp Shooting. Contestant will ride a “stick horse” along a line parallel to a dart game. Contestants will have two rides to throw their two darts at the dart board. Points from each try will be tallied and totaled, then added to the team total. Team with the most points will receive first place.

Calf Roping. Contestant will stand on a line 15 feet from the calf which will be standing on its back two feet, blindfolded and standing still. Contestants will have two ropes (two tries) and a legal roping will be considered if the rope goes around the head, neck or main torso of the body, or legs & feet in a manner that it will not fall off. Each legal catch is worth 10 points with a possible 20 points per contestant, or 80 points per team. Team with the most points takes first place.

Drag Race. First contestant runs to the end of the course, digs through the basket of clothes and places on a wig on his or her head. Running back to the team, behind the start line, they remove the wig and give it to the second person who then places it on their head. The second contestant runs to the basket and puts on boots. Upon returning to the start line, they remove wig and boots and gives them to the third contestant. The third contestant puts on all the clothes, runs to the basket to put on a bra and falsies. By now, you get the idea. It goes on until all of the clothing is on the fourth team member has everything on.

Please return applications with the entry fee NO LATER than May 5. I hope to see your team there. I know they will have a great time and I wish them success.

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Nicole Gray, Head Deacon at MCC-O

MCC DEACON RECEIVES UNITED WAY "SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM AWARD"

Nicole Gray, Head Deacon at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, was honored by the United Way of the Midlands as the recipient of the 1995 Spirit of Volunteerism Award in the Religious Category.

Nicole was nominated by the Board of Directors of MCC-Omaha. The nomination letter submitted by the Moderator of the Board of Directors, Mr. Tom Bertino, describes the volunteer activities which led to this award.

"Nicole Gray is the Head Deacon with the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. From the very beginning of the current Deaconate program in 1990, Nicole has been a leading force in directing the ministry of the deacons. Their mission is ministering to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the members and friends of MCC-O. This included welcome letters to new members, greeting visitors, organizing socials, and various other endeavors. Nicole's particular ministry also included maintaining the MCC-O Pantry Program, providing food and other necessary household items for the needy in the community. Shopping for the Pantry, soliciting donations, and coordinating activities with the church office are but a few of her duties. Because of her never ending dedication to the Deaconate Program, Nicole was appointed Head Deacon in May of 1993. Nicole was instrumental in reviving MCC-O's "coffee house," a monthly gathering for networking, sharing and fun, designed as an alternative to the usual weekend bar and nightclub atmosphere.

THE FIRST TIME FOR ANYTHING CAN BE DIFFICULT

By Tim Hopkins

This all started when Barbara from P-Flag called me about a reporter at the Daily Nebraskan who wanted to talk to gay couples. I said OK, I will call her and see what she wants. Barbara said you know you can always use a fake name. Previously, my choices would have been to use a fake name or not do it at all. It had not crossed my mind this time. I was going to use my own name. We made arrangements to meet the reporter. After all, not too many people read the DN do they? She certainly would not have a problem with gay people, that's what her report was about.

Later after our interview, the reporter called back wanting to send a photographer to take a picture of us. She had talked to Rollie on the phone and he said OK. I said what? Take pictures of who? Us? When? Oh, my god! No, I was not worried about having our faces in a campus newspaper. I was worried about what should I wear. How was my hair? Should I shave? And how much time did I have?

All of this made me reflect on a lot of first times that were difficult. As a child, was it crossing the street without a parent? Riding a bicycle on your own? Roller skating? Diving off the high board or just going into deep water? Going to a new school? Driving a car? I was climbing antenna towers. My hobby was, and still is, amateur radio. It was not difficult to climb one and I was not afraid of heights. I was more worried of falling off. How about telling your best friend you are gay. Was that difficult and/or scary?

How about buying your first gay or lesbian book in a straight bookstore? Did you buy four or five other books so the clerk would not notice the gay one? Last year, Rol and I went to Barnes and Noble to purchase "Straight From the Heart". We

did not know the title at the time. We could not find it. We had skipped over it several times. Having "Straight" in the title fooled us. After all, why would we want a book with "straight" on it? Rol wanted to ask the clerk. I said NO we can find it. After about a half hour, Rol finally asked the clerk. Do you have the book about the two guys who got married? Rod and Bob. She never said a word and took us clear across the store to the gay and lesbian section where we had been looking. She put her finger right on the book and said here you go. You should have seen the look on our faces.

How about the first time you ever wore a pride shirt or AIDS pin? In public? Or going to a gay or lesbian event with TV cameras? We went to the gay pride parade last year and could not get one to come near us.

Recently, I went to the bank to update my IRA. It had my ex-spouse listed as "friend". This was not Norwest. I chose another bank for their services, not their discrimination policy. Though I applaud Norwest for its policy. The woman at the bank wanted to know if this was also a "friend". Three or four years ago, I would have said yes. But this time was definitely going to be different. I said "spouse" or whatever would be equal to that. Trying to avoid a confrontation, thinking there would be a banker or legal term for that like fat, fairy or sicko. The banker never batted an eye and replied that works for me.

Has your mother told most of your relatives that you are gay? This is the same mother who used to flip out when I would wear one of those pride shirts or AIDS pins out of the house. She also worried about the rainbow I put on my truck about three years ago. This is the same truck that has my company name all over it. I worried too. Other things that were difficult: Cutting my first key. Unlocking that first house or car by myself. Selling or bidding a job to a customer. Stringing alarm wires from a scaffold that shakes.

One day I was going to a job with someone who works for a friend of mine. Pointing to my pride rings, he said what are those? I said pride rings. he said oh. This is the same person who came into the Club 2001 several years ago during a Valentine brunch to open a car for someone. This was all going on while my ex-spouse and I sat at our little table eating. Talk about high blood pressure. He came over to the table and spoke to us. He has never treated me any differently. I later met his gay brother. He says they don't talk about it.

Many of us have had some of these same or similar experiences in life. Others never have or never will. I have been empowered by these experiences. And by others Rod and Bob, Darren who was on TV, Greg Louganis. I hope this can empower you. First times can be difficult or scary. Don't underestimate yourself or others around you.

Please note:

I used my real name for this article.

I did not shave for the picture.

If we want a book at Barnes and Noble, we ask for it.

We are going to gay pride to look for those cameras.

The rainbow is still on my truck.

My mother washes and folds my pride shirts.

Club 2001 is gone and if I would have been out, I would have been unlocking that car.

And yes, I am still scared to death of scaffolds that shake.

FRED PHELPS PICKETS LINCOLN SYNAGOGUE AND

By Dick Brown



Cantor Michael Weisner Meets Fred Phelps



Organizers of Counter-Protest: (left to right) Kara Kugler, Dawn Bussamer, Kelly Erisman, Phil Hogan

On Tuesday, March 28th, fundamentalist minister, Fred Phelps, came to Lincoln from Topeka, Kansas, with approximately 15 family members, friends, and members of his tiny church. Phelps came to protest a 1992 Kansas appearance by Cantor Michael Weisner and to protest the production of *Still/Here* by Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company. Phelps has boasted that he always tries to pull a double whammy when he's on the road. He has also stated that he is proud to have protested Pride Parades, funerals of AIDS "Victims", Art Exhibits and Performances, and other gay and lesbian gatherings.

