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# OUR TURN: Views & Opinions of New Voice Staff

## 14th YEAR OF PUBLICATION MAY BE LAST FOR NEW VOICE

By Sharon Van Butsel

I have often said to people that I am incredibly naive — I always assume that people are honest and that they will do what they say they will do. Despite many, many experiences to the contrary, I still make those assumptions. And once again my naivete has resulted in disappointment.

Over the last several months I have written several columns about the need for new people to step forward and take over the many tasks needed to keep *The New Voice* going. We've had some folks do some typing and write some articles, and I've had several calls and talked with several people — including three who assured me that they intended to take my job and take over the publication.

Well, perhaps it's my personality. Perhaps it's my method of orienting people to what is needed on the magazine. Or perhaps it's just an overwhelming job, but none of those volunteers have lasted more than two weeks. Some who expressed interest never got beyond the phone call or leaving a note at the Resource Center. Others never made it past the initial orientation.

I met with two men who wanted to do typing and wanted to make all sorts of changes in our old computer so they could use it more efficiently. I gave each of them a dozen or so "filler" articles to shorten, type, and return to me by the deadline. One never came back, never called, never returned the articles. I ran into the other one at the bar about 1 1/2 weeks after deadline. Well, he'd only got one done and he still needed to work on the

others and could he still get them to me? My answer was simple. "No. This was a test — you missed the deadline and now it's too late. We've already gone to press."

Another young man came in and when I asked what he wanted to do with *The New Voice*, he informed me he wanted my job. He had lots of good ideas and seemed eager and determined. The next week I actually found him busily typing articles when I arrived at the Resource Center. I reviewed his autobiographical editorial, made a couple suggestions about spots where the transition seemed awkward and encouraged him to continue his work. I haven't seen nor heard from him since. I still have the article on the hard drive at the Resource Center — without revisions and only half done.

Several people want to do proofing for the magazine — until they find out that the rough drafts have to be proofed and corrections made on the disc and the final copy returned within 24 - 48 hours. Others want to do photographs, but never turn in any prints. Others agree to write articles but don't follow through.

Okay, okay — I know that I'm just being bitchy, but the truth is that I am really pretty discouraged at the moment. I had been convinced that people would step forward and work as hard as we have to keep *The New Voice* going. Doesn't look like it's going to happen.

And it may well be that the time for *The New Voice* has passed. Maybe it is time for the "for-

profit" newspaper to take over — after all, they don't have to depend on volunteers — they can pay reporters for their work — we just have to depend on the goodness of the reporters' hearts. Seriously, *The Buzz Journal* is doing a good job. Their advertising rates are significantly higher than ours and they don't yet print a real calendar of events, but you can live with those things. They do have energetic reporters who go out and work for their money. I haven't tried putting in articles announcing upcoming events, so I don't know if I can count on them helping publicize my shows or not. But, as I said, all-in-all they are doing a fine job and may be able to take over the job of being the GLBT publication for Nebraska.

The bottom line to all this whining that I've been doing is that the Steering Committee of *The New Voice* will be meeting to make a final decision within the next month, but as it looks right now, the February 1998 issue of *The New Voice* may be the last one. With that in mind, we are going to begin doing subscriptions at a rate of \$2 per month through February, and we will be adjusting ad contracts accordingly. We are assembling and will be donating a complete set of *The New Voice of Nebraska* to the Douglas County Historical Society and will be getting archival material ready for the Resource Center.

Of course, there is still time for someone to come forward and take on the job of continuing a volunteer publication in the community. But the rest of the story is up to you...



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GOODBYE TO ALL

### *Sandy Vopalka -- 15 Years as Activist in Nebraska*

Dear Editor,

It is time for me to start a new chapter in my life, and in doing so it is also time to say goodbye. Yes, I am leaving the state of Nebraska. I have been a part of the lesbian/gay/bi/trans community for almost 16 years now.

I have been reflecting on the past 15 years of my life. Years in which I have been able to be an active member of the community, which I will always call home. Yes, in my heart, Lincoln will always be home.

I came here one wintry day in December 1982. I came running away from the end of my first lesbian relationship. I got to Lincoln and, within a very short time, I knew I had found a place where I could live my life as an open lesbian.

I remember The Office Lounge, The Sanctuary, The Alternative in Lincoln and going to the Stage Door in Omaha. Yes, all of these bars are gone and only one of them is still the site of a gay/lesbian bar today.

I have worked with many of the organizations and groups in Lincoln and a few in Omaha: The Coalition, PFLAG, Wesleyan Student Group, *The New Voice*, NAP, LLL, Womyn's Journal Advocate, and SAGE just to name a few.

I served on boards, took photos, and helped organize.

I have seen the impact AIDS has had on our community and all the work many of us have done over the past 10+ years. I have lost some of my closest friends to this disease and many others to cancer and even suicide.

I have seen the good things too. Groups and the *New Voice* surviving over 10 years. I have made some of the greatest friends in my life during the chapter of my life. I have had my share of relationships during this time, but I made friendships which will last a lifetime.

I am moving to be closer to my family and help them at this time. I am looking forward to finding the PhD program which is right for me. Also, I plan to have a book published within the next few years.

I will return to this place I call home to visit. Who knows, maybe I'll move back here one day :) I plan to be just an e-mail or phone call away. I plan to leave Lincoln no later than mid-October. So, to reach me, write to: PO Box 22043, Lincoln NE, 68542 or e-mail me at rainbows@inet.nebr.com

I wish the *New Voice*, PFLAG, and all other groups the best. I know the impact Nebraska has had on my life and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for all of us.

Truly,  
Sandy Vopalka

PS: The September 1997 Lesbian Coffee will be the last one. Though the group is doing well, I am leaving.

**Sandy:**  
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## PRAISE FOR PEOPLE

Dear New Voice Readers,

Recently I had the distinct pleasure and learning experience of running for Mr. MAX. So much time and effort goes into any show that is produced but, I must say that the Mr. MAX Contest is one of the best ones around. Congratulations to our new Mr. MAX Jim Linkletter and to the other very qualified contestants. I was humbled to be in your presence! Also to Jim Gau and Tom Cech for the beautiful set — the sets always seem to get better and better.

All of this has been said, there is truly another reason for this letter. I am continually amazed at the unbelievable amount of love and support I see coming from members of our Omaha gay community. A wonderful example of this is Ruth, owner of Club James Dean. Without knowing me hardly at all, in one day's notice, Ruth took a day out of her busy life and came to the MAX the night of the contest and helped with one of my categories — by bringing her motorcycle down to drive me on stage — maybe for a total length of 4 feet. This is one classy lady! Who obviously believes in supporting our community even if it means going completely out of her own way. Thank you for your support, Ruth — the support you have shown me and the support you demonstrate for our own gay community. My friend Jim Gau has said it best, "There are many people in this gay community that sit back and criticize what they see rather than standing up for something and getting involved. People like Ruth and any others are the people that make Omaha so great. It is nice to know that we live in such a caring and supportive community!"

Thank you, Mark East

## THANKS FOR HELP WITH RODEO

Dear New Voice Readers,

On behalf of the Heartland Gay rodeo Association, I would like to thank all those who helped to make the 1st Heartland Regional Rodeo a success. In particular, thanks go out to the communities, businesses, and bars in Omaha and Des Moines for their support to all those who came out to watch the rodeo, to all our volunteers, to our contestants, to the members of HGRA who spent a year planning this event, to the Imperial Court of Nebraska, and to the New Voice of Nebraska.

It took a lot of work to produce a rodeo, but HGRA feels that the results were well worth the effort. The weekend of June 27-29 was a great time for all involved. We hope that everyone will keep the weekend of June 20-22, 1998 in mind for the 2nd running of Heartland Regional Rodeo.

David Brady President HGRA

## DC'S RAISES \$450 FOR TOYZ 4 TOTZ

Dear Editor,

I count myself as a very fortunate person. Even though I'm not from the Omaha/Lincoln area, I had the distinguished pleasure to meet many people who have become wonderful friends. I've met more of these terrific people in bars than anywhere else. Unfortunately for me I haven't met Mr. Right but I keep hoping.

Another real positive thing for me has been to be Mr. DC's Saloon for the past year and a half. On Sunday, July 27, I put a show on at DC's to donate the money to the Toyz 4 Totz program sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska. I've been to many shows but I wanted my show to be different. I wanted to invite many of the different factions of our community together for this show in unity to work for a common goal to help serve the straight community. It seems that in the news all we hear about is the ugly part of a minority of us. I invited pro-gay straights, gays, female and male impersonators, leather, lip sync, and live performers.

Even though I didn't hear from some invited performers, we had a wonderful turnout of entertainment. I was really anticipating a large crowd because there wasn't a conflicting show at The MAX. They always seem to draw a very large crowd. Our audience wasn't a MAX show crowd but they were wonderful and helped us raise \$450.

I would like to thank Stan (Inga) and Ashley for being Mistress and Master of Ceremonies for the show. Carla was a lifesaver because she put the acts in order that made our show run very smoothly and not get boring. Sharon was there to perform and be I CON's rep for taking the donations. Ed, you were fantastic with selling the raffle tickets for the hat. He sold over \$160 worth. After singing all weekend long, Teresa came by to sing for us and apologized for her voice being tired. She was so fabulous I can't wait to hear her when her voice is wide awake. Laura Lee, you were marvelous as always. Ron C. was a virgin to singing live in a show and was super. These are only a few of the people that gave of their time and effort to help me put on a good show for the audience. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. There isn't enough money in the world to pay you what you're worth. To our audience thank you for your time and support.

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## PERSONAL COACHING: DECIDING TO WIN

By Scott L. Lowther

"If you always do what you've always done, then you'll always have what you've always had." This anonymous quote sadly sums up the way most of us live out our lives, day-by-day putting one foot in front of the other, hoping that by some divine intervention, our lives tomorrow will be miraculously improved, even though we're doing nothing today to change the way we live.

What if we could learn to live our lives differently? — More productively? What if we began to live every day with excellence, accomplishing our goals and achieving the successes we have hoped for? What if we made the decision to DECIDE TO WIN.

During the past several years a new profession known as *personal coaching* has been developing all across the country. While the greatest growth is being experienced on the coasts, it is also being observed in other progressive cities and, yes, even in Nebraska.

What is *personal coaching*? Who does it? What are the benefits of hiring a *personal coach*? How do I find a *coach* and what credentials should I look for?

First, let me discuss what *personal coaching* is as well as what it is not. When you hear the word *coach*, what images come to mind? Perhaps you think of a football or softball coach. Maybe you think of a voice coach who provides professional guidance to vocal greats such as Pavarotti. Or, maybe you're thinking of the person in your office who was assigned to train you when you first became employed with your company. While each of these images is distinctly different, they have many underlying similarities. The bottom line is that *coaches coach*. Whether their area(s) of expertise involve sporting events, music, or business, *coaches* are in the business and profession of transferring their own expertise in a particular area to enhance the abilities of others. *Coaching* will provide options and strategies for you to meet challenges head-on. You will shift from "busy-ness" to business, from working hard to working smart, and from occasionally meeting goals to a concerted focus on reaching all of your goals.

O.K. Now we have an image of what *coaching* is. Now let's look at what *coaching* is not. It is not therapy. *Personal coaches* work with people who are already performing adequately in most or all areas of their lives. It is not intended to deal with traumas of the past or present. It is not a means of dealing with issues which require temporary or ongoing treatment, therapy or counseling. Instead, it is a symbiotic relationship between a *coach* with a particular area of expertise who mentors an individual towards a clearly defined goal during a specified period of time.

For example, let's say you're a salesperson who wants to increase your sales. You would select a *personal coach* with proven expertise in sales who could act as your paid, professional mentor as you meet a personally selected goal. The *coach* would assist you in defining your goal, assessing the potential pitfalls and realistic nature and time frame of your goal, while providing you with ongoing encouragement, feedback, and guidance along the way.

Another example might be someone who wants to open his or her own business. The

entrepreneurial spirit is calling, yet the fear of the unknown is keeping this person from making the leap. A *personal coach* with expertise in this area could assist this person in formulating a business plan, presenting it to potential financiers, assessing the difficulties that might arise, and provide guidance and assistance through each step toward meeting this goal.

Other examples might be more short-term in nature. For example, an executive may be considering relocating to another city. We all know how difficult such a transition can be. Having someone to bounce ideas off of, and to discuss the various fears with, and to assist in making sure all of the necessary steps are properly laid out would be of substantial benefit in making a smooth transition. In this case, the *coach* could continue the coaching process by telephone even after the move takes place to ensure continuity until the relocation is complete. This type of *coaching* may require only a few sessions before, during, or after the actual move.

In other words, *personal coaching* draws from many allied professions such as counseling, career counseling, sociology, psychology, business, and education, but has a particular focus...to align the *coach's* education, experience and expertise in a particular subject area with the goal as of a particular client. For this reason, it is important to find a *coach* who possesses the type of background required to provide professional *coaching* services specific to the needs of the client. This is one profession where the client does not fit the *coach* — it's the other way around.

There are *coaches* who specialize in planning elaborate weddings or vacations, or who work only with clients making a career shift, or who coach only sales personnel into higher commissions, etc. The key is in finding a *coach* with whom you feel comfortable, and in making certain the *coach* you select has the necessary experience and education to adequately assist you in meeting the goal(s) you have established.

You should expect your *coach* to have a commitment to excellence, to listen, to be friendly, encouraging, compassionate and knowledgeable in his/her area(s) of expertise. You should also expect your *coach* to delay the coaching process until other therapeutic issues such as chemical addictions, gambling addictions, significant relationship dysfunction or other counseling-related issues are resolved via the assistance of a qualified therapist.

So, you're telling yourself... "This sounds great. How do I find a *coach* in Omaha?" One way would be to search the Internet for web pages advertising *coaches* in this area, or you might call Coach University in New York where many *coaches* have been trained. Another way is through word-of-mouth. No matter how you find your *coach*, you need to feel good about the person you've chosen. Interview the candidates about their education, experience, and expertise. Ask them to give you references and don't be afraid to ask them for documentation of their credentials. After all, you're paying them for their knowledge. Be sure they're able to provide what you're paying for. It is possible to work with a *coach* via long-distance or Internet, and in these

situations you might select a *coach* advertising in gay publications in one of the major cities on either coast; however, my preference is to work with clients face-to-face.

