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OUR TURN: Opinions of New Voice Staff

THOUGHTS AT THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

By Sharon Van Butsel

I want to say a special thank you to the community for your help and support during my campaign for Empress 17 of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. You have been incredible. As I write this, I have no idea if I will be elected or not. The ballots have been sent out to members, have been returned and now sit unopened in a locked box held by our Vice President. For all intents and purposes, all that remains is the waiting. Campaigning has ended and we are putting the finishing touches on Coronation.

All four candidates worked very hard and maintained positive campaigns. We've gotten along well during the campaign and have helped each other with events and shows. It has been a very good campaign. I want to personally wish the best to each of the other candidates.

Jeff: You have been a delight as you campaigned. You helped and supported every one of the Empress candidates in their campaigns, just as an Emperor should. Besides, I LOVE YOUR LOOK!

Michele: You have continued to be hard working and creative, but it has been your courage which I admire the most. The GLBT community needs more people like you — people who don't just say "I support gay people" but people who get right in there and work side by side with us.

Josephine: You have worked so hard at this campaign and have done a great job of making ICON's presence felt in Lincoln and greater Nebraska. And you look wonderful in your new gowns.

But, most of all, I want to say thank you to the

wonderful people who have supported me with their love and with their donations of time, talent, merchandise and services. Thanks to *The New Voice* for sponsoring me and to those special friends who were right there when I needed your love and support. I won't try to list you here. It would not be possible to include everyone. Just let me say that I had no idea that I had such wonderful friends. From leather and lace, from business suits and spandex, from those not yet old enough to go into the bars and those ready for retirement, from men, women, and those in transition — the love came through, loud and clear. And more than anything else, it demonstrated to me that our community really is one big family (or tribe, if you prefer). We may be different on the outside but we are all one people and we make up a beautiful rainbow!

The other day Carla asked me, "What will you need if you don't win?" The answer is simple. Carla, all I ever need is your arms around me and your love supporting me. You know that. Thanks to your support and help I was able to do everything I wanted during the campaign. From putting on shows to doing after hours bingo to producing a pageant to cooking lunch for the clients and staff of the Nebraska AIDS Project, you helped me do it all. And I know that you will be there by my side, win or lose. What more could anyone ask? I love you.

And now it's time to put it all to rest. Thank you once again for all your love and support. It has been an honor to be a candidate.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

"WHAT ARE WE PROUD OF?"

By Steve Tipton

Well, Pride Month has come and gone. Hopefully a good time was had by all, and congratulations to the new monarchs of the Imperial Court.

Now... A question to ponder. What are we proud of exactly? Anybody know? In all of the celebrations of ourselves in bars, festivities, and parades, it's easy to forget we still lack several basic civil rights most Americans take for granted. Does that bother anyone? Does it make anyone feel uncomfortable? It should.

Marginalization, ghettoization, and invisibility (outside bars) are not things to be proud of, yet they still exist for the majority of us. Most gays in Omaha still feel it necessary to hide. A large part of our community is like a secret society to which we creep like frightened mice, and then once inside shed our disguises and become our wonderful, dazzling selves, only to return to the weekday closet on Monday. Weekend pride isn't good enough. True liberation makes greater demands.

Why is it when state legislation affecting our basic employment rights are on the front burner, only three or four people appear at political action group meetings? Why is it that such organizations barely scrape by financially? While historically, it's true that the few fight the freedom fights for many, wouldn't it be great if we were different?

Being out at the bar is easy... being out at work, with our families, or testifying before lawmakers can be terrifying but nothing but visibility as active contributing citizens in the larger community can ensure enforcement of our full rights as American citizens.

Don't accept second class citizenship! What we need even more than pride, is freedom, and the courage not to be ashamed... outside of the bar as well as in.

SO YOU WANT TO HELP WITH THE NEW VOICE....

Okay, the time has come, the walrus said to speak of many things... but I think we've gone through that line already. It's time to stop talking and to start working.

I've had several people call and offer to help with *The New Voice*, but I'm afraid that campaigning sort of took all my energy and I wasn't able to follow up with people like I wanted. But, win or lose, campaigning is over and it's time to get things organized with *The New Voice*.

So, if you are interested in helping keep *The New Voice* alive and well during the coming years, please contact me at (402) 556-9907 and leave a message giving name, number, best time to call you, and an idea of what you would like to work on. Even if you've called before, call now!

We'll be having orientation meetings at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center on July 1, 8, and 22. We will assign each of you a specific job and a deadline for completing it. This will be your test to see if you can meet the standards we need to keep the magazine going.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REACTIONS TO "WON'T WALK IN PARADE" LETTER

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

In one of the responses to last month's "Guest Editorial" by Mike Orr, Pat Phalen asks, "What was Mr. Orr's intention?" I can't answer that question for Mr. Orr, but I would like to comment on the response I have seen.

Mike, you certainly stirred up discussion. There's no question about that. And I suspect that your letter probably made every leather person and drag queen decide that they were definitely going to be there to walk in the Pride Parade. Strange thing about the human psyche — 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.

I know that you've taken quite a bit of heat about that letter, but I'm glad you wrote it.

That kind of challenge to our apathy and our assumptions is important if we are to think about things and decide what is right for us. As I have said publicly, I deeply admire all your hard work for the community. Through the Men's Support Group, you provide a safe haven and support for many men in our community as they seek support and develop their identities as gay men. I know that you are a loving father, in a positive relationship, and a hard worker. And I know that you do not hesitate to express your feelings.

I may not agree with everything you said, but I'm grateful that you said it. After all, acceptance means accepting all sorts of diversity, including that of men in three piece suits.

Dear Sharon:

I am writing in response to Mike Orr's letter to the Editor published in the June 1997 issue of *The New Voice*.

It is difficult for me to understand how gays can expect the straight culture to accept our differences when we refuse to respect the diversity within our own community.

The dominant culture which surrounds us rationalizes its denial of our right to equal access to the benefits afforded to the rest of society by claiming that we are different and, therefore, not entitled to the respect given to those who do meet its expectations. How are we any different from this mainstream community when we attempt to exclude some gays from our rites and celebrations solely because they do not meet our notions of what is right and acceptable? Why should straight society treat us any differently than we treat our own?

In addition, Mike needs to review his gay history. The reason Pride is celebrated in June is to commemorate its roots in the Stonewall uprising of 1969. The individuals who stood up to the oppression routinely practiced by the New York Police Department were mostly drag queens and transvestites. Now that we have begun to win the grudging respect of the straight world, Mike would attempt to exclude the very people who first had the courage to rise up, take a stand, and say, "no more."

Mike, if you are uncomfortable being seen in the company of such people, by all means,

stand on the side lines — it is better that you cheer from the crowd than to avoid Pride altogether. But don't deny the right to march to those who are willing to put their beliefs on the line.

And, keep in mind that if you do choose not to march, you only reinforce the straight community's belief that our culture is composed only of the extremists you deplore. This is a self defeating strategy. If you truly want Omaha to believe we are not really all that different, where you need to be is in the parade for all to see.

Sincerely,
Jay Tremont

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ANOTHER RESPONSE TO "WON'T WALK IN PARADE"

Dear Editor and Staff of the New Voice of Nebraska,

I am responding to the "guest editorial" in the June 1997 issue. I have been on the staff of this magazine for over 10 years and was instrumental in the planning and execution of the first eight or so pride parades.

Every year the same conversation occurs. Who should we exclude? I phrase it that way because as Mike Orr states, they are "my words." No matter how you try to disguise it, it is still the same message.

For many years the discussion was simply what to call the event: Pride Parade, Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade, Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Pride Parade, and also Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Pride Parade or simply G/L/B/T. I think that particular discussion is over. At least, I hope so.

The other discussion that happens every year is who should we allow in the parade. Mike Orr brings this topic up again. As you read this, our parade will be over. I hope, successfully including anyone who wishes to participate to participate fully and proudly (my words again). The problem for me is this. Why do we in our community need to be presentable to anyone but ourselves? We in our community know that drag queens and crossdressers, transsexuals, leather women and men, dykes on bikes, slaves and masters, doctors, lawyers, school teachers, law enforcement officers and others make up our community. We cannot be proud of ourselves nor our community until we accept that diversity.

I'm not sure what Mike Orr's intention is, but could we really be proud of ourselves, of our history (remember Stonewall, drag queens, leather men and women) and each other while celebrating pride looking like the Commercial Federal Express where all the white men in suits do some routine with brief cases? The answer is no. No matter how acceptable that may be to the mainstream community, we must never tolerate that. We must accept our diversity, we must defend the right of every member of our community to participate and this means participate fully without repercussions from ourselves and each other.

There is a phrase that PFLAG uses. "Promote Tolerance." My opinion is that is not enough. We must "Promote Acceptance."

Pat Phalen

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Thanks,
Steven Luschen

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SAD PASSING

By William Edward Glover,
Homosexual Information Center

I wanted to let you and your readers know of the loss to our community movement of an early pioneer, Don Slater. He died February 14, 1997 in West Los Angeles, of a worn out heart valve.

Don Slater, became the director of The Tangent Group of One Incorporated which later became known as the Homosexual Information Center to serve nationwide as an information service.

Don managed to have University of Southern California (USC) house the Adjunct Library of the archives of the early Homophile movements. This will also be where the Don Slater Collection will be housed, his work will be back where he started as a student and library worker. USC deserves credit for having seen the value in having his resources for future generations of its students and faculty, as well as the general public, and for doing what other public and private universities and libraries did not understand the need for.

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"OUT IN THE STARS"

by C. Lichtenstein

Astrological Forecast for July 1997

For Entertainment Purposes Only

Let's welcome sizzly, apres Pride July with the knowledge that lusty Leo rules. Our thoughts and desires take on a vitality that may have surprisingly lucky results. Who knows friends; this may be the month that the golden goose comes home to roost. Take a gander at July:

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Proud Rambos should take advantage of the sultry summer to relax and have fun. Friends provide the spark when you generously supply the match. The planets mandate that you continue to stoke the pride festivities from June. Heck, don't they know that pride is a twelve month celebration anyway?

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 20)

July gives gay Bulls every excuse to cocoon in the comfort of their home and recharge their depleted batteries. This may be because over the past few months, your career has taken unexpected and frantic turns. Frankly, dear queer friend you're beat. Lie back and smell the roses. It helps you to see life from a different angle - prone.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Have you been travelling more than usual? Well, expect the traipsing to continue through July. Lucky surprises are in store for those adventurous queer Twins who are not afraid to taste what's brewing around the corner. The bellowing Leo energy gives your opinions power and projection. Use your persuasive talents to push our causes forward.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23) All these planets in Leo give pink Crabs a run for their money. Expect to concentrate on financial issues this month. Thankfully, your time is very well spent; the feisty Leo energy makes just about anyone a Material Girl. Don't be penny wise and pound foolish; invest wisely and start planning for a fabulous retirement. Think Maui...

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

All these roaring planets in your sign give you a valuable opportunity to attract and impress some fairly important folks. But don't expect them to show up on your doorstep. Proud Lions must get off their tails and get Out there to meet as many new faces as possible. Begin new projects or get yourself a complete makeover. Yeah, it is possible to improve on perfection.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Gay Virgins feel the warmth of fiery Leo in the most unexpected places. What a rush! July transits can make you feel almost invincible and prophetic. As long as you feel on top of the world, why not hand down some sage advice where it is most needed or get involved in a great gay charitable cause. Virgos are the "givers" of the zodiac. Give a little in the community.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23) If partnerships aren't going as smoothly as you

would like or hope, bring in friends to mediate this July. All these planets in Leo offer you ample social opportunities to strike an accord or get lost in the crowd. My advice is to jump into the social swim, especially if it congregates around a hot tub...

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Your career seems pretty darn hot this July. Gay Scorpions are never ones to let the grass grow under their feet and I'm sure that you are cashing in on all the perks even as we speak. The secret is not to let all this success go to your head. You'll avoid an eventual coup d'état if you're a benign dictator. Petty despots are despised.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

You're not an old dog; learn new tricks by taking classes in things you've always wanted to learn. Gay Archers need a mental break so why not use this July to travel, experience new things and unwind. If you've been feeling like a piece of dry cheese on an old cracker, it's time to change the menu. Why not add a few spices and create a wild concoction?

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Queer Goats may know the meaning of the word libido but now in July, they play the part to perfection. Lucky Caps can focus more intently on their deep inner cravings and feast to their hearts content. It may cost a few more clams than you expect (including the tip, which should be substantial) but good love doesn't come cheaply.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Aquearians should not go at it alone in July. Relationships take on a greater importance and all those planets in Leo make it easier for you to find that special someone. So what are you waiting for? If you need a few clues, try finding your soulmate while you're on vacation. Even a summer romance has its benefits, you know.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

It may not seem like a summer pastime, but this July brings you ample opportunity to make inroads in your day to day job. Pink Fish should roll up their gills and tackle any onerous, detailed task while you have the confidence to grab the credit for a job well done. Who knows? You may be given a few karmic clues about what you should be when you grow up.