Phelps claims that as of April 2, he and his followers have protests such events for 198 consecutive weeks. At the gathering in Lincoln, Phelps and his followers carried signs saying, "FAG Dole," "Hillary Fags," "Sodomy is no human right," "2 Gay Rights - AIDS and Hell," "God Hates FAGS - Rom 9:13" "FAG Greg" and "Save the Gerbils."

While speaking with Fred Phelps, I couldn't help but notice a glazed look in his eyes. He seemed to be consumed with hate. It appeared that he carried the "FAG Dole" sign in an attempt to gain national media attention. When questioned

as to why he carried that sign, Phelps stated that he was not pleased that his friend, Bob Dole, has been tolerant toward gays. He expressed his plan to attack Dole's campaign for President like wild dogs!

The Lincoln community did not stand idle when hearing of the arrival of Fred Phelps and his followers. Telephones rang and groups gathered to counter-protest Phelps' arrival. A meeting was held at The Panic Bar to organize the counter protest and to spread the word. This group, calling itself "Gays & Straights For Unity" (G.S.F.U.). The Unitarian Church also spread the word and PFLAG's phone tree went into operation. University and High School students spoke loudly as they also passed the word.

The time for the protest arrived and all ascended the steps of the South 20th Street Temple. The counter-protesters were a diverse crowd of approximately 400 strong! The Lincoln police kept all 400 under control when Fred Phelps and his handful of followers arrived. Chants and songs clashed in the air between the two groups. Signs carried by the counter-protesters waved in the air, countering Phelps' hate slogans with messages such as: "Thank God, Fred," "Cause She

Loves You, Too," "All Love is Right," "Love Multiplies - Hate Divides," "Love Yes - Hate No," "Fred, Can You Say Love?" "God is about Love, not Hate," "Fred Phelps is a Deadly Social Disease," "I'm Out and Proud - Mean and Loud," "Don't Assume I am Straight & Don't Assume I am Not."

The crowd of counter protesters shared some comments with me.

"Support our cause against bigots!" - Dawn Bussamer

"Bigotry is no longer accepted" - Bill Schultz, President, Gay & Lesbian Student Organization, U.N.L.

"Help Understand the Beauty of Humankind Through Jesus" - Norman Leach, Executive Director of Lincoln Interfaith Council

"Counter Protest Against Fred's Tactics. No Room for Discrimination." - Jean Gibson

"Young people are diverse and horrified about intolerance and ashamed it exists" - Emily Lauterback, Lincoln High Sophomore

"I'm a neighbor of Cantor Michael Weisner and I support his efforts" - Susan Ackisson

"Show Support for the work of Cantor Michael" - Akira Lippert

METROPOLITAN ARTS COUNCIL AND NAP TO SPONSOR ART SHOW

A multi-media art show sponsored by Metropolitan Arts Council and Nebraska AIDS Project will be held at the new Art Space, 1209 Harney Street, May 19-29. The show will feature artists who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. The event is being planned in conjunction with a 2-day seminar at Nebraska Methodist College. The seminar will explore ways communities can come together to support persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. The featured speaker, Carol Levine, is the executive director of The Orphan Project in New York City and will share her experiences with working with children and families who are impacted by the disease. Both the seminar and the art exhibit are open to the public. There will be an opening reception for the exhibit at Art Space on Friday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m.

PANHANDLE SUPPORT GROUP SPRING DANCE IS MAY 6

Come on out and join the fun as the members and friends of Panhandle Gay and Lesbian Support Services invade the Western Nebraska Arts Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska for their annual Spring Dance on Saturday May 6, from 7pm until 1am. This will be the biggest P.G.L.S.S. dance ever! Last spring approximately 50 people attended the dance and for Halloween there were 65 people in attendance. This is a BYOB affair. There will be soft drinks available for 50¢ and finger foods will be provided. The cost for the dance will be \$2.50 for members and \$4.00 for non-members. For more information, contact Diane at (308) 635-8488.

SAGE COFFEE HOUSE

The few who attended the organizational meeting in February shows a little interest in its survival.

There will be a change in May. I will be gone and someone else will be host of the coffee house. The hours for May will be from 6PM to 9PM with the movie at 7:15PM. The women of Lincoln seem to have more interest, so some changes of the overall coffee house will mostly take place this summer.

Watch the community news for more details. If you have any questions, please write: SAGE Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542-2043.

BENEFIT BOOK SALE

A Benefit Book Sale will be held at Under the Rainbow, 1231 "F" Street in Lincoln, from May 3 - 31. All Proceeds will go to The Nebraska AIDS Project.

PERFORMANCE AT LIED THEATER



Fred Phelps and Counter-Protesters Meet in Lincoln

"Love - Tolerance - Peace" — Cantor Michael Weisner.

"Proud to see the diversity of people of all religions, young and old, showing support for Cantor Michael" — Betty Jeanne (B.J.) Holcomb - Keller, Attorney at Law

"Solidarity with Friends, with Michael. I've always been here." — Ruth Thone

The rally remained rather peaceful. Cheers rang out when Phelps departed.

At the second protest, Phelps and his followers took positions across from the Lied Center. Cat-a-corner, the counter-protesters appeared, approximately 200 strong. Most of the counter-protesters were students, full of energy. Before long they gathered on the same corner with only the police separating the two groups on the sidewalks. Words were exchanged but the police did a great job keeping the peace. Again the crowd cheered as Phelps and his followers

departed.

The police and especially Captain David Briggs should be commended for their support and assistance during this time.

Congratulations, Lincoln! You came to arms with great Pride and Diversity!

Oh, yeah. Thanks, Fred! You gave extra press for the performance of *Still/Here* and it was a huge success, much larger than had ever been anticipated.

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Sunday May 21st
Drag Races

Thursday May 25th
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Saturday May 27th
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The contest itself will be different from any other International Contest in the way it narrows down the contestants and in the categories of competition. Contestants will compete in the typical Pre-Judging, Fantasy Wear, On Stage Question and Answer, performance of their Fantasy, and in a Mystery category which will change each year. Contestants will not learn what the Mystery Category is until it is announced during intermission of the actual competition.

This event will quickly dominate Leather competitions around the world. Start planning now to be part of the very first International Mr. Fantasy Contest.

To sponsor a contestant, or for more information, please contact Fantasy Productions, PO Box 8203, Omaha, NE 68108-8203.



Left to Right: Contestants Barbara Love, Quincey Valentine, Regan Dalimore, Kristen Weather, Lauren White, Tisha Taylor, Brittany Brooks, and Mallory Moore.

LAUREN WHITE CROWNED MISS GAY NEBRASKA USA IN PAGEANT AT DC'S

Thanks to Dan, Charlie, and Dave, owners of DC's, that our Miss Gay Nebraska USA Pageant was such a success. Our appreciation to all of the staff of D.C.'s, from the bartenders, waiters, and the excellent D.J., Shelly.