I am aware of one other *personal coach* besides myself with a practice in Omaha. Her name is Ruth Bailey and she can be reached at (402) 344-3944. Individuals interested in speaking with me about my *personal coaching* practice, or who have questions about the *coaching* profession in general can reach me at (402) 571-0929. Your first consultation is free.

Remember, "If you always do what you've always done, then you'll always have what you've always had." You really can **Decide to Win**.

## PRAISE FOR LETTERS

Dear NV,

There have been several letters in recent issues of NV that show there is some sanity in the gay world after all. Letters such as those from Ned Harrison Sept., Wm French Oct., RB Connelly Nov, Mike Orr Dec & June, Steve Tipton July and Gary Beck Sept and July.

Steve Tipton's letter in July issue is great. It makes one feel good to know there are people like him who care enough to speak out. He says it all so beautifully, and from the heart.

Gary Beck's letter, also in July issue is equally great. It is rare to find persons like he and Steve who say it all as well. They have the audacity to put down the "liberationists" who want no strings attached to gay behavior. They will, of course, encounter a lot of resentment by the liberationists and they have my sympathy and understanding for the criticism they will receive.

Pat Phalen and Jay Tremont letters July on the other hand are scary. One gets the impression from reading their letters that everyone's out to accept all the types of guys they name. They are trying to make everyone conform to their opinions of what is "acceptable." Many of these types they mention give us our bad names and furnish excuses for some straights to beat up on anyone who attempts to be out of the closet. This is bad news for people who would like to be openly gay in order to seek a committed relationship. There are some of us like that out here who are being denied the true love we seek by the liberationists actions.

While it is encouraging to read support of Mike Orr in "Editorial Comments" in July issue it is discouraging to read "we may not have even thought about doing something... until someone tells us we can't. Then we just have to show them we can and will do it." If this were true we would be doing as Gay and Steve call for. We would be out of the closet and putting up a fight for our rights instead of doing all the weird things the gay world does. These alienate the public from whom we need support.

The NV form and support organizations are indispensable for controversies like these. Let's all make them work in hope of reaching better understanding among ourselves. Thanks to NV for doing such a great job recently.

Yours Truly,  
Bernard C. Nielsen, Central City, Neb



# "OUT IN THE STARS" Astrological Forecast for September 1997

by C. Lichtenstein

For Entertainment Purposes Only

If you thought this summer was hot, just wait until September when aggressive Mars and lovely Venus square expansive Jupiter and surprising Uranus, respectively. Our actions take on monumental proportions as our ardor bites off more than one mouthful. Oh do be careful of what you wish.

**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)** Independent gay Rams find their tails in a vise this September. These pioneering souls have to bite the bullet and accommodate the immediate world. There's not much that you can do about needy friends and whiney lovers except to be as gracious as possible and pretend to really care. The secret is to set personal limits and know when to say no.

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)** Proud Bulls strive for the perfect relationship in September but absolute perfection may be just a wet dream this month. Blame it all on the wicked corporation which could care less if your personal life is up to par. Sadly, you'll have to feed the corporate monster before you can feast on your partner. Life is just one big balancing act, dear.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)** Queer Twins feel like soaring to the heights, but they remain shackled to the grindstone. It's hard to focus on the job but concentrate you must;

there are too many petty tasks to tackle. Ignore them at your peril! Sex with a powerful person could either give you a leg up or squash you like a roach. Maybe it's better to make your own success.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)** The pursuit of happiness may be more trouble than it's worth when Mars turns up the volume and speeds up the action. Fun can run amok if you are not at peak performance. Pink Crabs may get their claws steamed when a side dish romance becomes the main course. Choose your menu carefully; the planets are poised for surprising results. Pack the tums.

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)** Home is where the heartburn is, at least in September when both Mars and Venus overly spice domestic partnerships. Proud Lions are too willing, to make grand scale changes in their living arrangements at this time. That is fine as long as you don't go overboard. Everything has its time and place and it's always advisable to give partners a vote. We do live in a democracy.

**VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)** Gay Virgins may want to practice in front of a mirror before they bellow their opinions proudly, loudly and convincingly this month. You have a lot to say and the opportunity to say it. But be

careful of getting the revolution started and then losing interest in the whole darn affair. Stay focused. Let them think that glaze in your eye is intensity of thought.

**LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)** The planets demand that you concentrate on finances. Prudent queer Libras can reap the benefits of planned investing but carefree queer Libras can blow their wad on a good and sleazy time. As tempting as it may be, avoid splurging on "fun stuff". It's not too late to plan for rainy days, but do it now while the planetary energy is sunny and bright.

**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOV. 22)** The world loves you, or so it seems. Queer Scorps can be glazed and dazzled by the bright lights and adoring crowds this month, to the detriment of their homelife. Don't be blinded by the glare cousin. After a while you'll be clicking your heels to the mantra "there is no place like home... there is no place like home". It may even be a relief to wake up in your own bed for a change.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DEC. 22)** September means expansion, inspiration and spirituality. Oh but leave it to a chatty gay Archer to foul it up with a carelessly aimed opinion. I know that you don't mean any harm so watch what you say and how you say it this September. This is no

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## FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace London, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

type of folks who also never stick around long enough to be questioned about their actions. All I know is as dear Gertrude Stein stated: "a rose is a rose is a rose" and it might be added "an unsatisfied nympho is a nympho is a nympho" and it must be concluded folks of this nature are NOT in search of any long term relationships.

O.K., so you think I'm a fuddy-duddy. Granted, I'm no daredevil and today's philosophy of laying anything that moves if it fills the bill of what one likes to do in bed is a game of playing hide and seek with Death. I always have to ask myself when I'm playing the game of chance: what are the odds? This is the 90's so I think about these things. Like: are one's chances of getting the AIDS virus better through sex with 20 one-night stand or with 1 person? And naturally, being smart, I know the answer. The virus can be picked up easily in a ONE-NIGHT STAND. I learned this a few years back after my life-mate and I had had an argument and split up for a three-week period. When he though we'd never get back together again, he went on ONE DATE and got drunk, had sex. The following day, we reconciled. Outside of that one experience, we had a 13-year monogamous relationship. Three and a half years after that encounter, he died in my arms. Wonder what the odds are of this happening? Of course we had friends who were not monogamous; if it walked and talked, they had sex with it. The odds beat them too and it seems so unfair that we should ALL be gone. God, how I do miss them. I don't honestly think any of them

really thought of themselves as daredevils testing Fate, but in actuality that's what they all were.

So anyway, what if you didn't ask what a potential trick likes to do in bed and went home to find a most exciting evening? Maybe even going home with a movie star - like Sal Mineo for instance. Of course, we all know the rich and famous have had a reputation for being "far out" in their sexcapades because of the ennui with the "norm."

We never slept together but Sal and I were friends for many years. He knew my wife and he knew I was homosexual. I felt safe with him because he was also in his closet. We spent a lot of time talking about sex and cruising, telling what he did and didn't like.

You know, sometimes you can find out what a person likes to do in bed simply by becoming acquaintances and friends... and sometimes we're surprised! So why didn't I sleep with Sal? Oh yeah, he was my "type" (alive and breathing) - Latin and we always do scope out EVERYONE, don't we?

Well, I've often thought over the years what Sal might have said had I asked him when we first met, what he liked to do in bed. He probably have given me a normal answer like "top" or "bottom": you know what we always say.

Then one day after we'd learned to like and love one another as friends I found out what he liked. We were sitting chatting in his Laurel Canyon home, with his two Doberman's sniffing

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Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Have you ever had someone ask you "What do you like to do in bed?" What a crazy question! Whenever I hear the question I know immediately this person is NOT interested in me. This person is interested in satisfying their own peculiar fetish or fantasy; they're simply looking for someone - ANYONE to help them get their rocks off.

I honestly have no idea if this goes on with our straight brothers and sisters but it has gone on in our gay/lesbian community. It's happened to me personally over the years, and, it happens to my friends also.

What the heck is it with folks who want to know what we like to do in bed!? Is it simply the desire to stimulate an over-active fantasy mind? Are they so much in a hurry to "get a piece" they have to ask first what one likes in bed so it won't be a "waste" of their precious time!? Honestly, I don't know the answers because these are the

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## POOP SHEET

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around me like dogs normally do and Sal got this impish grin and laughing said "pull down your pants and you'll get the thrill of your life."

I joking responded "Oh yeah? Don't forget I grew up on a farm, Sal."

Surprisingly, Sal responded seriously, "This is MY farm. I paid big bucks to have these dogs trained. All I have to do is give them commands and they send any lover I may have into ecstasy."

Wonder what ever happened to those dogs after Sal's murder by the trick he picked up that fatal day?

I suppose the moral of this column, if there is one, might be: get to know your potential bed partner before you hop into the sack with them. Then, you won't have to ask what they like to do in bed. Oh! I know this isn't easy also. Even as a former practitioner in the field of psychology, I find it takes a good three years to really know someone. Prior to that I've found I just know about.

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

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

## ZODIASCOPE

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time to be lazy; Mars gives you great incentive to do your all for a great gay cause. Get Out there and show 'em what you can do.

### CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JAN. 20)

How much are you willing to pay, both monetarily and personally, to join a particularly coveted social group? Gay Goats may ultimately find the price is too high. If so, go off and create your own fabulous music; others will soon follow. In general, friends are particularly needy or greedy at this time. Sometimes they say that a friend in need is a pest. Is this one of those times?

### AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Has some louse greased the rungs on your corporate ladder? Aqueerians should use the month of September to plan their ascent rather than act upon it. The planets have a way of confounding even the most brilliantly planned coup. The problem is that guilt will be written across your face. Wash your face and plan a delightful vacation instead.

### PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Pink Fish long for personal connection with others this month. Who knows what can happen when the Mars and Venus transits cause some sparks to fly where you least expect it. Your Pandora's box of secrets explodes and flies Out in all directions. This can be very cathartic; why lock yourself away in that horrible closet any longer? Break out of your straight jacket.

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## "THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGING..."

*Brian's Note:* When summer ends, I always think of my childhood, and the excitement of starting a new school year. I loved getting all the new stuff, like notebooks and pencils. Sometimes, I walk down to my local *Oscro* drug store and stand in the "Back to School" aisle, and get intoxicated with all the new smells. I know what you are thinking, and yes, I really do need to get a life.

**The "Literate Poofler gets regular mail" department:** A few months ago, I broke down and actually subscribed to a magazine that **did not** have anything to do with comic books (I know, I know, but we all must take baby steps at first)! I decided to have one of the newer gay and lesbian magazines, *OUT*, delivered to my home. Since then, I have been swamped with all of the sorts of stuff (I guess I am on a mailing list now, so I can say I am an actual part of society). One of the mailings was from a company called TLA Video, which offers a selection of all sorts of gay/lesbian/bisexual/ and transgendered films, and not the really naughty ones that you have to hide from your mother (and any potential boyfriends) either. This reminded me of one of my favorites films of all time, *The Naked Civil Servant*. John Hurt (who you may remember from such films as *The Elephant Man*, *Partners*, and *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*) takes on the role of one of the earliest gay rights activists, Quentin Crisp, in the autobiographical film based on Crisp's book of the same name. This is a fascinating film that shows what it was like to be gay during WWII. It also paints some bittersweet truths we have to learn growing up gay (like realizing that all your fantasies about the "perfect man" you had as a kid never look like the ones you meet later.). This is a great film. I first saw it when I was living in New Orleans (and rented it from a Tower Video store), and I don't know if you can find it here; but I bet if enough people asked for it, maybe even Blockbuster would get it. So put on your protest sandals the next time you are looking for something to watch! (*Editor's Note:* Sorry, Brian. No protest this time. Carla and I first found *The Naked Civil Servant* at Blockbusters on Saddle Creek about 4 years ago.) I also decided to take a big risk this month, and try to make one of my lifelong dreams come true. No, I am not talking about getting a date. I sent a comic book script idea to DC Comics. This story involves a gay super hero who lives in Omaha, and has HIV (I know, "what a stretch!"). I know I probably have a better chance of actually getting a date than my story ever being accepted, but this is one rejection letter that I will always cherish, and will probably frame.

**The "Big Old Mug-Shot" department:** Last month's page was one of the most talked about pages in my career here at *The Voice*. One of my favorite comments was (and I am really, really paraphrasing here): "I thought it was neat that you could take something so ordinary as pulling weeds out of the ground, and make a beautiful poem about it."

That's one of the magic things about poetry and poets; that we strive to see the magic in all parts of the world. It makes you cherish simple things when you feel that is all you have left.

Regarding my picture: I should first thank my friend Willie for taking the "shot," and for wasting his afternoon taking "action poses" of me downtown. I felt like a star! I also want to thank Sharon for having the guts to expose the rest of the community to my likeness. Now that my anonymity is shot out the proverbial window, I thought I might share some of the most memorable things said to me:

- "That's you?! I thought you would be older."

- "Wow, Brian, how long were you in jail?"

- "Who did your hair?"

- "Were you stoned?"

- "You look fat."

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to come up to me and tell me their thoughts about last month's page. It's nice to know people read my stuff, and on that note:

**The "Happy Trails" department:** Next month will be my last page here at *The New Voice*, due to reasons concerning my health and changes in my career (which I will go into next time). This wasn't an easy decision; this outlet has been my Godsend at times. In honor of my retirement, I thought I would reprint some of my more memorable pieces for those who didn't buy my book (*For Shame!*), or are new to this magazine. The first is one of my first printed pieces, and the second is one of my personal favorites. So until next month, take care of yourselves.