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THE FAILURE OF POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

By Gary L. Beck

Recently, I read an article by Larry Kramer, well known for being one of the angriest gay men in America. I found myself laughing aloud as I read about his revulsion of what we call "gay culture" and his summation of it based upon current literary tripe that is supposed to capture the identity of this supposed culture.

Through it all, the article proved quite succinctly that the politically correct pussyfooting we do is not helping advance the causes of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered civil rights in any way, shape or form. All too often we content ourselves with partying, cruising, brandishing pink triangles or rainbow flags, and fundraising for various GLBT organizations. How is this going to protect you on the job? Are these activities going to allow you visitation rights if your partner is terminal? Will any of these activities advance the battle for same-sex marriages? The answer is a big fat NO!

It is frightening to think that so many people are willing to sit idly by watching their rights get trampled underfoot. However, when all that life consists of is working and concentrating on the next trick or next fundraiser you are going to be a part of, then it is of no surprise that GLBT rights are not of importance.

Just last week another minister was arrested for lewd conduct in Elmwood Park. There is something deathly wrong in this society when people need to go to isolated places to have some form of intimacy.

Perhaps if we stopped being so concerned about who's dressed the best at the bars or what's going on at the resource center or which queen has the most titles, we could start concentrating on trying to change society's perceptions of the gay community through education. We are obviously failing to achieve what we all pay lip service to in trying to bring gay culture into acceptance and respect in this heterosexist society.

Where are the consistent examples of living and loving in the gay community? Surely writings about sex, AIDS, drag shows, a resource center or gay rodeos is not all this gay culture consists of. If this is all we have for a gay culture, then we have nothing. Where is the discussion of relationships? How often do we see writings about other social activities besides meetings or drag shows?

Perhaps it is time for us to expect more out of our lives than the stereotypes. Much of the reason politicians deny us rights is because they do not want us to be classified in a marginalized manner. Perhaps we should stand up for our civil rights and be recognized as equals in this society.

We all too often marginalize ourselves by living in an encapsulated existence. This works all too well for the conservative politicians who do not want us to have civil rights.

Perhaps it is time for us to stop being so politically correct and push for what all Americans are guaranteed under the Constitution.

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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

mistrusting. Any psychologist would add a wee bit on the paranoid side. He reminded me of an "angry young man" not unlike many gang members. He wanted his cake to eat, but didn't want to pay for it. One thing most notable was he could enumerate all the problems of the country and its treatment of "gays like him", BUT!, he had absolutely no inkling of any solution which is something a true activist does. Even if the solution is not forthcoming and might take years.

All he wanted to do was "march in the streets" and throw a few insults and fingers at "those dirty bastards" to let them know he was their equal; if necessary "force them" to think his way. Well, my dear! As an activist for gay/lesbian rights, I couldn't disagree with him more, though we are supposedly fighting for the same thing.

In the early days of gay rights, we did march openly in the streets and it did prove effectual. We did it because it was one way communities could learn there were more of us than they had ever thought. Now? They know. Albeit, many

are still trying to say the percentage is incorrect.

Maybe the time has come for Gay pride parades to be rethought. Maybe we don't need to let the world see us marching around with our bare weenies and tits hanging out. Been there! Done that! They know we're the endowed now. They also know, as a result, that we can be as idiotic as many of their straight seamier folks can be in the heat of passion for a Cause.

Anger and bitterness are normal human emotions. They are usually what stirs the beginnings of any activist. But, to hang on to an early, maybe childish emotion will insure one never truly matures. We've all seen folks like this in the political arena: physically old, dyed-in-the-wool folks. Democrat and Republican, who'd vote for Al Capone if he ran on THEIR ticket. Folks who have no thoughts of their own, so they adopt the Party platform and support it come hell or high water. We've got a lot of gays and lesbians who are that, too. Dyed-in-the-wools who are truly dead-in-the-heads, who wouldn't admit that there were two sides to a coin even if you put the little two-sided bugger in their hands.

Real activists don't just march and shout. Real activists WORK and do things which make change: blood, sweat and tears type of work which exhausts their bodies and minds until they see a solution. I may be a bit prejudiced in this, but I think real activists are the real journalists. Editors, reporters, and staff of the publication - maybe! Folks who seek and print truths so their reader become EDUCATED; folks unafraid to look at both sides of a coin. I hear it said so often about us that we are "liberals", and I guess this is the picture the community-at-large has. But it's not a truism. And, maybe we've even come to that day when tags like "liberal" and "conservative" need to be re-thought and re-defined as both seem to have negative connotations nowadays.

Additionally: an activist who mistrusts those he's trying to convince will never gain favor. And why? Think about it. If someone mistrusted you, what would your reaction be? An activist who is paranoid and finds the enemy all around may be forgotten to look in that one place where he is most likely to find the enemy. In his mirror. Sure, we all have enemies; we have folks who hate us. But, you know what? WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE. Hate is a very evident emotion even when folks try to conceal it. We don't have to mistrust those who are trying to learn and understand what we're all about or where we're coming from in our desires to have equal rights. They will never entrust us with those rights if we MISTRUST them!

Of course, God did not create all gays and lesbians to be clones of one another, even though it sometimes looks like it. We've got our differences, just like the straight community does, possibly even more so. We need to sit down at the negotiating tables as a community does and learn how to unite for a purpose if there are going to be solutions to our grievances.

I'm sure it's upsetting to our intelligentsia when someone talks about a "gay agenda". Hell! We can't even agree who's on top or bottom, let alone an agenda. There isn't even a Gay/Lesbian national Editors/Publishers Association which could meet and maybe FORM an agenda. If the pen is mightier than the sword, there should be such. Then the so-called "religious right" couldn't use this scare tactic on poor, unsuspecting folk because we'd have an agenda to print up. 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.

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However, the techniques of the ex-gay groups, combined with social and religious pressures, have caused many gays and lesbians to go through emotionally damaging and the unsuccessful program of "sexual re-orientation." Many people have left the ex-gay movement and have formed their own group called the ex-ex-gays. In other words they have renounced the ex-gays and have gone back to being their true selves.

There is now a web site which gives information on ex-ex-gay groups. It can be found at <http://members.aol.com/exgay>.

We also want to point you to the web page of an amazing woman. Maggie Heineman, a 60-year-old grandmother who lives in Philadelphia, is the mother of a lesbian daughter and is active in her local PFLAG chapter.

It bothers her a lot when gay and lesbian people are mistreated, and her way of fighting back is to put up a web page when she hears of a situation she thinks need to be publicized.

You can find Maggie's page at <http://www.critpath.org>. Here you can also read about her current causes: a gay man who has been discriminated against by the Chrysler Corporation, a homophobic newspaper put out by DePauw University, and a Chadron (NE) State College student who was hounded out of the college by harassment.

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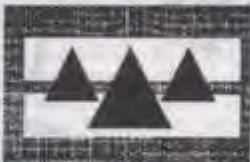
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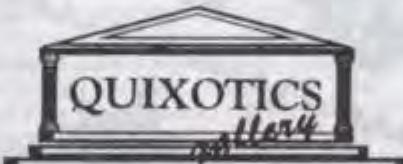
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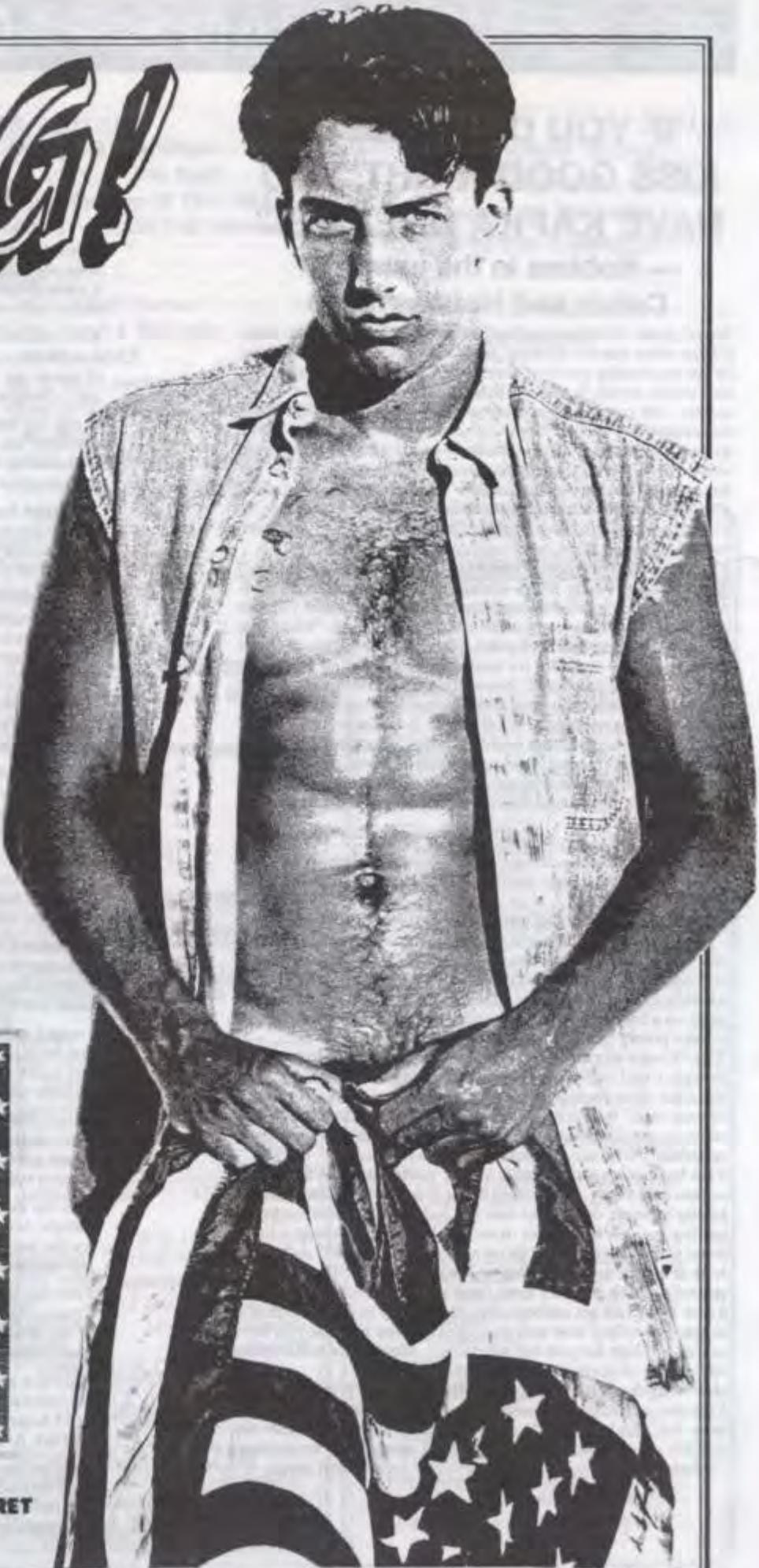
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*Brian's Note: It is June tenth as I am frantically writing this page (I know what you are thinking, faithful readers, "Oh, this should be an interesting piece of literature!") It has been a rather uneventful month; I paid my bills and obeyed most laws in or society. My cat and guinea pig are still alive, so I have been a responsible pet-owner. Someone did refer to me as the "Larry Kramer of Omaha," and I will admit I was tickled. I immediately wrote Larry, and told him to feel free to call himself, "The Brian Bengtson of the Rest of the Country" if he would like. I wonder if someone will write *The Night Brian Bengtson Kissed Me*. It would probably be a one-act, and there wouldn't be any bare butts displayed. What can I say? I like the classics!*

The "Literate Poofster can't find the Gothic-Romance section" department: In my never-ending, gut-wrenching and mind-numbing quest to find something good to read while I inhale Captain Crunch (my mother always used to tell me, "when you move out and get your own place, you can have whatever cereal you want! You can eat it for lunch and dinner for all I care, but while you are in this house, you will eat what is bought!" I think that has left some deep-seated nutritional scars or something), I came across a wonderful book called *You Know You're Gay When...* by Joseph Cohen (published by Contemporary Books, 1995, Chicago, Illinois). It is a collection of "those unforgettable moments that make us who we are," and gave me one of the best chuckles that I have had this summer. Some of the highlights include:

You know you're gay when...

