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OUR TURN: Opinions of New Voice Staff

HIGHSAND LOWS

By Sharon Van Butsel

This last month I have had incredible highs. The Supreme Court decision on Amendment 2 in Colorado — a high that went on and on. I didn't know whether to laugh or cry or dance or just get on my knees and thank God.

Memorial Day Weekend was a real mixture of emotions. Carla and I took a day off and lost our money at the casino at Onawa (I did get a deck of cards and a little box of candy as a birthday present from the casino.) Sunday was church and Phoenix's Pride benefit show at the Run (great time!) Monday was ICON's Memorial Day Picnic — we sweated blood right up until that afternoon because the weather was lousy (rain! rain! rain!). We got to the park, had one break in the clouds before it poured! But then the sun came out and it was fine — about 250 people at the picnic and they all had a great time.

During all this we were in high gear getting ready for ICON's Coronation. I did the typesetting on the program and, just like *The New Voice*, things were still coming in as we took it to the printer. And, like *The New Voice*, a few hours after it went to the printer I started finding mistakes and remembering things I didn't get in. Of course, Bob Ewing at Printing Plus is one of the most wonderful people I know. When he spotted a mistake he called and gave me a chance to fix it. No wonder he's printed *The New Voice* since 1988. He's great! Of course, there was one mistake he couldn't fix for me — when I was adjusting the "Acknowledgements" page I

managed to lose Scott Rezek's name. Seems like you always forget somebody, but I shouldn't have forgotten Scottie. On the day of Coronation he sat with me from 10 a.m. until just before 6 p.m. typing "Protocol." Protocol is the name we use for the script the emcees use — the script that includes the descriptions of every person recognized during Coronation (7 out of state Courts with up to 10 members needing individual introductions, 9 local organizations, and another 12 emcees and performer). It is an exhausting, frustrating experience. I volunteered to work on it but without Scottie's expertise and help I would never have survived. So anyway, **MY PERSONAL THANKS TO SCOTT REZEK FOR HIS WORK IN GETTING PROTOCOL READY FOR CORONATION 16. YOU DID A GREAT JOB!** There were many others who worked hard for Coronation, but I managed to get most of them listed on the "Acknowledgements" page. My personal salute to all of you.

Coronation brought more highs. I received the first "President's Award" given to an ICON Board member who has gone "above and beyond" working for the Court. The other President's Award went to Gary Frazier for his work on the Board. Carla, co-Emperor 9 of the Imperial Court, received an "Emperor to Emperor" Award from Emperor 15 Annie Welty. That was also a wonderful high! And at the end of the evening my friends Phoenix and Royal were crowned Empress and Emperor 16. Still another high.

Another high was the surprise birthday party Carla arranged for me. This party was a red letter event — you see, Carla hates surprises and hates keeping secrets. I don't think I've ever gotten to my birthday or Christmas without knowing what my present would be. But she kept this secret very well. She told me I couldn't go in the garage because she was working on a special project for my birthday — even gave me clues and let me guess. I guessed such things as a display case for my Pride buttons, a fountain or a fish pond for the yard, and six other things. (Now she has ideas for my birthdays for years to come.) The actual reason I couldn't go in the garage was so I wouldn't find the box of hamburgers she stashed in the freezer. And my birthday present was a barbeque on the patio at the MAX with Buddha's incredible cooking (grilled hamburgers, baked beans, etc., etc.) Some good friends joined us and made it a perfect birthday. (Later she gave me another present — a gold pendant with stones the color of the pride flag. It's one of the pieces Val Vawter has on display at St. Mary's Fan. The highs continued when Gary West and Steve Mc had a beautiful floral arrangement delivered to my work. It was fabulous (lasted nearly two weeks). Thank you, Gary and Steve. It was great.

Another high came as our "grandchildren" grew up. We have 4 lovely, active kittens running around our house, half Siamese and half Himalayan. One little girl will go to the folks who own her daddy but we'll be selling the others (\$50 apiece. If you're interested, call us at 556-9907).

There were lows — complete exhaustion just before Coronation and lots of tears because I was feeling overwhelmed. And we lost one of our kittens. Tillie had 5 but one died before she was 24 hours old. It makes the other 4 more precious. And then there was the biggest low — I tried to kill Carla. Not deliberately of course, but it was a close call. Carla has been very sick for the last 4 months. For some reason her thyroid quit working and she developed Myxedema (the whole body starts swelling up until you can't breathe or walk) but the doctor figured it out and started her on a thyroid replacement. But thyroid is a tricky thing — you have to adjust it very slowly in order to not go too far the other way and cause more problems. Well, Carla had a very severe case (one of the levels they use to measure this is called TSH and the normal rating is supposed to be 5. When she first went to the doctor, her TSH level was 82.) They kept increasing the amount of thyroid every couple weeks until they got the TSH down to 22. Then they made one last adjustment but unfortunately didn't explain it well or else I wasn't paying attention. What the doctor wanted was for Carla to keep on taking the 2 mg and also take a .025 mg pill. Well, I picked up the new prescription, put the old one away and for almost three weeks Carla just took the .025 when she was supposed to be taking 9 times as much. The doctor figured it out when she took blood tests and the level had shot back up again. Well, now Carla is taking the right amount and has appointments with three more specialists, so hopefully things will get on the road to recovery. I'll have a progress report for you next month.

So, this month has been one of highs and lows — but all in all I wouldn't trade it for anything. Hope your month was half as good.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REQUESTS FROM NEBRASKA PRISONERS

Dear Editor,

I am a young, bi-sexual male prisoner at the Lincoln Correctional Center. A friend of mine told me if I write you, that you will publish my letter in your magazine.

I have an interest in staying in contact with the gay community here in Lincoln. I'll be getting out real soon! (2 1/2 months)

I'll be glad to hear from any and all who may care to write. Since I'm bi, I'll be happy to hear from males or females. (Either one!)

I'm 20 years old, blond hair, blue eyes, 5' 10", and 150 lbs.

Since I'm getting out very soon, I would very much appreciate it if you would print this letter as soon as possible.

Thank You!

Sincerely!

Jason "The Hunk" Hunkins #45657

P.O. Box 22800

Lincoln, NE 68542

Dear Sirs,

Over the months I have seen you assist those in prison with getting pen pals in the Gay Community. I applaud you and your paper for this. My name is Walter D. Smith and I am incarcerated in the Lincoln Correctional Center and would appreciate being put in contact with the gay community. My goal is that of friendship and companionship. Thank You!

Walter D. Smith #46585

P.O. Box 22800

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Dear Editor,

As I sit down to write this letter, my mind is going all kinds of ways.

The first is I wrote a letter to P-FLAG in Milford about trying to get some information.

You see, have just begun to come to terms with my sexual gender (homosexual), and I still have a lot of questions that are unanswered.

I also just read the letter from the young lady in the June issue and was moved to tears because I can only hope that there will be someone like Angela who will remember me like she does her uncle.

Any information you can pass along or addresses would be helpful, because I am tired of writing letters and getting no response.

Thanks for your time and concern,

Sincerely,

Allen L. Bishop, 37969

P.O. Box 2048

Hastings, NE 68902

P.S. May God Bless us all in the coming weeks and months.

Editor's Note: As always, we remind you to be responsible in writing to any prisoner. Do not send money or gifts. Be a friend or a pen pal, but always do so responsibly.

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THANKS FROM GEORGIA

Dear Editor,

I received your recent issue of NVN (June 1996) the other day and saw the article about the Olympic Torch not going through Cobb County, GA. Thank you for printing that. I am with the Olympics Out of Cobb coalition, and am pleased to see that it was in your magazine. I am also a native Nebraskan.

I would like for you to put in your next issue that Jon Ivan Weaver & Pat Hussain (co-chairs of the OOC) have written a book about it. The address is as follows:

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MOTHERHOUSE RESPONDS TO WORLD-HERALD ARTICLE

10 June 1996

Dearest Friends and Family of the Motherhouse:

I have been asked for a response to the recent article in the *World-Herald* condemnatory of the Motherhouse operations, etcetera. I'm sure that Huskerland is familiar with the Monday-morning quarterbacking that is part of every football game. It usually proves out to be that the poor bumbling idiots who risk their life on the field should clearly have asked the armchair champions how the game should have been played before the first whistle. I guess there should be no real surprise, then, that the same old game is played out in life, even for a Franciscan order of brothers. We should have known better! Scripture has clearly warned that to do something controversial is going to result in "men will speak against you, calling you evil names, [but] they will become ashamed of themselves for falsely accusing you when you have only done what is good" (1 Peter 3:16ff TAB). I can vividly recall on of our theology prof's admonitions, "If you haven't made any enemies, you aren't doing much for the Kingdom of God."

Over five years ago, Omaha was but one city surveyed as a site for our Motherhouse. Omaha had one thing that none of the other cities had — the very forward-looking and energetic Nebraska AIDS Project. At that time, Omaha had plans for a hospice. Now over five years and sixteen million dollars later, not even the first shovel of ground has been turned on that project. (Might be an interesting front page article for the *World-Herald* to pursue!) Additionally, that project is slated to be a general hospice, not AIDS specific by any means. Further, it is to be associated with and operated by a hospital! Someone has forgotten what HOSPICE is all about. I'll go with the religious order's experience of some 900 plus years of operating hospices before I accent a trendy and faddy definition taking its rise in the mid-fifties and sixty's for those who had had it with the medical system and desired a specifically non-medical model respite in which to die in peace and the quiet dignity of natural death.

The fact is that we do know from whence the article came and how it was conceived in hatred and finally given birth through calling in a few favors, even so far as to select its placement in the paper. Those involved had been associated with the Motherhouse in a somewhat intimate manner.

One approached me early on reciting a long admiration of the Franciscan charism and traditions but extremely doleful of an apparent canonical impairment to final profession. Upon further examination, in concert with the Province, it was decided to give him the opportunity to lay aside the impairment and enter the postulancy, despite his court-ordered mental health commitment. Another of the "authors" was a former officer of the Board of Directors, himself a very potential guest of the Motherhouse insofar as he was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Simply because he could not have his way with every vote, he vowed a vow of vengeance and proceeded in his life-long way to quietly (but quite knowingly) carry his heavy baggage of guilt and anger. The morning after publication of the article he called an old friend, whose friendship of twenty plus years was no more than a ladder of opportunity, and chortled, "Well, I got the s.o.a.b. (female dog) hung," and ensconced himself more firmly upon the queenly throne of Omaha's gay

society. The third conspirator was, likewise, thought of as a friend of the Motherhouse, but never really got around to coming over for a "look-see" over the proffered cup of coffee. In my opinion, their actions belie their stated interests in anyone but themselves, and more surely a contempt of their own family and the PWA's who are being shunted from the Motherhouse where they are wanted and warmly welcomed as family.

It is of especially sad note that the letter under authorship of Father Michael Gulgussell, Chancellor speaking for the Archdiocese of Omaha, was grossly misquoted and ripped out of its context. The letter was, simply, a public announcement of a private working agreement with the Archdiocese of Omaha and the Province of Saint Lazarus. It purported to be no more, and, indeed, was no more. It was not an interdict nor an excommunication. So that you might know, for the public record, under vows of obedience, we are subject to His Excellency Archbishop Eldon Curtiss, who has our personal love, fidelity, and support.

As I have come to know adult people, I believe they are fully capable to make up their own minds. No one at the Motherhouse has ever claimed perfection, only that we were seeking it, as is every soul who has taken the vows of religious life to be their own. Nor have we intimated nor promised that we could satisfy the need of every PWA needing help. Indeed, the Motherhouse is no ego trip for me. I have repeatedly offered to hand the reins over to any one else who could do a better job. Yes, as a human, I'm going to make some decisions that others would not have made in their armchair coach's position. I offer the old saw, "Tis better to try something and make a few mistakes, than to not do anything at all." It is my belief that the family of Omaha are not so ill-educated nor insipid that they cannot make their own minds and need to be spoon fed innuendo and half-truth by those who would be "in the know." I fully trust the well-informed person to make his own choice without the "official pronouncement" or blessing of any current political regime, or trendy "in the know" authority.

So, then, what has been accomplished? A family further split apart. Just what we need. Maybe some steam has been let off and that can't hurt, as long as it's only steam and not venom.

You might just want to note that the very perpetrators have, since their leaving the Motherhouse, occupied a prominent Place in my Holy Hour prayers. That isn't going to change.

Second, be informed that as long as one PWA needs shelter and food, love and care, family and brother, the Motherhouse will continue to operate and will greatly rejoice in the soul Christ has brought to our door to find home and respite and safety from the vicious storms of the life of a PWA. When, at final Profession, we were asked, "Are you willing to spend and be spent for God's children?" I recall that I answered with a very trembling "Yes," knowing that it would have to be Him to strengthen me when the going got rough, because I surely had no power aside from Him to make such promises. How graciously He has fulfilled His promise to me and will continue to do so.

Finally, as to any of the personal information related in the article, to ANY of you who care enough to ask, you have only to ask. I have nothing to hide, my bones wear human flesh, and

I have made my share of mistakes. I trust the same can be said of you.

You probably won't be hearing much from me in print, on tv, or elsewhere in the future. When I came to Omaha, I came with a job to do and I'm still doing it. It is far from finished and many, many other hands will be needed to bring it to completion. I'm not here to play games nor to engage in politics, nor to comment on articles based on hatred, innuendo, half-truths, and blatant lies. To your consideration, I commend 1 Peter 3:16ff. While others are busy talking about what they or I am doing, I'm going to be busy doing it.

My very personal prayers for your peace and good conscience and well-being in Jesus, Our Savior. Pax et bonum!

In Christ's Divine Mercy
Brother Andrew Mary Francis,
servus servorum Dei
The Franciscan Motherhouse

FOX INC. EXTENDS DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS

Fox Inc. has extended spousal health care benefits to employees' same-sex domestic partners. The policy covers more than 3,500 employees in Fox Television Group and Fox Filmed Entertainment. As a result of the decision, Fox Broadcasting becomes the second television network to provide the benefits.

Richard Jennings, Executive Director of Hollywood Supports, noted that, "Fox has long had a non-discriminatory policy on the basis of sexual orientation, and had previously extended certain benefits, including bereavement leave, to employees' domestic partners. We are thrilled and delighted that Fox joins the ranks of other major entertainment companies in equalizing these benefits for all employees, regardless of sexual orientation."

**Thank You
Sharon**

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The New Voice Staff

TRY ETHNIC FESTIVAL IN GRAND ISLAND

Dear New Voice,

If you're interested in a group activity for your staff members to attend together or with their gay friends to attend together, there is the Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival in Grand Island. The Ethnic Festival is held every year in Grand Island. Maybe the Ethnic Festival Committee would want to advertise in *The New Voice*. All you have to do is call or write to the Ethnic Festival at the phone number or address used in the brochure. Tell them advertising in *The New Voice* means publicity for the festival — more publicity than the Festival had before. And be sure to send them a *New Voice* to show you're a real newspaper and not some one trying to rip them off. Come spend a week or a weekend in Grand Island.

The Mid-Town Holiday Inn Hotel has a bar called Images, which has a mixture of homosexual and heterosexual customers. Or, if you prefer cheaper hotels to stay at, there is the Star Hotel. Its rooms cost only \$19 a night.