Brian

## A LETTER TO NEIL

By Brian E. Bengtson

Dear Mr. Gaiman: Thank you for your gift of the Sandman. Your stories have changed me; now I see us all as anthologies, collections of tales threaded together. I am sure I have my own wing in the Dream Lord's library, the resting place of all fables, even the ones that live and die in one short daydream. I have my own collections of trinkets, mementos, and souvenirs. Sometimes I tell my mysteries like Cain, spearing them down as a warning to the captured listener, sometimes I share my secrets like Abel, breathing them out to scatter and grow in the reader's fields.

I am a shopping-mall poet looking to make my own boutique in the world. I have a teacher who tells me of other woodcutters (because that's all poetry is; the filing off of prose until only the poem remains. I will admit that some cut too deeply, while others just knock on the wood.) and the tales of the few words left behind. I want to thank you for your image of Death, a beautiful elfin-girl who gives you a nudge in the end and says, "excuse me, but you need to go over here now. By the way, how has your trip been?"

I remember the first day I saw her on your pages, when she met her dream-king brother at a fountain. I remember the walk they took as she went on her rounds, and old song Morpheus thought of as she moved through the day: "...death is before me today, like water to quench a thirst..." or something like that. I remember her warming-smile. It was one of the things I thought about three years ago when the AIDS-volunteer gave me a positive reading. It still is something that comes to mind in the mornings as I count my pills.

I share your stories with my friends, some have bodies and fluids that betray them bit by bit because they are swimming in this plague too. They learned about the day Morningstar gave up Hell, locked all the doors and shushed sinners and demons away. He registered his complaint of still paying for his fall three billion years ago, and gave the keys to Dream. We laugh at the little ironies as we take study drugs. (There's enough of it right here on earth, thank you very much.)

Your stories open deep wounds, bring new facets into the light, and poke fun when we get too serious. No wonder you have such wonderful artists to draw these tales. I never knew my childhood love-affair of comic books and muscle-clad heroes with flowing capes and far-fetched powers would bring me to your corner of the medium. You have given me faith in my own tale; I can appreciate each chapter that made me what I am. Thank you again, Brian.



## PLEASE DON'T CALL ME CHICKEN

By Brian E. Bengtson

Please don't call me chicken, when the pit  
in my stomach sloshes to my legs, and I  
wonder if my story to Mom & Dad worked.

Please believe that my I.D. is real, this is  
my only chance, and no one will tell  
me where the good bathrooms are.

(Please don't offer to buy me a drink  
cuz this is what my dad always has, and  
I don't think I can take another.)

Please don't ask me to dance, or offer to  
go home with me. I'm not sure how either  
would work out.

Please forgive my silence as you lead me to  
your bedroom.

Please, I'm just noticing your chest, and the  
dark  
mysterious hair that I dreamed about, and the  
strength  
of your arms, the smell of your work.

Please touch me.  
Please, I hope I'm doing this right.  
Please don't notice the pain on my face, or my  
tiny cry.

Please tell me its o.k. to cum so quick.  
Please believe my excuse.  
Please don't call me chicken.

## PLANS IN FULL SWING FOR FALL HARVEST

Fall Harvest, the annual conference for the  
Midwest transgender community, will be held at  
the Doubletree Inn in Downtown Omaha,  
Thursday, October 30 through Saturday,  
November 1. Hosted by Omaha's River City  
Gender Alliance, the Fall Harvest brings together  
the groups which make up the regional group  
called MAGGIE including chapters in Missouri,  
Iowa, Minnesota, and Kansas. This event will  
bring nearly 200 transgendered persons and their  
families together for a series of workshops and  
speakers, along with opportunities to network  
and meet new friends. Fall Harvest culminates  
with Saturday night's dinner and awards banquet  
and the Miss Fall Harvest Pageant.

Fall Harvest features a full spectrum of  
speakers on topics of interest to the Transgender  
Community. Featured speakers include Phyllis  
Frye and JoAnn Roberts. Workshops presenters  
include Deb-Ann Thompson, counselor; Dr.  
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Robert Mendelsohn, TG Survey Results; Tom  
Petersen, Attorney; Diane Edgerton,  
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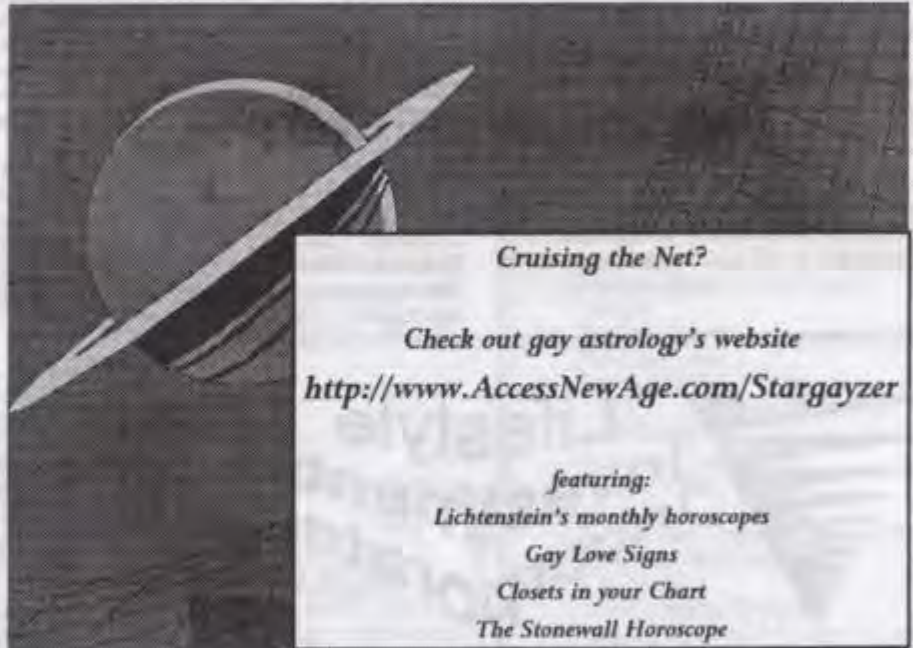
For the first time, a limited number of tickets  
are being set aside for the GLBS community to  
join the Transgender community for the Saturday  
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## CORETTA SCOTT KING TO RECEIVE AWARD

Human Rights activist Coretta Scott King will be honored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force for her efforts on behalf of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered persons in the struggle for civil and human rights.

King, founder of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, will receive the "Honoring Our Allies" award from NGLTF at a ceremony on September 15 in Washington, D.C.

She is, of course, the widow of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mrs. King has been outspoken on lesbian and gay issues for years and has appeared at press conferences and pride rallies throughout the country.

She has often spoken of the lesbians and gay men who were involved in the civil rights movement all throughout its history, notably Bayard Rustin, the organizer of the famous 1963 March on Washington, at which Dr. King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Most recently, she has spoken in support of legislation in Congress that would make it illegal to fire someone on the basis of sexual orientation. That legislation is still pending in Congress.

## BLACK LEADERSHIP FORUM

### BOARD MEMBER DIES

The National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum is mourning the loss of board member Joan Fountain, who passed away last July 21.

Her life will be celebrated at the Forum's 1998 Conference in Washington, D.C. A meeting room will be dedicated in her name.

Joan was the author of the book *Nothing Bad Happens, Ever*, in which she describes her life as an incest survivor who lost 250 pounds and overcame addictions to become a successful professional trainer and top business consultant.

As a consultant, she provided consultation and training to The Westinghouse Corporation, American Airlines, GTE, AT&T, and other Fortune 500 corporations. A popular keynote speaker, Joan appeared as the guest of national syndicated television talk show hosts Oprah Winfrey, Phil Donahue, Faith Daniels, Sally Jesse Rafael, and Montel Williams.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan's partner Joy Barnes, a Board member on the forum, and with Joan's family," said Stephen Oxendine, Chairman of the National Board of Directors. "Joan epitomized the spirit of courage. She inspired many of us with her strength, energy and tenacity. She will be greatly missed."

## "NOW" IS NOW TRANSGENDER INCLUSIVE

After three years of ongoing debate, and a final four days of intense dialogue, the National Organization for Women has passed a transgender inclusion resolution at its national conference.

"This was a landmark resolution whose time has clearly come... It's not just the resolution, but the acknowledgment that the transgender community is today's cutting edge. Transgender people are now doing the pioneering work in exposing artificial constructs of gender and breaking down the stereotypes and barriers which divide us all," said NOW Action Vice President and longtime activist Rosemary Dempsey.

The resolution states that NOW encourages education and dialogue within its organization and others on gender and sex stereotypes including those who are transgendered and transsexual.

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## AFTER CUNANAN, FIVE SERIAL MURDERERS STILL AT LARGE

While the threat of Andrew Cunanan went away at the end of July, many wonder if law enforcement will step up efforts to find five serial killers of gay men and transgender people still at large in the United States.

In Atlanta, at least six male-to-female transgender people have been shot dead since 1987. Since 1991, six gay men have been murdered and dismembered in the New York area. In Denver, four gay men have been stabbed to death. In Virginia, nine African-American male-to-female transgender people have been found dead.

## "OUT" AND ABOUT ON TV

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation says that the new 1997 fall television lineup includes a record, 30 lesbian, gay and bisexual characters.

This 23% increase, compared to the historic 1996 fall lineup, is the result of three characters introduced during the 96-97 year and four new characters this fall.

The four new roles include actor Bill Brocton, who also played gay characters on Steven Bochco's *NYPD Blue* and *Public Morals*. He will portray a receptionist on ABC's *Total Security*.

On NBC, Veronica's Closet, starring Kirstie Alley, will introduce Joshua, played by Wallace Langham. While closeted during the season opener, sources tell GLAAD that he will soon bust out.

Head Over Heels on UPN will feature recurring Ellen actor Patrick Bristow as Ian, a celibate bisexual.

And on Fox's 413 Hope Street, Karime Prince will portray Melvin, a flamboyantly fierce HIV-positive black gay youth.

"Television has been at the forefront of reflecting the lives of the community over the years," said Chastity Bono, GLAAD Entertainment Media Director. "This increase is simply a reflection of characters signaling America's increasing appreciation of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community as part of their lives."

413 Hope Street's Melvin is only the second gay character of color currently on primetime TV. He will share that distinction with Michael Boatman's "Carter" character on the ABC sitcom *Spin City*.



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## MR & MISS Q PAGEANTS HELD IN LINCOLN



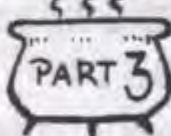
The 3rd Annual Miss Q Pageant was held at Q in Lincoln on Sunday, May 25. The 2nd reigning Miss Q, DeeDee DeKarr, handed down her crown to the new Miss Q, Mercedes. (Photo at Left) Mercedes excited the crowd all night long with her exceptional character representations of Cher, choosing to do impersonations of the popular singer actress in both the Character and Talent portion of the competition. First runner-up to the crown was Miss Tasha DeVore.

The 3rd Annual Mr. Q Pageant was held at Q in Lincoln on Sunday, July 27. Mr. Troy Haasis (Mr. Q 1996-97) turned his reign over to Adam. (Photo at Right) First runner-up was Tim. Although the competition was extremely close, Adam won the title of Mr. Q 1997 which included categories of character presentation, swimwear, evening wear, on-stage question answer, and talent.



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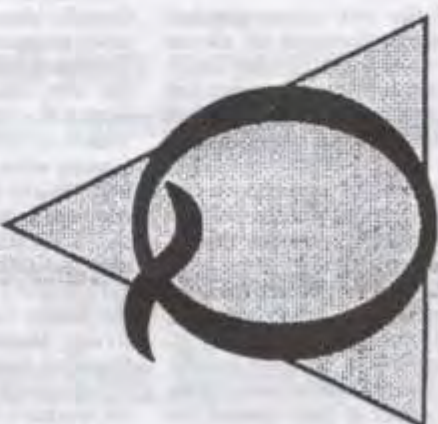
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# LINCOLN WOMAN TAKES INTERNATIONAL MS. LEATHER TITLE

## Genelle Moore Continues Family Tradition



Bare Images Productions under the direction of Amy Marie Meek produced a premier pageant with the 1997 International Ms. Leather Competition. This is the third year that Bare Images has produced the prestigious IMsL contest and each year is smoother and more enjoyable than the last.

Beginning with the well choreographed opening number, which featured all eleven competitors along with eight former IMsL titleholders, through the contestant speeches and the fantasies, the workshops, the judging, and all the related events, IMsL went like a smooth oiled machine.

Hundreds of contestants, spectators and shoppers crowded the luxurious Honalei Hotel in San Diego as the competition for the title of International Ms. Leather began with individual interviews by the panel of judges, which included American Leatherwoman 1997 Leslie Anderson, International Ms. Deaf Leather Cool Cat, International Mr. Leather 1997 Kevin Cwayna, Chief Judge of IML Thom Dombkowski, Sadist Stephanie Locke, Founder of International Ms. Leather Dr. Gayle Rubin, Daddy of the Year Alan Selby, and from SKINTWO Online Lisa Sherman.

The eleven contestants came from across the country to compete: From San Diego, Bobbi lei d'courage, Ms. San Diego Leatherwoman 1997; Schelli Dillmann, Ms. Baltimore Eagle 1997; Beth Downey, Ms. Golden Gate Leather 1997-98; Sharon Kleinman, Ms. Santa Clara Country

Leather 1997; Diva Marie, Ms. New Mexico Leather 1997; Karen Matroni, Ms. Florida Leather and Ms. Florida Olympus Leather 1997; Mistress Kendra McClain, Ms. Leather Pride Indiana 1996; Tammy Resnick, Ms. Pittsburgh Leather; Victoria Rose, Ms. Alameda County Leather; Lisa Weiszmilller, Ms. Fallen Angels Leather '97; and Genelle Moore of Lincoln, Nebraska, who had never competed for a leather title before.