- your coffee table has more candles than Saint Patrick's.
 - you could pee in your pants before you undo all those damn buttons!
 - you trim your pubic hair before you go for a check-up.
 - you toss and turn all night deciding which nipple to pierce.
- Not all of these observations are funny. Some of these will make you sigh, and a few will make you think. I guarantee that you will identify with more of these quotes than you think. It also looks great on a coffee table when your parents visit. So tell them that cranky poetry guy sent ya!

The "Every day I write the book" department: Just when I thought I had seen everything, I find myself watching Jerry Springer show footage of his trip to a Gwar concert. They are a "shock-rock" band loved by the Beavis and Butt-head set. I will never forget the image of Jerry crawling headfirst into a giant amoeba! Who needs Disneyland with this stuff?

This has been a slow month for me poetry-wise. Whether the reason behind my slump could be the result of my personal muse taking a break, or the fact that my X-Men comics are actually getting good is still up for debate. I have been writing a lot of letter poems lately (for all those who are going "huh?" right now, look at any of my pieces that start with "Dear..." That's a letter poem!), which means I have been getting introspective. You know me, I can get introspective at the drop of a hat! I think it is good to reflect now and then; you can see how far you have come, and how far you still need to go. Maybe that will explain my choice of poems for this month.

the "Why doesn't he just get on with the poetry?" department: I am also including two pieces by Omahan Kelvin L. Van Manen, who was kind enough to send me some work even after my tirades these past months. So until next time, remember, "Wherever you go, there you are!" See ya in thirty, gang!

Love,
Brian

A LETTER TO MS. BEAUDIN

By Brian E. Bengtson

Dearest Linda: I am back on Park Avenue after only eleven years, like my life was a giant circular path and I am only a block and a half away from closing the loop.

It is comfortable to think of your life as a journey; it must be the last piece of magic we believe in; after Santa Claus and getting a wish if you blow out the candles in one big breath. Sometimes that metaphor comforts me; I can feel like my life has a purpose, even during the slow times. Once in a while, the metaphor goes to my head, so I smile.

The street hasn't changed in ten-plus years; maybe the people have shifted, but the feeling of surrender still hangs in the air on a summer night. Back then, you were made for these nights.

You would sit in the windowsill and sing the DB's album to the neighborhood below or you would just stare at the silhouette of Omaha like a Siamese cat; much too pretty to let out.

I remember the afternoon you and Payton tossed flower petals off the bridge to all your imagined fans on the interstate. A summer shower ended your adulation, and you giggled your way home.

The whole street had a crush on you, Linda and all of its eyes would follow you on your trips to the store and your morning runs to the bus stop. I would follow behind like your personal hunchback and my Esmerelda has been caught by the townsfolk. I didn't mind standing in the wings when I was nineteen; I was too busy figuring out my own metaphor in life. I was too wrapped up in making myself a "free gay man."

Downtown still smells like the coffee factory; after five p.m. the odor blends with the car exhaust and you can get transported into some cyber-future filled with steel-grey overcast skies and city landscapes made with crumbling towers of stone.

I wish I still had our innocence and the belief that a worn out one-bedroom apartment with a stained mattress, peeling walls and a torn couch could be so cool. I wish I had followed you on your afternoon you rained petals for the homeward traffic.

In ten-plus years I have sampled a platter of love affairs, three marriages, and more rejection than I care to count. Death gave me a tentative date of return four years ago when a volunteer told me that my blood sample couldn't pass the mustard. I had to learn about drugs with these initials; how to ask for help, and how to scan the paper for the latest new "possible cure," and when I should tell my mother to sit down before any talk on the phone.

I left this town for nearly three years, and each day I missed the sunset over the cornfields like some part of my being was ripped out and waiting for me to come back home. I missed the change of every season;

once in a great while, I even missed the falling snow. I wonder about the places your circle has taken you, and I hope that you haven't forgotten our adventures on Park Avenue. I hope you still smile as you pass each bridge on the highway. I miss you, Linda. I am sure some day we will run into each other and have a big laugh as we count back the days. Take care of yourself. Love, Brian.

CLICHES

By Kelvin L. Van Manen

Hope springs eternal and runs amok
in the hearts and minds of the young
irrespective of chronology.

Love is in the air, and with it
the acrid bite of sodium pentothal;
sometimes, the truth kills.

Someday, my prince will come bringing
psychoses, neuroses, and in-laws;
Happily ever after in blissful misery.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you
secretly mocking your naivete.
Behind every cloud is just another cloud.

Thanks for the memories and the pain,
self-reflexive and utterly exhausted.
All is well with my soul.

LOST EMOTIONS

By Kelvin L. Van Manen

Deep in the murky waters,
lost from sight, lost from reach,
lost even, mostly, from memory;
a light glimmers dimly.

After pretending for so long,
maybe illusion has become reality.
Maybe the candle has been snuffed.
Maybe there is nothing to find.

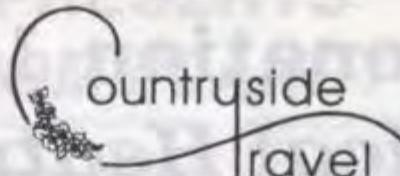
Intellectualized and rationalized
how it is supposed to be, should be;
hollow echoes of reality, at the edge of perception,
Shadows of what is, what was, what could be.

If only the world could be reduced
to an easy set of rules, equations and theorems.
Perhaps then, perhaps
there would be no need to feel, to hurt, to love.

Stark shapes, grim reality, moral absolutes
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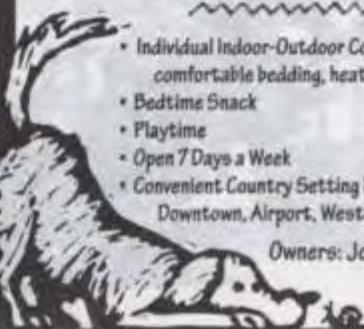
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CLINTON TACKLES HATE CRIMES

In his June 7 radio address to the nation, President Clinton detailed a plan to confront hate crimes against people on the basis of various things — including sexual orientation. "We are clearly strongest as a nation when we use the full talents of all our people, regardless of race or religious faith, national origin or sexual orientation, gender or disability," the President said.

He included an example of a hate crime incident in Washington, D.C. where, "three men accosted a gay man in a park, forced him at gunpoint to go under a bridge and beat him viciously while using anti-gay epithets." The attack was one of a number of examples of anti-gay violence that representatives from the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs presented to President Clinton during a meeting in April. Clinton also announced the first White House Conference on Hate Crimes to take place in November.

GAY COMMUNITY: "DECLARED ENEMY"

The Mecklenburg County Commission in North Carolina is denying county funding to any agency that provides counseling to teens about sexual orientation, unless the teens' parents are notified.

The 5-4 vote also requires the agencies to tell the teens and parents about the state's anti-sodomy laws. In part, the policy reads, "WHEREAS, the aggressive homosexual agenda seeks to undermine the values of the traditional American family... and the traditional American family is the gay community's declared enemy and this community believes they have a right to prevent children from experimenting sexually with anyone, including homosexual adults."

The commission also passed a ban two months ago on funding to art agencies that represent gay-themed work. "The commissioners, fueled by hate after passing the law to censor free expression in the arts, have targeted lesbian and gay young people in their zeal to enforce their own narrow values on society," said GLAAD Associate Communications Director Liz Tracey.



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LESBIAN WITH AIDS SPEAKS OUT

by Deb Hardy

When I came out of the closet as a lesbian 15 years ago, there were smiling faces, warm hugs and new friendships to guide me as I moved with excitement into the uncharted future. I was out and free to live my life and celebrate my sexuality.

In the past few years, I've learned that there are many kinds of closets which are just as dark and lonely as they were 15 years ago. When HIV struck, I found myself in the closet once again, all alone with my secret. Somehow I didn't think that those hugs and smiles would be there when I came out this time. I wondered if I should share my status with family and friends, or just remain silent in an effort to protect the ones I loved from the anguish I was experiencing around my new HIV diagnosis.

For years I had been a caregiver — part of the support system for several of my brothers with HIV/AIDS. I visited the housebound and sat with the lonely. I helped prepare meals, provided transportation to appointments, walked in the AIDS walks, participated in memorials, vigils, and marches — always thinking of these "others" affected by this disease and wanting to be a part of a solution that would end the suffering and alienation of these men I'd grown to love so much. At the time, in spite of what I'd heard, I thought that HIV/AIDS was somehow just "a man's disease." In ten years, I'd only met one woman with HIV, and I think I considered her disease "an accident of sorts."

I never realized that in my efforts to provide

support and hope for these PWA's I cared about, that I was laying a foundation for my own future: the day when I found out that I was one of "them" — no longer only affected, but also infected by HIV.

That day my mind was flooded with questions, and my emotions felt out of control. What would I tell my family? How would I tell the lover I'd recently separated from? And how would I ever explain this to the community of lesbians I was a part of? Shame and fear quickly set in. I knew that HIV was an equal opportunity virus that doesn't discriminate. But quickly I learned there was an unspoken discrimination — a "rule" that even I subscribed to, that stated that if I were any kind of respectable lesbian, this wouldn't have happened to me.

But it did, and there I was — 28 years old, working, playing, loving and living my version of the "American Dream. I was growing and maturing and seeing my ministry in UFMCC getting more defined and more effective. Would this news change everything for me? Would any part of my life ever be the same again?

I tried to shoulder the news, silently at first, living in a kind of self-imposed exile. It only lasted for a couple of weeks. But in that time I felt alone, abandoned by God and victimized by circumstances. The promising future that I had looked toward was now looming ahead, frightening and uncertain!

In my growing desperation, I sought help from an MCC pastor. She was a lesbian, my friend, and I knew that circumstances in her own family had brought her face to face with the challenges of HIV, especially as it affects women. She laughed, cried, and prayed with me as I shared my struggle with her. She gave me support and encouragement as I sought out medical care and began working through the maze of services for PWA's. She reminded me that although I may have felt abandoned by God, God never let go of me — that I was still in God's care, and that God still had plans to use me.

For the first year or two, however, I did hide out in the shadows of my HIV closet. I was still afraid that I would be judged, and that no one would be there to support me. But there came a time when I couldn't carry the burden alone anymore, and a night when I laid it down and things began to change for me.

It was an evening in May at our Northwest District Conference in Boise, Idaho when I realized that I couldn't keep fighting this battle by myself. The two men who had been my primary HIV support had passed away in the preceding weeks, and I was feeling very alone and afraid. Rather suddenly I lost that composure that always seemed to carry me through, and tears of grief, fear, and struggle poured out of me. As I began to cry, I wondered if the tears would ever stop falling.

Suzanne McKeag was visiting our district conference with her partner Marsha Stevens of BALM Ministries, sharing the Word through testimony and song. I didn't know Suzanne, but she ministered to me so effectively that she helped me find some much needed peace and relief. She also helped me shape the future of my ministry by demonstrating so beautifully what it really means to minister and care for someone. She didn't just pay lip service. She touched me. She met me in my grief and isolation, and helped me to see that I wasn't alone. As we shared, the tears of anguish were somehow transformed to a healing wash. I vowed to myself that I would never return to the shadows of that closet again. I held my head high, and with my newfound freedom and support in MCC, I identified myself as a lesbian living with HIV. I started living again.

It wasn't too long after that district conference that my health declined, and I was diagnosed with AIDS. I was retired from my secular job. At first, I felt useless, and I headed to the security of my recliner to live out the rest of my days! But within a few weeks, I was reminded that God still wasn't finished with me yet, and I found myself working with BALM Ministries. I now handle the bookings for Marsha's and Suzanne's ministry and often travel with them to MCC's all over the U.S. where I get to share my experiences and hope with others.

In my travels, I've visited a lot of churches, made a lot of friends, and found more prayer partners and support than I could have ever imagined. I've also met many people — men, women, and children — living with HIV. And my heart aches so much for the ones who go on living in fear of rejection, carrying the burden of HIV alone. There is so much love and support to be found in our Fellowship, and I try to be a part of that support network because I want to give back to this community of believers who have given so much to me.