Grand Island is only a 3 or 4 hour drive from Omaha.

I will look forward to seeing you in Grand Island. Homosexuals and Heterosexuals attend the Ethnic Festival. But I would like to see more homosexuals at our Ethnic Festival than I already see. That's why I sent you this letter.

Name Withheld

Editor's Note: The Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival is held July 26, 27, & 28 in Downtown Grand Island, Nebraska; the 26 from 6 p.m. to midnight, the 27 from 9 a.m. to midnight, and on the 28th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival features a Scottish Bagpipe Band, Irish Pipe Players, Vietnamese Dragon Dancers, Native American Dancers, and a Street Bazaar with unique ethnic treasures as well as an Educational Pavilion. And as always, the festival includes many, many specialties from around the world, served up to please you in the Food Courts. Favorites include Indian Tacos and Fry Bread, Spicy Greek Gyros, Delicious Potato Sausage and Bratwurst, Yummy Funnel Cakes, Honey Sweet Baklava, Fruit Strudels, Spicy Indian Curry, Crisp Eggrolls and much more. For more information, contact the Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival, P.O. Box 1306, Grand Island, NE 68802 or call (308) 385-5455, ext. 233.

WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH

The 21st Michigan Womyn's Music Festival will take place August 13-18. In addition to more than 300 workshops and a six-day womyn's film festival, a program of 42 concerts will feature performances by an eclectic group of artists, including Dorothy Allison, Marga Gomez, Hattie Gossett, Tish Hinojosa, Phranc, 7 Year Bitch, and Jan Siberry. International artists include Cobra (China), Shona Laing (New Zealand), Nela (Mexico), and Kick La Luna (Germany).

The festival, which attracts 7-8,000 womyn annually, is the oldest and largest of the outdoor women's music festivals in the United States. It is held on 650 acres of secluded country land where womyn live communally for the week in a female-created village.

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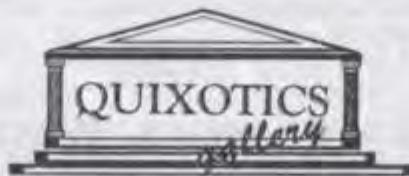
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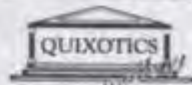
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PINK TRIANGLE OR PINK WEDGY?

By Gary L. Beck

As the rainbow flags still linger in our minds and the pink triangles flash through our panoramic memories of recent Pride festivities, does this spell an end to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender pride for another year? Do we fight on the bandwagon of annual celebrations to merely return to the routine of daily living? The symbol of the pink triangle should be motivation enough to decry the all-too-common complacency that typically settles in after events such as G/L/B/T pride ignite motivation that quickly snuffs. It might be of interest to note the historical value of this modern day emblem of pride we have claimed.

During the late-1920's and early-1930's, a young, inspired visionary traveled the northern European countryside. His message was that of renewed strength and national pride...a message which inspired the war-ravaged, depressed economy of Germany. Most of Germany's citizenry took to heart this budding megalomaniac's patriotic message.

Shortly after achieving the highest office of the land, the racist, prejudiced poison of Hitler was laid bare for all to see. He rose to greatness speaking of national pride and, upon arrival, chose a puritanical genome for this patriotism to

rest upon. If individuals did not fit into this, they became targets of blame for all of the social and economic problems of Germany. Zealots abounded and targets of hate lived in denial, fled, or, a few, fought.

Much of the torment Jews, homosexuals, African-Europeans, and a plethora of other "undesirable" people suffered should inspire present day activism against the same type of hatred. A lesson can be learned from Hitler's tactics in that activism should be aimed not at the blatant hate espoused by the likes of militia men, the KKK, and the neo-Nazis. There is a modern day machinery of hate-mongers using a slick, polished method to wedge influential men (rarely women) into positions of great power in this country. If one compares Hitler's political savvy and his skillful manipulation of power to that of religious political extremists, frightening similarities come to the surface.

For this reason, it is crucial for the G/L/B/T community in the Heartland to continue to proactively display their pride. Make a difference. Find out which politicians are pro "family." Vote! Do not allow the inspirational fires of pride to die on a train ride of complacency.

2, 4, 6, 8 HOW DO YOU KNOW YOUR GRANDMA'S STRAIGHT?

Old lesbians will be getting together from all parts of the United States and Canada in the largest old lesbian gathering ever. The August 15-18 event will be at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Billed as the Summer '96 Old Lesbian Gathering, participants will have an opportunity for three days to "examine" their lives, "confront" their challenges, and "celebrate" their strengths. The conference format is geared to maximize participation by planning many small conversation groups, as well as major panels to deal with all aspects of old lesbians' lives.

The planners, Old Lesbians Organizing for Change, and community groups are planning an all-ages all-women's banquet and dance at the University Radisson Hotel on Friday, August 16,

featuring top entertainment by lesbians older than 60. In addition, old lesbians will celebrate their talents by an exciting display of arts, crafts, ceramics, photography, weavings, etc.

To make the gathering available to the widest possible number of old lesbians, fees have been reasonably set from \$175 (for early registration) to \$200. These fees include University dorm and cafeteria accommodations (three nights lodging, three meals a day), banquet, dance, and the conference registration.

Only lesbians 60 years of age or older (and their partners who may be younger) are eligible to attend. For more information Call Vera Martin, National Coordinator, at 602-983-6462.

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NETV TO BROADCAST "IN THE LIFE"

Dear Sharon,

Thanks for the article in the June issue about the gay and lesbian programming NETV is offering during June. Thanks also for including all of these shows on your June calendar. We appreciate the efforts on the part of *The New Voice* in promoting the gay and lesbian programming on NETV.

Enclosed is this letter is a summary of the results of our all-night "AIDS MATTERS" outreach project on May 15th. If you'd like more information about the AIDS outreach effort, you might give our outreach director, Deb Miller a call here at the station.

I have some good news: NETV is bring back "In The Life" to Nebraska audiences.

We are placing the series on our EduCable service. EduCable can be seen on the following channels across Nebraska:

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- North Platte/Channel 22
- Ogallala/Channel 43
- Omaha/Channel 16
- Scottsbluff/Channel 43

"In The Life" is now made available every other month. We will begin the series on July 6 at 9:00 p.m. with Program No. 505 (In The Life's June Gay Pride Special features Gay Directors, Producers, and their films including two academy award-winning Directors).

During August and September, we will broadcast two previously produced programs: (Program No. 503 in which the show travels to Atlanta to celebrate Black History Month will be shown on Sunday August 3 at 9:00 p.m. Program No. 504 which looks at the question "Are Gay Issues in or out of the Closet?" and features Kate Clinton interviewing the gay "first family" of Washington D.C., Congressman Barney Frank and his lover of 9 years, Herb Moses, will be shown September 7 at 9:00 p.m.)

In October we will offer the first in the new fall line-up. The series will continue every other month as new shows are produced.

Sincerely,
Gene Bunge
Network Program Manager

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SAME SEX MARRIAGES — PART II

Last month, I devoted this column to summarizing the status of the law on same-sex marriages. As many people noticed, there is currently no state that recognizes two males or two females that want to marry. That may soon change if the Baehr case (pending in Hawaii) is decided. (See last month's column.)

Many people feel the advantage to having a marriage recognized by the state is that it "legitimizes" it. In other words, people can hold themselves out as married and the state confirms that those two particular people have made that a commitment to each other. However, the legal effect of marriage is that each person is entitled to an "equitable" share of everything purchased or earned during the marriage, tax benefits, insurance benefits, and inheritance rights.

While the various courts and legislatures make up their mind, there are a few things that can be done to make a same-sex marriage through

contract law. Many couples enjoy the freedom and ease of dissolving a relationship. However, a couple desiring to create legal bonds between themselves very close to those granted under marriage law may do so.

1. WILLS

State law controls how your property is distributed if you die without a will. It will always be distributed to a family member or the state under such laws. A same sex couple can bypass state law by preparing a will. A properly drafted will can distribute property to whomever a person chooses and the courts will enforce it. A same sex spouse designated to receive property would be identical to state law distributing property to a traditional spouse.

2. PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Obviously, any wages or property an

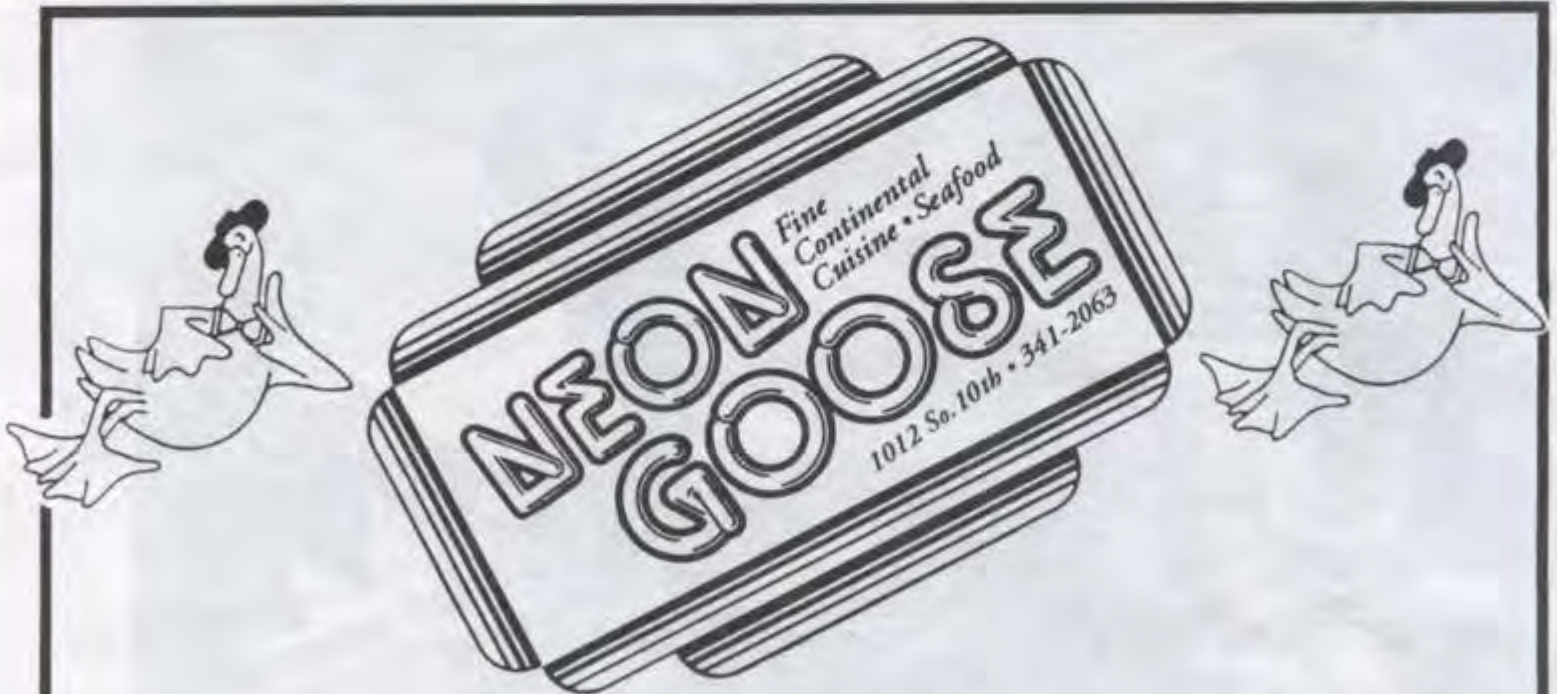
individual acquires is his own. That rule is not changed because a same-sex couple decides to call themselves married. Yet, any two individuals may enter into a partnership agreement. An agreement may contain terms as the individuals desire. This can include division of property at the end of the partnership, who pays which expenses during the partnership, and each person's duties and rights. This agreement can be as specific or as general as the parties like, depending on how defined they want the relationship to be. A properly drafted agreement is, in many cases, more effective, fair, and definable than state law.

Same-sex couples are not eligible to file their tax returns jointly and nobody has figured out to accomplish that. Despite that deficiency, these two documents can allow a couple to come very close to defining a marriage despite state and federal laws.

A word of caution. This column is for informational purposes only, and not for the replacement of your attorney. Each case has different facts which can produce different results, so please consult your attorney for advice relevant to your needs.

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COULD I HAVE THIS DANCE?

By John Bergner

So many voices buzzing dimly in my ears;
the music loud and driving,
People everywhere, moving, talking, touching,
dancing,

and me alone, watching and waiting,
a little jealous of the couples and the lovers,
and envious of the bodies moving in synch to
each other

as they circle the dance floor.
Tonight I am a stranger in this place; a nobody
looking for a smile,
or maybe just hoping someone might ask me to
dance.

All kinds of people around me — seeking, finding,
See that couple falling in love,
oblivious to everything, lost in their fantasies for
one another.

Then there's the gentleman sitting at the bar,
intently seeking his partner for the evening,
and the young kid flitting through the crowd,
offering his body
to the highest bidder.

Ex-lovers avoid one another, pretending happiness
in their new-found freedom.

And see that group of women over there, packed
like sardines

around a table much too small.

Oh, I've seen him here before — asked him to
dance.

Said he was leaving, but spent the night dancing
with his girlfriend...

and one or two guys

Yesterday I was part of this world, dancing to
every beat,

my partner's body melted to mine, laughing and
loving,

But life has its cruel side and he was taken away
from me,

leaving me older and lonely.

We were together for so long, I have forgotten
how to play the game.

So, what do I do now?

My hair has receded with streaks of gray;
my face has lost its youth, and my body its
firmness.

So, Mister, care to dance?

The evening's over; it's time to go home — alone
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I was afraid to ask; afraid of rejection.

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"SUMMER IS BREAKIN' UP ALL O-O-VER!"

Well, it looks like June was a busy month for everyone but poets! As usual, the poetry submissions to this page (which I like to call "fan-mail" around people I do not know.) are low, and I came up with all sorts of reasons *not* to write a new poem of my own. (I was always taught that the best writers are the ones who come up with really good excuses *not* to write.) So as a public service to all my readers (and to take care of a nasty court decision), I offer the following missive before we get on to the poetry.

**Life, the universe, and break-ups...
Or, "Zen, and the art of joint-property"**

By the time you read this, it will be July, and we will be smack-dab in the middle of the summer. This time of year seems to offer the most potential for break-up as it affords both parties options not found in other months of the year. For the "dumper," breaking up at this time of the year allows ample time to find another boyfriend/girlfriend/place to live before the first frost, and for the "dumpee," the summer months are perfect for late-nite drunken whining sprees, without that nasty alcohol-and-wind-chill combination that our mothers warned us about.

July also gives the loser in the "dividing up the closet" battles a few paychecks to save up for that missing winter wardrobe. While we are on this subject, I must tell you that I have discovered two constants in this ever-changing universe:

- 1.) Whoever instigates the break-up gets the best wedding gifts and/or joint property
and
- 2.) Whoever gets dumped will wind up with the pet.