The credentials of the women competing for the title were impressive and they brought incredibly creative fantasies to the stage. One contestant presented a Xena: Warrior Princess Fantasy while another did a surrealistic fantasy of seduction by a faceless, formless spirit. Another contestant played the role of Samson seduced by Delilah while another portrayed a cat burglar with victims who were less than intimidated. A very creative fantasy featured the contestant as the master musician playing exotic music on living, breathing instruments. By contrast Genelle's fantasy was simple and straight forward — an adolescent late for class rebelling against the teacher's threats and being transformed into the dominant person in the relationship. The simple plot was choreographed to perfection, with Genelle's control of her muscular body making each move into a leather ballet. When the blade of a switchblade flashed into view, there was a barely audible gasp from the audience who were then held entranced as Genelle passed the blade before their eyes. Genelle's commanding

stage presence was incredible but she won the hearts of the judges and the audience with her smile of utter delight as she acted out her fantasy. She was not trying to impress or intimidate — she was having fun! And at the end of the evening, Genelle proved that she had won over the judges as she took her place on the center platform at IMsL 1997. First runner-up was Lisa Weiszmilller, second runner-up was Diva Marie.

After the competition, Genelle talked about her decision to compete for an international title when she had never competed before. Genelle told of her older brother, Ron Moore, who, in 1982, was the first African American to be named International Mr. Leather. Ron had lived in Lincoln for much of his life and was a founding member of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, but had then moved to Denver where he was a vital force in the Leather community. Ron returned to Lincoln when his health began to fail, and had lived with Genelle until the time of his death last year. Genelle has felt Ron's spirit with her since his death and knew that he would be with her as she competed. With winning the title of International Genelle Moore and Ron Moore have carved out a place in our leather history as the only brother and sister to have ever won international leather titles.

Genelle and her partner Kathy reside in Lincoln, where they are members of the Female Leather Exchange (FLEX) and Kathy is the lead singer of the popular band Alias Jane.



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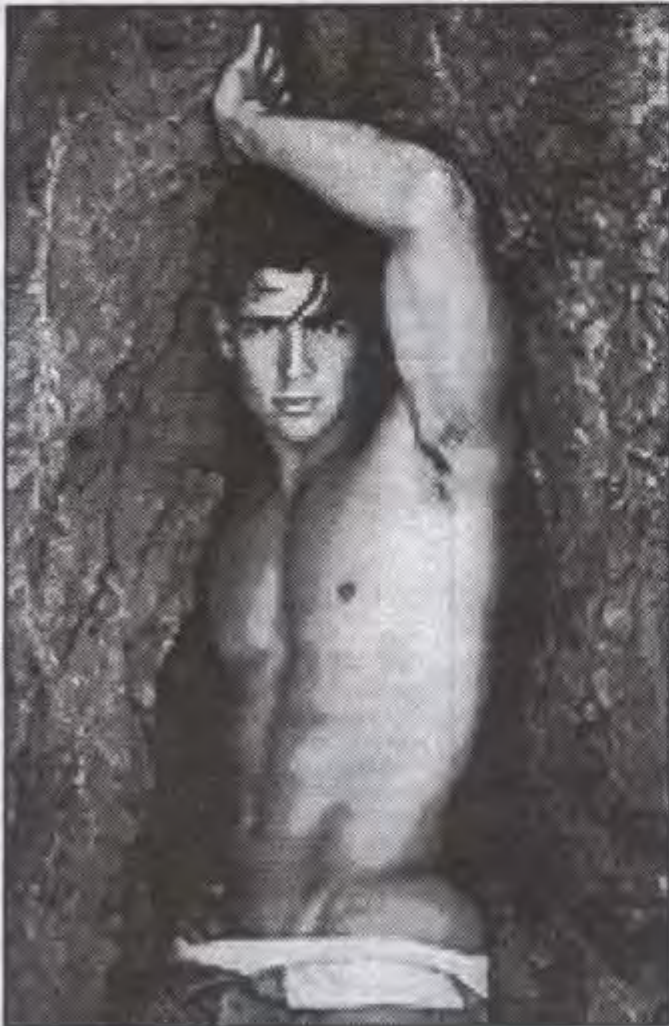
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**Friday, Sept. 19, 9 p.m.**

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**November** – It's time to name the new Mr., Miss and Ms. HGRA. Date to be announced later. For further information, see any rodeo member.

**What's the best part of any desert?**

**It's the whipped cream, of course!**

*Watch for details on DC's first-ever Whipped Cream Contest. It'll be so much fun you'll be talking about it for days.*

The DC's Gang wishes Mark good luck on his new endeavors.



## GI GROUP MEETS WITH LOCAL PAPER

"Working With The Media"

By Jill L.

Our local gay community reached a new milestone last month in a closed-door meeting with staff of the *GI Independent*. Todd Ruhter and I spent over an hour discussing the Independent's past and future coverage of gay issues with the Independent's news editor Jeff Funk and gay-friendly Renee Ricketts-Hansen. I would not presume to speak for Jeff, but I assume that the meeting was not as enjoyable for him as it was for Todd and me but I commend him for surviving his first crash course in gay education. Although he was visibly nervous when Todd and I first entered his office (I knew we shouldn't have dressed in drag) he relaxed after he realized we weren't going to physically harm him or make his life miserable. Renee, on the other hand, had already graduated from the Jill and Todd School for Straighties and so was not as impressionable. With a little work Jeff may be our next proud graduate.

This meeting was the result of a long-term dialogue that began months ago with the Ellen Degeneres media parade which, yes, even arrived in Grand Island. Various local gays including myself had collaborated anonymously with Renee for an article about why we choose not to come out.

The series of articles that ran created more waves than I would have guessed considering none of the participants were identified by anything more revealing than "blond dyke" or "skinny fag." While various letters-to-the-editor sparred amongst themselves, Renee and I continued discussing the issue of coverage of local gay life when so many of us wish to remain hidden. With the arrival of Pride Day, the need for a direct dialogue with the editors became evident when the Independent suggested to us that a few lines on the CLUB NOTES page would be the most appropriate coverage of the most significant event of the gay calendar....Thus the meeting.

The phrase that had been repeated to us by Renee about the problem of anonymity in a newspaper article was "making people real." One of our goals was to explain why many of us feel the need for anonymity and that to make us seem "real" the paper would have to bring the reality of our unique situations to the public. The fear of harassment or rejection by people in our daily life upon coming out is very, very real whether or not these negative reactions would be an actual result. Jeff was receptive to what we had

to say but also explained why, despite our unique position, we would not be able to proceed much further until someone was willing to come out publicly.

While we educated him on the daily realities of gay life in small town Nebraska, he educated us about the realities of running a newspaper in the same place. If the Independent were to continue covering gay issues in the same fashion, someone will eventually challenge the Independent on the credibility of its anonymous sources. It is not just a matter of the Independent needing the name of some unlucky gay to prostitute themselves for the purpose of the media only. As long as we continue to remain anonymous, we allow those people who "disagree" or "disapprove" of our so-called lifestyle choice to criticize without having to answer to anyone. It is much easier to attack a vague unknown (gay people) than it is to attack Jill Liske, Neighbor and friend, or Todd Ruhter, waiter and cousin. (Gee, they seem like such nice people!)

To become a greater part of mainstream Grand Island is the next step for the local gay community. If we continue to segregate ourselves from mainstream society, voluntarily or not, we can only expect the discrimination that we face every day to continue.

Becoming part of the mainstream entails being involved with the media in the same manner as any other group of people with special interests is. All four of us agreed that at some point someone is going to have to take the leap of faith and stand up publicly for the gay community.

Given that this discussion actually occurred is momentous in itself. We suspect that it is the first open meeting between gays and their local newspaper to be initiated in the state of Nebraska including Lincoln and Omaha. The meeting was extremely productive in fostering understanding and respect between the parties involved. We have begun a sort of partnership that has the potential to be mutually beneficial.

We continue to speak with Independent staff regularly. GI has not seen the last of gay news in the paper. Regardless of any other actuality, at the minimum the mainstream will have to face its fears and insecurities about us.

If anyone would like to be involved in discussing gay issues with the media, anonymously or otherwise, contact Todd Ruhter or Jill Liske at: GLAGN, P.O. Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401

## PFLAG PUTT-PUTT SEPT. 5

Do you have your tickets for the annual Putt-Putt Golf outing hosted by the Omaha Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays? One ticket costs \$6.00 and is good for two rounds of Putt-Putt, a \$10 value. This is a savings of 40%.

We hope you will join PFLAG on Friday, September 5th, as they assemble at the 90th and Center Putt-Putt course.

But if that day is not good for you, remember that the tickets will be honored any day at either of the Putt-Putt courses in Omaha (90th & Center or 90th & Maple).

So buying Putt-Putt tickets is a great deal and it helps support the chapter's Project Open Mind planned activities.

The activities on September 5th include a one round tournament after one round of practice. Can you close the door on Bob and take away the trophy he won last year?

If you are an occasional Putt-Putter, there were more prizes than just the trophy, thanks to the generosity of the course owner, Dave Door. So come out and join us on Friday, September 5th and have a ball with us.

Several other reasons to buy tickets include: they make a great inexpensive gift for someone and they will also say thanks to Dave Door for his continuing generous support to chapter activities, including reproducing the PFLAG newsletter on his copier as a donation. So buy a ticket and stop by and say "Thanks, Dave!"

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**CO-FOUNDER OF  
RIGHT WING GROUP  
APOLOGIZES**

A co-founder of Focus on the Family, the largest right wing organization in the United States, has apologized to women, people of color, gay men and lesbians, and non-Christians for the misleading the hateful words that are now the hallmark of the organization he helped to create.

"I apologize to lesbian and gay Americans who are demeaned and dehumanized on a regular basis by the false, irresponsible and inflammatory rhetoric of James Dobson's anti-gay radio and print materials," said Gil Alexander-Moegerle, one of seven founders of Focus on the Family. He also urged fair-minded Americans to, "report the truth about the threat that Dobson and other religious extremists pose to the American tradition... and the separation of church and state."

"Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people have long been a favorite target of Focus on the Family," said Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Their politically charged rhetoric has become more forceful as James Dobson has increased the organization's reach and influence."

Alexander-Moegerle made his statement at the Gay and Lesbian PrideCenter in Colorado Springs. While at Focus on the Family, Alexander-Moegerle was the executive producer of "Focus" radio and editor of "Focus" magazine. In addition to the apology, he called upon Dobson to step down from political activism. Of Dobson's political activities and continued misuse of his position, Alexander-Moegerle said, "That is un-American and un-Christian."

"James Dobson's entrepreneurial spirit and personal political agenda has turned racism, sexism, and homophobia into a profitable business," said Lobel.

Focus on the Family, founded in 1977, has grown to have 30 state affiliates, doing grassroots political organizing on pro-life, anti-gay and anti-sex education issues.

It has also become a Christian media empire with magazines reaching more than three million readers, a daily radio program reaching more than five million people on 3,000 stations worldwide. It also has television programs and books.

The organization has sponsored a number of organizing projects outside its organizational umbrella, including Promise Keepers. Its annual budget exceeds \$110-million.

**GLAGN  
ANNOUNCES  
FALL EVENTS**

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) is planning two events for the fall. On September 27 a Barn Dance will be held at a private residence near Hastings.

For details on this event, contact GLAGN at (308) 382-5419 or On-Line at <http://members.aol.com/GEAGN/index.html>

On October 25 there will be a Halloween Party at the Isaac Walton League just east of Grand Island. This promises to be a "frightfully good" event, so plan to be there.

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Among the films chosen for awards at the annual Great Plains Film Festival held at the Mary Riepma Ross Theatre in Lincoln was a documentary about growing up gay in America. A two-way tie for the Best Documentary Feature award resulted in honors going to Michael Uys and Lexy Lovell for their extraordinarily tender account of the lives of teenage freight-train riders during the Great Depression call *Riding the Rails*, as well as to Nebraska-born Todd Nelson and Michael Hofacre for their deeply-felt story of homeless kids growing up gay on the streets of Los Angeles entitled *Surviving Friendly Fire*. This 60 minute video tells the story of the life-changing journey of a group of runaways in a Hollywood homeless shelter where they make a play about abuse in the home, life on the streets and growing up gay and lesbian.

**A SEASON OF  
CHANGE...**

As summer days begin to dwindle, and the leaves paint a tapestry across the Nebraska landscape, a sensation of change is in the air.

We have made it through another humid and hot summer in the midwest.

These changes also mark the kick-off of another year for Citizens for Equal Protection. Join us at 7PM on Thursday September 4 at the First Unitarian Church at 31st and Harney in Omaha.

We have plans for a unified effort to push Nebraska's employment non-discrimination law through the Unicameral in 1998 as well as some exciting programs for future meetings.

CFEP is looking forward to having an exciting, ground-breaking year in Nebraska. Get involved in this grassroots movement to educate people and affect change for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals.

If you have any questions, please call the CFEP phone line at 398-3027. See you on September 4th!

**HRC FIELD DIRECTOR  
DONNA RED WING  
TO SPEAK IN  
OMAHA & LINCOLN**

In celebration of National Coming Out Day, the Human Rights Campaign, Citizens for Equal Protection, the Lincoln Pride Network, and the UNL Women's Center will host "On the Road to Equality", a presentation on the lesbian, gay and bisexual community's progress in Congress and the Nebraska Unicameral.

It will focus on efforts to secure protection from workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation. The presentation will be followed by a training on how to lobby elected officials. All events are free and open to the public.

The speakers include Donna Red Wing, national field director of HRC, and Becky Dinwoodie, western field organizer of HRC.

The Omaha presentation is October 8 at 6:30 PM - Milo Bail Student Center, UNO, 60th & Dodge.

The Lincoln presentation is October 9 at 7pm - Nebraska Union, UNL Campus, 14th & R.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization with members throughout the country.

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## GLAGN JOINS GROUPS ON LINE

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) is now on line at: <http://members.aol.com/GLAGN/index.html>

## FRIDAY NITE MOVIES AT THE RESOURCE CENTER

Starting in September, the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center will host free movies the second, third, fourth and fifth Friday of every month. The first movie will start around 7:45 p.m. and depending on the length of the first film, the second will start about 9:30.

The second Friday each month will be Sci-Fi night, so all you science fiction fans grab your space helmets, ray guns, and communicators and join us at the Resource Center. The third Friday each month will feature a gay/lesbian movie of sorts. The fourth and fifth Fridays will be a hodge-podge.