Also many thanks to our regulars that have worked with us the past four years: Tom Cech for the fabulous set, Jesse, Kenny, Tim, Ron, Valarie for all their help, the judges, and last the contestants: Barbara Love, Quincey Valentine, Regan Dalimore, Kristen Weather, Lauren White, Tisha Taylor, Brittany Brooks, and Mallory

Moore.

This year's crown went to Lauren White. First runner up was Mallory Moore, second runner up was Tisha Taylor, and third runner up was Quincey Valentine.

I don't think we'll forget the fabulous entertainment of CoCo, the current Miss National Gay USA.

Thanks again to everyone,
Helen McCann & Troy Crawford aka
Dorian Drake

'OVER 50' POTLUCK

Once again, it's time to honor all the members of our community who have made it past the half-century mark. If you've attended either of the two previous potlucks, you know how wonderful the food was and how much fun everyone had.

If you haven't attended before, don't miss out this year! Here's how it works: If you're under 50, bring a dish to share. If you're over 50, just bring an appetite!

Table service and beverages are provided. After the meal, there will be a short program, followed by videos. Feel free to bring your favorite games or videos to share!

In a nutshell:
Saturday, June 3
Cornerstone Church, 640 North 16th in
Lincoln

6:00-6:30 Bring food & set up.
6:30 Eating begins
7:30 Brief program
8:00 Videos

For more information, call Matt or Andy at
(402) 477-3336.

FROM SILENCE TO CELEBRATION

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Parade Steps Off at 2pm, June 11*

The annual Pride Parade and Rally will take place on Sunday, June 11. The Parade will step off at 2:00 p.m. from Turner Park at Farnam and Turner Blvd. Food will be available from noon on. The rally will follow the parade, with music and entertainment provided throughout the day.

Many groups and organizations will have information tables set up throughout the day. This is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in Omaha, and maybe join in and lend your talents to one of Omaha's many GLBT organizations.

The Parade will start off down Douglas to Twentieth St., turning right to Farnam, and then back to the park. Signs, Banners, and Floats are strongly encouraged. This is your opportunity to show your Pride to all of Omaha.

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**CLOSET BALL
CROWNS FIRST
MR CLOSET BALL**

April 9, at The MAX, the Imperial Court of Nebraska scored another first as they crowned Rusty Shields as the first Mr. Closet Ball. Rusty Shields, sponsored by Annie, competed with three talented and innovative female impersonators: Ariel Attak, sponsored by Jennifer Jett; Ashley Simone, sponsored by Brady; and Mandy, sponsored by Monica West.

Each of the competitors was introduced to the judges and the audience in a "gender" walk-on, where each contestant appeared in his or her own gender attire. The contestants then had exactly one hour, during which time their sponsors had to transform them into their opposite gender and prepare them for the talent competition. At the end of the hour, all make-up and costume adjustments were called to a halt and the contestants began their talent presentations. All contestants were judged on their initial gender walk-on, their talent, their appearance, and their total gender presentation.

Rusty impressed the judges in the initial gender walk-on as she appeared in a tailored suit with medium height heels and pearl necklace and earrings as accent. Her image was a classic presentation of a professional woman. When Rusty next appeared on the stage, it was as a slender, bearded leather man, with leather chaps, jacket, and torn blue jeans to perform a leather fantasy with Great Plains Drummer Boy Rick Gannon. The high heels were gone, replaced by work boots, and the demure walk was replaced by a male swagger. The change over was good enough to delight the audience and to impress the experienced panel of judges: Phoenix Fallentino, Tracy Heintzleman, Katrina Kane and Head Judge, Mr. Tom Cech.



Rusty Shields, Mr. Closet Ball '95



Ashley Simone, 1st Runner Up

The first runner-up, Ashley Simone, was a favorite of the audience with her high energy dancing and her gender make-over. The other contestants were also crowd pleasers as Ariel Attak presented a wonderfully choreographed mix of rock and roll classics while Mandy, dressed in a striking costume of black and gold, performed "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds."

This evening also was the farewell appearance of the very talented Miss Closet Ball 1994, Siera Sands, who demonstrated once again the scope

and diversity of her talents, performing comedy, high energy, and a sentimental farewell.

Closet Ball 95 was produced by Siera Sands under the guidance of ICON Board Member, Danny Smith AKA Roxy, who was also responsible for the striking set. Emcees for the evening were Mr. Vince Percy and Mr. Steve Koeller. Special entertainment was provided by Katrina Kane, Jennifer Jett, Monica West, Empress Mae, Emperor David Hansen, and Vanessa Van Damme.

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PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY REPORT ON G/L/B/T RESOURCE CENTER

Submitted by Ad Hoc Committee of ANGLE, Inc.

The results of the surveys done by the Ad Hoc Committee show a definite interest in a G/L/B/T Resource Center in the Omaha area. While the survey techniques would not meet any scientific criteria, they do give us a sense of the interest and potential support for a Resource Center. To this point, the term "Resource Center" has not been defined. As a result, organizations and individuals completed surveys according to their personal definition of a "Community Resource Center." There are four basic types of Resource Center which may be feasible for Omaha at this time.

Basic Resource Center: (One room office, housing the Phone Line, files on local/regional/national organizations, space for a volunteer to work at a desk and answer the phone and greet walk-in.)

Resource Center with meeting room(s): (Additional space/rooms to meetings of 10-50 people for organizations and groups)

G/L/B/T Center: (Add office space for various organizations and more meeting space with potential for hosting social activities of various sizes)

Community Center: (Purchase our own building with parking, security, banquet hall, etc.)

Preliminary Recommendation:

Based on responses from individuals and organizations, the Ad Hoc Committee feels that a G/L/B/T Resource Center is feasible for the metropolitan Omaha area. This center could meet the basic needs of housing the phone line; providing a meeting space for groups; serving as

an easily identifiable source of information and help for those coming out and new to the area; and could grow and expand into a center with more diverse events and services. If the right building/office area could be found, the center could also accommodate offices for organizations, which could provide income to help meet the costs of operating the center.

Start Up Needs:

- Leased Office/Bay
- Telephone
- Desk/Chair
- File/Storage Cabinets
- Bulletin Boards
- Work Table/Chairs
- * (Meeting/Reception area)
- Misc. Office Supplies
- Office Space/Equipment
- *Partitions
- *Computer with Word Processing
- *InterNet Link
- *Fax or Fax Modem
- *Copier or Fax Copier

Estimated Ongoing Expenses:

Rent (\$5-\$10/sq ft per year)	\$500/mo
Utilities	\$100/mo
Telephone	\$ 60/mo
(Business Line/Voice Mail)	
Insurance	\$ 25/mo
Misc.	\$150/mo
TOTAL	\$835/mo

Issues of Ownership, Governance, Maintenance, Security, etc. were considered at the April 22 meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee at MCC-O.