I don't know how this works (I should have payed attention in Physics class), but it does. It's right up there with gravity and Susan Lucci never getting an Emmy.

I have also discovered that the truly caring partner will dump you on a major holiday (one where the banks are not open, and the buses do not run.); not only giving you emotional scars that will last for the next ten years, but it does give you a great excuse not to attend any unwanted family/work function.

Some will tell you that humor will help you get through a trying break-up. These are also the same people who tell those who are chronically ill to "keep your chin up! You know, I could get hit by a car tomorrow." They never get invited to parties, and no one ever buys them drinks.

Yet, these do-gooders are not totally wrong. I find that humor helps, especially if it is a biting wit. As a kind deed for all those who have and/or will have to suffer the hardship of discovering that he/she also took the toothpaste, I offer the "do-it-yourself ex-lover joke kit." Simply plug in the blanks, and choose your favorite punch line.

Q: What's the difference between _____ and a vulture?

A: Three inches of pan-stick makeup
or

A: The vulture waits until you're dead.

You will also note that by using the vulture-symbol, you can play-off the "innocent stranded in the harsh wasteland of single life"-motif. That tends to help at all those quickly thrown together cocktail parties:"set the poor sap up really quick" gatherings that friends always invite you to.

Next time we will talk about that mysterious rift in time and space that all your underwear seems to disappear into when you end a relationship. Until then, why don't we enjoy some poetry by John Bergner (who was featured this past May), Greg Kosmicki (who was last seen in the November, 1995 issue), and yours truly? So take care of each other, and play nice!

Brian

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A SHORT HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

By Greg Kosmicki

First the good guys beat the bad guys.
Then the bad guys beat the good guys.
But the good guys were strong, they had God
on their side, and they rose up
and beat the bad guys.
Then the bad guys beat the good guys.
Then most people left over got smallpox.
Then the good guys beat the bad guys.
Many people starved during this.
Then the bad guys rose up, they had
God on their side, they were strong,
they beat the good guys.
But the good guys had God too
so they beat the bad guys.
Then half the people left over died of plague.
The bad guys wouldn't learn.
They beat the good guys again.
Then the good guys beat the bad guys.
The people that remained starved.
Then the bad guys beat the good guys.
Then the good guys got the upper hand
and stomped the bad guys.
Then the people left over died of famine.
Then it was yesterday.
Then it was tomorrow.

LEAVENWORTH

By Brian E. Bengtson

The street is a vein,
pumping through the ghosts
of past lives.
You can almost see them
If you squint
and look at the trash
flowing in the wind

People walk
like the last troops
to return from the slaughter.
Their eyes are already glazed,
no river of spirits
could stir them.

Bricks crumble
from the erosion
of bubbling death
and scatter as a thin dust
on the curbs.

The sun skims
on the rapids like a breeze
and the dead hide
in the melting nightfall.

ROBERTS' RULES: Where the hell are all the gay people?

by Shelly Roberts

"I've just moved here," she said. So I asked my friend, "Where the hell are all the gay people?" And this is where she sent me."

I was speaking to a small group of gay men and lesbians who were struggling to maintain a storefront gathering place/information center/social opportunity group in a town that could be anywhere in the US or Canada. I'd asked everyone to introduce her/himself and share how they had found out about the place, as a nice ice-breaking pull down of some of the barriers between those sitting in the chairs, and me, standing in front. Some people talked about giving back, and becoming volunteers. Some said they'd found out about a specific program that took place within the confines of this umbrella organization's walls, and it didn't take Einstein relativity to make the connection. And some explained that their group which had been borrowing living rooms had transferred their sites here because they didn't have to sit in each other's laps unless they wanted to.

Hardly expected answers. But this one woman's response caught me up short with its clarity even beyond its intention.

Where the hell are all the gay people?

Now, I live in a part of the country where, if the 10% Kinsey statistic holds water, there's nearly half a million homodirections within an area code or two. Yet when it comes time for a fund-raiser/demonstration/meeting/lecture/concert/performance/cruise/dance/election/bazaar/tag sale/community cookie bake, we're lucky to turn out enough takers to cover the cost of buying the paper tablecloths.

I'm not so naive as to expect that it is any different from heteroorientations. They have different interests from each other, come from different walks of life, different economic levels, different religious outlooks, different values, ide-

als, and shoe sizes. Kind of just like all of us. But there is something they don't have that we do: the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States of America actively campaigning for their demise.

So our not showing up for each other is one of those I-don't-get-it things.

It seems to me that if the Martians invaded, we all, regardless of our preferred brand of cola, would check to see if Orson Well's ghost was playing games again. If not, a common enemy would unite us under whichever leader recognized a power vacuum when he met one.

On our front, the theory is that the more of us who come out, the safer it will be for all of us to come out. And eventually everyone will be so safe that *Newsweek* won't even bother taking polls any more. Cool theory.

However, and here's where my thinking kicks in: we who have ventured through the visibility veil to the other side, and lived to tell about it, did so at some peril at first, but really, more and more, in a relatively safe environment. Now, if we're looking for safety in numbers, we're dependent on people who couldn't come out when it was relatively safe. And it would seem, it is more decidedly *unsafe*. So they are a whole lot more likely to stay buried, sucking air through a straw, just when we need them the most.

That's where you, and groups like the one I just visited come in.

(You know how I hate to shake my finger under your nose and tell you what to do, but sometimes a woman's gotta say what a woman's gotta say. So please just consider this a gracious invitation.)

Go get someone still hiding behind the hangers, and drag 'em to one of the events planned in those little storefronts, or someone's living room. Take 'em to yet another concert/fishbake/10K

waddle/pancake breakfast filled with dozens of shameless homosexuals. And don't let 'em get away with the old, "I'll come out. Really. When I can" stuff. We need 'em. Now.

Show 'em what a shameless homosexual looks like by being one. We're beginning to win our elections. By exactly the percentage that the *New York Times* says approves of our lifestyle: 52 percent. Winning is good. But it's not by accident. What's the difference from all our years of losing? A million people on a mall? Maybe. More likely 14 openly gay people in an office. 6 of us out in a family of 50. 2 of us out to our grandchildren. (Teachers, you're excused. For the moment.)

Out, loud and proud. I know you've heard this. I know I have my mommy voice on. But I'm really not talking to you. I'm talking to the people hiding behind you who can't be found or involved or pulled to the table except by the ones who already know who they are. This is the time we need them the most.

This is a time when we are going to have to rely on our most reluctant. It's a time for the last lurkers to join the parade. Then maybe the storefront centers could pay their rent. And our obstinately clueless enemies could buy a vowel.

Then, when the time comes to put a stop to the triangles some congressional folks will want us to re-stitch into our own clothing, we won't have to wonder.

"Where the hell are all the gay people?"

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RUN TO THE BORDERS

By Diane Moore

Vice Versa — Marjorie Garber

Marjorie Garber offers a startling new take on the nature and influence of bisexuality in our culture. This paperback edition will continue to stir controversy as it questions some of our most basic assumptions.

The Case For Same-Sex Marriage —

William N. Eskridge, Jr.

Gay marriage has emerged as a significant issue in the gay rights movement, and one of the biggest rights questions facing the nation as a whole....do they really think they can keep us from getting married?...

Daddy's Wedding — Michael Willhoite

Six years after writing and illustrating *Daddy's Roommate*, Willhoite brings us another pioneering story about a father and a son. His latest, *Daddy's Wedding*, is a celebration for everyone who believes in marriage, whether the bride and groom are a man and woman, or, as in this case, two men. *Gay Soul* — Mark Thompson

From longtime Advocate editor Mark Thompson comes this collection of black-and-white photographs and searching, provocative interviews with sixteen renowned gay elders, whose vision and leadership illuminate the spiritual dimensions of men's lives.

From a Burning House — edited by Irene Berger

This powerful collection of stories, yarns, and "fragments" give voice to the people — those with HIV, as well as their caregivers — who do battle daily at the front line of the AIDS crisis.

So You Want to Be a Lesbian? —

Liz Tracey and Sydney Pokorny

This is a raucous, good-natured look at lesbianism and just what it takes to join the fun. Liz and Sydney have created a humorous handbook to get you through the Gay '90's. *Nothing but the Girl*...—

edited by Susie Bright and Jill Posener

In *Nothing but the Girl*, the lesbian image — defiant, erotic, soulful, outrageous — is documented in over 150 black and white and color photographs. Artists in the book discuss the themes that have fueled their work.

OK, enough of my plagiarism already...there are lots of 'em here. You can come see them for your own self. By the way...the biggest news of the year from Borders is the recent announcement of a new store. Yes, for those of you who get a nose-bleed when you travel west of 72nd Street, in November we will be opening a two-level Borders Store at 72nd & Dodge. So, if you love books, music and coffees (or any mixture thereof) and are looking for a great company to work for — we'll start taking applications in the not too distant future.

And for those who were born to shop — who knows, maybe that one will have EVEN MORE HOMO STUFF!!!!

Until next month, Peace!!!

June proved to be a great month of celebration here at Borders. I hope many of you had the opportunity to check out our fabulous Gay/Lesbian display and visit us during our "Out in Omaha" workshop. Yup, it's true, there were many folks who were offended by the celebrations at Borders... That challenge gave us the opportunity to educate those who were willing to open their minds. Those of us who live, work, and love outloud need not despair — there are many more open-minded folks in Omaha (even in WEST Omaha) than you might have imagined.

Don't get me wrong, we still have a tremendous amount of educating to do, but it looks like we still have a fighting chance before the fundamentalists put us on that island they've been threatening.

I recently changed my position at the store. I am now Merchandising Manager, consequently, I am spending a great deal of time in books. It's not easy for my co-workers to drag me away from Gender Studies and Gay and Lesbian Literature these days. There are so many great new (some not so new) books. So, here I go....

Free Your Mind — Ellen Bass and Kate Kaufman

This invaluable step-by-step guide empowers youth to understand, accept, and celebrate their sexual orientation; come out to themselves, their families, and friends; overcome the obstacles at home, at school, and in the community; make healthy choices about relationships and sex; and take pride and participate in the growing gay and lesbian community.

FORMER IOWA SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER GETS NATIONAL POSITION

Former Des Moines school board member Jonathan Wilson has been elected to the Gay and Lesbian Victim Fund's National Board of Directors. He will serve as chair of the organization's Political Committee.

"We are proud to welcome Jonathan Wilson to the Victory Fund Board," said Executive Director David Clarenbach. "The Victory Fund is expanding nationwide, and Jonathan is strongly committed to helping us address the needs of our constituents in the midwest, and to bringing the Victory Fund's winning message home to America's heartland. And, as a former Victory Fund recommended candidate and openly gay elected official, Jonathan brings incredible depth of experience to the office of Political Committee Chair."

The Gay and Lesbian Victory fund is the only national organization whose mission is to increase the number of qualified, openly gay and lesbian public officials.

A senior shareholder in the law firm of Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors, and Roberts PC, Wilson made headlines last year when, in an act of uncompromising integrity and courage, he announced his sexual orientation at a packed school board meeting. He chose to sacrifice his right to privacy and speak the truth about his life despite a campaign of intimidation including threats of violence against him and his family. Wearing a bullet proof vest at the request of law enforcement officials, the 12-year veteran of the Des Moines School Board and father of two said, "I am coming out to educate and so that I can speak with a clearer, unintimidated voice. These death threats show how desperately we need to educate people about tolerance for differences."

As a result of his honesty, Wilson was targeted for defeat by local and national Radical Rights groups and lost his re-election bid. "Because he is a well-respected attorney at a prominent law firm, an outstanding advocate for education, a man of faith, a loving parent, and a good neighbor, Jonathan Wilson epitomizes everything that religious political extremists want people to believe gay men and lesbians aren't," said Clarenbach. "His visibility as an openly gay official seriously compromised their ability to demonize the gay and lesbian community as a recruiting and fundraising gimmick. For that reason, and that reason alone, a cabal of right-wing media, social and religious groups conspired to silence him. Jonathan's presence on the Victory Fund Board sends a clear message to these extremists that this courageous man will not be silent."

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BY DAVID BIANCO

When did American gays, lesbians, and others first start calling themselves "queer"?

The term "queer" has been used by at least one segment of the gay and lesbian community for more than 80 years. The exact origin is unclear, although it may have been developed from the Old English "cwer", meaning "crooked not straight" or the British slang "quare" meaning unusual. Some say the word originally referred to 18th century counterfeit money, which explains the phrase "queer as a three-dollar bill".

There is historical evidence that as early as the 1910's, a subset of American men we might call gay, preferred to call themselves queer. Historian George Chauncey, in his book *Gay New York*, explains the overlapping and ever-shifting lexicology of men who had sex with other men in the early 20th century in the nation's largest city. Men who adopted feminine mannerisms and sexual behavior called themselves "fairies". "Trade" were masculine men who pursued effeminate men for sexual encounters. "Queer" was used by men of the middle and working class who categorized themselves as different because of their affection for members of the same sex, regardless of their masculinity or effeminacy.

By the 1930's and 1940's, though, these terms began to be eclipsed by "gay", particularly preferred by younger and middle-class men. As gay became more popular, many men began to reject "queer" as a term that highlights difference and strangeness. By the 1950's, the term was heard much more often by belligerent or condescending heterosexuals than self-referentially by gays themselves — although some prominent figures such as Christopher Isherwood and Gore Vidal continued to prefer the term to "gay".

By the late 1980's, though, queer was making a comeback, particularly among younger activists. In 1990, the group responsible for cementing it as a primary term used by a subset of the gay/lesbian movement appeared: Queer Nation.

Queer Nation was founded in New York City in the spring of 1990 by activists who wanted to use ACT UP style tactics on issues other than AIDS. Their first major public splash came in June 1990 when they distributed an incendiary pamphlet entitled "Queers Read This", best known for its mantra "I Hate Straights". The pamphlet, soon faxed and xeroxed across the country, struck a chord with many — especially young gays, lesbians and bisexuals — who didn't feel the traditional gay-rights movement spoke for them.

Queer Nation soon became known for its irreverent strategies — from pasting "Queers Bash Back" stickers in public places, to invading nightclubs and shopping malls not identified as gay or lesbian for "Queer Nights Out".

Central to Queer Nation's public persona was its determined advocacy of the word queer as opposed to "gay or lesbian" or "homosexual". Queer, they said, was inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people, and (sometimes) supportive heterosexuals. Unlike gay, they argued, queers recognized their difference didn't make them happy. Many were unaware of the word's history, and felt they were reclaiming a pejorative term and using it in a positive sense for the first time. This "new" use of the word queer brought criticism from segments of the community. Some worried the word would only play into the hands of the gay and lesbian movement's enemies. Others felt the term evoked too many painful memories to be used to name something they wanted to feel proud of.

Because of internal divisions and organizational exhaustion, Queer Nation largely ran out of steam by 1992. While the group is no longer the visible force it was, the term queer appears to be here to stay. Students and professors debate Queer Theory in the universities, computer users discuss topics of the day on "queernet.com" and thousands of Americans use the term to refer to themselves — either interchangeably with gay,

lesbian or bisexual — or as a primary identity. Was Eleanor Roosevelt a lesbian?