I can't imagine what the last year would have

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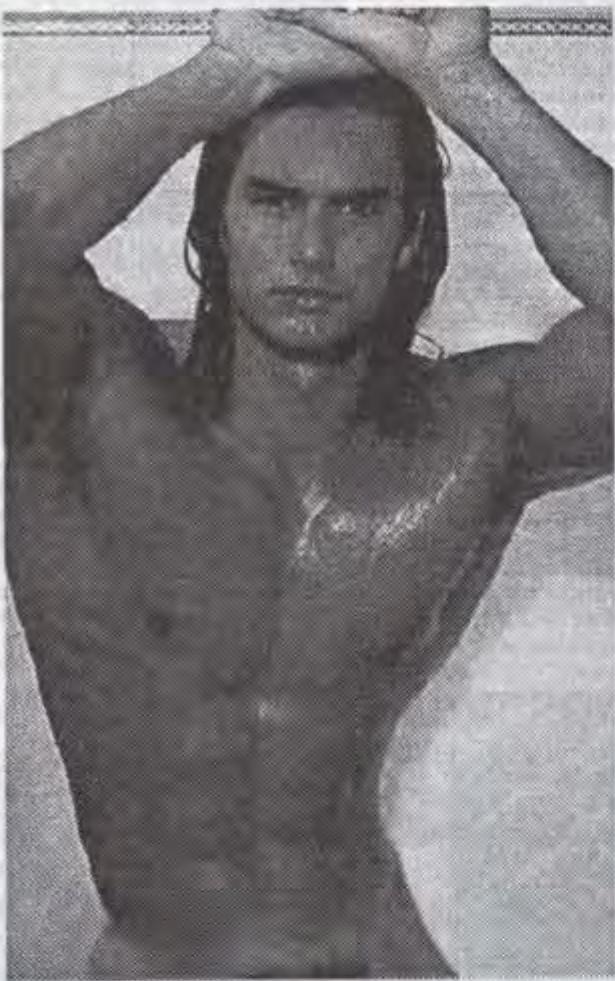


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been like without my family in MCC's and independent churches all across this country. In the last six months, I have been hospitalized eleven times with PCP or complications of other opportunistic infections I live with. At times, my declining health has seemed overwhelming, but at no time in the last few months have I ever really felt alone. I spent Thanksgiving and Christmas in the hospital with my biological family 2,000 miles away, and yet my holidays were still rich and full.

As I travel and talk to people about living with HIV, I try to remind everyone that HIV is not just my problem. We are all in this together. I talk about my search for answers when I was first diagnosed. In my search, I found strength and encouragement as I read about the miracles in the New Testament and how Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8). I believe the Word and therefore know that God must still be in the miracle-working business!

I found hope in the story of the woman with the issue of blood found in Matthew, Chapter 9. Chad been sick for years and no one could find a cure, and it seemed that there was no hope for her. But she'd heard of Jesus. And she reached out,

past her fears and the judgments of the day to touch the edge of His garment. He looked at her and said, "Your faith has made you whole!" She was healed.

It was on one of those faith-lacking days that my mother reminded me of the story of another miracle found in that same chapter of Matthew — a story about paralytic. No matter how much the man wanted to get to Jesus, or how much faith he had, he couldn't get there on his own. But his friends picked up his bed and took him to Jesus. They carried him to the roof, tore back the tiles, and lowered him into the presence of Jesus. Scripture tells us that Jesus saw their faith... and the man was healed!

I started to see at that point that on those days when I just don't feel like I have the faith to carry me through, my friends and family, like the friends of the paralytic, take up my cause and carry my name to the feet of the Great Physician who is the source of my healing.

Today, my life is very exciting and richer than I could have ever dreamed. I have six months worth of cards, letters, phone calls and well wishes from my sisters and brothers in this Fellowship. I need to respond to them — and at the rate I'm going, I'd better pray for a very long life, or I'll never get to them all! But I think that's

a challenge I can live with!

When I found out that I was HIV positive, it seemed that my life was over, and life as I knew it, was. But as I've grown, and as my disease has progressed, I really have been blessed with "new eye" that see most days as beautiful, no matter what the weather is like. I found love and compassion for other people that I never knew existed. And although I deal with the reality of the struggles that come with living with AIDS, with the help of my caregivers and friends, most of whom are in MCC, I've begun to celebrate my life instead of worrying about my death.

As I am writing this article, I am sitting in a treatment room at the clinic that treats me for HIV/AIDS, enjoying that first cup of morning coffee and friendly chat with Lauri, my caregiver, and the clinic staff. We're sharing thoughts and feelings, dreams and future plans. Today, we have some pretty important decisions to make like, what should we do for lunch?

I'm really not the least bit concerned about what other people think and the fact that I have AIDS. I have the support and love that I need to face anything. My concern today is much bigger, as I ponder the origin of these three units of blood I'm receiving in this transfusion. Who were these donors? What are they like? Could they possibly have been a gay brother or a lesbian sister — or is it possible that they were flaming heterosexuals, or even Republicans? The possibilities seem endless and laughter fills the room as I share my concerns with the nursing staff.

I remember a time when I sat in this very room feeling like I'd been dealt a death sentence. Since then I've learned that it was just another obstacle in this road we trudge called "life."

I try to make the most of every moment and I find that life is good! There is still love, laughter, and play. Even after an AIDS diagnosis, there is life!

There is a saying that I've taken to heart — "T is the first day of the rest of your life!" And it is! Each new day brings with it hope. I look toward the days ahead anticipating a bright future. And I am strengthened as I face that future as a willing participant and no longer fear it as a victim!

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NATIONAL NEWS

LAWMAKERS TO ADDRESS GAY REPUBLICANS

It's being billed as "Building the Big Tent" — the largest gathering ever held by Log Cabin Republicans.

Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-New York) and openly gay Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Arizona) will be the top speakers at the annual meeting of the nation's largest gay and lesbian Republican organization in July.

Log Cabin Republicans will host a series of national meetings July 23-27, culminating in the 1997 LCR National Convention. Hundreds of state and local LCR activists will gather in the nation's capital for political action seminars, lobbying sessions on Capitol Hill and major addresses from Republican members of Congress.

ANTI-ELLEN TV STATION SNUBS MEETING

The owners of the Birmingham, Alabama TV station that refused to air several episodes of the ABC sitcom Ellen snubbed a meeting with local gay and lesbian community members.

Allbritton Communications was given a chance to address charges of homophobia. GLAAD wrote a letter to Allbritton, which in turn wrote back saying the individual station makes its own decisions. GLAAD felt that the owners were just "passing the buck".

It's not clear whether GLAAD contacted the television station directly for its concerns.

CHRYSLER AND "THE GAY THING"

The Chrysler motor company angered many by refusing to run advertisements during the famous coming out episode of Ellen last April.

A week later, Chrysler ended up advertising during the episode in which Ellen came out to her parents.

The car manufacturer, which has had a spotty record on gay and lesbian issues in the past, seems to now be a fair weather friend of the show. Despite its return, Chrysler is embroiled in battle with its lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender employees over inclusiveness, domestic partnership and other workplace fairness issues.

The community is urged to thank Chrysler for its support of Ellen, but remind executives that true inclusiveness starts at home.

FORMER ANTI-GAY ATTORNEY GENERAL ADMITS TO AFFAIR

In 1986, Georgia Attorney General Michael Bowers was in the national spotlight — successfully defending his state's anti-sodomy law before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Today, he's in the spotlight again. The holier-than-thou former attorney general has admitted to a ten-year adulterous affair while holding office.

Bowers called himself a "hypocrite" after admitting the affair. Adultery is considered a misdemeanor under Georgia law.

Bowers' anti-gay record continued in 1991 when he rescinded an offer for a position of staff attorney to a lesbian because she was planning to have a religious "marriage" ceremony with her partner. This year, the Eleventh Circuit Court ruled that Bowers had the authority to fire the staff member on the grounds that her employment could jeopardize the department's ability to uphold the law.

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GLAGN Scores Hit With Gay Prom



Photos:

Above Left: Tedd Whipple, Todd Ruhter, David Jensen, and Lee Wagner take advantage of photo opportunity at Gay Prom held in Hastings, NE

Above, Right: Brad Root, Julie S., and Alan Leinert survey the results of their work in preparing for GLAGN dinner which accompanied Gay Prom



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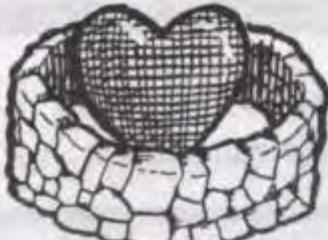
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LOCAL NEWS

MAX SHOW EARNS \$1200+ FOR RESOURCE CENTER

Rainbow Outreach, the GLBT Resource Center, was the beneficiary of a fund raising show hosted by Mr. Steven Koeller on June 1 at The MAX. The show was a booming success raising over \$1200 for the Resource Center.

Special guests for the evening were royalty from the Imperial Court of Iowa: Emperor IV Brian, Empress IV Aramis, Emperor III Patrick, and Empress III Liz.

Local performers included Phoenix Fallentino—Empress 16, Barbra Love, Miss MAX—Ashley Simone, Theresa, Laura Gray, Quincey Valentine, Annie Welty, Helin Bedd, Arial Attack, Chandler, Mark East, and ICON's Emperor and Empress Candidates—Jeff McKenzie, Josephine Williams, Sharon Van Butsel, and Michele Korman; and the host for the evening Steve Koeller—Emperor 12.

Helping to make the show a success were donations from the Imperial Court of Nebraska and the River City Gender Alliance. Also motivating to the audience was a challenge from ICON's Emperor 10 & 11 Gerald Brown. His challenge to Monarchs and Royal family Members brought in over \$200 in donations.

(NOTE: The Board of Directors of Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center say "Thank You!" to everyone who performed or helped with the show and to everyone who attended and made a donation! Thanks go out too to Josephine for her fund raising campaign show at DC's that same evening!)

CLOSET BALL QUEENS: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Miss Closet Ball '96, Satin, will be performing in her own special events during July. She will be featuring your favorite characters including Bette, Barbra, and Eartha.

Miss Closet Ball '97, Valerie Vortex, has been a featured performer at DC's and was one of the emcees for the Mr/Ms/Miss GLBT Pride Pageant at The MAX. Keep your eyes open for her next events.

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CORRECTION ON "ELLEN" AD SPONSOR

The June *New Voice* erroneously stated that the Human Rights Campaign was responsible for running the ad during "Ellen" coming out episode.

Scott Winkler has advised us that Citizens for Equal Protection was responsible for running this ad.

Winkler states further that Human Rights Campaign refused to let CFEPA even put their logo or voice over in the ad despite the fact that the funding came from CFEPA.

HELA-THON BENEFIT AUG. 29 & 30 CLUB 15

Show Director Helin Bedd announces a "Hela-Thon--24 Hours of Drag" to benefit ICEBOWL, MCC-O, the GLBT Resource Center, and NAP. The "Hela-Thon" will run from 9:00 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29 til 9:00 p.m. Sat., Aug. 30 at Club 15, located at 15th & Farnam. Interested entertainers should contact Helin at 341-5705. Most types of entertainment welcome!

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community through musical performances then the River City Mixed Chorus wants you. When we stand as one we stand alone, together our voices can win freedom. Auditions for new Chorus members will take place during the second and third weeks of July. Please call the SING-line (that's 341-SING) for more information about joining RCMC or to arrange for an audition.

GOOD READING AT RESOURCE CENTER

Enjoy reading? Going on a trip and want to find out a little about the GLBT community in the area? Check out these news magazines that are available for reading at Rainbow Outreach. Most are copies donated by the *New Voice of Nebraska*.

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Mom's Apple Pie

Seattle Gay News

Access Line

The Lesbian News

The Voice of Integrity

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July 19 at DC's

On July 19 some of Omaha's hottest and sexiest men will come together to participate in Mr. Nebraska Fantasy.

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The Mr. Nebraska Fantasy contest will consist of Fantasy Wear, Interview, Performance of Fantasy, and the ever popular Mystery category.

Previous years' winners of the Mr. Nebraska Fantasy title were Rick Noss 1995 and Rick Strube 1996.

The Fantasy contests celebrate our gay man's sexuality and fantasy. It is not a political contest.

The contest begins at 9pm with Free Admission (donated by Charlie, Dan, and David — DC's owners) and will be a benefit for Interpreters for the Deaf at Leather S/M events.

For information about entering the contest, contact Pat at 402 455-3701. Deadline for contestants is July 5, 1997.

FALL HARVEST CONFERENCE TO WELCOME TRANSGENDER PERSONS FROM ACROSS THE REGION

The River City Gender Alliance will be hosting the multi-state conference, Fall Harvest, at the Double Tree Inn (formerly the Red Lion) in Downtown Omaha from Thursday, October 30 - Saturday, November 1, 1997. This conference will bring together participants from across a six state region and beyond to hear nationally renowned speakers.

Final registration date is October 18, 1997. Early registration discounts end August 1. For more information, contact the River City Gender Alliance at 398-1255 or Email: sgibbons@synergy.net

ANGLE
"Slice of Summer"
July 15-Watch for details!