Munchies will be available at a reasonable, non-theater rate, as will coffee and pop. You may want to bring your own pillow to get comfortable with during September. Hopefully by the time October rolls around, we'll have pillows enough for all Friday Nite Movie fans.

Sci-Fi fans, let's see you out in full force Sept. 12. On the 19th, the Greg Louganis story will be the feature presentation followed by...well, come and see! Sept. 26 will feature gay comedians in "Out There."

If you're looking for inexpensive entertainment or an evening in an exclusively GLBTS theater, come check us out! And if you're interested in host/hostessing an evening at the movies, just let the Friday Nite host/hostess sign you up for October!

## JOIN THE GREAT TOY GIVEAWAY!

In an unprecedented effort, members of Omaha's gay and lesbian community will distribute \$1,000 in toys to underprivileged children from street corners in two of the city's low income districts. The event, call "The Great Toy Giveaway," will occur Saturday, October 4, at 10 a.m.

The giveaway is a collaborative effort between Citizens for Equal Protection, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, and the Imperial Court of Nebraska. Families living near the two locations -- 24th and Lake and 24th and Q -- will be alerted prior to the event through media announcements and neighborhood organizations.

The toys -- Disney products -- are being provided for several reasons, said Mark Allen, a coordinator of the event. "First, we wanted to offer a familial gathering to showcase our support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Secondly, we want to be advocates for Disney as they strengthen their long-standing tradition of promoting a firm set of family values -- for all types of families. Disney has come under attack recently by certain organizations, and this event will celebrate the magic of Disney that we all grew up experiencing."

The entire community is invited to the festivities, which will include live musical entertainment. Children of gay and lesbian parents, along with some well-known characters, made famous by Disney, will distribute the toys.

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Senator Chuck Hagel



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#### **Senator Chuck Hagel**

According to Senator Hagel's Press Office, the Senator will not support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1997.

Senator Robert Kerrey



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#### **Senator Robert Kerrey**

Senator Robert Kerrey voted for and was an original co-sponsor of the 1996 Employment Non-Discrimination Act. He will continue to support the legislation said Mike Marinello of the Senator's Press Office.

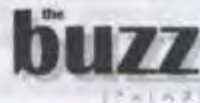
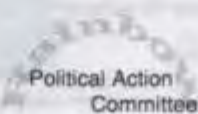
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## GLAGN MEMBERS FOUND IN RIVER

By Ronnie Reid

### Central Nebraska Correspondent

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) held its annual tubing party July 19th. The group met in Central City at Bernard's and planned the route. The meeting time was 2 p.m., but as it got closer to 3, it was soon realized that only five were going to venture down the Platte.

Surprisingly, the water was very warm, along with the air not offering relief from the hot weather. All five tied their tubes together for safety. No one was going to drift away without the others.

Once in the water, the current took the rafters several hundred yards before they came to their first sand bar. As hard as they paddled, it was decided that they had to get up and walk to find deeper water.

That became the pattern of the trip. The rafters were able to go a little ways, but then would have to walk a ways to find water to float on. All-in-all, it was decided that they almost walked as much as they tubed, but it was still a lot of fun. With a small group, it also enabled some members of the group to get to know others a little better.

Once the group came to its destination, the hardest part of the trip was to climb up the embankment back to shore. With little water, the climbing became a little difficult, but with help from friends on shore, all made it back up safely. Once on shore, Bernard served the hungry adventurers ice cream and sandwiches as they sat on lawn chairs telling tales of their trip.

That night, members of GLAGN were to meet at Isaac Walton for a dance, but at the last minute it was discovered that GLAGN wasn't the only group booked there. After a few calls, they had a new place for their dance. Board members took turns at Isaac Walton for those who didn't get the word the dance had been moved. A lighted sign could be seen advertising GLAGN's dance along with the wedding reception that was held at the same reception hall. For the first time, everyone could see who was there.

Board members were so pleased with the new location that they booked the variety show there for August. The next event will be the barn dance, September 27 near Hastings.

## GAY, LESBIAN, STRAIGHT TEACHERS UNITE IN OMAHA

GLSTN, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network, the largest national organization that brings together gay and straight teachers, parents, students, and concerned citizens to work together to end homophobia in our schools has formed a chapter in Omaha, Nebraska.

Officers are Robin Wiar, and D. Moritz as co-chairs, Gary Beck, secretary and Scott Butler as treasurer. College students Tim Mahoney and Karen Davidson, along with Kim Erwin, Mike Orr, and Deborah Keating are also members of the board.

GLSTN strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected, regardless of sexual orientation. We welcome as members any and all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or occupation, who share this philosophy.

"GLSTN believes that we can end homophobia in this generation by education today's students, who will be the voters, co-workers, and neighbors of tomorrow. Our work focuses on three main areas: in-school programming, advocacy and community organizing," said Deborah Keating, Executive Director of Great Plains Gil Scout Council and spokesperson for the local chapter of GLSTN.

Founded as a small volunteer group in Boston in 1990, GLSTN led the fight which made Massachusetts the first state to ban anti-gay discrimination in its public schools in 1993. GLSTN became a national organization in 1994 and has built a network of over forty local chapters.

GLSTN is working to end homophobia in this generation by educating today's students — the voters of tomorrow.

Membership is open to high school students and adults. Annual membership fees are \$35 and information may be obtained by writing to

GLSTN,  
PO Box 6051,  
Omaha, Nebraska 68106.

Yes, it's the Emperor of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, and ICON's having a Yard Sale in his yard. You know, Yard Sales are like the measles. First one kid gets them, then the next kid. In April it was PFLAG, in May it was the Resource Center, in June— Frontrunners did it. In July— well it was too damn hot. August hit and Mike and Michael got the bug and hosted the first ICON Yard Sale. Now the Emperor and Empress and their Royal Families have taken to cleaning out the throne room. (Wonder what goodies they've had stashed there!)

Anyway, you can pick up some new jewels, or maybe a piece or armor or two, or maybe a shield, or sword. Who knows what treasures will be cast off by those monarchs in their madness! Check it out Sat., Sept. 20, from 9 to 4 at 517 S. 31st Ave. Bring a wagon to haul away the wonderful toys you shall find amongst the glitter.

If you have items to donate to the sale, call 556-9907 for pick-up or delivery arrangements! No pickup will be made for hide-a-beds located on the 99th floor of apartment buildings with no elevators. PERIOD.

## IOWA BARESKINS ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the bylaws, a general membership meeting was held on June 18 at 8pm above the Blazing Saddle in Des Moines. Members had the option of voting in person or by absentee ballot.

The purpose was twofold - a new Steering Committee was elected and amendments were made to the bylaws.

Newly elected committeemen are Mark O., - Treasurer, Neal B. - Events and Housing, and Paul J. - Membership. returning to the committee were Al R. - Newsletter and Archives, and Martin B. - General Publicity.

Four bylaws amendments were proposed and adopted. The fiscal year was changed from January 1 - December 31 to July 1 - June 30 in order to correspond with the membership year.

The Steering Committee was reduced in size from six to five members with the further provision that the office is assumed upon election.

The Treasurer is now required to "submit to the general membership at least quarterly a report of money received and expenses along with the current balance on hand." Financial reporting had become a problem area.

Finally, term limits of three years were imposed for each of the Steering Committee positions. The intent is to involve new people in leadership and produce a more active club.

The Iowa Bareskins (IBS) is an organization of gay/bisexual male naturists/nudists dedicated to accepting and enjoying the male human body in its natural, beautiful state. IBS adheres to a strict policy of non-sexual social nudism during our events.

Our members currently reside in Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Prospective members are welcome to attend an event as our guest.



## LINCOLN PRIDE NETWORK INCORPORATES AS 501c4

The Lincoln Pride Network Steering Committee is currently working on applying for non-profit status as a 501c4 organization. This has long been the intention of the Lincoln Pride Network and the funds raised from the Pridefest have finally allowed us to do it. 501c4 status will allow us to lobby, issue voter's guides, and keep the community updated on political issues in ways that non-profit 501c3 organizations such as PFLAG cannot. The consequence of remaining political is that donations to Lincoln Pride Network will never be tax-deductible, but we feel that having an active political voice in the community is a major part of our reason for existence as an organization, and as such takes higher priority than accepting large monetary donations (although we'll gladly do that too).

## OMAHA SQUARES

Omaha has a new way for people to get together. A new lesbian and gay square dancing group, the Omaha Squares, will begin classes this fall.

Square dancing has become quite different from when your parents did it!

Modern square dancing, even before the gay community became involved, has changed from memorized dance routines to individual steps which are called in a seemingly random order. This means that each dance is different, and yet as you travel this country you can step right into a square and get into the dance immediately.

What do you get when you cross a room full of gays and lesbians with an established dance? Square Dancing with style!

The old images of a room full of crinoline and slow moving dancers is past. We bring a vibrant life to this activity.

Can you imagine a room full of a thousand dancers all yelling and screaming at the same time? That is what occurs each summer as the International Association of Gay Square Dancers Clubs (IAGSDC) meets for its annual convention.

Members dance the weekend away in fine splendor, this year being in Las Vegas. They don't just stay inside for this event. The Fun Badge Tour takes them all over town dancing in wonderful spots such as Castro Street, Times Square, etc.

So if you are interested in meeting other people for a fun-filled evening, and would love to get to travel and meet people around the country, this is a wonderful opportunity.

Can't Dance? Don't worry. Square dancing is not so much dancing as it is walking. We start you off easy, with walking in circles, and there you have it — two moves mastered!

The first meeting is planned for September 15. If you want to find out more, call Alton at 963-9553 and he can give you the times and places that the lessons will start.

## LAMBDA CAR CLUB HOLDS NORTH PLATTE RALLY

A mid June rally drew 30 members of the Lambda Car Club to North Platte. Rally participants attending from Nebraska, Colorado, and Iowa and headquartered at the new Holiday Inn Express.

Members showed their PRIDE and their "Pride and Joys" with several activities during the three day event, hosted by North Platte area LCC members. The group enjoyed tours of area car collections, junk yards, held an outdoor cookout, toured Scouts Rest Ranch and the Bailey Rail Yards in North Platte, and gathered in Hershey for a dinner and "car talk" session.

Plenty of opportunity was given to admire each other's automobiles and share rides in all of the cars which were a part of the rally.

Hosts Brian, Mitch, and Chuck report that a "great time was had by all" and many thanks go to the Nebraska gays who helped with the Saturday barbecue.

This was the fourth annual appearance in North Platte of the Lambda Car Club. Next year's rally is already in the planning stages.

Persons interested in information on the Lambda Car Club can write to the club at Box 2325, North Platte, NE 69103.

## HGRA AND FRONTRUNNERS HOST 2ND ANNUAL BARN DANCE

On Saturday, October 4, we will all get together at Lakota Stables again in Ashland, Nebraska.

Tickets will be sold by members of Frontrunners and the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association. Tickets will be \$10 if purchased prior to Sunday, September 28th. After that, tickets will cost \$12 per person.

Special discounts are available to members of HGRA and Frontrunners if tickets are purchased prior to September 28.

The fun will start at 6pm with hot dogs and hamburgers.

We will provide chips and sodas. Hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and smores will be available for a small charge.

Dancing will start at 8pm and go until midnight. Hayrack rides will start at approximately 8pm.

Start practicing as we will have roping contests again, as well as other activities, and don't forget the warm campfire and roasting marshmallows. BYOB.

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The Grand Czarinas

Chase Manhattan & Michele Korman

request your presence at  
the social event of the season



## "Hats Off to the Emperor & the Empresses New Clothes"

Sunday, September 14th - 9 pm

DC's Saloon - 610 South 14th - \$3 cover



# INVESTITURE

## FEATURES ROYAL FAMILIES OF THE IMPERIAL COURT

It was "good-by" to the old and "hello" to the new as the Imperial Court of Nebraska celebrated the Investiture of the Royal Families of Reign 17.

The MAX was all aglitter as Prince Royal 16 Jim Gau and Princess Royal 16 Sharon Van Butsel stepped down from their positions.

Jim and Sharon teamed up on two delightful duets from "Ain't Misbehavin'" and then turned it over to the Royal Family of Reign 16 to strut their stuff for one last time.

John Winter, Mark East, Michele, Ashley, Bob, Inga, Feleena, and Dan Mathew performed while "Mama Katz" (Sally Presby) joined Carla on the mike.

With a little stage magic, Jim Gau changed his gorgeous rendition of the new ICON crest from one featuring the symbols of Prince and Princess Royal 16 to one featuring the symbols of the newly elected monarchs. Sixteen was turned into a Seventeen, and the second set was underway.

Emcees for the second set, Roxy and Mr. MAX Jim Linkletter, kept up the pace and kept the new monarchs on their toes.

After opening the show, Emperor 17 Jeff McKenzie and Empress 17 Sharon Van Butsel called to the stage their new Royal Families, culminating with the crowning of Prince and Princess Royal 17. The Royal Families for Reign 17 are:

**Prince Royal Dan Mathew**  
**Princess Royal Valerie Vortex**  
**Grand Duke Tracy Heintzman**  
**Grand Duchess Lady Willow**  
**Grand Czarina Chase Manhattan**  
**Grand Czarina Michele Korman**  
**Prince Kenny Ludacka**  
**Princess Feleena Katz**  
**Duke Jesse Conyers**  
**Duchess Chandler**  
**Czar Joe Conrad**  
**Czarina Adore Mi**  
**Baron Kirk Boyer**  
**Baron John Chapin**

The monarchs each performed a group number with their Royal Family. The show was rounded out with the monarch's command performances by Joe Reed, Roxy, Felice Whitney, and Diatra Snow.

To close the show, the monarchs chose to make a strong statement about the belief in the diversity of our community as both royal families joined to perform "Together Proud and Strong," the official song of the 1993 March on Washington.

During the coming year, each Royal Family member will put on at least one event in addition to the traditional ICON events such as Food 4 Thought and Toyz 4 Totz.

Many of these events will feature themes related to high school and high school activities, leading up to Coronation 17 which will have the theme of "Homecoming at Aksarben High."