She certainly would not have used that term to refer to herself. Nonetheless, we have ample historical records to confidently state that Mrs. Roosevelt had a passionate romantic involvement with at least one woman — Lorena Hickok.

Hickok was a reporter for the Associated Press, assigned to cover Roosevelt when her husband was elected President in 1932. The two became close very quickly. While much of the correspondence between them was burned by Hickok's family, many letters remain, including one in which Hickok writes of how she remembers "the feeling of that soft spot just northeast of the corner of your mouth against my lips."

In addition, many of Roosevelt's friends, particularly in the years following the First World War, were involved in romantic relationships with other women. Many of these women were involved in women's organizations that fought for world peace and social justice.

Do these friendships and her relationship with Hickok "qualify" Roosevelt as a lesbian? Some have angrily said no — insisting on proof of sexual intercourse with a woman before any woman can be called a lesbian. Even with this standard (which is never applied before labeling someone as a heterosexual) we should certainly be careful not to casually label as lesbian someone who not only married a man and had children, but also carried a long-term romantic relationship with a younger man, her bodyguard Earl Miller.

With evidence of her erotic involvement with both men and women, it is tempting to simply categorize Roosevelt as "bisexual". But since none of these labels was ever embraced by her, it may be safest to avoid labels altogether — and point to Eleanor Roosevelt as a clear example of the fact that many of those whose history has traditionally assumed were "straight" had enormously complex romantic and sexual lives.

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FROM THE POOP SHEET

by Ace Landon, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

and I was old enough to not yet be caught up in the "spirit of the time." I had in my hands the reputations of such superstars as Mahalia Jackson, "the world's greatest Gospel singer," the blond bombshell, Jayne Mansfield; veteran Academy Award winning actress, Jane Darwell; Randy Boone from "The Virginian" TV series. Business suits were the order of my days and nights.

I must note that I never handled clients whom I didn't believe in. Couldn't sell them if I didn't believe in them. Many of my client list also included new-comers in the Biz. One such was Sam James and the James Sisters, a gospel group which also played the Club circuit. Sara was as she so aptly dubbed herself, "300 pounds of joy." She and her group could knock an audience on its feet. Her music really got to me as I do love great gospel like only my African-American brothers and sisters can sing it.

They also have something which goes along with their great gospel music. I've seen it happen in Clubs where the group performed, and also at Churches where Mahalia was performing. It's called "the happy dance." It happens when the listener gets so "into" the music, they lose themselves into the ecstasy of dance.

The first time I witnessed it I felt embarrassed for the person, as I thought he was making a fool of himself, and I just knew his friends were wishing they sink through the cracks in the floor unnoticed. I just knew it! You see, "Mr. Conservative" would never allow such a ridiculous display.

Then it happened! One evening at the Velvet Supper Club on Sunset Blvd. — I'll never forget it! — The Velvet was one of the hottest Clubs going then and Sara James and the James Sisters, whom I'd booked there, were about to bring out a part of me I never knew was there.

The gig was going great. The audience was lovin' every minute of it. Sara was sweating up a storm and when the audience was crying for

"More! More!" Sara was begging for "Mercy! Mercy! Mercy!" from them in her natural Louie Armstrong voice.

The audience wouldn't give her mercy, though, and she'd relent with another encore and another... until we were nearly in a frenzy... and that's when this little White boy "got lost" in the music!

The next thing I remember? I was on top of the table just dancin' away like some crazy fool! My poor astonished wife picking her jaw up off the floor; my friends and business friends in the Club must have thought I'd had a hit of LSD or something. I did however receive, much to my embarrassment, a rousing audience ovation from this crowd who didn't know the "Mr. Conservative" me.

Yup! There are sides of us inside of us which may be the complete opposite of whom we'd like to believe ourself to be.

Like you too — Mr. & Ms. Prim and Proper — could do "the happy dance" on a table top, in front of hundreds of strangers and some close friends at the most posh, popular Supper Club in town. Yes, you could. If I could, anyone can... 'cause God didn't make no imbalanced human here. And, like you, I have the balance of "good" and "bad" inside of me.

So the next time you think about reforming the "bad" in some friend of yours, remember: there's so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us, it's hard to tell which of us ought to reform the rest of us!

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

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Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! It is prohibited by Law to serve a minor to a licker! At least I think that's what the Ossifer said.

You know, sometimes we really don't know what's inside of us 'til it just pops out and surprises us.

Like I'm a fairly conservative person according to folks; I really don't try to do anything in public which might embarrass myself or make fools out of my friends.

However, I've come to the conclusion after sixty years, there is a counterpart situation which exists in life which tells me "if a good exists, there must also be a bad; otherwise how would we know good was good". For instance: "conservative" may be thought to be "good". Therefore I'm considered a "good" Republican. But, whether I accept it or not consciously, a "bad" must necessarily exist in me to counterbalance that "good".

I must also interject here that "good" could also mean honest, non-disruptive, grey pin-stripe suit, suburb home with a wife and kids who all attend Sunday School, and it could also mean heterosexual and White.

Well anyway, sometimes we don't like to accept the who-we-are in reality and totality. But! This may just be the time when some counterpart of us might sneak out and surprise us and we up saying "No! this isn't really me," but it is.

For instance: picture me "Mr. Conservative," a Personnel Manager and PR-man for some of Entertainment's greats. This was in the mid-60's,

POWER AT THE POLLS

Are Democrats and Republicans ignoring the gay political constituency at their own risk? A new survey by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force indicates the answer is: yes.

"Power at the Polls: The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Vote" is based on exit polling data from 1992 and 1994 elections. The data was originally collected by Voter news Service, a national polling organization, until now largely untapped. The report was produced by the NGLTF Policy Institute. NGLTF is a non-partisan organization. The gay vote survey is an analysis of gay, lesbian and bisexual voter demographics, political persuasions and voting patterns. It provides the first statistically reliable picture of self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual voters.

"We are releasing this report because gay issues have exploded into the 1996 Presidential campaign in an unprecedented way," said John D'Emilio, Policy Institute director and author of the report. "After a generation of coming out of the closet, gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans are flocking to the polling booths."

The VNS 1992 exit polling data is based on a national sample of 15,488 voters. The poll allowed gays, lesbians and bisexuals to identify themselves for the first time in a Presidential election. Some of the major findings include:

* Gay, lesbian and bisexual self-identified voters constituted 3.2% of the total voting popu-

lation in 1992. That is roughly the size of the Latino vote in the same year, more than double the Asian vote, and slightly less than the Jewish vote. It's also as large as the staple of American politics, the family farm vote. "Because we know that fear still keeps the majority of gay people in the closet, this figure of 3.2% must be considered a floor rather than a ceiling, and a basement floor at that," said D'Emilio. "In other words, the total number of these voters is certain to be higher than 3% and is likely to be considerably higher."

* The gay, lesbian and bisexual vote can be decisive in urbanized states. The self-identified gay vote is not evenly distributed throughout the population, but instead is heavily concentrated in cities. In towns with a population between 5,000 and 10,000 people, the self-identified vote is slightly more than 1%. But in cities with populations between 250,000 and 500,000, the figure rises to more than 8%. "As time goes on and more small-town residents come out, this figure will grow. But the urban concentration means the gay, lesbian and bisexual vote can be the margin of victory in key states," said D'Emilio. "It can also make the critical difference in many Congressional races and in state and local elections as well." D'Emilio points out that eleven states with urban areas and well-organized and visible gay, lesbian and bisexual communities — such as California, New York, Illinois, Michigan and

others — together provide 49% of the total electoral vote.

* The self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual vote is also a younger vote, and will inevitably grow in size. "Because of the changes provoked in American life by the gay and lesbian movement, younger voters are significantly more likely to self-identify than our older voters," said D'Emilio.

* The gay, lesbian and bisexual voter displays a clear political profile. The polling data shows the gay voter leans heavily toward liberal positions on key issues. The gay voter is more likely to favor more government services and higher taxes to pay for them; downplay the importance of deficit reductions; support greater access to health care; blame government neglect rather than a decline in moral values for social problems; believe that government should encourage tolerance of diverse value systems; and support continued legalized abortion.

Evidence from the 1994 elections supports the assertion that gay, lesbian and bisexual voters stay home. In the 1994 midterm elections, when gay issues received less attention than in 1992, and when disappointment was still fresh from the Clinton Administration's support of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual vote shrank by more than a third. "It still remained a heavily Democratic vote, but there were a lot fewer votes cast," said D'Emilio.



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"OUT IN THE STARS": Astrological Forecast for July 1996

by C. Lichtenstein

Sultry July gets going hot and heavy with a plethora of personal planets winking through Gemini to Cancer. This means that the world will still keep turning from left to right even as we dance our merry way in any old direction. Let us resolve to dance to our own tune this July, or to the beat of a different drummer.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) If home life and family relationships has had its frustrations, at least you'll be able to talk it out now. It doesn't mean that everything will be peaches and cream, but queer Rams always feel a bit better letting off steam. All these personal planets wending their merry way through Gemini to Cancer help put thoughts into actions. Don't let them say you didn't warn them.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Proud Bulls should use this serviceable personal planet energy to plot and plan their way to financial success. The idea is to gather all relevant information and take calculated action. Talk to financial advisors and take notes! I know that the temptation is to enjoy life to the fullest - great wine, sex and food - and why not? But if you save a little for a rainy day, you won't be sorry.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) The foray of all personal planets from your own sign into Cancer could ultimately rain on your pride parade. In early July you may feel like queen of the ball but, after the dance is over, you will be reexamining your value system. What is and isn't important, dear heart? Only you can answer these questions. It's an excellent time to rearrange your deck chairs for a better view.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Queer Crabs may exhibit a spark of intuitive prowess in early July, but as all these planets move into your own sign, there is less fog and more glare. It's center stage or bust for all birthday Crabs. Charisma quotient is why not? Get out there and strut your stuff; you have the ear and attention of all and sundry.

Begin new projects now, you have the year to see them grow and develop.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Proud Lions can use this fabulous personal planet energy to command the group dynamic. Never the shy one, these regal and dramatic folks become the tour de force of the social scene. Heck, it's summer so gather the tribe and do something energizing, fun and meaningful. Maybe that means a nude pool party, but I think we can a little more altruistic, can't we? Don't forget the sunscreen.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) As career aspirations become a little more focused will all these personal planets hovering in Gemini. And, if you can put our professional thoughts into action, you'll be fit social company by the end of the month. They say you get by with a little help from friends but sometimes pals do a lot more than have you "get by." Trust your circle and, at very least, ask their advice.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 21) Take a vacation. It may be a trip to the moon (or to Fire Island) on gossamer wings in early July but the planets will move on and so must you. Think career, dear Libra, and see what all these personal planets can do for the professional you. It may be that you have done some careful and considerable strategic planning for your next corporate ascent, but if not, do so now.

SCORPIO (October 22 - November 22) Make hay while the sun shines. What the heck does that mean? Well, those personal planets in Gemini poke queer Scorps' embers of passion in all the right places. That's just for starters. By the end of July, you may be carrying your sexual prey off to parts unknown. (Or is it exploring parts unknown with your sexual prey?) Whatever you decide to do, have a sensuous July.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) Gay Archers should put more effort into partnerships. Whether that means that you must

now seek out a significant other or give more attention to the partnership at hand, is entirely up to you. The personal planets moving from Cancer to Gemini make all these exercises worth the effort as sex becomes the be all and end all at the end of July. Summer is not the time to be the odd one out.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) All the work that you put into making that seemingly fabulous body even more fab will not go unappreciated. All your personal planets moving from Gemini to Cancer will highlight work, exercise and diet as it eventually affects partnerships. Take care of yourself, eat sensibly and take full advantage of swimsuit season to show off the results. Partners appreciate the effort.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) All work and no play makes Aquorians dull signs so live it up in early July and make the most of gatherings your rosebuds. The interesting thing is, with personal planets moving from Gemini to Cancer, you may find that all play and no work wears a little thin. The mind turns to the job, lucky you, and by the end of the month you'll be rarin' to get your nose to the grindstone.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Home is where the heart is this July so do what needs to be done to make home, security and sense of personal worth a little more in tune with the real you. Whether it means you need to redecorate or relocate is up to you. Maybe it's time to be out and proud with family. Do what your heart tells you and prepare for a gay celebration by the end of the month. Party!!!

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BOWING TO THE BUDDHA

by Joe Schuman

"Bow down!" orders the general, pointing imperiously to the floor at the foot of the altar. (The general's costume reveals sweaty, muscular shoulders, and there's more than a hint of homoeroticism in the air. (This is, after all, my fantasy. But back to the story.) "Bow down before the golden idol, god of the Empire." "Never!" cries the old man, raisingshacked wrists in righteous defiance. (I learned to fantasize at the movies. Every sentence must end with an exclamation point. Or include a cliché. Or both.) "I bow down before no graven image, no mere artifact made by man. I bow only to my God, who is God." Chairs clank; the man is dragged away.

That's the scene that comes to mind when I find myself in a situation where protocol suggests prostration - or even, for that matter, a ladylike curtsy. So I was a little uncomfortable the first time I went to services at the Buddhist temple and was greeted at the door with a courteous bow.

There's history behind my discomfort. Over the centuries, Jews have died for refusing to "bend the knee," as the prayer book says, "or bow the head." "Sorry," we told kings and priests, "We're not into that." The kings and priests were frequently short of understanding; their temper shortened our life. So bowing is not just a matter of theology but of tribal loyalty. Bowing is ethnic treason: stabbing generations in the back while

spitting God in the face. I'm not worried about God - He can handle it - but I need to feel I could look my great-great-grandparents in the eye.

I got past my personal trial at the door pretty easily. It's just a symbol; it means what we agree it means. I could express respect by sticking out my tongue but I wouldn't be understood. To respond in kind to a greeting-bow is not idolatry, but common courtesy. The Buddhists told me we bow to acknowledge the Buddhahood in each other: common courtesy with a philosophical flourish. But if my trial coming in from the street was easy, my trial at the entry to the meditation room was tougher. Near the middle of the room were a few rows of chairs. In front of the chairs were rows of mats and cushions. On the far wall was an altar. On the altar were baskets of fruit and flowers, incense, and three very large, very golden statues. As people entered, everyone bowed and a few accomplished graceful prostrations. I understand the theory. One is not really bowing to the statue. The statue is an image, a representation, a symbol, one is really bowing to the idea, the practice, the possibility, the truth, the whole. I respect that. A statue of Buddha may not be a perfect symbol for ultimate truth, but it's as good as any other, and better than a lot of half-true words. So, as I say, I respect that explanation. But I couldn't sell it to great-grandmother back in the ghetto. The golden statue is not a graven image

of Ijho or the other Buddhists but it would look like one to Granny. And the fruit and the incense at its feet would look a lot like burnt offerings.

It helped that, after choosing a mat and cushion, most people turned around and bowed to their place before they sat. It puts the bows to Buddha into perspective, when the lowly mat deserves similar respect - particularly when the gesture of respect to the mat could be interpreted as disrespect to the statue. An idol worshiper isn't going to stick his butt into the face of god, to pay his respects to a floor mat. Indeed, in this gesture of healing to the cushion, I found a poignant symbol I could extend to the doorway.