THE BLUE BARN IS MOVING

After nine years in Omaha and a six year run at its 13th Street location, the Blue Barn Theatre is looking for a new home. "The landlord has his sights on selling the building and we are not in a position to buy it," says Hughston Walkinshaw, a founding member and current Artistic Director. "We're just grateful to have been there as long as we were and to have had the chance to build an audience and reputation."

So where is the Blue Barn moving to? Right now they are looking at several locations in the downtown and Old Market areas. Plans for the 1997-98 season remain largely unchanged. "For two of the shows scheduled this season, I had already planned to initiate Blue Barn on Location," says Walkinshaw, "which means finding a unique locale appropriate to the story and then combining the atmosphere of a realistic film set and surroundings with the plays. Now we will

jump headfirst into that idea and apply it to all the productions." The Blue Barn is also in preliminary talks with other performance groups to perhaps find a permanent home which would house Theatre, Dance and Film. "The Blue Barners were inspired early on by the Bemis Foundation for Contemporary Arts. They gave us our first home and if you look at what the Bemis has accomplished for the visual arts, providing living and work space for its artists and an environment conducive to pushing one's artistic limits, it's a success we'd like to achieve for the performing arts."

The 1997-98 season will be an eclectic mix of original plays, OBIE and Pulitzer Prize winners, farce and drama. "It's a fantastic line-up," says Walkinshaw. "Blue Barn has a reputation for pushing the boundaries and we plan to live up to it." For information on Blue Barn's season and to join the mailing list, call 345-1576.

IRS DECLARES 501(c)(3) STATUS FOR RESOURCE CENTER

The Board of Directors of Rainbow Outreach the GLBT Resource Center is pleased to announce that the IRS has determined that they are eligible as a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3). Their exemption goes back to December 10, 1996, when they first filed their papers.

BI-NET OMAHA

Bi-Net, a support and networking group for Bisexual persons, will be meeting at 7pm on the Second Tuesday of each month at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center at 1719 Leavenworth. This meeting is open to all bisexual persons. For more information, contact Marcella at (402) 682-0701 or e-mail quest15@juno.com

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IOWA IGNORES BLATANT DISCRIMINATION

Five months ago, Roger Crow — the administrator at St. Katharine's Living Center in Davenport, Iowa — fired several employees because of their sexual orientation. State and federal authorities have done nothing to challenge him.

In an interview with the local Quad City Times, Crow said that, "When I first came here, there was probably at least three faggots working here and at least three dykes... It was like, 'These people are gone.' ... (Gay people) are not a part of society as far as I'm concerned."

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission says it cannot act on the complaint since the state legislature has rejected adding sexual orientation to existing anti-discrimination law, and the Inspector General for the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services said no action had been taken in part because the department's Iowa office has been closed since 1995. "What we see is all these different governmental agencies passing the buck. This is not news to gay people in Iowa," said John Schmacker, president of the Des Moines Gay and Lesbian Resource Center. "This is an issue for the whole state, because the very law lesbians and gay men need to have to be protected from job discrimination based on their sexual orientation has been rejected by our legislature two times in the last five years."

For more information, contact John Schmacker at the resource center: 515-282-7925.

STILL WISHIN'

The GLBT Resource Center needs your help in furnishing our "new home." If you can donate any of the items listed below, please call and leave a message on our phone 341-0330. We'll come pick up your donations or arrange to meet you at our "new home."

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HIV PREVENTION COUNSELING SEMINAR IN GRAND ISLAND

A workshop addressing issues related to HIV Prevention Counseling will be presented by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System on July 24 & 25 at the YWCA Blue Room in Grand Island, Nebraska.

This workshop will demonstrate effective, client-centered HIV prevention counseling strategies which can be used with anyone. Participants will learn how to personalize counseling messages and develop realistic and incremental risk reduction plans with their clients. The workshop is designed for nurses, social workers, clinicians, community educators, substance abuse and other professional counselors working in HIV prevention.

The faculty for this workshop are Kristi Barancik and Marji Datwyler from Development Systems, Inc. and Steven Jackson, CTRPN Coordinator for Nebraska. Kristi and Marji each have over seven years of experience working in HIV education and prevention counseling.

The cost of the workshop is \$20 for the general public, \$15 for Title X staff. Registration deadline is Monday, July 14. CEU's have been applied for.

For questions, please contact Steve Jackson at (402) 471-2937 or Kristi Barancik at Development Systems, Inc. (816) 561-5050.

Happy 4th!

REG. DRUMMER CONTEST TO ST. LOUIS

Fantasy Productions, Inc. will no longer be sponsoring the regional Mr. Drummer contest, which is a preliminary contest for the International Mr. Drummer Contest held in San Francisco, CA, each year at the end of September.

After sponsoring the Mr. Great Plains / Mr. Desert Plains Drummer Contest for the past six years, Fantasy Productions, Inc. has turned over the rights to the contest to the Gateway M.C. Club in St. Louis, MO. Fantasy Productions, Inc. would like to THANK all those who have been involved in this contest during the past six years and expresses appreciation to all those who showed support for the contest.

Gateway M.C. will be holding the 1997 Mr. Great Plains Drummer Contest the weekend of September 6 & 7, 1997. The Great Plains Region consists of Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Kansas.

Categories for the contest include Prejudging, Jock Strap, Leather Image and Presentation of a Sexual Fantasy.

If you are interested in attending the contest or in competing for the title, please contact Gateway M.C. in St. Louis, MO, or Fantasy Productions, Inc. at PO Box 8203, Omaha, NE 68108-8203. Fantasy Productions, Inc. will forward your information to Gateway M.C.

CORONATION 17 OFFERS "SOMETHING OLD AND SOMETHING NEW!"

As in years gone by the Coronation Festivities of the Imperial Court of Nebraska offers everyone in the area an opportunity to "come out" in the finest clothes in your closet for an evening packed with pomp and pageantry! Emperor Royal and Empress Phoenix have set a spectacular stage for the evening's affair — The Paxton Ballroom. What a night it will be! July 5, 1997 — Coronation 17 — You won't want to miss it. Starting time is 6:00 p.m. YES 6 o'clock PM. For only \$20 you can be present when the Reign 17 Monarchs are crowned! Come ready for a "Tropical Heatwave — A Night in the South Pacific." Watch out for pirates!

Earlier in the week, the community will be treated to something new — In Town Awards and Show — Wednesday, July 2 at the Omaha Mining Company. Roasting time is \$1 per minute. Watch out, Royal! That cheeseburger may really be sizzling before the night is through! There'll be goodies to eat, of course, and awards, awards, awards for all the wonderful in town folk who have helped make the reign such a success! \$5 cover will give you this evening to remember! (AND IN TOWN FOLK — YOU CAN TURN IN YOUR PROTOCOL THIS EVENING AS WELL!)

Friday, July 4 is the PICNIC! Yep! That's gonna be one hot party! The breeze off the river will keep Progressive Park steamin'. \$7 admission will get you into the festivities. (REIGN 17 MEMBERS OF ICON GET IN FREE!) Follow that with the Out of Town Show at 8 PM at DC's and then Steve's big bash at Gilligan's. What a day and what a night!

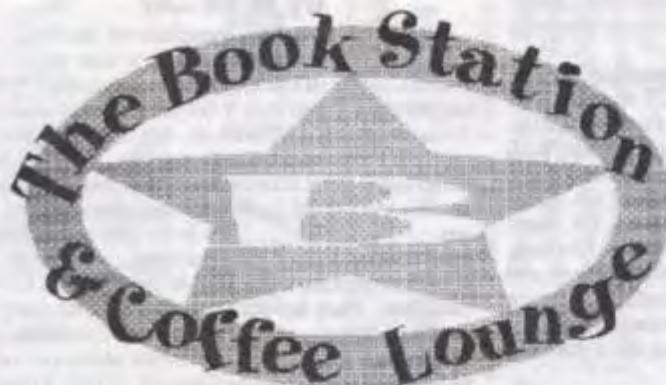
Sunday will bring the Victory Lunch at the Radisson at Noon. Follow that with HBV at the Omaha Mining Company at 3PM and everyone ought to be primed for the Victory Show 8:30 PM The MAX. Cover \$3.

Yep! There's some old and there's some new. It'll be great fun! Let's see Reign 17 top that!

WOMENSPACE PRIDEFEST SEPT. 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 Sat., Nov. 22, at the Witherspoon Concert Hall.

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MR/MS/MISS GLBT PRIDE NEBRASKA



Photo: Ms / Miss / Mr GLBT Pride Nebraska, Lesley Street, Phoenix Fallentino, and Dan Mathew with Pageant Producer, Sharon Van Butsel.

The first ever Mr/Ms/Miss GLBT Pride Nebraska Pageant was held at The MAX on June 9. Eight talented contestants vied for these three titles.

Competing for the title of Mr. GLBT Pride were: Michael Lyons, Jim Morford, and Daniel Mathew. Competing for Ms GLBT Pride was Lesley Street. And competing for the title of Miss GLBT Pride were: Feleena Katz, Helen Bedd, Chandler, and Phoenix Fallentino.

The scoring for both the Mr. and Miss GLBT Pride were close, but at the close of the evening the winners were announced: Mr. GLBT Pride — Dan Mathew, 1st Runner-Up — Jim Morford; Ms GLBT Pride — Lesley Street; Miss GLBT Pride — Phoenix Fallentino, 1st Runner-Up — Chandler.

Contestants each submitted a written statement describing their community involvement and their personal feelings about Pride. They then appeared on stage in informal Pride wear, giving a brief personal introduction at that time. At this point the competition varied somewhat for the different titles. The contestants in the Mr. and Ms GLBT Pride Nebraska had 5 minutes to do some sort of public presentation that demonstrated the contestant's ideas about GLBT Pride. Two of the contestants chose to do speeches and two did talent numbers which demonstrated their feelings about Pride. The contestants for the title of Miss GLBT Pride Nebraska competed in a more traditional talent competition, but with each talent number chosen to convey the message of GLBT Pride.

Judges for the event represented several aspects of our community. Each judge was chosen for their demonstrated ability to represent GLBT Pride. Two of the judges, Dick Brown and Laura Lee, were in the very first Pride parade held in Omaha. Two judges were well respected members of the Lesbian community: Susan Merrick, Director of Client Services at the Nebraska AIDS Project and Beth Contreras, newly elected member of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. Also serving as a judge for the event was the incomparable Dorian Drake, one of the most highly respected and talented impersonators in our community. Head judge for the evening was Stan

Brown aka Inga, coordinator of the annual Recognition Dinner and producer of Pride shows for the last 5 years.

Assisting producer, Sharon Van Butsel, with the duties as emcee were Jim Gau, Miss Montana and Miss Closet Ball Valerie Vortex. Special guest performers included Mr. Mark East, Mr. Royal Bush, Mr. Steve Koeller, Miss Michele Korman, and MAX favorites Rusty and Lisa doing a seductive dance routine which brought the audience to their feet for a standing ovation.

Special thanks go to Mr. Tom Cech for another awesome set which featured a Pride rainbow that began at a point by the bar and continued around two-thirds of the disco bar. Special thanks also go to Jim Gau for his poster and special table decorations as well as his coordinating talents in bringing the pageant together.

The titleholders have already begun to live up to their titles and will be taking an active role in pride activities throughout the year.

RENDEZVOUS '97

by Dr. Mike

For the 11th consecutive year, the UGLW (United Gays & Lesbians of Wyoming) is sponsoring Wyoming's largest gay & lesbian event. It is called "Rendezvous '97".

It is three, fun-filled days of camping in the mountains of Wyoming with other "family" members. This year, it will be held August 8, 9, & 10 at Eagle Rock, which is high in the Rocky Mountains between Cheyenne and Laramie, just off I-80.

This year, more than 350 people are expected from all over the U.S. Events include camping, hiking, workshops, a barbecue, live entertainment, volleyball and more. All of this in a friendly, GLBT atmosphere. The cost is \$25 for members of the UGLW and \$35 for non-members, if you sign up before July 15.

My partner and I went last year and had a blast. It was great fun and we have made some lifelong friendships through Rendezvous. The surroundings are unbelievably beautiful. Don't worry if you don't know how to camp (no pun intended). There are plenty of people there to help with that. If you don't own any camping gear, it can be rented very inexpensively here in Omaha.

I am organizing a group of people to go from Omaha. If you are interested in learning more about Rendezvous, or if you would like to join the group, please call Dr. Mike at 553-0238.

BEAR CLUB FOR MEN

It's time to leave your cave! Join the Omaha area bears and cubs in the first meet and greet of the summer. The meeting is Thursday July 10, at 7pm inside Stosh's Bar at The Max. Formation of an Omaha Area Bear Club will be discussed and suggestions for the group's name will be welcome.