A "Town Hall" Meeting which will allow the community at large to discuss issues related to a Resource Center will be held on May 17 at First United Methodist Church. Look for more information on page 28.

DC's PRESENTS COUNTRY SINGER JEFF MILLER

Jeff Miller will be performing in concert at DC's in Omaha on May 7. The show will begin promptly at 9:30pm. Jeff Miller is a gold medalist, a rodeo rider, and a gay country music singer. His music was originally influenced by Dwight Yoakum. Now his creativity shows up in spoofs and parodies of well-known songs, such as a leather version of "Something in Red," called "Something in Black" — a song which has gone far to make him a legend in the leather community.

Jeff Miller has been touring extensively, primarily making the circuit of Gay clubs and rodeos. He is currently working on his debut album which searching for a record company willing to produce an openly gay country singer.

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OMAHA G/L SOFTBALL LEAGUE?

By Steve Jackson

After meeting with Jim Morton at the Omaha Softball Association (OSA) in regard to forming a gay/lesbian coed softball league, I am certain that it can happen. Jim is willing to work with the community to organize the entire league. What I need to be sure of is the commitment from you, the community. From our conversation, I gleaned the necessary financial information, as well as scheduling information.

Each team would be responsible for set fees under OSA regulations. They are:

Entry fee*	\$107
Roster fee**	\$120
Umpire fees	\$50

*(50 forfeit fee to be returned if all games are played)

** (based on \$5 per game per team for 10 weeks)

We can play as many as 16 weeks or as few as 8 weeks. I have based the league on the interest that I have received so far. Over 60 people have expressed interest. Each team would have a roster of at least 15, for a total of 5 teams to date. This can change as more teams/individuals express interest in playing. League play is anticipated to begin the last week in May, due to bowling league schedule and time constraints at OSA. Sunday afternoons at 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00 would be playing times (this would be with eight total teams; 2, 3, & 4 for six total teams).

Games would be played at Hitchcock Park in South Omaha. Team sponsors can be sought to assist in covering the fees, but it is up to the sponsors to decide how much they would be

willing to sponsor. If you find a sponsor, please have them make a check out to Omaha Softball Association and note Gay/Lesbian Softball league in the memo section. They know we're here, let's remind them!

Also, **team captains/managers** are needed. I am doing the coordination of the league and will probably captain a team. I cannot do it all. If you are interested, please let me know. Teams should be 5 men and 5 women, but since this is a closed league, we will be allowed to field any combination of 10 players. There has to be some mixture of men and women on each team. I can be reached at 402-558-8121 (Omaha) or 402-471-2504 (Lincoln). Either of these numbers have voice messaging, so please leave a message so that I can contact you.

1995 GOLDSMITH CAREGIVER AWARDS NAMED

The Omaha AIDS Interfaith Network named the 1995 recipients of the Jonathan C. Goldsmith, M.D. Caregiver Awards at the April 10 Healing Service at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. These recipients are chosen because of their dedication and service in meeting the needs of Persons With AIDS. This year's winners are:

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Diana Almsteier
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GIGANTIC RECORD SALE

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On Saturday, the prices will change as the sale progresses. Those who come early get the best selection and pay the most money. Prices for 12" records will be:

From 2-3:50pm - 12" records \$2 each
From 4-4:50pm - 12" records \$1 each
From 5-5:50pm - 12" records 2 for \$1
From 6-6:50pm - 12" records 3 for \$1

Sunday sales will be at one price only. On Sunday all 12" records will be 3 for \$1 for the entire time.

All merchandise sold AS IS. All sales are final. Cash or business checks only. No Advance previewing. No Advance sales.

If you would like to donate records, CD's, tapes, videos, etc. call 3-45-2563.



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TOWN HALL MEETING TO DISCUSS FEASIBILITY OF OMAHA G/L/B/T COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

On May 17, at 7:30pm, a Town Hall Meeting will be held to allow the community to discuss their views and opinions regarding a Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Transgender Community Resource Center in Omaha. All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting which will be held at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, in Omaha. Preliminary Surveys have indicated a definite interest in a G/L/B/T Community Resource Center, but there are many decisions which need to be made: what services will be offered? where will it be located? how will it be funded? who will be the governing body? The list of questions goes on and on. YOUR input is needed to help answer these questions and to plan for the next step in the development of such a center. Please plan to attend the Town Hall Meeting, May 17, at First United Methodist Church.



Emperor XIV David Hansen & Empress XIV Mae Present \$400 to Dave England for PFLAG's Gay & Lesbian Youth Support Group.

NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT

Well, thanks to the community, I.C.O.N.'s last three shows were a success. The Monarchs' show at the Chesterfield raised \$400 for the Gay Lesbian Youth Group, and the Monarch's show at DC's raised over \$1700 to buy wheelchairs for the Nebraska AIDS Project. And, of course, Closet Ball was a great success with the help of the MAX. Four contestants fought long and hard for the title of Closet Ball. The first runner up was Miss Ashley Simone and the winner was the new Mr. Closet Ball, Rusty Shields. A very big thank you from Emperor 14 and Empress 14 to everyone who took part in the shows at the Chesterfield and D.C.'s. It was thanks to your help that these shows were so successful.

Also don't forget I.C.O.N.'s first picnic of the summer is just around the corner. The Memorial Day Picnic will be held on Monday, May 29, at Vennelyst Park. (Note: the July 4 picnic will be held at Progressive Park in Council Bluffs.)

And above all, don't forget to break out your hoedown gear. Coronation 15, June 23, 24, 25, 1995, is just around the corner (and there will be jello salad.)

Three new officers were elected at the April Board meeting: David Hansen and Steve Koeller as Vice Presidents, and Tami Griffith as secretary.

I.C.O.N. has had a very successful year, paying out over \$9,500 to different groups and organization thus far. Don't forget, I.C.O.N.'s general meeting is the first Monday of each month and the public is invited. Once again, a big thank you to the community for their help and support.

FAMILY AIDS SUPPORT GROUP FORMS

"...My son lives in New York City. He has AIDS. He's not ready to come and stay with us; he wants to be independent. Eventually, he'll come home to die. When he does, I want to be prepared to care for him and to deal with all the issues our family will face. We are very active in our church, but I've never told anyone about our son. I am not sure how they are going to respond to this. It will be impossible to hide the fact that he has AIDS..." What would you do?

There is some place family members and friends of those with HIV/AIDS can share their experiences and support one another. Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Omaha and First United Methodist Church of Omaha are co-sponsoring an AIDS Family Support Group. The group's first meeting will occur Sunday, May 7th, at 2:00 p.m. in Mead Hall at the First United Methodist Church at 7020 Cass. Co-facilitating the group will be a mother whose son died of AIDS, a minister experienced in HIV/AIDS issues, and two nurses involved in providing practical support care.

Fear, anger, guilt, depression, helplessness, a sense of isolation, the feeling that no one knows what you are going through are what most persons feel when a family member has been diagnosed. Members of the support group are parents, brothers, sisters, and friends who understand.