The meditation hall is a special place, set apart by people who chose it as a place to be still, to seek truth, and to remind themselves of what matters and what doesn't. And a place where people are mediating *right now* is more special still. A congregation of still, strong, silent, seekers - a Sangha - is awesome. The symbolic power which made it difficult for me to bow to the statue endows the bow with just the impact I want, to express my appreciation for the stillness of the room, my respect for the earnest striving of the Sangha, my vow to disturb the stillness as little as possible, and my regret that, to enter and join, I must disturb it at all. That takes care of the respectful bow at the entrance of meditation room. I'm at peace with that, and so, I think, is Granny. "Nu?" she says. "A little bow at the doorway, this I can accept." OK, how about thirty six prostrations? "Oh! Where did we go wrong?" Sit down, Granny let's talk.

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REACTION TO AMENDMENT 2 VICTORY

The dust has settled and it's time to reflect after the United States Supreme Court gave gays and lesbians our first major victory in history. While groups nationwide celebrate the unprecedented victory, some are suggesting that we remain cautiously optimistic.

Amendment 2, passed in 1992, was a statewide ballot initiative in Colorado that was to have made it illegal to enact any law protecting lesbians, gay men and bisexuals from discrimination in the state.

"Despite the victory, the final test of the Supreme Court's ruling resides in the court of public opinion," said Donna Red Wing, the Community Affairs Director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. "Even though gays and lesbians have won an important battle, the war on homophobia continues. GLAAD will build on the victory with a nationwide media effort to bring accurate images of lesbians and gay men to the public. GLAAD's campaign will show, above all, that gays and lesbians want what every single American wants, and expects fair and equal treatment."

GLAAD also announced a renewed effort to instruct opponents of anti-gay initiatives on how to combat these measures through the media and the Internet. "In our 'Media 101' trainings, we teach the difficult art of communicating one's message on television, in print and on the Information Superhighway," said Donna Red Wing. "We must use all of our resources to fight Amendment 2 clones wherever they crop up."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force was also applauding the Supreme Court's decision. In the following statement, the NGLTF said the decision sent a broad message:

"This ruling should be the stake through the heart of the divisive, unconstitutional and extremist anti-gay ballot measure campaigns of the Radical Right. Last year, we defeated a similar measure in Maine. In 1994, despite a Republican sweep in the elections, voters rejected anti-gay measures in Oregon and Idaho. In 1992, Oregon defeated yet another measure. In fact, Amendment 2 was the only state anti-gay ballot measure to be passed, even though it never went into effect.

Let this be a message to the sponsors of these bills: The American people do not support your campaigns of intolerance and bigotry. They do not support discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals. They do not want you tying up their courts in costly, prolonged legal battles. Unfortunately, our victory may be short-lived.

Despite this ruling, the Radical Right will not stop. They are already evolving their measures to make them more difficult to challenge in court, such as the failed attempt in Maine last year that simply "omitted" gay people and others from the list of those protected against discrimination.

That's why we call on all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people to remain vigilant. We call on all our families, friends, and neighbors as well as all Americans of conscience to stand with us as we struggle for basic rights."

GINGRICH "POSTURING" ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Candace Gingrich, lesbian sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, says she is dismayed that her brother said he would not attend her wedding — and called his statement "political posturing."

"My brother's remark is premature, much like the introduction of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act in Congress," said Candace Gingrich, a spokeswoman for the Human Rights Campaign. "I have not even begun considering having a ceremony and making that kind of commitment in my life, so for him to make a snap decision is just wrong. But when that day comes, I will invite him and hope that he will reconsider and attend."

Newt Gingrich, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press" said he would not attend his sister's wedding because, "I wouldn't regard it as a marriage." He said he believes marriage is between a man and a woman.

"There is no state in the union where I can get married, so for him to make a statement like that is just political posturing," Candace Gingrich said.

She said she hopes that her brother, "would value my relationship in the same way that I value his relationship with his wife, Mananne, and that we value the relationship between my mother and father."

CONGRATS TO BEST MUSICAL WINNER: RENT

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is congratulating multiple Tony winner *Rent*, the season's most talked about play, for its AIDS positive content and handling of issues dealing with sexual orientation and identity.

Jeffrey Sosnick, GLAAD Board Member and co-chair of the organization's Media Awards called the best musical winner *Rent*, "a celebration of life," noting that it exemplifies what GLAAD is all about.

"The characters in this musical illustrate the tremendous diversity within our community, and yet their sexual identities seem a very natural part of their characters, unobtrusive and non-controversial."

In addition, GLAAD is applauding the producers of the musical *Victor/Victoria* for removing language that was homophobic. In December 1994, the producers removed a song that contained homophobic lyrics at GLAAD's request. The musical has since garnered more than \$30 million.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS HATE GAYS

Delegates at the Southern Baptist Convention voted to boycott Walt Disney theme parks, movies and products. The boycott primarily targets Disney for extending benefits to domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees. Those leading the boycott insist they are not gay bashing. If hate is not bashing, please explain what is.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has compiled statements from some of the nation's leading lesbian and gay civil rights groups on the boycott.

"All Americans should support Disney's decision to keep its park open to everyone, and to give its employees equal pay for equal work. Those two things are in the finest tradition of the civil rights movements of the last 50 years. There is nothing anti-family or anti-religious in treating people equally and respectfully. The censure is a goofy idea," said Matt Coles, Director of the Lesbian & Gay Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The Southern Baptist attack on Walt Disney is an attack on the very fabric of American culture, and is, by all means, very unchristian. So much for 'love thy neighbor'. Disney should be recognized and applauded for its stance on domestic partnerships and for treating their employees with dignity and respect. The Southern Baptist threat is a trumped-up cry for media attention. By setting off this false alarm, they have only succeeded in advocating censorship, which Americans detest. The American public should continue to enjoy Disney's wealth of creativity and expressions of diversity, as they have for decades," said William Waybourn, Managing Director, Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"Every major studio in the entertainment industry has adopted domestic partner benefits for their gay and lesbian employees, sending a clear message that gay and lesbian employees are a vital part of the entertainment family. This particular religious group has the right to define family more narrowly for themselves, and to ostracize their gay and lesbian members if they so choose, but it is most inappropriate and contrary to American values for them to try to impose their narrow standards on American business or society at large," said Richard Jennings, Executive Director of Hollywood Supports, the clearinghouse for the entertainment industry on AIDS and sexual orientation workplace issues.

"This attack on Disney shows how obsessed the radical right is with punishing lesbians and gay men. Here, you have a company voluntarily granting family health insurance to gay employees, a benefit that non-gay workers already get. What could be wrong with that? What's wrong is that the radical right has a policy that, if you treat lesbians and gay men decently, it will retaliate. Apparently, the radical right's attempt to choke off America's mere discussion of same-sex marriage is not enough. Now, far-right extremists are proving our point without full legal protections, lesbians and gay men are vulnerable to losing even basic, employer-provided health coverage. We're not supposed to get married, and now I guess we're not supposed to even have health insurance," said Beatrice Dohm, Legal Director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

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PERSONAL THOUGHTS ABOUT CORONATION WEEKEND

By Sharon Van Butsel

Coronation 16 of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, *The Roaring Twenties: Whatever Happened to Bugsy Malone?*, was a delightful whirlwind of events that lasted for 4 days. We kicked off the weekend with the "In-Town Show" at Stosh's Saloon at The MAX. This event brought out the best of the local performers who entertained Omaha folks and our Out-of-Town guests who had arrived early. Among our special guests were Pitty Pat Magnolia Sugarbaker, the outgoing Out-of-town Miss Gilligan's, and Chicago show girl, Jasmine, come home to Omaha for a visit with her friends.

Friday was hectic with the opening of the Hospitality Room and final preparations for the Out-of-Town Show which featured the best performers from among our Out-of-Town guests. Our visitors brought bright, lively songs and gave our local people lots of ideas for their own costumes and stage presentation.

Saturday was busy all day. As I described in *Our Turn*, Scottie and I spent the day working on typing up the scripts for that night that included all the descriptions of all the groups. We finished just 30 minutes before Coronation was supposed to start and here I was, still in my grubbies, delivering the scripts to the ballroom. I left Scottie reviewing things with the emcees and our super D.J., Larry D. I high-tailed it upstairs and made the quickest change from shorts and tee shirt into a long lace dress with nylons, dress shoes and beads. I trotted back down to the ballroom and helped Scottie finish up and then was able to breathe a sigh of relief. Coronation itself went off very smoothly. Very few glitches and very few awkward moments. We recognized 7 out of state Courts: New Mexico, Houston, Salt Lake City, Minneapolis, Portland, Denver, and Des Moines. They all made grand and glorious entrances, (right on cue, thanks to the organizing efforts of Stan Brown) with Albuquerque, New Mexico walking away with the award for the best Out-of-Town entrance. We also recognized 9

local organizations and businesses: Leather Engineers of Omaha, P-FLAG, ANGLE and the Community Resource Center, Ice Bowl, The New Run Bar, The New Voice, Miss Gay Omaha, Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, and Metropolitan Community Church. Several of the organizations and businesses had put together entrances, including Miss Gay Omaha, The New Voice, and The New Run Bar featuring Miss Run, Muffy Rosenberg, doing an incredible comedy number as a Salvation Army worker complete with uniform, tailored skirt, Salvation Army hat, a HUGE Bass Drum, and a collection plate to take up the offerings from the audience. Needless to say, The New Run Bar walked away with the Best Entrance by a Local Business or Organization.

Many, many awards were given out that night, including the President's Awards. These awards were given to Gary Frazier and to myself, Sharon Van Butsel. We also presented our annual Diamond Ram Award to some community person who shows consistent, outstanding support to the activities of the Imperial Court. This year's Diamond Ram Award was presented to Mr. Royal Bush for his consistent, generous commitments to the projects of the Imperial Court long before he decided to run for Emperor 16. Other special awards included: Emperor to Emperor Award to Gary West, Emperor to Emperor Award to Carla Petersen, Emperor to Empress Award to Phoenix Fallentino, Empress to Empress Award to Rikki Lee from New Mexico, Empress to Empress Award to Roxxy, and Empress to Emperor Award to Jeff Crum of Minneapolis.

The evening came to an end as Annie Welty and Josephine Williams took their final walks as

Emperor and Empress 15. The crowd then grew silent as the outcome of the voting was announced. This year each person was running unopposed so it was a simple "Yes" "No" ballot, but each candidate was becoming more and more nervous as the night went on. And then the moment we had been waiting for, as the Archbishop crowned our new monarchs. Both Royal and Phoenix were chosen by the people to rule over the Imperial Court of Nebraska for the coming year. After Coronation there was just time for a final celebration in the hospitality room, where Duane and his crew had worked non-stop to put together a friendly atmosphere with good food, a drink or two, and time to visit with friends.

The celebration continued Sunday morning with a Victory Brunch and still more awards and then wound down with the Victory Show Sunday night at The MAX. With the last curtain call, the weekend was over. We were all tired and glad to call it quits, but, you know what? Phoenix and Royal are already hard at work getting ready for next year's coronation which will be staged as a night under the stars in Rio de Janeiro to be held Fourth of July Weekend, 1997. So mark your calendars now.

Plan to attend Investiture, July 28, 1996 at The MAX. This is when the Prince and Princess Royale step down and the Royal Families for Reign 16 are announced. Come help us congratulate Gary Frazier and Red Essence on the outstanding job they have done. It will be a fun-filled evening. The Imperial Court will have the biggest year ever this year and we want you to help us celebrate under the stars.



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ART/AIDS/AWARENESS Foundation is organized and is being developed by persons living with HIV and AIDS. The Foundation is open to anyone, regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, or art background.

OUR DREAM

The mission of this organization is to create a permanent workspace and gallery for persons with AIDS. This workspace will be used for lessons, workshops, and art therapy. The gallery will be run as a cooperative, affording involved artists a sense of ownership. Both the workshop and the gallery will be a place for anyone to feel nurtured and supported.

ANNUAL EXHIBIT

In conjunction with AIDS Awareness Month, our annual exhibit is scheduled for October.

The primary purpose of this exhibit is to educate the public about both the personal and social realities of AIDS through art.

The art of anyone living today is an expression of our times. The subject matter, symbolism, and historical context of art work from people living with AIDS has the capacity to speak to people long after its creation — in a sense, both independent and transcendent of time.

Participation in this exhibit is open to visual artists who are HIV+ or are living with AIDS. Artists who wish to keep their HIV status private will be able to display their work anonymously.

LOOKING FOR ARTISTS!

Our foundation will continue to seek interested artists to exhibit and/or become involved in this organization.

IN THE WORKS...

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Networking with artists, both nationally and worldwide, to form portfolios, biographical sketches, and information about artists and their work, past and present.

Art Memorial

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HOW YOU CAN HELP:

If you would like to volunteer support, or have ideas to share, we would appreciate hearing from you. A donation of your time to help organize future art events, create a database, network, or lend spiritual support would greatly help.

Since this foundation's organizers are people living with HIV or AIDS, financial resources are limited. We need individuals and other groups and organizations to become involved in this project and help us form a fund-raising committee.

We are also seeking donations to help us with all phases of our growing organization.

For further information contact: ART/AIDS/AWARENESS (402) 592-7812

A NEW ANGLE IN NEWS

by Stan Brown

"A New Era of Pride" is over for the month of June but remember, that era continues each day, and we, as lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender persons, and our supporters, must keep our Pride alive throughout the year. Thank you to all who helped make our Pride month fantastic and especially our Chairperson, Matt Samp-Petersen, and his Pride Committee who worked very hard to make it all happen.

My special thank you to all the performers who helped make my 6th Annual Pride Show for ANGLE a success. Over \$650 was raised from door money, raffles, donations, and performers' tips. The entertainers were: Annie Welty, Emperor XV, Josephine Williams, Empress XV, Muffy Rosenberg, Miss Run; Dana Dahl, Miss HGRA; Aramis, Miss D.C.'s, Ron, Mr. DC's; Christine Peek-Blankman and Anita Love, members of the River City Mixed Chorus; Rev. Earle Lewis from MCC; Satin, Miss Closet Ball '96; Madame X, Todd, and Greg from ANGLE; and my great emcee's, Sharon Van Butsel, editor of the New Voice of Nebraska; Carla Petersen, Co-Emperor IX, and Jim Gau, Mr. Desert Plains Drummer '95.

Another big thank you goes to the donors of our raffle prizes: Bags and Baggage, Dick's Place, Addendum Jewelry, the New Voice of Nebraska, the River City Mixed Chorus, the Imperial Court of Nebraska, The MAX, and Sharon and Carla.

Without the support of ANGLE members, our door person, Rick Noss; set helpers, Todd, Scott, and Wayne, the staff of The MAX and its owners Don and Bruce. I would not have been able to put this show together. Thanks again to all of you.

A final thank-you to Rick Swaink and The Q Bar in Lincoln for hosting a Pride Show on June 16. Thanks to all the Omaha and Lincoln performers who helped raise more money for Pride '96.

The Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line will have a training session for all individuals interested in volunteering for the phone line. The training will be from 7:30 — 8:30 on Tuesday, July 16, with the location to be determined. Please call the Phone Line 558-5303 to find out the location or for more information. Ask for Jim or Eric to return your call.