CLUB 15 GETS A "10"

by Mike Orr

On June 6, a few members of the Men's Support Group Omaha visited a new club in Omaha. Some of the MSGO members aren't into large crowds and don't frequent dance clubs. After everyone had arrived, it wasn't too long until all were comfortable with the place. The place had a quiet atmosphere. It doesn't present an atmosphere of "cruising" and there weren't any "wall flowers". Both boys and girls of all ages seemed to enjoy themselves.

Club 15 (situated at 15th & Farnam) was truly fantastic. They have a variety of non-alcoholic drinks. Coffee is served throughout the evening. If you like drag shows that other clubs put on, you'll love the shows at Club 15. Every Friday and Saturday night you can enjoy the personalities that you've come to know. And they start on time, not on drag time!

Some of the personalities who performed Friday and Saturday night were Helen Bedd (Show Director) "Miss Suicide", Madam X, Jacqueline Bordeaux (Owner of Club 15), Teresa (Vocals, not drag), Patsy DeCline (a new face in Omaha), Josephine Williams "Candidate for Empress XVII", Miranda Wrights, and Satin. A few of the performers will be regulars of Club 15 Review. There will be guest and special appearances in the weeks to come.

Club 15 will soon be opening at 10AM. Starting in July, breakfast and lunch will be served in the restaurant next door. So, if you're looking for a relaxing place to enjoy a special occasion and/or the company of your friends, then Club 15 is definitely a place that you should check out. When you get there, make sure to say hello to the owners of Club 15, Ken Nissen and Herb Melnaiksnis. They're nice people and are eager to hear ideas for special events.

OUR RIGHTS IN THE WORKPLACE

With the increasing awareness of the Gay Rights movement, many individuals are asking a change for the better. As an employee and student, I am asking Metropolitan Community College to change its Non-Discrimination/ Equal Opportunity Policy statement to include sexual orientation as a protected group. Although the college campaigns as being committed to honoring diversity within its population, Metro has no official document prohibiting discrimination for sexual orientation.

Why is this important? Because in our society, a possibility exists that people can be fired and students unfairly treated solely because of another's prejudice against their sexual orientation. A group of interested persons/parties is being formed now to work on this issue, as well as future issues in acquiring additional rights and benefits with the college.

If you are a Metro employee, student, alumnae, or other interested party and would like to join our efforts for change, or offer you input, please contact Margarita Bodisch at 402-457-2524 9am-5pm Monday-Friday or e-mail me at mbodisch@metropo.mccneb.edu.

BLUE BARN PRESENTS GO-GO BOYS FROM PLANET X!

The Blue Barn Theatre announces the first play of its 1997-98 season, *Go-Go Boys from Planet X!* This exciting new work reunites playwright Miss Tanqueray LaVoris and Director Zack Humbee, who teamed last winter to produce the most successful show in blue Barn history, *Reform School Timmy! (an XXX-mas Carol.)* Says Mr. Humbee, "We took you suckers for a ride last Christmas and we're going to do it again this summer. Baby needs new shoes, Omaha."

Go-Go Boys from Planet X! is also the first completed work from the new Douglas County Correctional Center's Emerging Playwrights Program (D.C.C.C.E.P.P.) where the playwright is currently in residence. "That boy swore he was 18!" says the hurt LaVoris, once a popular performer in Omaha's transvestite community. "At least it's clean here. Not like the roach motel I'm used to." Miss LaVoris and Mr. Humbee also want to acknowledge the support of the National Endowment for the Arts and in particular Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina who pushed through the funding for this one-of-a-kind program. As director Humbee says, "It was a long, hard, slow drive, but that's what Jesse's good at. He has fond, vivid memories of Edgar Hoover's pink panty parties back in the 50's and he's been a tireless advocate since. Now Jesse wants to make sure the unique transvestite voice isn't lost in our modern battle for politically correct art.

And I say Hell!, why not plant some cash in my back pocket while we're at it?"

Go-Go Boys from Planet X! takes place right here in Omaha where the Evil Dragford of Planet X, Miss Formica DelRey, aided by her legions of Go Go Boy Slaves, plots to take over the earth and turn everyone gay. "This play is based on my own alien spacecraft abduction experience," says Miss LaVoris. She recalls being brought on board a spacecraft one night while walking through Elmwood Park. "They put me on a table and inserted probes where the sun don't shine. Then the little bug-eyed shiny guys gave me a manicure and waxed my eyebrows. I looked damn good! You know all those ET's are flaming queens!" After attempts to sell her story to the National Enquirer and Weekly World News proved unsuccessful, Miss LaVoris turned to playwriting. "Writing this play has been a cathartic experience for her," says Mr. Humbee. "I just hope she keeps her mitts off my cast," none of whom is using their real name for the show. "They're a testy and unreliable bunch of pansies," says Humbee, "but they all look good in silver."

As for when and where *Go-Go Boys from Planet X* will be performed, "At press time we know the show will open on July 17 and we're negotiating for several perky spots, whatever's cheap," says Mr. Humbee. An anonymous repre-

sentative for the Blue Barn says that by the time people read this article, the location will be set. Call 345-1576 for dates and times and to join the Blue Barn's mailing list.

FLEX PRESENTS NEBRASKA CANDIDATE FOR INT'L MS LEATHER

The newly formed Female Leather Exchange (FLEX) will introduce the Nebraska candidate for the title of International Ms Leather, Genelle Moore, at a special event to be held at The Panic in Lincoln on July 12. The International Ms Leather Competition, produced by Bare Images and Amy Marie Meek, will be held in San Diego, California, the weekend of July 19th. In preparation for this International event, FLEX will host "Just a Taste of Leather," a very special IMsL send-off party featuring Alias Jane and a sneak peek at Ms. Moore's IMsL Fantasy! The party begins at 8:00 p.m. at the Panic, 18th & N, in Lincoln on Saturday, July 12. There will be a \$3 cover.



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The Legislature just passed a Hate Crimes Bill, and although an Employment Non-Discrimination Act stalled in committee, it is not dead. We need to keep the heat on! Nothing less than full

civil rights is acceptable! As taxpaying citizens we should accept no less. The organization needs all the diverse talents and skills the community has to offer. Our opponents are numerous and powerful, but we are making progress!

Our meetings are held on the first Thursdays at the First Unitarian Church at 31st and Harney. Come join us! Or if time doesn't permit give us a call or write to CFEP, P.O. Box 55548, Omaha, NE 68155, (402) 398-3027. We look forward to working with you and for you for justice and equity.

HOT MEN HOT TIMES HOT CONTEST MR. INTL. FANTASY

Yes, things are gearing up for the 1997 International Mr. Fantasy Contest, which will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, the weekend of August 15-17.

This is the ninth year for a Fantasy event, and the third year for the contest itself. The weekend is known for being jam-packed from beginning to end, so get plenty of rest before it starts.

Thursday, August 14, will be the Fantasy Pre-Party at DC's beginning at 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 15, the weekend events begin with a Welcome Party, this year sponsored by the Cornhauers L & L Club from Des Moines, Iowa, at DC's from 5-7 p.m. Then the action turns the corner and moves to The MAX for the Registration Party, Introduction of all the contestants, and a few surprises. Saturday morning things begin with the Vendor Fair and Seminars/Workshops. Saturday evening, the lights go down as the contestants take the stage to compete for this year's title. There are always after-hours parties going on after this one. Sunday, as tired as you might be, some energy for the Farewell Brunch held at Gilligan's and the traditional (anyone can play) softball game.

The cost for the weekend is \$30.00 per person (\$35 after August 1) and includes admission to all of the events. Separate event ticketing is NOT offered for the weekend.

Last year's winner, Kevin Watson of Albuquerque, NM, continues to travel to the many statewide contests happening around the country as he helps search for the next man to fill his role.

This contest is NOT political in nature. Categories for the contest are Prejudging, Fantasy Wear, On Stage Question and Answer, Presentation of a Sexual Fantasy, and the "Mystery" Category, which no one will know until the day of the contest.

For more information on how to attend or possibly compete in this year's contest, please contact Fantasy Productions, Inc. at PO Box 8203, Omaha, NE, USA 68108-8203.

SIOUX CITY GROUP CHANGES MEETING PLACE

The Bar Alternative Gay Group (B.A.G.G.) still meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., but now they're meeting at John and Harold's ICE CREAM SHOP at 415 Nebraska St. in Sioux City, Iowa.

For more information about the group and events/activities that are planned for the future call Sue (712) 258-6167, Terry (712) 255-1890, or Marty (712) 255-8528.

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August 97

- 3 - ICON Investiture
- 7-17 - Iowa State Farm Boys Faire
 - Racoon River
- 15 - Full Moon Celebration
 - Racoon River
- 15-17-International Mr Fantasy
- 17 - Nina Ricci @ the MAX
- 24 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX
- 29 - Sept 1 - Labor Day Weekend Celebration - Racoon River
- 29-30 - Hela-thon @ Club 15
- 30 - MeatPackers PWA Benefit Show @ the MAX

September 97

- 1 - ICON Labor Day Picnic, Vennelyst Park
- 5 - PFLAG Putt-Putt Golf
- 6 - Women's Pridefest, Lakota Stables
- 27 - Int'l Mr. Drummer, SF
- 28 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX

October 97

- 12 - WRC/ANGLE
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- 19 - Muffy's B'Day Show @ The MAX
- 26 - Portfolio Men @ The MAX
- 30 - Nov 2 - RCGA Fall Harvest

November 97

- 1-2 - RCGA Fall Harvest
- 9 - ICON Food 4 Thought @ The MAX
- 21 - Mr & Ms Leather Nebraska
- 22 - WomenSpace Heather Bishop @ Joslyn
- 22 - ANGLE Recognition Dinner
- 23 - 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
- 31 - New Year's Eve

January 98

- TBA - Miss MAX 14

Bars & Restaurants

Des Moines (A.C. 515)

- Blazing Saddles 416 E. 5th St.
- Faces 416 E Walnut, 280-5463
- 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 1507 Farnam 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
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Lincoln (A.C. 402)

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

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- Kings & Queens 417 Nebr. 252-4167
- 3 Cheers 414 20th St. 255-8005

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

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

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

****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
tests: Urban Indian Health Ctr, 140 S. 27.
434-7177

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

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

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.
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****Nebraska AIDS Project**
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****Omaha Office:** 139 S. 40th, 68131,
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****Central Nebraska Office:** 3423 2nd Ave
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600 S 42 Omaha 68198, (402) 559-6681

****Nebraska Dept of Health & Human Services,**
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Nebr Regional Hemophilia Center.
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****Nemaha County Health Department,**
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****Outreach Center,** 1723 Leavenworth,
Omaha, 342-8716, Testing Sat, 1-4pm; 1st &
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****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 & Wool-
worth, Omaha 68900; Dean Pierce, x 4119

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AIDS Care, Mercy Center, 427 E. Kanesville
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AIDS Support Group: Sponsored by PFLAG,
Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437

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**Douglas County Mental Health -- Outpatient
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Att Leslie A. Epstein (402) 444-7930

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United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha

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

HIV/AIDS Support Group for Women, 7:30pm.
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
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families. Charles Drew Health Center.

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

Nebraska AIDS Project
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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 Cecilia's, Nebraska
Chapel, 40th & Webster

Lincoln Interfaith Council, 140 S. 27th St.,
Lincoln 68510, 474-3017, AIDS/HIV Healing
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Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, Box 81455,
Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091

Stone Law Firm, 501 CenterStone, PO Box
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GLBT RESOURCES

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**Chadron State College Alliance of Lesbian,
Gay, Bisexual Students, Faculty & Staff,** PO
Box 924, Chadron, NE 69337, 308-432-4044

Fellowship of Believers, 812 North 10th, #7,
Norfolk 68701, 402-379-9935. Home-based
church meets Wed 7pm, Sun 10am Open to all.