Keep your eyes peeled, because those Aksarben High kids will be out and about in the community.

The class of '97-'98 promises to be one of the best classes to ever graduate from ICON's Aksarben High.



## WILD KINGDOM BEARS

### NEW GROUP SETS "BEARBQ MEET & GREET"

The newly forming Wild Kingdom Bears will hold a "BearBQ" and \$5 beerbust starting at 5pm, Sunday, September 7, on the patio at The MAX, 15th & Jackson, in Omaha. Wild Kingdom Bears is a social group for the hirsute and admirers of the hirsute. Their BearBQ is a traditional barbecue to promote the neonatal club to the Nebraska and Western Iowa lesbigay/TG community and to welcome persons interested in becoming members.

The BearBQ entree will be complemented by potluck items provided by current WKBears and by a \$5 Beerbust to help the developing

organization with incorporation fees and mailing costs.

As it undergoes formation, the local Bears group has been meeting biweekly since early July. It currently boasts a roster nearing 40. Through their BearBQ the first Sunday of September, they hope to attract more members and potential members.

Wild Kingdom Bears' purpose is wholly social, with plans for a monthly social event to include picnics, camping, swimming, Bear soup, restaurant visits, attending entertainment events as a group of hairy and/or bearded moustached

men and persons enjoying the company of such hairy men. Events may include visits to and shared activities with Bear groups in other areas.

As they continue formalizing, they will be electing officers and establishing a dues structure.

Wild Kingdom Bears is among the growing number of such groups not merely nationwide, but internationally. A committee of the local Bears group has compiled bylaws, which the group as a whole has approved. They will be submitting their bylaws to the Nebraska Secretary of State for approval as a not-for-profit corporation, then will seek approval from the IRS under section 501 (c)(3) of the federal tax code.



## HATS OFF FOR THE EMPEROR AND THE EMPRESS' NEW CLOTHES

You've been waiting for this night, and now it's here. Empress Sharon gets her make-over by the Queens, and Grand Czarina Michele gets her make-over by the Lesbians. Which will provide the most entertainment? the most satisfaction? Hummmmm!

The Imperial Court of Nebraska's Grand Czarinas Michele and Chase Manhattan host this evening of entertainment at DC's Sunday, Sept. 14. Show time is 9:00 p.m., and the cover is \$3 per person. Prince Royale Dan, Princess Royale Valerie, and Roxy are among the other entertainers in the show. "Hats Off" is a benefit for belt buckles for the 1998 Heartland Regional Rodeo. Hope to see you there!

## Q FEATURES NEWEST OF THE NEW AND BEST OF OUR PAST

September brings the newest performers to the stage as Miss Closet Ball Valerie Vortex storms into town with "Fresh Fish" September 21. September 4 will be Amateur Strip Night where you're sure to find some strip tease "virgins" along with the more experienced amateurs. September 7 features Drag Races and September 14 features Denver Super Star Victoria Towne. The month winds down on September 28 with the Q Revue Reunion. Come cheer on your oldest and dearest friends!

## RAINBOW OUTREACH SHOWS ITS COLORS

Rainbow Outreach Resource Center became more visible with the addition of a professional sign on the window. In addition to the center's name, it prominently features a distinctive logo in rainbow colors. The sign is just one more way the GLBT community is declaring that we're here, we're proud, and we're not going away.

In other news, the center's Board of Directors recently approved a business Plan outlining its projection of the center's future growth. The plan is ambitious but attainable. Combined with the center's recent designation by the IRS as a 501c-3 organization, it should help with fund-raising efforts.

The center is building a library of community-oriented books. The current selection is small but diverse and interesting. Stop by the center and browse. If a book catches your eye it can be checked out. The center welcomes your donations of books that would be of interest to others in the community.

Rainbow Outreach reminds everyone that the facility is available for meetings. Any community group or individual can request use of the center by filling out an application detailing the meeting's purpose and other pertinent information. The center requests a modest donation by users.

Seats on the center's Board of Directors will be up for election in October. Anyone wanting to be considered for a position on the board can pick up an application at the center, 1718 Leavenworth.

The center is open Monday through Friday, 6-9 pm, and Saturday 12 to 6pm. Why don't you come up and see us sometime.

## 13TH ANNUAL WOMYN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE SEPT 7

All womyn are invited for an evening of music, womyn-spirit, and cruising the Missouri River on the historic "Belle of Brownville" on Sunday, September 7 from 6pm to 9pm. Boarding will begin around 5:30 pm at Freedom Park on the Missouri River at Carter Lake, Iowa.

Every year has been a sell-out but a few tickets may still remain and will be sold at the boat. For more information or to reserve a spot on the cruise, call Tauni, Diana, or Sheryl in Lincoln at 467-5737 or 466-4400.

There will be a cash bar plus a "sober" deck for alcohol free enjoyment.

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## **SAGE INTERGENERATIONAL LESBIAN COFFEEHOUSE CLOSING**

The monthly Intergenerational Coffeehouse held in Lincoln will be ending after the September meeting. This group was originally formed to provide a safe meeting place for the Senior Citizens of the area's gay and lesbian community and had met continually for several years. The founder and organizer of the event, Sandy Vopalka, will be moving from the area, necessitating the end of the event.

## **WOMENSPACE PRIDEFEST SEPTEMBER 6 AT LAKOTA STABLES**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Pridefest 1997 will have both a new date and location. The 5th Annual Pridefest will be held Saturday, September 6, at Lakota Stables near Mahoney State park. We hope the new location will facilitate attendance by both Omaha and Lincoln folks. Plans for the day are currently being finalized so watch for more info soon.

We are excited to announce that the final concert of the 1997 season will be a performance by internationally acclaimed Heather Bishop. Heather will be performing Saturday, November 22, at the Witherspoon Concert Hall.

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

## October 97

- TBA - Miss/Mr/Ms DC's Pageant
- TBA - Miss Parallel Galaxy - Lincoln
- 4 - CFEP Great Toy Giveaway
- 4 - Discovery Dinner - MCC
- 4 - HGRA/Frontrunners BarnDance - Lakota Stables
- 5 - Miss Gay Omaha @ The MAX
- 8 - Donna Red Wing @ UNO
- 9 - Donna Red Wing @ UNL
- 11 - Nat'l Coming Out Day Celebration - Lincoln
- 12 - WRC/ANGLE Nat'l Coming Out
- 19 - Muffy's B'Day @ The MAX
- 24-26 - SNAP "Torch Song Trilogy"
- 25 - ICON All Womyns Show @ James Dean
- 25 - GLAGN Halloween Party - Grand Island
- 26 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX
- 28 - PFLAG Lincoln Halloween Party
- 30 - Nov 2- RCGA Fall Harvest
- 31-Nov 2 SNAP Torch Song Trilogy

## November 97

- 1-2 - RCGA Fall Harvet
- 1-2 - SNAP "Torch Song Trilogy"
- 9 - ICON Food 4 Thought @ The MAX
- 21 - Mr & Ms Leather Nebraska
- 22 - WomenSpace Heather Bishop @ Joslyn
- 22 - ANGLE Recognition Dinner
- 23 - Ashley Simone B'Day Bash @ the MAX
- 25 - PFLAG Lincoln Thanksgiving Potluck
- 30 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX

## December 97

- 1 - World AIDS Day
- 6 - Night of 1000 Stars
- 7 - Dorian's B'Day Show @ The MAX
- 14 - ICON Toyz 4 Totz @ The MAX
- 21 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX
- 24 - Hannukah
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service MCC-O
- 28 - Mr. & Miss MAX Year in Review
- 30 - PFLAG Lincoln "Spiritual Survival in Homophobic World"
- 31 - New Year's Eve

## January 98

- TBA - Miss MAX 14

## February 98

- 6-8 - SNAP "Breaking the Code"
- 13-15 - SNAP "Breaking the Code"

## March 98

- TBA- ICON Closet Ball

## June 98

- 5-7 - SNAP "Master Class"
- 12 - 14 - SNAP "Master Class"
- 14 - River City Mixed Chorus Concert
- 20-22 - HGRA Regional Rodeo
- 28 - ICON Coronation 18

## July 98

- TBA SNAP Summer Film Festival

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- The Garden 112 SE 4th St. 243-3965
- Chat Noir Cafe 644 18th 244-1353

### Omaha (A.C. 402)

- The Chesterfield 1901 Leavenworth 345-6889
- Club 15 15th & Farnam 341-5705
- CLUB James Dean 1507Farnam 341-2500
- DC's 610 S. 14th, 344-3103
- The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595
- Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth, 449-9147
- The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110
- Omaha Mining Company 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

### Lincoln (A.C. 402)

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

### Sioux City, IA (A.C. 712)

- 3 Cheers 414 20th St. 255-8005
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## RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO HIV/AIDS

### HIV/AIDS EDUCATION, INFO & REFERRAL

- \*\*Indicates HIV Testing Available**
- AIDS Educ Project**, UNL G/L Resource Cntr, Rm342, NebUnion, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644  
**American Red Cross**, 2245 Heather Dr, Crete 68333 (402) 826-3785  
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997  
2515 St Marys Ave, Omaha 68105 431-4447
- \*\*Charles Drew Health Center**, 2201 N. 30, Omaha 68111 (402) 453-1433
- \*\*Douglas County Health Dept**, 1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-7750
- \*\*Equilibria Medical Center**, 544 S. 24, Omaha, 68102 Call (402) 345-2252
- \*\*Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Department** 3140 'N' Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Walk-in Urban Indian Hlth Ctr, 140 S. 27, 434-7177
- \*\*Grand Island-Hall Co Health Dept**, 105 East 1st St, Grand Island, Mary (308) 385-5175
- \*\*Hastings College Health Center, Hastings**, NE 68901 402-461-7372 Ask for Judy
- HIV Clinic**, Univ of NE Medical Center, 600 S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6681
- Lincoln Cancer Cntr**, 4600 Valley, 483-1872
- \*\*McCook Family Planning**, 111 West "C" St, McCook, 69001, (308) 345-3626
- \*\*Nebraska AIDS Project** (statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or info@nap.org http://www.nap.org Volunteer Services, HIV testing, AIDS awareness, practical support, counseling
- \*\*Omaha Office**: 139 S. 40th, 68131, Administration 552-9260, AIDS Hotline 402-552-9255
- \*\*Lincoln Office**: 2123 Winthrop, 484-8100.
- \*\*Central Nebraska Office**: 3423 2nd Ave Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 865-5610
- \*\*Northeast Nebr Office**: 304 N. 5 St, Suite C, Norfolk, NE 68701 (402) 370-3807
- \*\*Western Nebraska Office**: 3707 Ave. D, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 635-3807
- Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center**, AIDS education to health care professionals, UNMC, 600 S 42 Omaha 68198, (402) 559-6681
- \*\*Nebraska Dept of Health & Human Services**, \*Kearney 3423 2nd Ave 68847 308/865-5609
- \*\*Norfolk**, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395
- \*\*NorthPlatte**, Craft St. Office Bldg, 200 So. Silber, 69101 (308) 535-8133
- Nebr Regional Hemophilia Center**, UNMC, 600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227
- \*\*Nemaha County Health Department**, 1824 N, Auburn, 68305 (402) 274-4549
- \*\*Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 342-8716, Testing Sat, 1-4pm, 1st & 3rd Sat Women Only, 2 & 4 Sat Open to Public
- \*\*ScottsBluff Co Health Dept**, Gering, NE 69341 (308) 635-3866
- Siouxland AIDS Coalition**, 2nd Tuesday, 12 noon Siouxland Chapter of Am. Red Cross, 1512 Pierce, Sioux City, Iowa. Call (712) 252-0722
- Veterans Admin Medical Center**, 42 & Woolworth, Omaha 346-8800; Dean Pierce, x 4119

### HIV/AIDS COUNSELING & SUPPORT

- AIDS Care**, Mercy Center, 427 E. Kanessville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, att: Colleen Kibbe-Vest (712) 328-2609
- AIDS Support Group**, Sponsored by PFLAG, Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437
- Calico II HIV-AIDS Support Group**, Meets 1st & 3rd Tues. 7pm, Alliance For info call: (308) 762-8259
- Douglas County Mental Health - Outpatient Program**, 4102 Woolworth, Omaha, 68105 Att: Leslie A Epstein (402) 444-7930
- Family AIDS Support Group**, Sponsored by PFLAG-Omaha, Meet 1st Sunday, 2p.m. 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha
- Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support Group**, Meet 3rd Tuesday (308) 385-5175
- HIV/AIDS Support Group for Women**, 7-9pm, NAP Office, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln
- HIV/AIDS Support Group for Men**, Lincoln, Every Other Sunday, 5-7pm, Call Greg 438-3425 or 441-3324
- Harambee Mental Health Services**, Business & Technical Center, 2505 N. 24, Omaha, NE 68110. (402) 451-3913 Mental Health Services to people of color who are infected with HIV, their partners, and their families. Charles Drew Health Center.
- Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group**, 1st Monday, info, Barb (308) 865-5610
- Nebraska AIDS Project** (statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or info@nap.org http://www.nap.org/
- North Platte Area Support Grp**, Call: (308) 535-8133
- Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support Group**, Scottsbluff, Call (308) 635-3606

### RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR HIV/AIDS

- AIDS Interfaith Network**, 100 N 62, Omaha Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery) Service: 2nd Monday, 7pm, St Cecelia's, Nebraska Chapel, 40th & Webster
- Lincoln Interfaith Council**, 140 S. 27th St., Lincoln 68510, 474-3017, AIDS/HIV Healing Service: 1st Tues, 7pm, St Francis Chapel, 1145 South Street, Lincoln

### LEGAL SERVICES FOR HIV/AIDS & GLBT ISSUES

- Sean McFarlin**, Omaha, 333-6000
- Petersen Law Offices**, Thomas M. Petersen Attorney & Counselor, 2712 S. 87th Ave., Omaha, 68124 (402) 393-8080
- Taylor Law Office**, 501 CenterStone, PO Box 82272, Lincoln, 68501-2272 (402) 475-0033
- Nebr Bar Assoc**, 635 S 14, Lincoln, 475-7091
- Nebraska Civil Liberties Union**, Box 81455, Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091
- Stone Law Firm**, 501 CenterStone, PO Box 82272, Lincoln, 68501-2272 (402) 475-0055