ANGLE's monthly meeting will be Tuesday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m. back at the UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow Blvd. So please join us as we continue to plan our events in 1996. We would like to welcome back Michael Johnson as our Treasurer for the remaining part of the year and newly appointed Board Member at Large, Chad Hamilton.

Finally, don't forget to attend the monthly GLBT Community Resource Center meeting the 3rd Sunday of each month, July 21. Contact Darrin through the phone line (558-5303) for more information and the meeting location.

INTERNATIONAL MR FANTASY COMPETITION IN OMAHA AUGUST 16-18

Summer is getting hot, but August promises to be even hotter when contestants from across the US and Canada gather to compete at the 1996 International Mr Fantasy contest. The event will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, USA the weekend of August 16th - 18th, again sponsored by Fantasy Productions.

The International Mr Fantasy Contest leaves all politics behind, and focuses on the sexuality and creativity that it takes to be a true Fantasy man.

Only one man is eligible to compete from each State, Province, or Country. Statewide/Provincewide contests have been held to select the one man that will represent them at this year's International contest. This year, contestants will be representing Texas, Toronto, Wisconsin, California, Maryland, Georgia, New Mexico, Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota, Colorado, Nevada, Oklahoma, and more.

Categories for the contest are Prejudging, Fantasy Wear, On Stage Question and Answer, the "Mystery" category (which no one will know until the day of the contest), and Presentation of their Fantasy.

The ENTIRE weekend will be FULL and FUN. Events scheduled for Friday, August 16th, include the Welcome party sponsored by LEO (Leather Engineers of Omaha), Presentation of Club Colors (if you are a member of a club, please bring your colors), a "Roast" for 1995 International Mr Fantasy, JD Buchert of Texas, Introduction of Judges and Contestants, the "Mystery" category of the competition, and after hours parties. Saturday, August 17th, will begin with a Sexual Scavenger Hunt, Vendor Fair, the return of the Seminars and Demonstrations, the 1996 International Mr Fantasy Contest, and again, after hours parties. Sunday, August 18th, will begin with the Farewell Brunch and the traditional Softball Game (everyone is invited to participate in the WILD game).

All of this for only \$30.00 per person (\$35 after August 1, 1996). Only a limited number of tickets are available so mail in your registration form today to guarantee your attendance.

The Host Hotel is the Radisson-Redick within walking distance to most of the events. The phone number is (402) 342-1500. Be sure to mention the International Mr Fantasy Contest to get the special rate which includes breakfasts and evening cocktails. The official travel agency is Atlas Travel.

For more information on competing, reserving vendor space, placing an ad in the program or attending the event, please contact:

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REGIONAL EAGLE SCHOLARSHIPS

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In addition, a person qualifying for the Regional EAGLE Scholarship Fund must:

- * Demonstrate need and/or merit
- * Be accepted to an accredited educational institution

* Obtain and complete all portions of the application form and have it mailed to the listed address by the deadline date.

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ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND GALP — GAY & LESBIAN PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

The Gay & Lesbian Parents (GALP) support group of Omaha is part of the Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI). GALP normally meets on the first Thursday of each month from 7:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22 Street, Omaha.

When the first Thursday falls on a holiday (as it does on the July 4th), the meeting is scheduled on the day before (for July's meeting — GALP will meet on Wednesday, July 3rd — 7:30 p.m.)

Meetings are designed for the support for gay and lesbian parents — parents by way of previous heterosexual marriage, single parents, biological, adoptive, foster, or any combination thereof. Meetings are open to anyone.

Meetings are geared mainly for support with an occasional guest speaker and video presentations. Being that the children of GALP range from infancy through mid-thirties (and grandchildren), there is support for everyone.

For those with young children, events are sponsored such as an Easter Egg Hunt at MCC-O, Play Day with kids, and days at the Zoo or Water Parks coordinated with Kansas GALP groups.

Topics range from gay/lesbian adoption, concerns and issues that arise when a straight marriage is left, support in coming out to our children/spouses, issues with our children's and partners' acceptance of one another, how to deal with our children's family functions at school, etc.

GALP two years ago found a need to get the straight spouses together for support. PFLAG

(Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) now officially sponsor a Straight Spouse Support Group, the spin-off of what GALP started. The Straight Spouse Support Group meets on the 4th Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in room 209, First United Methodist Church at 7020 Cass Street. For information leave a message on PFLAG's Helpline at 291-6781. There is one case in which two straight spouses from GALP members got married!!!

GALP would like to start a group affiliated with COLAGE International (Children Of Lesbian and Gays Everywhere) for our children for support for them.

Again, ALL are welcome. The meeting for July is on Wednesday, July 3rd, from 7:30 — 9:00 p.m. Normally meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month (at MCC-O).

ST MONICA'S RECOVERY FOR WOMEN

The number of people addicted to methamphetamine (also known as speed or crank) has grown enormously in the last few years, and this phenomenon has recently drawn considerable media attention. For more information on the problem, throughout the nation or locally, call Sheryl Schrept, MSW, executive director of St. Monica's, at 402-441-3761.

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The work crews, under the direction of Board Member Tom Bertino, completed the renovations in the Social Hall just in time for the Rev. Elder Troy Perry, founder of Metropolitan Community Church, to arrive to speak at the church.

The social hall is completely insulated now, drywalled, and painted. New windows have been installed in the Social Hall as well as a new ceiling and new lighting.

A ramp has been installed to allow those in wheelchairs to enter the Social Hall. I'm sure you'll be please with what has been accomplished during this past year under the leadership of Rev. Dr. C. Earle Lewis. In addition to the Social Hall renovations, we have restored all the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary and are making new windows for the offices.

I'm equally sure that you will be impressed with the results over the next few months as we work on getting our many yards back into shape and begin plans to make the sactuary handicapped accessible.

The last part of the plan to make the building accessible to all people will be to renovate and remodel the existing bathrooms. There's still a lot to do but we're on the road and we're making progress.

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9a.m. and 10:30a.m.

DIETRA SNOW, HEADLINES GALP SHOW AT MAX ON AUGUST 4TH

Gay and Lesbian Parents support group is sponsoring a fund-raising show at the MAX on Sunday, August 4th. The show will start promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Dietra Snow, Miss MAX, will headline the show. GALP needs assistance for the show to be an equal success to past shows. Needed are ideas, performers (male and female — show tunes, live, or lip synch), ticket takers, 50/50 raffle, etc.

Come to the next GALP meeting, Wednesday, July 3rd, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at MCC or call MCC (345-2563) and leave a message for GALP if you can help out.

MR. Q STEP-DOWN SHOW BIG HIT

In preparation for the 2nd annual Mr. "Q" Pageant, the current Mr. "Q" hosted a gala evening of entertainment and frivolity at "Q" in Lincoln on Sunday June 2nd.

Matt entertained the audience with his live singing numbers and was joined by a myriad of outstanding Lincoln and Omaha performers, including Dorian Drake, Dietra Snow, Nina Ricci, Sheza Mann, Lafayette, and Laura Gray.

The 2nd annual Mr. "Q" Pageant is slated for Sunday July 28 where Matt is scheduled to officially step down from his current position as Mr. "Q."

ANGLE PHONE LINE.....WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY?

WHO? The Phone Line needs eager volunteers like you!

WHAT? Yes, you! The phone line is operated by community volunteers that provide information and referrals to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) and the local community about local events, bars, businesses, and organizations. It's easy, and provides important information for those who just want to know... What's up in the community? Where can I go for this or that? Can you point me in the right direction? Coming out?

WHEN? Interested yet? Attend our training session, **TUESDAY, JULY 16, AT 7:30 TO 8:30 PM.**

WHERE? UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd. (Northeast Corner of Dodge and Happy Hollow)

WHY? You're helping the community. You're getting involved. Most of all, you're providing valuable information and referrals to those in need. And it's so easy, just like taking messages off your answering machine and returning the call... all right out of your own home or office. So come to the training session! See you there? If you have any questions, please feel free to call the phone line at **558-5303** and leave a message for Jim or Eric.

HORSE CARE SEMINAR AT LAKOTA STABLES

On Sunday, June 1, HGRA members were invited to Lakota Stables to learn "everything you ever wanted to know about horses," Bryn, Jennifer, and Tammy spent 3 hours covering everything from grooming to medical care. They gave us demonstrations on how to purchase a saddle and other tack, how to put the saddle on the horse, and how to mount. Bryn showed us how smooth her Tennessee Walker moves, and how Jennifer's horse is voice trained. We learned how to buy a horse trailer and how to get the horses in and out of the trailer. They explained about boarding a horse and what the average cost is, as opposed to the cost of keeping a horse on your own property. Those of you that couldn't make it missed a lot. Thanks again to Lakota Stables for a MOST informative afternoon!!

HGRA CHARITY BALL AND DINNER IN DES MOINES

Over 300 people were served a delicious steak dinner with all the trimmings on May 18th at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. The Emperor and Empress of the Iowa Imperial Court, Patrick and Liz Starr, helped entertain us. A piano player accompanied dinner with beautiful music. Rodeo members were the cooks and waiters/waitresses. We danced and even had a charity auction. Mongo Eikleberry of Blazing Saddles must have been an auctioneer at some time in his past. He was great! The only mar on the evening's festivities was the air conditioning. We were told it was on all day, only to find out it wasn't. When they finally got it turned on, the place cooled off and it was perfect for dancing.

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Q HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

July at Q in Lincoln truly will have something for everyone. Every Wednesday night is Country Nite with country music and dancing. Tuesday night is College Night, alcohol free and open to everyone 18 and over. Friday and Saturday nights dance to the best music around and enjoy the light show with your friends.

Sunday, July 7 brings a special "Vegas Night" where you can enjoy the thrill of gambling (play money provided) and the best Show Girls that the Midwest has to offer.

July 14, Sheza Mann headlines a very special show entitled "Ain't Nobody's Business." And the 21st is Amateur Strip Night where talented amateurs get to show off their physique and compete for a \$100 first prize.

And on July 28 it's the event of the year — the 2nd annual Mr. "Q" Contest. Which of the Men of the Q will take home this coveted title? Be there early for a good seat.

But just because July is over, don't think the good times end! August 6-9, the Q will celebrate its Second Anniversary! Watch for drink specials, special parties and performances, and a darn good time!

INTERNAT'L GAY RODEO CONVENTION INCLUDES DANCE CONTEST

On Saturday, June 1, we had 2 couples come out to DC's Saloon to compete in our dance contest. They were in different divisions, so they both were winners and asked to join HGRA and compete at the International Gay Rodeo Convention being held at the Red Lion Hotel July 26 & 27. On Friday they compete in the waltz and two-step with contestants from all the other rodeo associations across the country and Canada. Saturday night they compete in the Freestyle competition. If you like dancing, don't miss this competition!! We are selling tickets to those that will not be competing. They are \$5.00 per night, per person, and the dance contest starts at 7 p.m. each night. If you can only make it one night, be sure to go on Saturday. The Freestyle competition is something you won't want to miss!!!

We also have cloggers from several cities that give clogging demonstrations at some of the local bars on Friday and Saturday nights. The Royalty from other associations will be performing at some of the bars also. Be sure and come out that last weekend in July. We expect to have about 300 cowboys and cowgirls converge on Omaha for the convention. So expect to do a lot of partying!! We kick off the weekend with a welcome party for all the convention delegates at DC's on Thursday evening. We'll have food and dancing all night.

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Expenses: \$715

Grants Awarded: River City Mixed

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Art AIDS Awareness: \$200

Thanks to all our vendors and guests. It was great!

KINGS & QUEENS HOSTS BENEFIT FOR HGRA

Friday, May 31st, Aramis invited us up to Sioux City for a show. Sioux City was celebrating their Gay Pride that weekend and wanted us to participate. Jim Bohrer (Mr. HGRA 94-95) and Dana Dahl (Miss HGRA 95-96) performed for HGRA. Thanks to Sioux City we were able to donate \$168 to the All Iowa AIDS Benefit.



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NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Joseph Hall has been named Executive Director of the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) according to Susan McGillick, President, NAP Board of Directors.

Hall comes to NAP with a long history in AIDS policy and program development. He most recently served for more than eight years as founding Executive Director of Lowcountry AIDS Services, a non-profit AIDS service organization based in Charleston, South Carolina.

During that time he built the agency into a comprehensive social services organization that maintained an active caseload of 550 clients in a seven-county region. He also conceived and initiated, in partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing, the *HIV Healthcare Needs Assessment Project*, a comprehensive needs assessment of physicians, caregivers, and people with AIDS.

Hall currently serves as a board member with several progressive grantmaking institutions. Hall also created a permanent Lesbian/Gay/Bi funding program within the Fund for Southern Communities — a progressive foundation serving Georgia and the Carolinas.

Hall is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (Washington, D.C.); The Out Fund of the National Funding Exchange (New York, N.Y.); and the AIDS Action Council (Washington, D.C.).

In addition to his work in the U.S., Hall is a volunteer with the Society for Women and AIDS in Africa, Sierra Leone, West Africa, and he has traveled to East Africa as a speaker on AIDS counseling.

The Nebraska AIDS Project is the only agency working exclusively on HIV/AIDS in Nebraska and Southwest Iowa. The organization provides case management and counseling services to people with HIV/AIDS, as well as HIV testing, education, and teen counseling to the community at large.

NAP maintains offices in Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, and Norfolk, and has an active caseload of 325 clients.

THE COOLEST PLACE THIS SUMMER IS ALSO THE HOTTEST — THE MAX!

Summer has officially arrived. If you're looking for the coolest place to hang out, THE MAX is it. The great looking men and women of Omaha can make you forget about the heat outside but they'll surely make your body temp rise. Stosh's Saloon has a New Look, a New Style, and a New Attitude. If you're looking for your fun without all the fancy trimmings, join us in our new Leather Levi Bar. New drink specials, a new sound by our DJ Tom, comedy videos, and classic clips will be featured along with classic trash Disco Dance Music. Stop in and give it a try.

The glamour girl of the Midwest, Laura Grey will hand her title to a new Great Plains Entertainer of The Year. Laura Lee, G.P.E.O.Y. Promoter, is looking forward to a great contest with contestants from several Midwest states. The pageant begins at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 7.

Miss MAX, Dietra Snow, is looking for a man. She'll have her pick of Omaha on Sunday, July 14, during the 1996 Mister MAX Contest. Omaha has some of the best looking guys in the country and some very talented ones as well. This year we're adding a Brief Statement category, where our MAX men show their best assets in their favorite underwear. Other categories include: Bar Wear, Formal Attire, and Swim Wear. Miss MAX 12, Dietra Snow, and Mr. Desert Plains Drummer '95-'96, Jim, will be your hosts. Special Guests include Mr. MAX 4, Tim Pedersen, and Miss Nina Ricci.

The Stars of Great Plains Entertainer of the Year will headline the July Superstar Show on Sunday, July 21. The National Entertainer of the Year Finals are in August. The girls want to bring a title back to Nebraska and this is just the night they need to get them there.