GLB Alliance, c/o Health Ctr, Hastings, College,
Hastings 68901. Judy 402-461-7372 (Health
Ctr) 462-2961 (home). For G/LB Students

Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr. Box 2401,
Kearney, NE 68847 Support, socials,
newsletter. Info: Todd at (308) 382-5419. Rod
at (402) 879-4630 or e-mail rdeuel@itec.net

Lambda Car Club, Box 2325, North Platte, NE
69103

Panhandle Gay?Lesbian Support Service Box
1046, Scottsbluff 69363, (308) 635-8488

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Box 269, Hastings, NE 68901, (402) 461-7372

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(308) 265-7620

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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/LB Students

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American Business & Prof. Guild, Box 142,
Sioux City, IA 51102, Network of gay business
prof. men from IA, MN, SD, NE. Meet last Sat.,
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Bar Alternative Gay Group (BAGG), meets
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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, rishanno@sprynet.com

Morningside College Student Group, Tim
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PFLAG-Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
*NE Iowa – Waukon, IA Box 142, Waukon, IA
52172, Meet 4th Monday 7-9pm, Robert
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1716, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, Information and
Help Line (605) 333-0603

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Lincoln, Info contact V.J. at 477-3526
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Lincoln, 438-5214
Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts., Box 94882,
Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, newsletter
FLEX (Female Leather Exchange) PO Box 5512,
Lincoln 68505, Email: flexed@juno.com
Informal assoc. of women 21 and over interested
in leather community.
Gay Men's Support Grp, Counseling & Psych
Services, Rm 213, Univ. Health Ctr, UNL,
Lincoln, 68588-0618, 472-7450. Confidential
Lesbian Discussion Group, Womens Resource
Ctr, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln,
68588-472-2997, Call for meeting information
Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects, 610 "J",
Lincoln, 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr.
O/P chemical dependency treatment while
affirming sexuality. Sliding Fee
Lincoln Pride Network, Box 81291, Lincoln
68501-1291, umbrella organization for GLBT
in Lincoln area, Call PFLAG Phone Line 402-
434-9880, e-mail LPride@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 (P-
FLAG)**, Box 30128, Lincoln 68503, 434-9880.
4th Tues, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A",
Web Site: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/4882> HIV Family Grp,
Under 21 Grp same time/plce
SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043,
Intergenerational Lesbian Coffee House 2nd
Saturday, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm,
3319 S. 46th, Lincoln
Straight Spouse Support Group - Lincoln,
Call 489-9088 for info
Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln, NE "A"
recognized Welcoming Congregation
UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Nebr
Union, 14 & R, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-
5644, Social, info, referral, library, General
meetings Tuesdays, 7pm, during school year
The Wimmin's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM,
89.3 FM stereo, Lincoln
A Woman's Place, Lincoln, nonprofit org
dedicated to empowering women.
Youth Support Group-Lincoln, Every Other
Saturday 4-6pm, Call 434-9880
Youth Talkline 473-7932, Friday & Saturday
7pm-Midnite, Lincoln. Emotional support,
referrals, AIDS info for callers Age 23 and
under. Project of Coalition for G/L Civil Rts.
YWCA Counseling & Education Department,
476-2802, Lincoln. Information and Referral

OMAHA BASED RESOURCES

Al-Anon Fridays 8:15pm, Underwood Hills
Presbyterian, 851 N. 74
Alcoholics Anonymous,
**Lambda Stag, Sun, 4pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian
**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,
Network, raise consciousness, PRIDE activities,
Meeting 1st Tues 7pm Internet www.angle.org
The Book Station and Coffee Lounge, Books,
Gifts, Coffee, 1913 Leavenworth St, 342-0520
Buzz-Journal, Box 8523, Omaha 68103, e-
mail: Buzzjourn@aol.com
Citizens For Equal Protection, Box 55548,
Omaha, 68155, 398-3027, Legislative action
1st Thursday, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harvey
EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc. of Gays &
Lesbians, US WEST, Pat Phalen, 1299 Farnam,
11th Flr, Omaha 68102 (402) 348-8569
Frontrunners/walkers, Box 4583, Omaha
68104, HOTLINE 496-3658, Running/
Walking Club (SASE for info)
Gay & Lesbian Org of UNO (GaLo), UNO
Students - Wednesdays, 6pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo
Bail Student Ctr, Kim Erwin 344-4078
Gay And Lesbian Parents Group (G.A.L.P.),
Not Meeting at Present
Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line,
A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 341-0330
Gay Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD)
G/L/B Affirming Disciples of Christ 553-2386
Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc (HGRA), Box
3354, Omaha, 68103-0354, Dan 597-1689
Enjoy/support rodeos, country activities. Meets
1st Sat alternating between Omaha/Des Moines
ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament,
Tournament held President's Day Weekend
Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha
68103 Fundraising organization working for
advancement of G/L/B/T society, Board Meets
1st Monday each month, 7pm, The MAX
"Learning to Exchange Power" Novice BD/
SM Support Grp, 2nd Sunday, 2-4pm, Back
Room, Wooden Apple, 22nd & Martha, Omaha
L.E.O. (Leather Engineers of Omaha) educational-social grp, Gay Men interested in Leather
Lifestyle. Write: Box 8181, Omaha, 68108
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
Web Site: <http://www.radiks.net/mccomaha>
Sunday Worship at 9 & 10:30am
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 Harvey
Nebraska Zen Center for all persons, 3625
Lafayette Ave, Omaha 68131, 551-9035
New Realities, Books, Tapes, Gifts, Old Market
Passageway, 1026 Howard, 68102, 342-1863
The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha
68103, Monthly magazine, (402) 556-9907 or
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 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 Resources 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 rccouple@probe.net
River City Mixed Bowling League, Sundays,
3pm, Skylanes, Center Mall, Omaha
River City Gender Alliance, Box 3112, Omaha
68103-3122 Message Hotline 398-1255, Email:
sgibbons@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
Tactics)** Box 7083, Omaha, 68107-7083
Educational/social group for women of leather.
Omaha/Lincoln 402-477-7741
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

Please Check Your Group or Organization's Listing. Send Updates to:
NVN, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103

JULY CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m. MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22 Street, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay /Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & 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 GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29 Omaha, Call Judith 472- 2598</p> <p>Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, Open Noon-9pm</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>FrontRunners, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot</p> <p>PFLAG-Lincoln AIDS Support Grp, 7pm, 475-2437</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>UNO GaLO 5pm, Jenkins Rm, Milo Bail Student Ctr, Call Kim 556-3545</p> <p>Rainbow Outreach, Omaha, Open 6-9pm</p>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>JULY 1 (1st Tuesday)</p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chpl, South & 11th Lincoln</p> <p>ANGLE, 7pm, GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha</p>	<p>JULY 2 (1st Wed)</p> <p>ICON's In Town Awards & Show 7:30 Omaha Mining Co.</p>		
<p>JULY 6 (1st Sunday)</p> <p>FrontRunners, 10am, Dewey Park, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG AIDS Family Support Group, 2-4pm, 291-6781</p> <p>Independence Day Weekend, Racoon River, Des Moines</p> <p>ICON Victory Lunch, 12 noon, Radisson-Redick, Omaha</p> <p>Beer, Burgers, & Vodka, Omaha Mining Company, 3 pm</p> <p>ICON Victory Show, 9pm, The MAX, Omaha</p> <p>Hollywood Strippers TouChez, 323 Phillips, Sioux Falls, IA</p>	<p>JULY 7 (1st Monday)</p>	<p>JULY 8 (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA</p> <p>HIV Support Grp-Women 7-9pm NAP, 2123 Winthrop, Lincoln</p> <p>New Voice Volunteer Orientation, 7pm, Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha.</p> <p>All Interested Persons Welcome</p>	<p>JULY 9 (2nd Wed)</p> <p>NAP Community HIV Update, "GLBT Service Issues", Wellness Center, 139 S. 40, Omaha</p>
<p>JULY 13 (2nd Sunday)</p> <p>FrontRunners, 10am, Heartland Park, Omaha</p> <p>MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215</p> <p>Learning Exchange Pwr Wooden Apple 22&Martha 2-4pm</p> <p>PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm</p> <p>Sioux City Gay Pride Picnic, Call 3 Cheers for Location</p> <p>River City Couples Cook-Off, MCC-Omaha, 6pm</p> <p>Mr. MAX Competition, 9pm, The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p>JULY 14 (2nd Mon.)</p> <p>AIDS Interfaith 7pm St Cecelias Omaha</p> <p>ICON Board Mtg, The MAX, 7pm, Omaha</p>	<p>JULY 15 (3rd Tuesday)</p> <p>NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln 7pm, YWCA, 1432 "N", 434-6695</p> <p>Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303</p> <p>Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175</p> <p>ANGLE Slice of Summer, 341-0330</p>	<p>JULY 16 (3rd Wed)</p>
<p>JULY 20 (3rd Sunday)</p> <p>FrontRunner 10am, Keystone, AkSarBen, South End, Lot 5, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG/Kearney 3p, St Luke's 2304 2nd Ave (308)237-7136</p> <p>Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488</p> <p>Full Moon Celebration, Racoon River Resort, Des Moines</p> <p>International Ms Leather Competition, San Diego</p>	<p>JULY 21 (3rd Monday)</p>	<p>JULY 22 (4th Tuesday)</p> <p>PFLAG-Lincoln Meeting, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" 434-9880</p> <p>New Voice Volunteer Orientation, 7pm, Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha.</p> <p>All Interested Persons Welcome</p>	<p>JULY 23 4th Wed)</p>
<p>JULY 27 (4th Sunday)</p> <p>FrontRunners, 10am, Meadow Lane Park, 114 & Farnam, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG-Omaha, 2-4pm, Mead Hall, 1st Meth</p> <p>MCC Lincoln Fellowship Grp 6pm, 477-3215</p> <p>Drag Show, TouChez, 323 Phillips, Sioux Falls, SD</p>	<p>JULY 28 (4th Monday)</p>	<p>JULY 29 (5th Tuesday)</p> <p>FrontRunners General Meeting, 6:30pm, Omaha, call 496-3658</p>	<p>JULY 30 (1st Wed)</p>
<p>AUGUST 3 (5th Sunday)</p> <p>FrontRunners, 10am, Omaha</p> <p>ICON's Investiture--9 pm at The MAX-- Meet the Royal Families of Reign 17</p>	<p>AUG 4 (5th Monday)</p> <p>ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, Gilligan's, Omaha</p>	<p>August 5 (1st Tuesday)</p> <p>AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, Lincoln</p> <p>ANGLE Mceting, 7:30pm, GLBT Resource Center, Omaha</p>	<p>AUG 6 (2nd Wed)</p>

JULY CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

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 noon-6pm

THURSDAY

JULY 3 (1st Thursday)

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

EVERY FRIDAY

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

FRIDAY

JULY 4 (1st Friday)

ICON Picnic, 12n - 5pm, Progressive Park,
Council Bluffs, IA, \$7, Members Free
ICON "Out-of-Town" Show, 8pm, DC's,
Omaha
Steve Koeller & Miss Gilligan's, 10pm,
Gilligan's, Omaha
Womyn's Book Discussion, Laarie 556-0937
Independence Day Weekend, Raccoon River
Resort, Des Moines

EVERY SATURDAY

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

SATURDAY

JULY 5 (1st Saturday)

Heartland Gay Rodeo Ass'c 5pm, Omaha
River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender
community (402) 398-1255
ICON Coronation, 6pm, Paxton Grand
Ballroom, 1402 Farnam, Omaha
PFLAG MurderMystery Party, Lincoln
DC's 5th Anniversary Celebration
Independence Day Weekend, Raccoon River

JULY 12 (2nd Saturday)

AIDS Benefit Show, 3 Cheers, 414 20th St.,
Sioux City, IA
Frontrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha
Players Club, 2pm Workshop; 8pm Play Party
SAGE Intergenerational Lesbian Coffee
House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm,
3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178
A Taste of Leather, Genelle Moore, Candidate
for Int'l Ms Leather, with Alias Jane, 8pm,
The Panic, Lincoln
ONYX Images Summer Madness, Omaha

JULY 19 (3rd Saturday)

Youth Support Grp--Lincoln 4-6pm 434-
9880
Mr. Nebraska Fantasy, DC's, Omaha
IMsL in San Diego

JULY 10 (2nd Thursday)

Gay Pride Bizzare Bazaar, 3 Cheers, 414
20th St., Sioux City, IA
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 meetinn, 7pm Rainbow Outreach,
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

JULY 17 (3rd Thursday)

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

JULY 24 (4th Thursday)

JULY 18 (3rd Friday)

IMsL in San Diego

JULY 26 (4th Saturday)

Frontrunners Run/Walk, 10am, Ford Birth
Site, Omaha
PFLAG-Sioux Falls, SD, 1pm (605)334-5508

JULY 31 (1st Thursday)

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

AUGUST 1 (1st Friday)

AUGUST 7 (2nd Thursday)
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 meetinn, 7pm Rainbow Outreach,
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

AUGUST 8 (2nd Friday)

Frontrunners Friday Afternoon Club,
Omaha, 6:30pm

AUGUST 2 (1st Saturday)

Frontrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha
Players Club, 2pm Workshop; 8pm Play Party
SAGE Intergenerational Lesbian Coffee
House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm,
3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178
Lincoln PFLAG Swimming Pool Party