### WELLNESS CENTER

- Wellness Center**, 139 S. 40, Omaha Resource Library, Counseling, Lunches M-F, Movies, Speakers, Social Activities, Drop In Center

## GLBT RESOURCES

### GREATER NEBRASKA BASED RESOURCES

- Chadron State College Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Students, Faculty & Staff**, PO Box 924, Chadron, NE 69337, 308-432-404
- Fellowship of Believers**, 812 North 10th, #7, Norfolk 68701, 402-379-9935 Home-based church meets Wed 7pm, Sun 10am Open to all
- GLB Alliance**, c/o Health Ctr, Hastings, College, Hastings 68901 July 402-461-7372 (Health Ctr) 462-2961 (home) For G/L/B Students
- Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr.** Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68847 Support, socials, newsletter. Info Todd at (308) 382-5419, Rod at (402) 879-4650 or e-mail rdeuel@ltec.net.
- Lambda Car Club**, Box 2325, North Platte, NE 69103
- Panhandle Gay/Lesbian Support Service** Box 1046, Scottsbluff 69363; (308) 635-8488
- PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays**
- \*Fullerton**, PO Box 833, Fullerton, NE 68638, (308) 536-2521
- \*Hastings**, c/o Hastings College Health Center, Box 269, Hastings, NE 68901, (402) 461-7372
- \*Hendley**, PO Box 427, Hendley, NE 68946, (308) 265-7620
- \*Holdrege/Kearney**: meet 3pm, 3rd Sun, St Luke's Epis. (308) 995-54990, Mail: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949
- PRIDE Group**, Counseling Ctr, Wayne State, Wayne, 68787. Karen or Virginia (402) 375-7321. G/L/B Students

### IOWA BASED RESOURCES

- American Business & Prof. Guild**, Box 142, Sioux City, IA 51102, Network of gay business prof. men from IA, MN, SD, NE, Meet last Sat., Write for info
- Bar Alternative Gay Group (BAGG)**, meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30pm, Horizon Restaurant, 322 Tri-View Ave, Sioux City, IA. For details call Terry (712) 255-1890, Sue 258-6167, or Marty 255-8528
- Community Alliance**, 1301 Villa Ave, Sioux City, IA 51103 (712) 258-4704
- Integrity Prayer Service**, Wed, 6:30pm, St. Thomas Episcopal, 12 & Douglas, Sioux City, IA. Al (712) 276-8369 or Rev. Kerr 258-0141
- Iowa Coalition for Human Rights** Box 1222, Iowa City, IA 52244, or call Richard Shannon 319-337-5870, rashanno@sprynet.com
- Morningside College Student Group**, Tim Orwig, Advisor, Student Svcs, (712) 274-5426
- PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays**
- \*NE Iowa - Waukon**, IA Box 142, Waukon, IA 52172, Meet 4th Monday 7-9pm, Robey Memorial Library, 401 1st Ave. SW, Waukon

### SOUTH DAKOTA BASED RESOURCES

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



# AREA RESOURCES

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

### LINCOLN BASED RESOURCES

**Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings.**  
\*\*Mon. 7:30pm, Rainbow AA, 3rd Floor, "Meeting Place" 28 & S, Lincoln  
\*\*Thurs. 7:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln, Info contact V.J. at 477-3526  
\*\*Fri. 8pm, 1st Plymouth Church, 20 & D, Lincoln, 438-5214

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Lincoln Women for Sobriety** Mtg, Sat, 10am, YWCA, Lincoln, Contact Judith at 472-2598

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

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

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

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

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

**The Wimmin's Show,** 12:30pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln.

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

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

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

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

### OMAHA BASED RESOURCES

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous,**  
\*\*Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Prsbytrn  
\*\*Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri, 7pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian  
\*\*Live & Let Live Group, Friday 8:15pm, Underwood Hills Presbyterian, 851 N. 74

**A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors),** Box 8343, Omaha 68108, 341-0330, Meeting 1st Tues 7pm Internet [www.angle.org](http://www.angle.org)

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

**Buzz-Journal,** Box 8523, Omaha 68103, e-mail: [Buzzjournal@aol.com](mailto:Buzzjournal@aol.com) Monthly News

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

**Coffee Talk,** informal Chat Group, 2nd & 4th Sundays 3pm, Rainbow Outreach, Omaha

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

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

**Gay & Lesbian Org of UNO (GaLo),** UNO Students - Mondays, 6:30pm, 3rd Floor, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Kim Erwin 344-4078

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Lutherans Concerned,** 453-7137

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

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

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

**NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, Omaha** Chapter, Info: Pam 397-8382 Rick 556-3940

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

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

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**The New Voice of Nebraska,** Box 3512, Omaha 68103, Monthly magazine, (402) 556-9907 or [tjrr05c@prodigy.com](mailto:tjrr05c@prodigy.com)

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

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

**Omaha Squares,** G/L Square Dance Group, Info: Alton 963-9552

**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. Fraternity for African American men. Age restriction for membership. Support for brothers of all ages.

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

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

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

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

**River City Couples,** Social Support for GLBT couples, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Info Eric: 392-1443, email [recouple@probe.net](mailto:recouple@probe.net)

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

**River City Gender Alliance,** Box 3112, Omaha 68103-3122 MessageHotline 398-1255, Email: [sgibbona@synergy.net](mailto:sgibbona@synergy.net) For cross-dressers, transsexuals, those wishing to know more All orientations. Newsletter. Meet 1st Saturday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Omaha, NE 68103



# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

| EVERY SUNDAY   | EVERY MONDAY   | EVERY TUESDAY  | EVERY WEDNESDAY  |
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| <p>Worship Services, 9 &amp; 10.30a.m. MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22 Street, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay /Lesbian Walking Club. 10am, 38th &amp; South, Lincoln, by tennis courts</p> <p>Reconciling Worship Community, 7.30 p.m., Dietz Methodist, 1423 S. 10, Omaha</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, Omaha, Closed</p> | <p>HIV Tests NAP, 552-9260, 139 S. 40th, Omaha 7.9.30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7.15pm</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Om 6-9pm</p> <p>UNO GaLO 6.30pm, 3rd Floor, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Call Kim 556-3545</p> | <p>Women for Sobriety 5.30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>Mens Support Group 7.30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p> | <p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Fronrunners, 6.30pm, Brownell-Talbot PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support Grp, 7pm, 475-2437</p> <p>AA, 7.30pm, Mercy High, Omaha</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p> |

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| <p>La Cage Aux Folles at Omaha Community Playhouse Through September 28</p>   | <p><b>September 1</b><br/>                     ICON Labor Day Picnic, Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31, 12n-5pm<br/>                     Meatpackers Show, 9pm, The MAX, Omaha</p> | <p><b>September 2</b><br/>                     AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South &amp; 11th Lincoln<br/>                     ANGLE, 7pm, GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha</p>   | <p><b>Sept. 3</b></p>   |
| <p><b>September 7</b><br/>                     Fronrunners, 10am, Dewey Park, Omaha<br/>                     Wild Kingdom Bears BearBQ, 5pm, The MAX, Omaha<br/>                     Womyn's Riverboat Cruise, 6pm, Freedom Park, Omaha<br/>                     Valerie Vortex "Fresh Fish", 9pm, The MAX, Omaha<br/>                     SNAP "BOYS IN THE BAND"<br/>                     NAP Benefit 9pm, Chesterrfield, 1901 Leavenwrth, Omaha</p>  | <p><b>Sept 8</b><br/>                     AIDS Interfaith 7pm St Cecelias Omaha<br/>                     ICON Board Mtg, The MAX, 7pm, Omaha</p>                             | <p><b>September 9</b><br/>                     Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA<br/>                     HIV Support Grp-Women 7-9pm NAP, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln</p>   | <p><b>Sept 10</b></p>   |
| <p><b>September 14</b><br/>                     Fronrunners, AIDS Walk Nebraska, Omaha<br/>                     MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215<br/>                     Learning Exchange Pwr Wooden Apple 22&amp;Martha 2-4pm<br/>                     PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm<br/>                     AIDS Walk, 12noon, Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Kearney<br/>                     Coffee Talk, Informal GLBT Chat Group, "Coming Out Experiences," 3pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330, Omaha<br/>                     River City Couples Potluck MCC-Omaha, 6pm<br/>                     Portfolio Men, The MAX, Omaha<br/>                     "Hat's off to Emperor, Empress's New Clothes" ICON Grand Czarinas Michele &amp; ChaSe, 9pm, DC's, Omaha<br/>                     ART AUCTION 6:00 p.m. The MAX, Omaha</p> | <p><b>September 15</b></p>   | <p><b>September 16</b><br/>                     NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln 7pm, YWCA, 1432 "N", 434-6695<br/>                     Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303<br/>                     Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175</p> | <p><b>Sept 17</b></p>   |
| <p><b>September 21</b><br/>                     Fronrunner 10am, Heartland of America Park, Omaha<br/>                     PFLAG/Kearney 3p, St Luke's 2304 2nd Ave (308)237-7136<br/>                     Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488<br/>                     Valerie Vortex at "Q" in Lincoln<br/>                     Nina Ricci @ The MAX, Omaha<br/>                     Miss River City Pageant, Omaha Mining Company</p>   | <p><b>September 22</b></p>   | <p><b>September 23</b><br/>                     PFLAG-Lincoln Meeting, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" 434-9880<br/>                     Fronrunners General Meeting, 6.30pm, Omaha, call 496-3658</p>   | <p><b>Sept 24th</b></p>   |
| <p><b>September 28</b><br/>                     Fronrunners 10am Meadow Lane Pk, 114 &amp; Farnam Omaha<br/>                     PFLAG-Omaha, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Meth<br/>                     Coffee Talk, GLBT Chat Group, "Why Can't Get Married?" 3pm, Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha<br/>                     MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215<br/>                     White Night &amp; Wild Annie's Strip-Off, The MAX, Omaha</p>   | <p><b>Sept 29</b><br/>                     ICON Executive Board Mtg, 6.30pm, Gilligan's, Omaha</p>   | <p><b>September 30</b></p>   | <p><b>October 1</b><br/>                     G/L Book Discussion, 7pm, Borders, 132nd &amp; Maple, Omaha</p>  |
| <p><b>October 5 (5th Sunday)</b><br/>                     Fronrunners, 10am, Omaha<br/>                     Miss Gay Omaha, The MAX, Omaha</p>  | <p><b>October 6</b><br/>                     ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, The MAX, Omaha</p>   | <p><b>October 7</b><br/>                     AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, Lincoln<br/>                     ANGLE Meeting, 7.30pm, GLBT Resource Center, Omaha</p>  | <p><b>October 8</b><br/>                     Donna Red Wing, Nat'l Field Director Human Rights Campaign speaks at 6.30pm, Milo Bail Student Center, UNO Campus, Omaha</p> |



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EVERY THURSDAY

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EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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## September 4

**Citizens for Equal Protection**, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha  
**Bar Alternative Gay Group** 7:30pm, John & Harolds Ice Cream Shop, 415 Nebraska St, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528

## September 5

**Womyn's Book Discussion**, Laurie 556-0937  
**PFLAG Putt-Putt Golf**, 90th & Center, Omaha  
**SNAP "BOYS IN THE BAND"**

## September 6

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Ass'c** 5pm, Omaha  
**River City Gender Alliance**, for Transgender community, (402) 398-1255  
**WomenSpace Pridefest**, 2-11pm, Lakota Stables, Ashland, NE  
**SNAP "BOYS IN THE BAND"**  
**Installation of Rev. Sharon Sloat**, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7pm

## September 11

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

## September 12

**Fronrunners Friday Afternoon Club**, Omaha, The Diamond, 6:30pm

## September 13

**Fronrunners**, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha  
**Players Club**, 2pm Workshop; 8pm Play Party  
**Final Lesbian Coffee House** 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178

## September 18

**Metro Club**, 6:30pm, Neon Goose Omaha  
**GLAGN Support Group**, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235  
**Bar Alternative Gay Group** 7:30pm, John & Harolds Ice Cream Shop, 415 Nebraska St, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528

## September 19

## September 20

**Youth Support Grp--Lincoln** 4-6pm, 434-9880  
**ICON Yard Sale**, 517 S. 31 Ave, Omaha

## September 25

## September 26

## September 27

**Fronrunners Run/Walk**, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha  
**PFLAG-Sioux Falls, SD**, 1pm (605)334-5508  
**GLAGN Barn Dance**, Hastings, NE  
**Cornation-Imperial Court of Iowa**, Des Moines

## October 2

**CFEP**, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha  
**G/L Parents**, 7:30pm, Omaha  
**Bar Alternative Gay Group** 7:30pm, Horizon Restaurant, Sioux City, IA, Info: (712) 255-1890/258-6167/255-8528

## October 3 (1st Friday)

## October 9

**P-FLAG 1st Methodist-Mead Hall**, 7020 Cass Omaha 291-6781 7pm  
**Straight Spouse Suppt Grp** 7-9pm, Mead Hall, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781  
**Bi-Net meeting**, 7pm Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha  
**Donna Red Wing**, Nat'l Field Director Human Rights Campaign speaks at 7pm, Nebraska Union, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, 14th & R

## October 10

**Fronrunners Friday Afternoon Club**, Omaha, 6:30pm

## October 4

**CFEP/MCC/ICON Great Toy Giveaway**, 10am, Omaha  
**Discovery PotLuck Dinner**, For those new to MCC and those wishing to know more about how to get involved in the Church, 6pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22  
**HGRA/Fronrunners Barn Dance**, Cook Out 6pm, Dance 8pm, Lakota Stables, Ashland

## October 11

**National Coming Out Day Celebration**, Lincoln  
**Fronrunners**, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha  
**Players Club**, 2pm Workshop; 8pm Play Party