Boxers, Briefs, Jocks, or Thongs — they're what you need to wear for Aunt Mike's Underwear Night 16. Be at the MAX July 25, on the patio for an all night party for men only. The men of J.E.O. will be planning some special surprises and "Games of Skill" for all the half naked men who attend. Prepare yourself for the Best Bulge and Best Buns Contest and the famous Whipped Cream Wrestling.

Sunday, July 28, The Imperial Court of Nebraska's Coronation festivities come to a climax with the Investiture of Reign XVI. The New Emperor, Royal, and the New Empress, Phoenix, will install their Royal Families with all the pomp and circumstance you've come to expect from ICON.

Have a great summer and a great time with the one and only, THE MAX.

PREPARING FOR THE GOP CONVENTION

The Republican National Convention will be held in San Diego, August 12-15. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, along with Voters Organized in Coalition for the Elections (VOICES '96), are planning to demonstrate against the Republican Party's campaign message, which has scapegoated disenfranchised peoples as the source of America's woes, rather than offering real alternatives to transform society. NGLTF is committed to mobilizing progressives to have a large and visible presence at the convention.

The GOP is obligated to have an area for demonstrators near the convention. Plans to have the demonstration area nearby have been scuttled. The GOP is now trying to move the area four blocks away.



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FORMER USAF CAPTAIN OPENS NEW BUSINESS

Captain Rich Richenberg, the Air Force officer who went public with his orientation in 1993 and has been waging a costly challenge to the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy ever since, has recently set his sights on a challenge of a different sort. "I was very optimistic about saving my Air Force career and may yet prevail in the courts," Richenberg said, "But I've had to balance my optimism with the realities of our current political climate. To that end, I've had to think about what I want to do since my discharge last December."

"I took a five-month hiatus to regroup," he said. "That was a lot of time off to think about the next phase of my life. Ultimately, I decided that owning my own business was the right choice. I took a good look around at the type of businesses that were succeeding and realize that, regardless of size, they all had one thing in common: They were incredibly innovative. Ours is an extremely competitive economy. In order for me to succeed, I knew I had to offer something that set me apart from the other guys, had broad appeal, and wouldn't become obsolete in the near term."

As a result, IPS Business Services, Inc. was established. "IPS offers Heartland businesses a simple financial tool previously available to only large corporations," Richenberg said. "Its purpose is to show businesses how to re-arrange the way their bank handles their operating accounts so their monthly service fees are eliminated or greatly reduced, and they automatically earn interest on all account balances. Most business owners aren't aware of the real cost of their business' bank accounts and some even believe their accounts are 'free' because their bank gives them 'earning credits' to offset the fees it charges."

In March of 1994, *Inc. Magazine* published an article entitled *Decoding Your Bank's Secret Invoice*. "The article shows businesses how to interpret the account analysis statement — the comprehensive record of every service performed by your bank during the previous month and amount billed for each service," Richenberg said. "The problem is, now that you have that information, what do you do with it? That's where IPS Business Services comes in. I show business owners that they have an intelligent alternative."

Most business owners think of themselves as service or product providers. They buy raw materials, repackaging them in a form the consumer needs, and sell them at the best price possible. Most business owners know that for them to get the raw materials they need to provide the product or service they offer, they have to pay for them.

What many owners don't know is that in one aspect of their business, they are providing a raw material to another business, their bank, and not getting paid for it. In fact, many of them are being assessed a fee for the privilege of being a free supplier.

"As preposterous as that sounds," Richenberg continues, "millions of business owners of all sizes nationwide have been unwittingly giving away one of their most precious assets for decades — their hard-earned cash."

"The really great thing about my service is its simplicity," Richenberg said. "I chose the initials IPS (which stands for Intelligent, Profitable and Simple) because that's what this program is all about."

It's just plain smart to get paid for what you supply, and it can only improve your profits. It's simple because there isn't anything to buy, and it doesn't require any real changes in the way businesses conduct their financial affairs. No matter how their accounts are set up now, I can probably show them how to improve their system."

IPS also offers clients significant savings on payroll outsourcing, natural gas and long distance phone costs. "In every case, the services I implement for the average business go beyond paying for themselves," Richenberg said. "They add real cash to the owner's bank account — and that's the bottom line."

You can get in touch with Richenberg and his IPS business at 558-7644 or e-mail at assetmaker@aol.com

TRANSITIONS, RECORDS, AND NEBRASKA

By Stef Matthews

Now here's something you don't see every day — a copy of a marriage certificate issued by the state of Nebraska. It happened to be for our favorite transgendered couple, John and Rachel Chapin.

Although John and Rachel were married many years ago (many, many, many years ago! — we wouldn't love you if we couldn't tease you), before they transitioned and had their names changed, they desired to have their marriage certificate represent them accurately. Together they approached the state with their "name change" papers and the state was willing and able to modify their marriage certificate accordingly. John and Rachel tell me the clerk told them that this is a first in the State of Nebraska!

The only thing the state couldn't do is to list Rachel as the wife and John as the husband. At least the state was able to be flexible enough to allow a woman to be a husband and a man to be a wife?

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July

- 3 - Phoenix Headlines at DC's
- 4 - ICON Picnic - Progressive Prk
- 6 - DC's 5th Anniversary
- 7 - Entertainer of the Year Contest
- 7-15 - RCMC at GALA Festival
- 13 - Mr Nebr Fantasy DC's
- 14 - Mr. MAX Contest
- 16 - Phone Line Training
- 20, 21 - Int'l Ms Leather
- 21 - MAX's Superstar Show
- 25 - MAX Men Only Underwear Party
- 25-28 - Int'l Gay Rodeo Convention-
- 27 - Sid Spencer Live
- 28 - ICON Investiture
- 28 - Mr Q Pageant

August (continued)

- 16 - 18 Women's Supertubing on Niobrara
- 16-18 - Int'l Mr. Fantasy Contest
- 25 - NOW Equality Day
- 25 - Miss River City Pageant

September

- 4 - ICON Labor Day Picnic
- 15 - Womyn's Riverboat Ride
- 19 - NAP AIDS Walk

October

- AIDS Awareness Month
- TBA AIDS Awareness Art Show
- 5 - HGRA Awards Banquet
- 5 - Suzane Westenhoefer Concert
- 6 - Lutherans Concerned
- 10, 11, 12 - ONYX Images 5th Anniversary Party
- 11 - National Coming Out Day
- 12 - HGRA Royalty Contest

October (continued)

- 13 - AIDS Quilt Display - D.C.
- 18 - ACLU-Nebr Annual Dinner
- 31-Nov 2 - Transgender Festival

November

- 3 - ICON Food 4 Thought - Lincoln
- 10 - ICON Food 4 Thought - Omaha
- 10 & 17 - All Iowa AIDS Benefit

December

- 1 - Lutherans Concerned
 - 1 - PFLAG Holiday Gathering
 - 7 - Night of 1000 Stars
 - 8 - ICON Toyz 4 Totz - Omaha
 - 15 - ICON Toyz 4 Totz - Lincoln
- Let Us Know About YOUR Events so we can include them in the calendar!!

August

- GALO Resumes Meeting
- 2-4 - Rendevous '96 - Laramie
- 3 - NAP Cut-a-Thon
- 4 - ICON "Women on Center Stage"
- 4 - GALP Show - MAX
- 6-8 - Q 2nd Anniversary
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- Nebraska Book Store
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Douglas County Health Department,
1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-7750

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3610 Dodge, Suite
110, Omaha 342-6367; AIDS Hotline 402-
342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437] or
info@nap.org <http://www.nap.org/>

Nebraska Dept of Health,
Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, 68847, 308/865-5609
Norfolk, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm Bldg #16,
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NorthPlatte, Craft St. Office Bldg,
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Nebr Bar Assoc, 635 S 14, Lincoln, 475-7091

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

AIDS ADVOCACY

AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),
Box 31305, Omaha 68131 Call Nebraska
AIDS Project at 342-6367

Art/AIDS Awareness, (402) 592-7812, Group
of HIV+ visual artists educating public about
realities of AIDS through art.

PASTORAL CARE

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
Service: 1st Tues, 7pm, St Francis Chapel,
1145 South Street, Lincoln, Public is invited

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-6367

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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Lincoln 68510, 441-8065 Testing, counseling

Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center, AIDS
education to health care professionals UNMC,
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Nebraska Dept of Health,
Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, 68847,
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Norfolk, Norfolk Regional Ctr, Adm
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Siouxland AIDS Coalition, meets 2nd Tuesdy
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Call (712) 252-0722

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

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0393, Telephone (402) 344-4557, Residential
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COUNSELING & SUPPORT

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

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

Calico II HIV-AIDS Support Group, Meets
1st & 3rd Tues. 7pm, Alliance For info call:
(308) 762-8259

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

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

Harambee Mental Health Services, Business
& Technical Center, 2505 N. 24, Omaha, NE
68110 (402) 451-3913. Mental Health Services
to people of color who are infected with HIV,
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Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group, 1st
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*****LINCOLN*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, Meetings:

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

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

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

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

Lambda Business Association, PO Box 6341, Lincoln, NE 68506-0341 (402) 483-6183. Meet 4th Sunday, 3pm. Location Varies

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

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

National Org. for Women (NOW) Lincoln activist org. issues of full equality for women, Box 80172, Lincoln, NE 68501, 477-1226

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

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043. For older Gay people. Intergenerational Coffee House 2nd Saturday, 6-9pm. Lesbian Videos at 7:15pm, at 3319 S 46th, Lincoln. All welcome.

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, Box 67035, Lincoln, 68506, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women.

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

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

*****OMAHA*****

Alcoholics Anonymous,

**Stonewall Grp. Wed, 7:30pm, Mercy High

**Gay Mens Stag "An Alternative", Fri 7pm,

**Live & Let Live Group, Friday 8:15pm

A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors), Box 8343, Omaha 68108-0343 Phone: 558-5303, Networking, consciousness raising, PRIDE activities, Internet www.angle.org.

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

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

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

Gay & Lesbian Organization of UNO (GaLo), UNO Students/sponsors Monday Milo Bail Ctr, 3rd Floor Board Room, Info call Jonathan Raymond 571-8518 or Diallo Mudd 554-3492

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

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

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

ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament, Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622. Tournament is held President's Day Weekend each year.

L.E.O. - The Leather Engineers of Omaha, An educational and social group for Gay Men with an interest in the Leather Lifestyle. For info write: L.E.O., P.O. Box 8181, Omaha, 68108

Lutherans Concerned, 453-7137, 7pm, Mar. 3, June 2, Oct. 6, Dec. 1, 1st Lutheran Omaha

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

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 Street, Omaha, 345-2563. Send mail to: Box 3173, Omaha, 68103. Children/Adult Christian Ed.; Worship Service 9 & 10:30am

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

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

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

Omaha Players Club (OPC), Pansexual education & support 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. Support/Social Fraternity for African American men. Age restriction for membership. Support for brothers of all ages.

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

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

River City Mixed Bowling League, Sundays, 1 & 3pm, Skylanes, Center Mall, Omaha

River City Gender Alliance, Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502. Hotline: 398-1255, leave message. For crossdressers, transsexuals, & those wishing to know more. All orientations. Newsletter Meet 1st Saturday, Omaha

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 7-9pm, 1st Methodist 7020 Cass, Room 209, 291-6781

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

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

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

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

REGIONAL/STATEWIDE

American Business & Professional Guild, Box 142, Sioux City, IA 51102. Network of gay business/professional men from IA, MN, SD, & NE. Meet last Sat. of each month. Write for info.

Chadron State College Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Students, Faculty & Staff, PO Box 924, Chadron, NE 69337, 308-432-4047

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

Community Alliance, 1301 Villa Ave, Sioux City, IA 51103 (712) 258-4704

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

GLB Alliance, c/o Health Ctr, Hastings, College, Hastings 68901. Call Judy 402-461-7372 (Health Ctr) 402-462-2961 (home). For G/L/B Students & Friends - safe place to meet, discuss & learn.

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr., Support, social events, newsletter. Info: GLAGN, Box 2401, Kearney, NE 68848-2401 or call: (308) 472-3249

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68102 Org. for advancement of G/L/B/T society. Board Meets 1st Monday each month

Integrity Prayer Service, Wed, 6pm, St. Thomas Episcopal, 12 & Douglas, Sioux City, IA. Call Al (712) 276-8369 or Rev. Kerr (712) 258-0141

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

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

Internet Address: tjrr05c@prodigy.com

Panhandle Gay & Lesbian Support Services, Box 1046, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1046. Telephone: (308) 635-8488

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays

***PFLAG, Kearney**: meet 3pm, 3rd Sun, St. Luke's Episc. (308) 382-0752 or 995-5490. Mail PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

***PFLAG, Sioux City, IA** 2nd Sun, 2pm, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18

PRIDE Group, c/o Counseling Ctr, Wayne State College, Wayne, NE 68787. Info: Karen or Virginia (402) 375-7321. G/L/B Students. Meet people, discuss issues, provide community service, educate, raise awareness.

University of Nebr-Kearney GLBT Support Group. Meet Thursdays, 4pm, Student Affairs Bldg, Call Ronnie 308-865-8488 or 308-236-5312. e-mail reid@platte.unk.edu.