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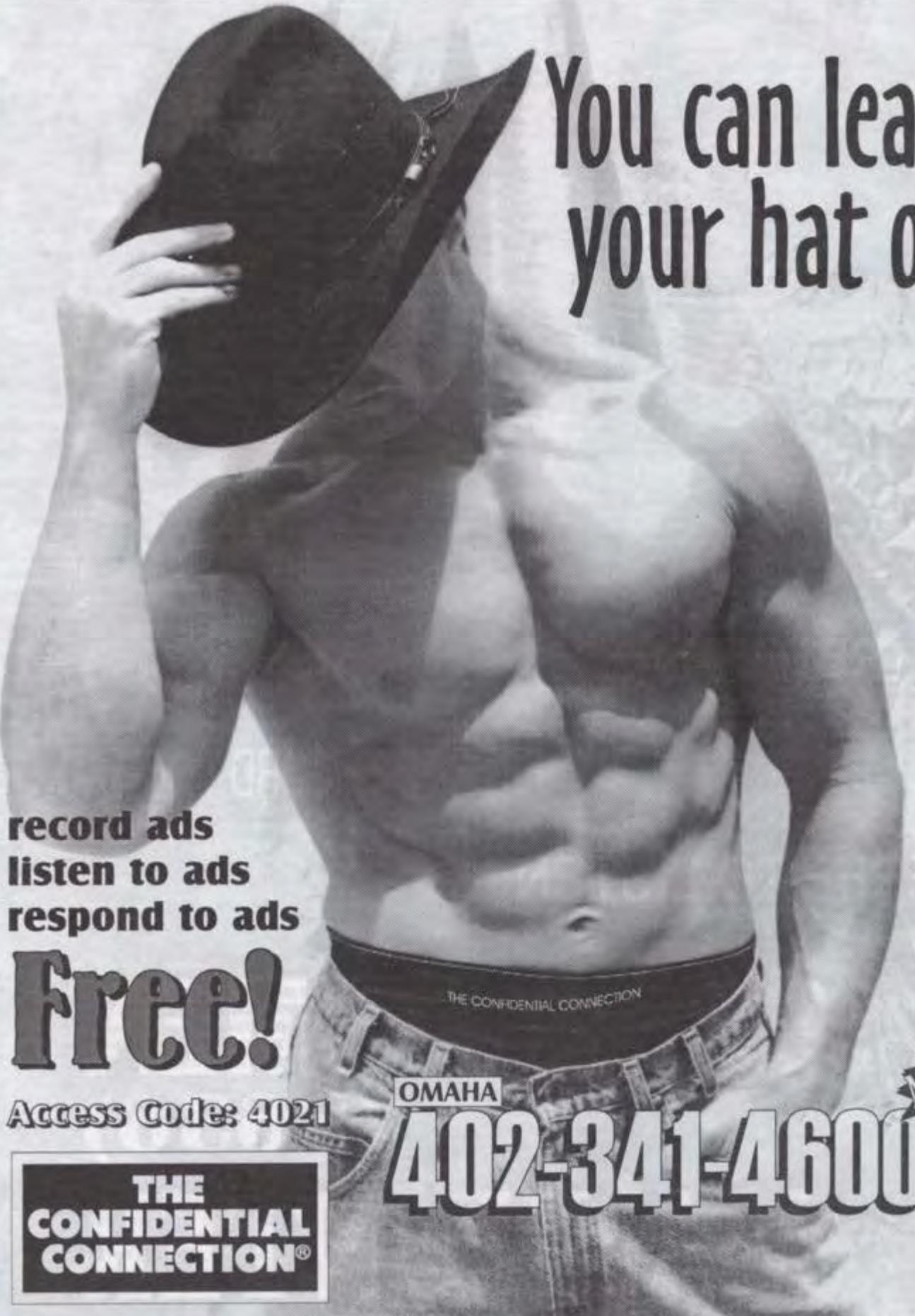
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DANCE IN MY PANTS I'm looking for other guys to have fun with. I'm an attractive, White male, 6'1, 202lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, a mustache and goatee, and medium build. I like movies, theater, dance, and whatever else we can get into. (Lincoln) **=32231**

VIDEOPHILE This good looking, horny, 30 year old, White male, seeks other hot men for safe times. I love to watch videos and get off. Wanna join me? (Lincoln) **=31133**

LAUGHS AND LOVE Looking for fun? Good times? Do you have a variety of interests? Let's talk. I'm a 32 year old guy, 5'7, 170lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes. I wanna meet Hispanic men for laughs and love. (Lincoln) **=30755**

MAKE FIREWORKS GO OFF This Bi, White male is looking for exciting new friends for freaky fun. Don't doubt, I have the equipment to make you happy. (Lincoln) **=22624**

CHEERS I'm a Gay, White male, in my early thirties, with average looks. I'm a total bottom. I want to have a relationship with another guy in the area. (Lincoln) **=30588**

I SAW YOU CHECKING ME OUT If you're the type of guy who sneaks peeks at hairy, Married guys, you may not know that some of us are peeking back. I'm a 32 year old, Married, Bi male, 5'10, 150lbs, with dark hair and a hairy body. I want to have so much good, discreet fun that we both come back for more. (Lincoln) **=30445**

INTENSE IMAGININGS I'm a little shy about this as I haven't tried it before. I'm a clean, inexperienced, Bi curious male. I want to find out if reality is as fun as my imaginings. Please be very discreet. (Lincoln) **=12479**



SQUEEZE ME IF YOU DARE

This 39 year old, Irishman, is 5'9, 230lbs. I carry it very well. I want to have good times with other men. Little polar bears are a plus. Relationship possible. (Lincoln) **=30417**

GET IT ON This good looking, Married, Bi, White male seeks discreet men, in the area, to get it on with. (Lincoln) **=29903**

WHILE THE WIFE'S AWAY My wife's out of town for a while and I want to get off over the phone. I'm a masculine, muscular, 28 year old, construction worker, 6'1, 210lbs. I'm very closeted and very Bi. Call if you're a muscular, aggressive top because I've got a lot to say to you. (Lincoln) **=29425**

MR. AMERICA I'm an all American, Gay, White male, 5'10, 165lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a fit, smooth build. I'm masculine, clean cut, and attractive. I'm looking for good friends, between 20 and 30, to have fun with. You should be in good shape, smooth, and appreciate an honest, sensitive, down to earth, and perceptive mate. Let's talk. (Lincoln) **=14211**

INTENSE IMAGININGS I'm a little shy about this as I haven't tried it before. I'm a clean, inexperienced, Bi curious male. I want to work out, and I run four miles everyday. I'd like to meet guys in the area, but I go to Omaha almost every weekend. (Norfolk) **=27357**

SEEK ADVENTURE HERE

I'm a nice looking, well educated, professional, Black male, who is looking to connect with other guys for good times. I'm 35, 5'11, 175lbs, with a nice build. I'm very easy going and have a variety of interests. Be adventurous and give me a call. (Lincoln) **=11875**

INITIATE ME I'm looking for a man for my first Gay experience. I'm a 25 year old, Single, White male, 5'11, 145lbs, with a very slender build. I am attracted to guys under 25, who are skinny and smooth. (Lincoln) **=11248**

YOU KNOW WHERE IT GOES

I'm new to the neighborhood and want to meet masculine, preppy jock types who'd like to show me a good time. I'm a 30 year old, White male who's tall, dark and handsome. I like other straight acting guys, between 16 and 28, who are aggressive tops and know where to put it. (Lincoln) **=28096**

BLADE RUNNER I want to find someone masculine and tender to spend time, and enjoy life with. I'm an attractive, 20 year old, Gay, White male, who likes Star Trek, reading, and hiking, biking, and rollerblading outdoors. (Lincoln) **=27468**

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TO YOU I'd like to make new friends with the idea that one of them will become my life partner. I'm a physically active, Gay, White male, 5'5, 140lbs, with Blond hair, and Blue eyes. I like to work out, and I run four miles everyday. I'd like to meet guys in the area, but I go to Omaha almost every weekend. (Norfolk) **=27357**

CORNHUSKER COUNTRY

Sexy voiced Gay, White male, 29 with Brown hair and Blue eyes wants to have good times with other men between 18 and 30 in southeast Nebraska. (Lincoln) **=24813**

AFRO ASIAN SUMMIT I'm a very well endowed, African American male. I'll bet that got your attention. I want to meet a masculine, discreet Asian, especially Vietnamese male for fun and friendship. You should be an enthusiastic bottom. Make use of my tool. (Lincoln) **=24525**

OH MY, IN OMAHA My roommate and I are interested in making friends to get together with regularly. He is a 31 year old, Latin male, 5'11, with Brown hair and eyes. I am a White male, 37, but look younger, 6ft, 180lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. Let's shake the rafters. (Lincoln) **=24753**

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC I'm just a big, teddy bear, from Lincoln, 6'1, 320lbs. I'm looking for hot and horny, young, college students, who crave a good time. Anything you want, just ask. (Lincoln) **=24480**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Down home guy wants to get to know you. I'm a White male, 5'11, 165lbs. I consider myself cute. I like to sit around watching movies, and getting to know people. I also like the bars, theaters, and having fun, in general. What should I know about you? (Lincoln) **=23120**

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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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

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

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

ASSORTED AMUSEMENTS I'm looking for fun loving guys, my age and younger, who want to hook up for good times. I'm an attractive, clean shaven, White male, 31, 5'9, with short Brown hair and Blue eyes. My interests are quite varied so I'm sure we can find something to amuse us. (Omaha) #32374



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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

CHEEKY CHAP I'm a good looking masculine, White male, who's been pretty naughty lately. I think I need to be spanked. I like to shave my legs and bottom, so there will be nothing between me and your hand. (Omaha) #33665

COFFEE SHOP COMPANION I'm a fun loving, youthful, White male, 19, looking for new friends. I'm 5'6, 135lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I love to go downtown, on the weekend, and hang out at the coffee shop. I also like reading, watching television, listening to music, and having a good time. Come to join me! (Omaha) #31393

FORTUNE COOKIE I want to meet some nice guys to have fun times with. I'm a handsome, 43 year old, Hispanic male, 152lbs, with Black hair and Hazel eyes. I have a good sense of humor, and enjoy movies, music, Chinese restaurants, and dancing. (Omaha) #30680

DOWN FOR THE COUNT I want to meet other hot men interested in wrestling. I'm a 29 year old, professional, White male, 6ft, 165lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I'm clean cut, attractive, and can't wait to get you on the mat. (Omaha) #16888



SLIM GUYS IN LEVIS I like masculine men who know what they want and who like being pleased. I'm a mature, White male, 5'9, 160lbs. I especially like Straight and Bi men. I'm also turned on by slim guys in Levis. (Omaha) #28980

LUSTY NIGHTS I'm interested in evening get togethers with other attractive guys, 31 or younger. I'm an extremely good looking, White male, age 31. I'm mostly a bottom but can be versatile. I'm especially interested in Bi men. Let's hook up, rip our clothes off, and have rowdy fun. (Omaha) #28677

IGNITE THE FLAME Let's get something started right away. This nice looking, 34 year old, Gay, White male, 200lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, likes movies, music, dancing, and long walks. I want to make some new friends and see what happens. (Omaha) #28689

JUST A HINT OF ME I'd rather talk to you in person than leave all my state for the world to see. I'm a masculine, White male, 6'1, 240lbs, with a variety of interests. Call for the nitty gritty. (Omaha) #11958

SUBMISSIVE MILITARY MALE I'm stationed in the military outside Omaha and want to hook up with hot guys, 18 to 28, for fun. I'm an extremely attractive, White male, 20, 5'7, 140lbs, with a good build, and a great smile. I'm a submissive bottom. Sir, yes sir! (Omaha) #13580

MUTUAL IN OMAHA I'm looking for other good guys to build friendships with in the area. I'm a 31 year old, White male, 5'9, 160lbs, with short Brown hair, Brown eyes, clean shaven face, and a slim build. I'm open to all types of fun. (Omaha) #12519

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, 260lbs. I prefer hairy, hung, uncut guys if possible. (Ft. Meade) #1346

NE-BI-SKA This Bi guy, in central Nebraska, wants to hook up with other men. I'm 27, 5'9, 195lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, a mustache and goatee. I know you're out there. #8750

COWBOY DUO NEEDS

THIRD We're two Gay, White country cowboys and we're looking for other guys to corral with for hot times. I'm 30, 6ft, 170lbs, with a dark beard. My buddy is 6'2, 160lbs, with light Brown hair. We're both very masculine, wear country clothes, and like to have multiple orgasms. We want partners, between 20 and 40, who are very active participants. We love to travel. #11643



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ABIDING FRIENDSHIP I'm a 36 year old, Gay, White female, seeking the same for a long term relationship. I enjoy plays, dancing, singing, and alternative music. Our relationship must be full of passion, loyalty, sincerity, abiding friendship, and intimacy. (Omaha) #34652

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