Whether caring for a person with HIV/AIDS or trying to deal with the situation by long distance, it can be an emotionally charged process in which a whole range of feelings are experienced and expressed intensely. A climate of fear and discrimination isolates millions of family members affected by AIDS. Parents are often unable to talk about their dying children with friends, neighbors, relatives or clergy. Nothing in the way our society trains parents to raise and sustain their families has prepared them for the AIDS crisis. The opportunity to connect and converse with others who have their own experiences coping with a loved one who has HIV/AIDS can be a tremendous "safety valve" to release pent-up emotions.



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**TRANSSEXUAL
ACTIVISTS TO APPEAR
IN KANSAS CITY
& LEAD
DEMONSTRATION IN
FALLS CITY**

The Kansas City chapter of Interweave, the gay/lesbian/bi/trans affiliate organization of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, will be sponsoring an appearance by Leslie Feinberg, Kate Bornstein, and Minnie Bruce Pratt on Sunday, May 14. Ms. Feinberg, Ms Bornstein, and Ms Pratt will be speaking about transsexual and transgender rights and the relationship between the gay/lesbian/bisexual community and the transsexual and transgender communities at 2:00 p.m. in Bragg Auditorium of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 4500 Warwick Boulevard, in Kansas City. There will be no admission for this event.

Leslie Feinberg is a noted activist on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual and transgender, as well as labor and women's causes. She identifies both as a lesbian and as transgendered. Her book, *Stone Butch Blues*, won a lambda literary award for best novel in 1994.

Kate Bornstein is a transsexual lesbian playwright, performance artist, author, and noted activist on behalf of transsexual and transgender causes. She has authored three plays including *The Opposite Sex is Neither*.

Minnie Bruce Pratt is an accomplished author, poet and activist, whose books include *Crime Against Nature* which won an American Library Association Gay/Lesbian book award.

**Demonstration Planned for Falls City
May 15
to coincide with start of second
Teena Brandon Trial**

Ms. Feinberg, Ms Bornstein, and Ms Pratt will be appearing in Kansas City in conjunction with a planned demonstration against violence and lack of civil rights for transsexual and transgendered persons, scheduled to take place the following day, Monday, May 15, in Falls City, Nebraska coinciding with the opening of the trial of John Lotter, who is charged with the murder of Teena Brandon.

Teena Brandon was a preoperative female to male transsexual living as a man, who was discovered to be anatomically female after being arrested on a misdemeanor charge of check forgery in December 1993. The Falls City Police Department then released this information to the local newspaper. Brandon was subsequently raped and assaulted in her home by two men whom he identified to police as Thomas Nissen and John Lotter. Brandon was murdered, along with her roommate Lisa Lambert and a visiting friend, Phillip DeVine, one week later.

Thomas Nissen was convicted of one count of first degree murder in the death of Teena Brandon and one count each of second degree murder in the deaths of Lisa Lambert and Phillip DeVine on March 3, 1995. Jury selection in the trial of his co-defendant, John Lotter, is scheduled to begin in Falls City on Monday, May 8, and his trial is expected to begin on Monday, May 15.

For further information, contact Davina Anne Gabriel at (816) 753-7816 or by e-mail at davinaanne@aol.com

**WW PRODUCTIONS 5TH ANNUAL
PWA SHOW AT THE MAX**

Sunday, May 14, WW Productions returns to The MAX with the 5th Annual PWA Show, continuing a tradition begun by the former General Manager of The MAX, Mr. Wayne Tietfort.

This year's PWA Show is "Spring to Assistance." As always, the show will feature the best of local and regional performers, including the incomparable talents of the Babes Behind Bars. Emcees for this event will Velvet and Flowers. All proceeds will go to benefit PWA's.

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The incomparable Miss Dietra Snow will headline a Benefit show for the Gay and Lesbian Parents Group at 9:00 p.m. on May 21 at the New Chesterfield Bar, 1903 Leavenworth. The all-star line up features Dietra Snow, Muffy Rosenberg, Laura Gray, Jennifer Jett, Phoenix Fallentino, Monica West, Mae O-Naise, and Mr. Closet Ball '95, Rusty Shields.

Proceeds from the show will go to fund activities of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Group. This group meets at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha on the first Thursday of each month. GALP focuses on the needs of gay and lesbian parents, their significant others, and their children. The meetings are open to any interested person.

MAKE A PANEL TO ADD TO THE QUILT

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The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed at the Civic Auditorium on October 7 and 8, 1995. If you are interested in making a panel, please contact Ron Wilson at 734-3421. There will be a "quilting bee" at Ron's home, 5101 South 39th Street, Omaha, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, and September 16. These "bees" will be an opportunity to get help with your panel and a chance to talk with other panel makers. Please call to confirm your attendance.

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

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS TO PRESENT PRIDE CONCERT JUNE 3 & 4

The River City Mixed Chorus will complete its eleventh season with the annual Pride Concert on Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4 at the Strauss Performing Arts Center on the campus of UNO, 60th and Dodge Streets in Omaha, Nebraska. Both concerts begin at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. John J. Bennett will conduct the chorus in a diverse program that is sure to please every musical taste. Included in the program are three pieces by Johannes Brahms (in German), two pieces by Stephen Sondheim, John Rutter's "For the Beauty of the Earth," three madrigals by Emma Lou Diemer, "Ubi Caritas" (in Latin) by Maurice Durufle, "Good Night" by Lennon and McCartney and "Everything Possible" by Fred Small, made popular by the Flirtations. The men will perform three pieces by Ron Nelson, from Three Pieces after Tennyson, with String Bass and Piano 4-hand accompaniment and percussion. The pianist for the Chorus is Mr. Ron Guthrie.

Tickets are available in advance at New Realities in the Passageway of the Old Market or from any Chorus member for \$10 (students and seniors \$8). Tickets will also be available at the door for \$12 (students/seniors for \$10). For more information, call 402-342-SING.

The River City Mixed Chorus is a non-profit corporation and receives funding from the Nebraska Arts Council. RCMC is a member of GALA, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses.

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The first three places in the River City Mixed Bowling League remain unchanged after 29 weeks of bowling. DC's #1 still holds first place, followed by Run Jim Dandies and City Lickers. Gilligan's #2 has dropped back into 6th place, while 9-4 Gets & Nots has taken back 4th place and Delivery Boys hold down 5th.

The high scores for men's scratch game are unchanged (Wierznicki -258, followed by Dan Cooper and Joe Bloemer with identical 248 games.) Dan Cooper still holds high men's scratch series (697), followed by Bloemer with a 674 but Charley Wade has taken 3rd high series with a 671. Dan Cooper still holds the high men's average with a 200.5, followed by Bob Andresen with a 187.2 and Joe Bloemer with a 183.8.

Rhea Lukehart still holds women's high scratch game (250), followed by Kellie Lovcall (236), and E. Mueller (231). Mueller still holds the high series (602), followed by Rhea Lukehart with a 598 series but Cherie Iniguez has improved her 3rd high series score by bringing in a 576 series. Rhea Lukehart also holds high women's average with a 171.4 followed by E. Mueller with a 169.6 and Cherie Iniguez with a 161.2.