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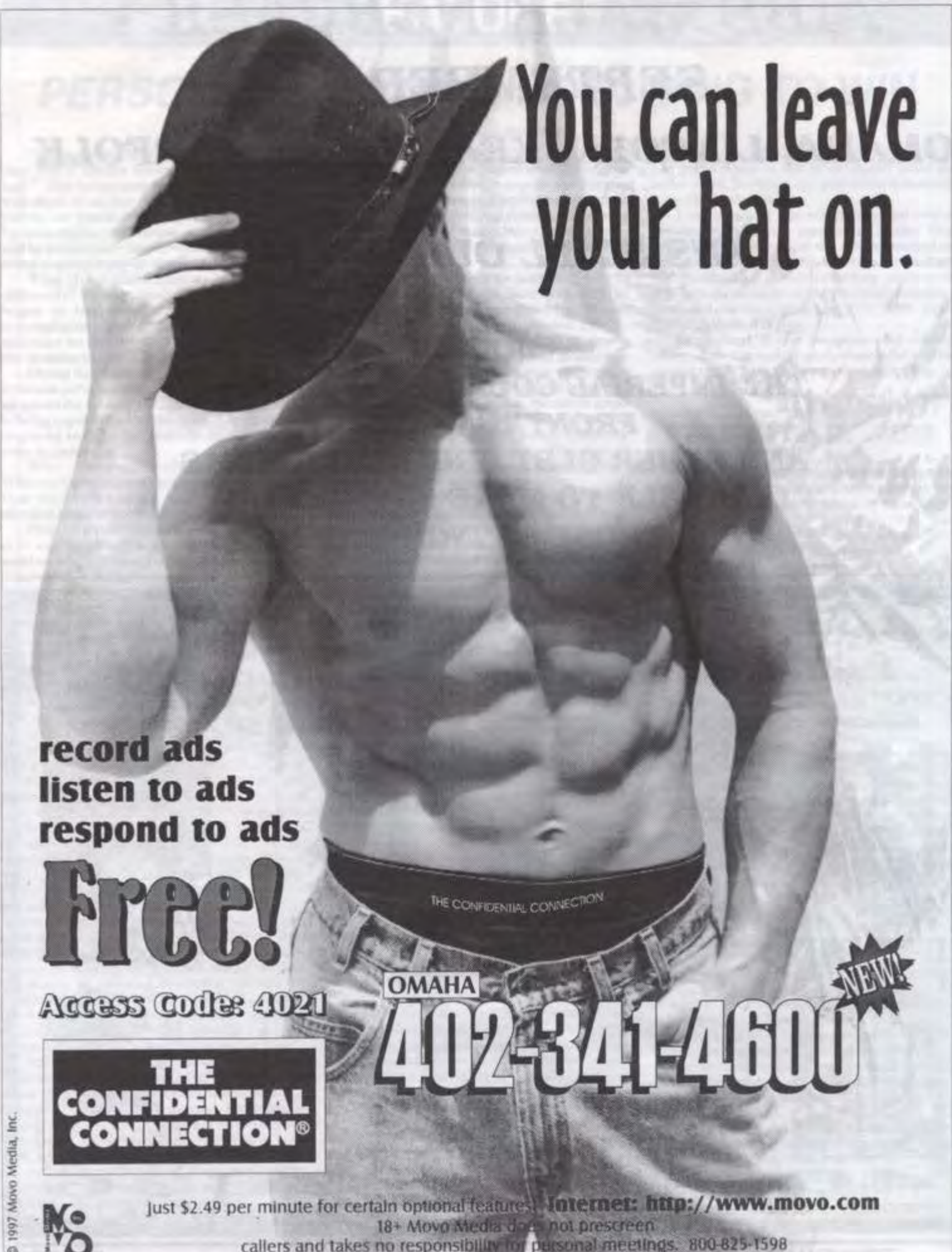


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## I WON'T SLIP YOUR MIND

Athletic, 21 year old, all American boy type, 5'9, 155lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, seeks older men, and couples, 40 to 60, to hook up with. We'll have a fun time. (Omaha) #2846

## A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP

This Bi, White male, enjoys the company of Transsexuals and Transvestites. I'm not just looking for something casual. If we hit it off, I'd like to spend a lot of time together. I'm good looking, 5'9, 160lbs, with beautiful, Red hair. (Omaha) #2878

**ANTIQUE HUNTING** I'd love to meet an older man to hang out with. I'm an attractive, White male, 6ft, 190lbs, interested in movies, the opera, and hunting for antiques. (Omaha) #2614

**ISN'T IT POETIC?** I like the blue, soft, skies of day, the warm, starlit nights of summer, and the two of us as we are walking and walking, sometimes saying it all, to just ourselves. If you're White, or Hispanic, 18 to 25 years old, slender and cute, call. (Omaha) #2347

**HOT 'N NOW** I'm a good looking, masculine, 31 year old, White male, 6'3, 220lbs, looking for guys to connect with for discreet, hot times. Make it happen. (Omaha) #2326



**BEAUTIFUL VISION** I fantasize about being your Transvestite. I'd love to get myself all fixed up and be your sex slave, or whatever you'd like me to be. If you're between 20 and 35, and would like to be a part of my vision, let's get together soon. (Omaha) #2213

**DEBRIEF ME** I'm a 40 year old, Gay, White male, 5'9, 180lbs, seeking Black tops to put things in perspective. I'm new to the scene and need some briefing, or debriefing. (Omaha) #1616

**NEW AND NIPPY** I'm new to this scene and just had my nipples pierced, on an impulse. I'm a sexy, White male, bottom, 6ft, 217lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I need a tall, discreet, male to help me out. I may be new at this but you'll be glad you called. (Omaha) #31131

**STAGECOACH STUD** I'm a good looking, 18 year old, Gay, White male, 5'10, with Brown hair and eyes. I seek friends to hang out with. I love going to the Stagecoach and the coffee shop. (Omaha) #34550

**I JUST GOT HERE** This new kid in town seeks guys to show me the sights. I'm 18, 5'6, 140lbs. I wanna meet men, 18 to 23, who like to dance, camp, and swim. (Omaha) #1618

**SAY CHEESE** Young male wants to photograph male bodies for my own enjoyment. No facial shots necessary. I'm handicapped and out of the scene. This is a way for me to get involved, and get off. (Omaha) #1054

## KID, IS HOT TONIGHT

I'm a total bottom with a hot, tight, shaved body. I wanna meet macho, hung, built, top men who like to go long and hard. I'm a very young looking, 39 year old, White male, 5'5, 135lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. (Omaha) #34627

## I'M COMIN' TO VISIT

This east coast, Black male, 30, seeks other brothers, 25 to 35, in Omaha, for friendship. Have your own place so I can visit you this summer. You should be masculine, into hip hop, and hip hop R&B. This is not a sex ad. (Omaha) #34723

## I NEED MATURE NURTURING

I'm looking for an older man, 55 plus, to show me what man sex is like. I'm a 29 year old, Bi, White male, 5'10, 280lbs. I prefer hairy, hung, uncircumcised guys if possible. (Pierce) #1346

## FARM FUN

I may just be the epitome of the nice guy. I live on a farm between Grand Island and Hastings. I'm a nice looking, well built, White male, 5'11, 160lbs, looking to meet a man who likes to cuddle and go out and have fun. (Trumbull) #2902



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## Nebraska

**YOU SHOULD BE PETTED** I like a woman who can have fun going out or staying in. I love to wine and dine, and spoil, my partner. I'm an attractive, White female, 38. (Lincoln) #4660

**CALM MY NERVES** I love outdoor activities like fishing, camping, and riding my motorcycle. I'd like to find a feminine, attractive, woman who enjoys having good times, for a serious relationship. (Lincoln) #4115

**SMALL PACKAGES** Cute, petite, Single, White female, 32, 4'10, 98lbs, wants to meet an attractive, White female. You should be honest, caring, outgoing, lovable, and have a great sense of humor. I'm into shopping, music, movies, and dancing. (Omaha) #3125

**JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG** I'm a White female, 5'11, with short Brown hair. I enjoy biking, tennis, music, movies, reading, walking, and cooking, for starters. I'm a good masseuse who wants to spoil you and remove the tension from your life. Let's give it a try. (Omaha) #2832

**WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR** This friendly, fun loving, White female, 20, seeks a feminine woman for friendship. (Omaha) #2486

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## Iowa

**KIND NATURE** I want to make new friends in the Council Bluffs, Omaha area. I'm an attractive, 40 year old, White male, 6'1, with Brown hair and eyes. I have a wide variety of interests which I'd love to share with you. (Glenwood) #5894

**PRAIRIE COMPANION** Good natured, White male, 31, 6'4, 195lbs, would like to hear from other guys in the area. (Le Mars) #2906

**VIRGIN NO MORE** Lonely, virginal, White male, 31, 6'4, 195lbs, seeks another man to help me change all that. (LeMars) #4193

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

## Nebraska

**NOT SO SHY BI GUY** This horny, 38 year old, Married, Bi, White male, 5'11, 170lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks other men for fun times. (Columbus) #4493

**THE BIG SKY** Good natured guy, down on the farm, wants to meet men who are interested in camping, hiking, and being outdoors. I also enjoy movies and travel. (Lexington) #3784

**PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION** I'm a smooth, buffed, White male, 28, 5'9, 150lbs, with Black hair and Green eyes. I'm into just about anything, including, but not limited to, going out dancing and partying. If you're in central Nebraska and seek a good time, let's meet. (Gothenburg) #1855

**COLLEGE PREPSTER** Attractive, very well built, graduate student, 24, 5'11, 165lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks other nicely built, attractive, guys, my age or younger, to meet and get to know. I have clean shaven, conservative, boy next door, looks. (Lincoln) #4545

**BUSINESS AND PLEASURE** Dark haired, 18 year old, White male, 6'3, into travel, Spanish, working out, movies, and business, seeks a well built guy, 18 to 28, for friendship and dating. (Lincoln) #4591

**FIRST STEP** I'm a good natured, White male, 33, 5'7, 130lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, and a medium build. I want to make new friends and take it one step at a time. (Lincoln) #4535

**GOOD NATURE IS IMPORTANT** This fun loving, 33 year old, Gay, White male, 33, 5'7, 130lbs, with a small build, Brown hair and eyes, seeks another Gay, White male, 25 to 36, who is interested in things like travel, shopping, hanging out, watching videos, and having as much fun as possible. I'm an open minded, non-smoker and hope you are too. (Lincoln) #4468



**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS** I'm looking for a close encounter with someone who wants a good man. This 53 year old, White male, 5'10, 220lbs, is not a movie star but I love to give a good performance which will please you. I'm a bottom. I like to cook, go to yard sales, take long walks, and watch movies at home. I hope to meet an honest guy, 18 to 40, with a good sense of humor. (Lincoln) #4211

**TREAT ME RIGHT** This healthy, HIV positive, 25 year old, White male, 6ft, 165lbs, with spiked, light Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks a similar guy who enjoys camping, hiking, the outdoors, and outgoing fun. (Lincoln) #3930

**WHATEVER YOU LIKE** Fun loving, masculine, Gay, White male, in my late 20's, wants to meet guys who like to have good times. Let's hang out doing whatever you like. (Lincoln) #4029

**JUST A LITTLE CURIOUS** I'm a little Bi curious and want to meet similar, masculine, men to have good times with. Come on, buddies, let's make some fun. (Lincoln) #2065

**OVER THE ROPES** Ever watch pro wrestling on television and fantasize about being in a match yourself? Are you a villain or a good guy? Let's get together for some hot head locks and head scissors and see what happens. I can travel. (Lincoln) #3596

**NOTHING MAJOR** I live in Council Bluffs but want to meet hot guys, 18 to 40, throughout the area, for casual sex. I'm a heavy set, very strong, White male, 32, 5'6, with a worked out, lightly hairy, body. I enjoy music, camping, cooking, reading, movies, television, and watching porno videos. (Lincoln) #2928

**RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE** Boy next door type, 19, 5'10, 160lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and a medium build, seeks friends to hang out with. I like to hang out downtown. (Lincoln) #2831

**FIRST AND FOREMOST** I'm very interested in getting together with a guy who considers himself to be a well endowed top. I've been fantasizing about being a bottom but have never acted on it. You'll be my first. (Lincoln) #2379

**DUAL SERVER** This 43 year old, Bi curious, White male, wants to serve and be served. Don't hesitate. I'm hot. (Lincoln) #2344

**AGGRESSIVE AGREEMENT** This Gay, White male, 33, with average looks, and a great personality, seeks another Gay, White male, 30 to 37, for friendship, fun, and, possibly, an aggressive relationship. I love cuddling, shopping, travel, hanging out in the park, and holding hands. (Lincoln) #2247

**DOWN ON THE FARM** I'm a 38 year old, White male, 5'10, 160lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, and a smooth body. I'm a dairy farmer and I work out a lot so I have a nice, tight, build. I'd like to meet a guy, 18 to 27, of any race, who, like me, is dependable and discreet. My interests are varied and include books, movies, cars, and being with friends. (Lincoln) #2105

**AGGRESSIVE RELATIONSHIP** This 33 year old, Gay, White male, with average looks, seeks a friend, 30 to 35, for fun and, possibly, an aggressive relationship. I'm genuine, sincere, and a non smoker and hope you are the same. I love to cuddle. (Lincoln) #1699

**LUSTFUL IN LINCOLN** This horny, very good looking, White male, 37, wants to meet exciting men. (Lincoln) #1453

**SHY TRANSVESTITE** I'm a heavy set, 38 year old, Bi, White male, seeking other Transvestites and men who love them. I'm into all sorts of things. Let's see if you can spark my interest. (Lincoln) #1103

**COME OUT AND PLAY!** I wanna meet some guys for friendship and fun. I'm a nice looking, 35 year old, White male, bottom, 5'11, 170lbs, with light Brown hair and Blue eyes. Obviously, I prefer to meet tops. (North Fork) #32914

**VIRILE AND VERSATILE** This good looking, 32 year old, White male, 6'2, 175lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes enjoys being both a top and a bottom. I want to meet other Gay, or Bi, men for good times. (North Platte) #29116

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