City Lickers continues to hold both high handicap team game and high handicap team series (814 and 2328 respectively). Rainbow Chaser have second high team game with a 783, followed by DC's #1 with a 779. DC's #1 has improved their second high team series to a 2176 and The Taylor Shop has taken third high series with a 2110.

During week #29 of bowling, Bob Andresen bowled a 245 game and 624 series. Mike Wierznicki bowled a 236 game and Greg Strickland turned in a nice 593 series. For the women, Rhea Lukehart bowled a 213 game and 549 series, and E. Mueller had a 191 game and a 501 series. Ron Walters bowled 139 pins over his average and Tim Sacks was 99 over. Debbie White was 107 over average and Lynn Bailey was 80 pins over average.

Complete team standings as of week #29:

	Won	Lost
1. DC's #1	81.5	30.5
2. Run Jim Dandies	73	39
3. City Lickers	71	41
4. 9-4 Gets & Nots	67	45
5. Delivery Boys	67	45
6. Gilligan's 2	65	47
7. Wurgle Photo	62.5	49.5
8. The MAX	62.5	49.5
9. DC's Liplockers	60.5	51.5
10. Gilligan's 1 CCB	59.5	52.5
11. Misfits	57.5	54.5
12. Bowling for Tricks	56	56
13. The Taylor Shop	56	56
14. Express Male	55	57
15. Dicksters	53.5	58.5
16. DC's 2 Reason to Drink	52.5	59.5
17. The DJs	52	60
18. Puss&Boots Gilligan 3	50	62
19. DC's Tuna Melts	49.5	62.5
20. Rainbow Chasers	47	65
21. Night Riders	44.5	68.5
22. Kings & Queens	44	68
23. TM #8	43	69

ESCAPE TO REALITY AT Q

On Thursday, May 25, Off-Our-Asses Productions will present a Comedy Benefit at the Q in Lincoln. The proceeds from this evening of fun and frolic will go to benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project. The show begins at 9:00 p.m.

SMOKIN' HOT REVIEWS

by Alan S.

It would be worth paying a king's ransom to spend a night with **Ransom**. The band is that good, in more ways than one, of course. Band members recently moved down here from the Great White North (Fargo, ND) to warm up our town. Singer Mark Keller, drummer Jeremy Ehring, bass-player Josh Koth, and guitarist Chad Srenby are a cute bunch of long-haired pretty boys who play lots of good old and new hard rock, from Ted Nugent to The Offspring. Catch them May 24-28 at the Ranch Bowl and at PinKE's on the 31st. Look for their cassette called "The Preceep" at their shows and Homer's.

Secret Skin is one tasty morsel of a band. Band members won't say what their name means, but it's sure fun to guess! The group is made up of Paul Weaklund on drums, Clint Thomas on bass, and super-skinny cute-talented Dana Hancock (don't get me started!) on vocals and guitar. How a little guy like him can put out so **powerfully**... music that is... is amazing. **Secret Skin** plays all over Omaha, and hopefully soon, the world. The band is so good! I look for its self-titled CD and its two great songs on "Capitol Lite Mix" CD at local record stores like the Antiquarium.

Ever hear of **Ultra Bide** (with an accent on the 'e') or "Wash Your Ass Music"? The band played that stuff February 15 at the Ranch Bowl. Band members opened for ska-master **Bad Manners** — kind of like good manners before bad members, or vice versa perhaps. New York's **Ultra Bide** is made up of three Japanese guys of dubious sexual persuasion. They play extremely experimental punk noise music. Saturo uses eight special effects on his guitars, so you never know what he's doing. Hide (with an accent on the 'e') uses lots of strange things on his bass to come up with many quirky sounds, and sings in more than one language, so there's no telling what the songs are about. Tada pounds the drums like a man possessed. All in all, I was mesmerized by their sounds. And they were fun to interview afterwards since they don't speak a lot of English! Watch for their single "Kill Me Tender," on Alternative Tentacles records. By the way, "Wash Your Ass" is their music publisher and their logo is a porcelain bidet!

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

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

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

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

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Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 345-2563, Mail: Box 3173, Omaha, 68103, Services: 819 S. 22., Children & Adult Christian Educ. 9am, Sunday Worship 9 & 10:30am

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7th Day Adventist Kinship Inc, Support/Info for Les/Gay College Student 800-4-GAY-SDA
Women of the Plains, Box 24355, Omaha, 68124-0355, Bring women's culture to Omaha

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

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

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

*****STATEWIDE*****

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts, Box 49882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks to Internet, you are now in touch with The New Voice via your computer's modem at:
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MAY CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

1
Imperial Court of Nebr Board of Gov, 6:30pm, The MAX, Omaha
MCC Prayer Care Circle, 7pm
 3101 Webster, Omaha, 345-8948
***HIV Test Site, 3610 Dodge, Ste 110, West door Omaha 7-9:30pm**
***River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsal, 7:15p, 1st Methodist Church, NW Door, Omaha**
***BI-PALS (BiSexual People, Alter-nate Life Styles), Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm**
Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, Info: Barb (308) 865-5610

8
***HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p**
***RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM**
***BI-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm**
AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, Omaha
Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbown, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31

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***HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p**
***RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM**
***BI-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm**
Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbown, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31
MCC Prayer Care Share Circle, 3101 Webster, Omaha, 7pm

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***HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p**
***RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM**
***BI-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm**
Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbown, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31
Multi-media Art Show works by or about those with HIV, Art Space, 1209 Harney, Omaha

29 Memorial Day
***HIV Tests NAP Omaha 7-9:30p**
***RCMC Rehearsals, 7:15p, OM**
***BI-PALS, Lincoln, 7:30pm**
ICON Memorial Day Picnic, Vemelyst Park, Omaha, Admission \$7, Free Beer & Pop

2
***Women for Sobriety 5:30pm, Omaha YWCA, 222 S. 29, Call Judith 472-2598**
A.N.G.L.E. Mtg, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha
HIV/AIDS Healing Worship Service, St. Francis Chapel, 1145 South St., Lincoln, 7pm
***UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Lincoln, 7pm, Nebr Union, 14th & R, Rm 234, 472-5644, days or 465-5703, nights**

9
***OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p**
***GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm**
Free/Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster Co Health Dept, 5-7pm The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln
P-FLAG Omaha Board Mtg, 7:30pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Library
Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbown, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31

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***OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p**
***GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm**
Lincoln NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women), The Women's Club, 407 S. 14, 477-1226, 7pm
Omaha NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women), 7pm, 1st Unitarian 3114 Harney, 391-7303
Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group, 8pm (308) 381-5175

23
***OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p**
***GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm**
Parent/Friend of Lesbians/ Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln, Unitarian Ch, 6300 A, 467-4599, 7pm
Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, 496-3658
CC Rae performs at The Panic, Lincoln

30
***OM Women for Sobriety 5:30p**
***GIL Resource Ctr Lincoln 7pm**
Parent/Friend of Lesbians/ Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln, Unitarian Ch, 6300 A, Program: "Welcoming Congregation: Unitarians Speak Out" 467-4599, 7pm
Frontrunners/Walkers Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, 496-3658

3
***Gay Men Discussion Grp, 6pm, Lincoln, contact Luis 472-7430**
***Omaha Frontrunners 6:30pm Ford Birthsite, 32 & Woolworth**
***AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7pm AIDS Info Line: 475-2437**
***Alcoholics Anonymous, "Stone-wall" Grp, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha**
Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbown, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31

10
Deadline for June New Voice
***Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p**
***Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,**
***AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p**
***GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha**
Pride Committee Mtg., 7:30pm, Downtown Grounds, Omaha

17
***Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p**
***Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,**
***AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p**
***GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha**
Town Hall Mtg about G/L/B/T Resource Center, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha
Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbown, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31

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***Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p**
***Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,**
***AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p**
***GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha**
Pride Committee Mtg., 7:30pm, Downtown Grounds, Omaha
Multi-media Art Show works by or about those with HIV, Art Space, 1209 Harney, Omaha

31
***Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6p**
***Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm,**
***AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7p**
***GIL AA Mtg, 7:30pm, Omaha**
Pride Committee Mtg., 7:30pm, Downtown Grounds, Omaha

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HIV Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, West Door Omaha 7-9:30pm
Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Omaha
Gay & Lesbian Parent Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha
GIL Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" Lincoln, Call V.J. 477-3526
NOW Program Night, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha

11
***HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p**
***GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm**
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island call: (308) 384-7235
PFLAG-Omaha, 7pm, Rm 204, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass 291-6781
Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbown, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31

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***HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p**
***GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm**
Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbown, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31
Metropolitan Club, FRANKIE Panes, 112 Douglas, Omaha, 7pm
Introduction of Candidates for Emperor & Empress of ICON, "Q" in Lincoln, 10pm

25
***HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p**
***GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm**
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235
Escape to Reality: A Comedy Benefit for NAP, The Q, Lincoln
Multi-media Art Show works by or about those with HIV, Art Space, 1209 Harney, Omaha

JUNE 1
***HIV Test, NAP Omaha 7-9:30p**
***GIL AA Mtg, Lincoln, 7:30pm**
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235

MAY CALENDAR

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

5

*Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm, different locations, call 472-5644 for location
 *Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, ***"An Alternative" Open Gay Mens Stag Grp 7pm, Unity House, 1007 S. 37, 455-7916
 ***"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran Church, 303 S. 41, 345-9916
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214

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*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm

Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbow, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31

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*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p & 10pm - 2am
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm

Multi-media Art Show May 19 - 29 with works by or about those with HIV, sponsors: Metropolitan Arts Council & Nebr AIDS Project, Art Space, 1209 Harney, Omaha
 Opening reception 7pm

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*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p & 10pm - 2am
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm

Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbow, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31

JUNE 2

*Outreach Center, HIV Tests, Omaha, 1-4p & 10pm - 2am
 *Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7:30pm
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 *Omaha G/L AA Groups, 7pm & 8:15pm
 *Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm

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*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, River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln
 Record Sale to benefit MCC Piano Fund, 2 - 7 pm, The MAX, Omaha

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assc 6pm DCs Omaha
 Sandy Vopalka Graduation Open House, 3319 S. 46., Lincoln

PGLSS Spring Dance, 7p-1am, Scottsbluff

13

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

Omaha Players Club, Workshop 2-5pm, Play Party 8pm, 451-7987

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

GLAGN General Meeting & Potluck Supper, 6pm, Buffalo Co. Fairgrounds, Kearney

20

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln

Make a Panel for the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, "Quilting Bee" Call 734-3421 for details

CC Rae performs at The Q, Lincoln

27

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln

Book Sale to Benefit NAP, Under the Rainbow, Lincoln, Continues Through May 31

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

JUNE 3

*Lincoln Women for Sobriety, 10am
 *Womens Support Group, 11am, Omaha
 *Youth Support Group, Omaha, 291-6781
 *Youth Talkline, 7p-12m, 473-7932, Lincoln

SAGE "Over 50" Potluck Dinner, 6pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16 Lincoln

River City Mixed Chorus Pride Concert, Strauss Performing Arts Center, Omaha

7

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Children & Adult Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

*Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10a, 38 & South St. by tennis courts. Optional brunch follows.

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

Record Sale, 5:30 - 8pm, The MAX, Omaha

14

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

*Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln

New Voice Steering Comm., MCC-O, 1pm

MCC Prayer, Care, Share Circle, 7pm, Call Ronald 477-3215 for details, Lincoln

First Meeting of Family AIDS Support Group, 2pm, 1st Methodist, Omaha

Spring to Assistance, 5th Annual PWA Benefit Show, Featuring Babes Behind Bars, 9:30pm, The MAX, Omaha

21

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

*Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln

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

Dietra Snow presents benefit for Gay/Lesbian Parents Grp, The Chesterfield, Omaha

Phoenix Fallentino at The MAX, Omaha

28

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

*Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln

Parents FLAG-Omaha, Mead Hall, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, 2-4pm, 291-6781

MCC Prayer, Care, Share Circle, 7pm, Call Ronald 477-3215 for details, Lincoln

Miss River City Pageant at The Run, Omaha

JUNE 4

*Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha, Christian Educ 9am, Worship 9am, 10:20am

*Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, Lincoln

River City Mixed Chorus Pride Concert, Strauss Performing Arts Center, Omaha

Inga's Annual Pride Benefit, The MAX, Omaha

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PERSONALS

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BiWM, 40's, looking to meet people for friendships or more. I'm a professional so would like to seek others who are in the same situation. Send picture if possible. Write to Boxholder at PO Box 8171, Omaha, NE 68108 (My95)

Where are you? Still need 10+ party boys for 2nd, all-male, all-naked party. This group age 19-30 - in good shape. 10+ already auditioned - patiently waiting. Send resume of talents: Boxholder, P.O. Box 12094, Omaha, NE 68112. Anything goes. You won't be disappointed. (My95)

Handsome GWM, 40, 5'10", 155#, Brn/Bl, just moved to Nebraska looking for friends? to help reacquaint to area and state. Galen Sears, PO Box 2, Bartlett, NE, 68622 (Ju95)

PRIDE PARADE = JUNE 11, 1995 STEP OFF AT 2PM FROM 31 & DODGE

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Nebraska Personals

Discreet Phone Contacts By Area Code

MANFINDER™

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

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

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

Lincoln PREOP TS: White preop TS, 5'5 134 likes to be tem and sexy, attr and intell looking for men who would enjoy my company-take a chance and lv a message- #37387

Omaha WHITE PREOP TS, 5'5, 134, attr sexy intell and loving iso man or men for dates, who like the company of a special lady like me- #38147

Lincoln NEW TO AREA from CA, iso a person who is betw 25-37, short, hairy and have some facial hair, pref mustache, masculine, muscular, shy, sensitive and fun loving- I am oriental/latino, 30s, like to meet galkg, int music art politics- #36569

Omaha NEW TO TOWN: , 6' brn/blu 33 int in meeting people, int are music arts literature and hanging out and some quiet time at home- #36897

Omaha DARK HAired MEN: John, GWM 6'1, 200, 35, not into bars, like guys with dark hair, 25-40, lkg for a poss rel, not into heavy set or fem guys- #37090

Omaha RELAXING TIMES:

Dan, 30 blnd/blu 5'9, 160, I believe in enjoying life, movies, camping out relaxing times someone I care for if you are the person- #1975

Omaha FORMER GYM-NAST: Kent, 5'7 145, blk, brn eyes chn shaven, former national gymmast, hoping to hear from 25-35 intellectual, liberal, trust-worthy, #35069

Omaha LIKE SPORTS? Xavier, looking for a Gay or bi male 18-25 must be fun and like to play sports, 22 5'7 155, #35141

Omaha LUCY FAN: Bill, GWM 37, 6'1, brn/blu, 230, getting in shape, like movies being like nick at nite, lucy fan, romantic times, slow dancing, sports, like to get to know people, new to the area, call from NY- interested, give me a call- #35314

Omaha MUSCLE MEN: searching 20-30 race unimp avg to musc build to have fun with, 27 6'1 musc 215, brn eyes, dk hair, waiting to hear from you, willing to travel- #35335



Lincoln LIKES TO CD: GWM, 5'5, 135, like to be a lady, attr passable and discreet, btm- #35396

Omaha THOMAS 22: lt skinned man brn/ 6' 168 iso 18-22 Just to have fun- give me a call- #35531

Omaha STOCKY BEAR CUB: dk blnd blu 23, like to have fun, go out listen to music, all types of arts, give me a call- #36225

Lincoln SEXY CD: GWM 5'5 130, like being a sexy and fem lady, passable and discreet like to pls men in any way th- #36227

Omaha TV OR TS: 5'9, very firm, 160, med cxion, hairy, first timer, int in poss a TV or TS, like to meet someone to find out what its like- interested in the Omaha/Lincoln area- #35998

Omaha BIG BROTHER TYPE: Dan gentle big bro type 21, lkg for someone to loved pampered, if thats u, lv a number 18-21- #29712

Omaha RELAX AND ENJOY: 30 male iso other males in the area 18-45 just in fun, friendship option too, just lay back and enjoy- Bob #29810

Columbus 35, BIWM iso other guys in the area or nearby for friendship or whatever, lv a message in my box and I'll return the favor- #9387

SW IA ALOT TO OFFER: Chuck, GWM subm, like meeting GBM who have alot to offer, know what they want and how to get it, if ur interested, give me a call- #25071

Omaha LOOKING FOR GUYS: David, GWM 29, 5'9, 150, brn/blu, wide var of int iso guys in my area to do things with, maybe lead to something else- lv a message- #27399

Lincoln BIG SCREEN TV: 40s GM iso assertive fps around 35 thin to musc, have a big screen TV, let's watch it and do what they do- #27971

Omaha COWBOY BEARS: , Alex, 5'11 190, lt brn cut flat-top, blu semi hairy enjoy outdoors rodeos, horses, country

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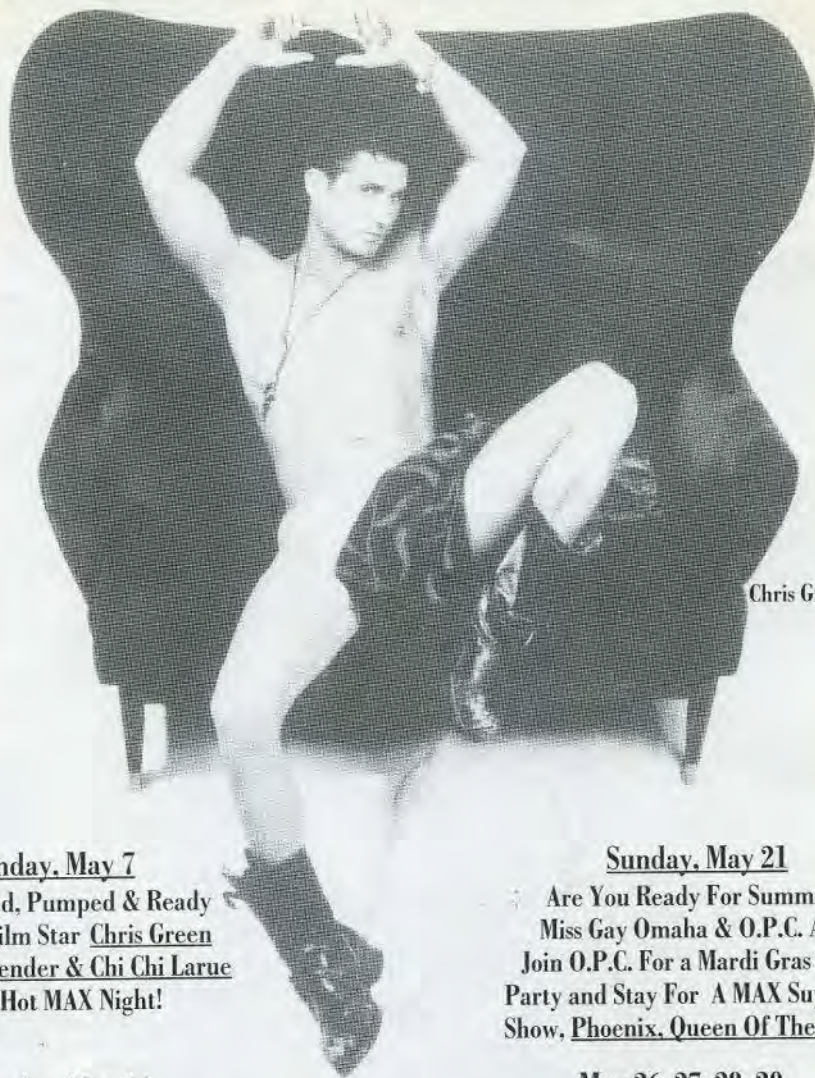
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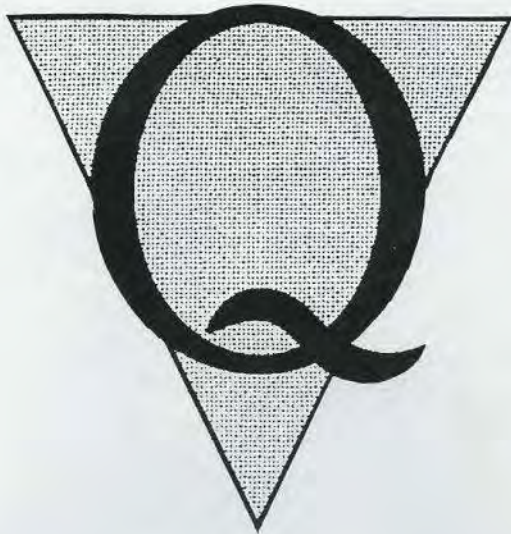
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