JULY CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY
<p>Worship Services, 9 & 10:30a.m. MCC- Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563</p> <p>Gay/Lesbian Walking Club, 10am, 38th & South, Lincoln, by tennis courts</p>	<p>GaLo UNO -- Will Resume Meetings in September</p> <p>HIV Tests, NAP, 3610 Dodge, Suite 110, Omaha 7-9:30pm</p> <p>River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 7:15pm</p>	<p>Women for Sobriety 5:30pm YWCA, 222 S. 29, Omaha, Call Judith 472-2598</p> <p>Mens Support Group 7:30pm MCC, 819 S. 22, Omaha</p>	<p>Gay Men Disc Grp, Lincoln 6pm, Contact Luis 472-7450</p> <p>Frontrunners Run, 6:30pm, Brownell-Talbot, Omaha</p> <p>PFLAG AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln 7pm, call 475-2437</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, Mercy High, Omaha</p> <p>Integrity Prayer Svc, 6pm, St. Thomas Episc, Sioux City, IA</p>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	<p>July 1 (1st Monday) ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, The New Run Bar, Omaha</p>	<p>July 2 (1st Tuesday) AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St Francis Chapel, South & 11th St., Lincoln ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 110 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha</p>	<p>July 3 (1st Wed) "Bang, Bang, Boom, Boom, and All That Jazz" Empress 16 Phoenix Fallentino headlines at DC's</p>
<p>July 7 (1st Sunday) Frontrunners, 10am, Keystone Park, 78 & Keystone, Omaha Family AIDS Support, 2-4pm, 1st Meth, Om Great Plains Entertainer of the Year Contest, The MAX, Omaha Vegas Night, Show Girls, & Karaoke, "Q" Lincoln</p>	<p>July 8 (2nd Monday) AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Omaha</p>	<p>July 9 (2nd Tuesday) Siouxland AIDS Coalition, 12n, Red Cross, Sioux City, IA Free/Confidential HIV Tests by Lancaster Co Health Dept 5- 7pm The Panic, Lincoln</p>	<p>July 10 (2nd Wed)</p>
<p>July 14 (2nd Sunday) Frontrunners, 10am, Mt. Vernon Gardens, Omaha PFLAG, Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W. 18, Sioux City, IA, 2-4pm Mr. MAX Contest, The MAX, Omaha</p>	<p>July 15 (3rd Monday)</p>	<p>July 16 (3rd Tuesday) NOW-Nat'l Org for Women Lincoln: 7pm, Women's Club, 407 S. 14th, 477-1226 Omaha: 7pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, 391-7303 Grand Island HIV Support Grp, 7pm, (308) 385-5175 ANGLE Phone Line Training, 7:30pm, UNO Religious Cntr</p>	<p>July 17 (3rd Wednesday)</p>
<p>July 21 (3rd Sun) Frontrunners, 10am, Ford Birth Site, Omaha Community Resource Center Development Mtg, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22, 2-5pm PFLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal, 3pm, 2304 2nd Ave. (308) 382-0752/995-5490 Panhandle Mens Group (308)635-8488 Your Favorite Superstars at The MAX Amateur Strip Night, Q, Lincoln</p>	<p>July 22 (4th Monday)</p>	<p>July 23 (4th Tuesday) PFLAG, 7pm Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Topic "Gay Marriage" Lincoln, 467-4599 Straight Spouse Support Group 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A Lincoln Frontrunners Monthly Mtg. 6:30pm, Omaha, 496-3658</p>	<p>July 24 4th Wednesday)</p>
<p>July 28 (4th Sunday) Frontrunners, 10am, Heartland Park, Omaha Lambda Business Assoe, 3pm, Lin 483-6183 MCC PSC Circle, 6pm, 477-3215, Lincoln ICON Investiture, The MAX, Omaha Mr. Q Pageant, 9pm, Q, Lincoln Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival, 6pm- midnite, Grand Island</p>	<p>July 29 (4th Monday)</p>	<p>July 30 (4th Monday)</p>	<p>July 31 (4th Monday)</p>
<p>August 4 (1st Sunday) Frontrunners, 10am, Omaha Gay/Lesbian Parents Group Benefit, featuring Dietra Snow, The MAX, Omaha "Womyn Take Center Stage" All Womyn Performers, Benefit for Women's Cancer Research, DC's, Omaha</p>	<p>August 5 (1st Mon) ICON Board Mtg, 7pm, The New Run Bar, Omaha</p>	<p>August 6 (1st Tuesday) ANGLE Meeting, 7pm, 3923 Farnam, Omaha AIDS Healing Service, 7pm, St. Francis Chapel, South & 11th St., Lincoln Q's 2nd Anniversary Party, Lincoln</p>	<p>August 7 (1st Wednesday) Q's 2nd Anniversary Party, Lincoln</p>

JULY CALENDAR

EVERY THURSDAY

HIV Test Site, NAP, 3610 Dodge, Ste 110, 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 Support Grp, 4pm, Student Affairs Bldg, info Call Ronnie at 308-865-8488 or 236-5312

EVERY FRIDAY

Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
Lesbian Discussion Grp Lincoln 7pm 488-2043
Network Q, 9pm, Cable Channel 20, Lincoln
Alcoholics Anonymous Omaha: "An Alternative" Mens Stag 7pm, Lowe Ave
"Live & Let Live" 8:15pm Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 411
Lincoln: 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 438-5214
Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

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

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

July 4 (1st Thursday)

ICON 4th of July Picnic, 12n-5pm, Progressive Park, Council Bluffs, IA, Adm. \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members
Gay & Lesbian Parents Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha
Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 1st Unitarian, Omaha

July 5 (1st Friday)

July 6 (1st Saturday)

Omaha Players Club, Workshop "Electricity", 2pm, Play Party, 8pm
River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502
DC's 5th Anniversary Celebration, Omaha

July 11 (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

July 12 (2nd Friday)

Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
Frontrunners Friday Afternoon Club, DC's, 6:30pm

July 13 (2nd Saturday)

Frontrunners, 9am, Ford Birthsite, Omaha
SAGE Coffee House 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos, 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46, Lincoln, 488-4178
Mr. Nebraska Fantasy, 9p.m. DC's, Omaha

July 18 (3rd Thursday)

Metropolitan Club, 6:30pm, Neon Goose, 10 & Pacific, Omaha
GLAGN Support Group, Grand Island, (308) 384-7235

July 19 (3rd Friday)

Womyn's Book Discussion Group, Call Laurie 556-0937 or Beth 435-2418

July 20 (3rd Saturday)

July 25 (4th Thursday)

July 26 (4th Friday)

Outreach Center, HIV Info/Tests, 1-4pm & 10pm - 2am, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha
Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival, 6pm-midnite, Grand Island

July 27 (4th Saturday)

Frontrunners, 9am, Ford Birthsite, Omaha
American Professional & Business Guild, Sioux City, IA, For Information, write: ABPG, Box 142, Sioux City, Iowa 51102
Sid Spencer Live, DC's, Omaha
Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival, 9am-midnite, Grand Island

August 1 (1st Thursday)

CFEP, 7pm, Omaha
G/L Parents, 7:30pm, Omaha

August 2 (1st Friday)

August 3 (1st Saturday)

Omaha Players Club, Workshop "Foot/boot Worship" 2pm, Play Party 8pm
River City Gender Alliance, for Transgender community, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502
Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, 5pm, DC's, Omaha

August 8 (2nd Thursday)

Q's 2nd Anniversary Party, Lincoln

August 9 (2nd Friday)

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August 10 (2nd Saturday)

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READY TO BE SERVED GWM, 6'1", 185, smoke and drug free, seeks others for discreet fun. Call me. (Central City) #1826

COCKED AND LOADED GWM, 25, brown hair/eyes, clean-cut, 6', 150, seeks GWM, 18-28, who is attractive and easy going. Leave me a message. (Hastings) #11229

BUSINESS BEARS WANTED I'm a White male, 6ft, 240lbs, looking for a 30 to 50 year old business man, bear type. I like bigger men. Call me. (Lincoln) #15595

LETS TALK OVER COFFEE I'm 27 years old, 5'7", 120lbs, nice muscular body, drug and alcohol free. I do smoke and drink coffee. I like dancing, movies, reading, etc. I'm looking to meet White men around my age for fun and more. Call me. (Lincoln) #15190

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LETS CUDDLE I'm 6ft, 300lbs, and I love sports. I also like cuddling and watching movies. If you are interested please call me. (Lincoln) #24223

SEEKING ADVENTURE AND MORE GWM, 37, 5'11", 175, nice build, attractive, seeks others for fun, friendship and lots more. Do you like adventure? (Lincoln) #49851

CASUAL MEETINGS GWM, 21, 5'8", brown hair and eyes, goatee, hairy, medium build, seeks others into talking, playing and casual affairs. Leave me a message. (Lincoln) #33014

DISCREET ENCOUNTERS Bi WM, married, seeks other Bi or GWM's for fun and whatever happens. Leave me a message. (Lincoln) #22478

HEADLOCKS AND MORE GWM, 28, 5'9", 160, seeks others into wrestling, movies and more. Call me. (Lincoln) #22294

TIE ME UP GWM, 6'3", 200, black hair and eyes, seeks dominant men into leather and bondage. Give me a call. (Lincoln) #21628

THE PREPSTER GWM, 20, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, good shape and good looking, very masculine and preppy looking, seeks others, 18-23, into dancing, movies and the great outdoors. Call me. (Lincoln) #8688

ARE YOU READY TO SETTLE? GWM, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, 120, 42, seeks long term relationship. If you're interested, give me a call. (Lincoln) #9135

I WILL IF YOU WILL Bi WM, 26, into anything and willing to try more, seeks others for fantasy fulfillment and more. Let's talk! (Lincoln) #6389

ARE YOU INTO FUN? Bi BM, 37, 6'2", 205, seeks same into fun and good times. Leave me a detailed message. (Lincoln) #6780

KINKY KIDS GWM, 38, 5'10", 160, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks guys in their 20's, for romance, friendship and lots more. Leave me a message. (Lincoln) #4741

BLACK AND WHITE GWM, 6', 260, seeks GWM's, who are mature, 48-55 and masculine. Please be HIV- and give me a call. (Lincoln) #5198

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LET'S MEAT GWM, early 40's, 6'5", 200, brown hair, blue eyes, professional, seeks others, 35-50, for friendship and more. (Lincoln) #15946

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BOTTOM'S UP GWM, 5'8", 180, well built, brown hair, blue eyes, smoke and drug free, alot of varied interests, seeks bottom guys who are masculine and straight acting. Let me hear from you. (Omaha) #1746

THIS IS CODY GWM, 30, 5'9", brown hair, green eyes, very hairy, seeks others for more than one riders. If this is you, call me. (Omaha) #2372

OPEN AND WILLING GWM, 6'2", 210, dark hair, grey eyes, hairy, stache/goatee, looking for fun and more. Open to anything. (Omaha) #15972

MASSAGE THERAPIST GWM, 30, 150, 5'9", weight lifter, tanned, moderately hairy, brown hair, hazel eyes, clean shaven, varied interests, seeks others for friendship, massage and more. (Omaha) #15499

TENSION RELIEF Bi WM, attractive, well built, seeks some, body builder's preferred, for long sessions of massage and more. Please leave a message. Satisfaction guaranteed! (Omaha) #16349

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HEY THERE! GWM, 38, 5'11", 190, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Omaha) #15623

BOTTOM'S UP GWM, 35, well built, 5'10", beard, blue eyes, blonde hair, seeks other submissive males for pleasure. Leave me a message. (Omaha) #12385

FRIENDS FIRST GWM, 5'11", 175, well built, seeks GWM's, 20-45, interested in friendship, and fun with relationship possibilities. (Omaha) #12874

SIR, YES SIR! GWM, 33, 5'11", 170, dark blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks other males interested in friendship and Master/Slave reality. Please leave me a message. (Omaha) #21159

TALK TO ME GWM, young professional, seeks other professional GWM's, 25-35, for interesting conversation and meetings. Please leave a message. (Omaha) #13101

ANY PORT WILL DO GWM, 5'6", 160, moderately furry, Greek pass/act, good endowment, seeks GBM/GLM, age not important. Please leave a message. (Omaha) #14073

TENNESSEE TRANSPLANT GWM, 26, dark hair, green eyes, 200, new to area, seeks friends, 21-35, to show me the area. Some of humor and sincerity a must. Please leave a message. (Omaha) #11661

BIG BROTHER SOUGHT 25, GWM, 5'7", 150, interested in anything, seeks other dominant GWM for fun and adventure. Please leave a message for an immediate response. (Omaha) #11896

YOU FOR ME GWM, 38, 190, looking for GWM, 25-45, for hot and safe encounters. Satisfaction guaranteed. Please leave a message. (Omaha) #45835

BOTTOM'S UP GWM, 37, blonde hair, blue eyes, submissive, seeks GM's who are dominant and very masculine to train me in the art of pleasure. (Omaha) #11740

Kansas

BOTTOM'S UP! GWM, bottom boy, 6'2", 270, very straight acting and appearing, seeks masculine top men for whatever happens. Give me a call. (Kansas) #33440

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LET'S MEAT! GWM, 23, brown hair, green eyes, 145, seeks others for fun and more. Give me a call. (Lawrence) #20072

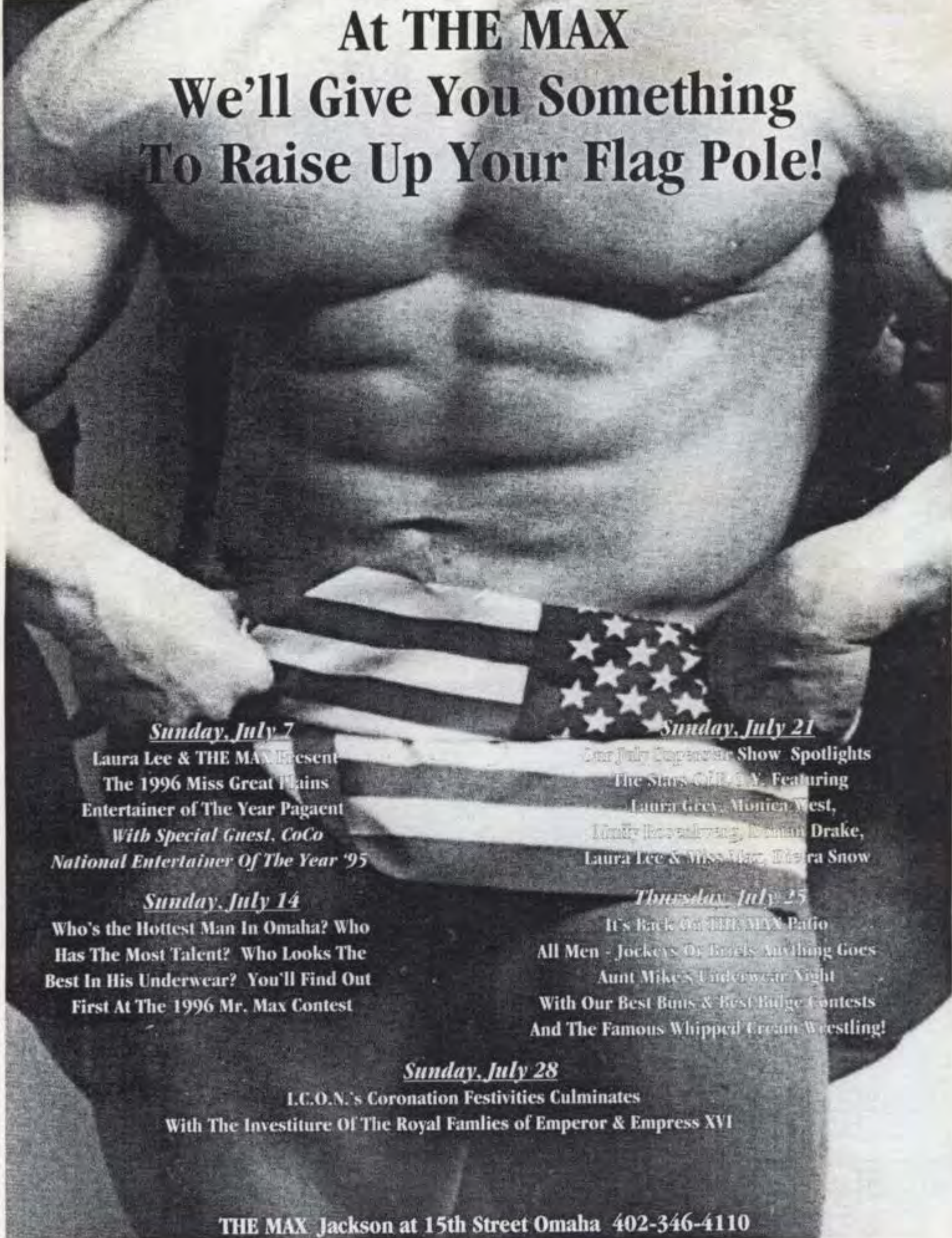
COCKED AND LOADED GWM, 27, varied interests, seeks local white guys, 18-30, for pleasure and fun. (Manhattan) #14751

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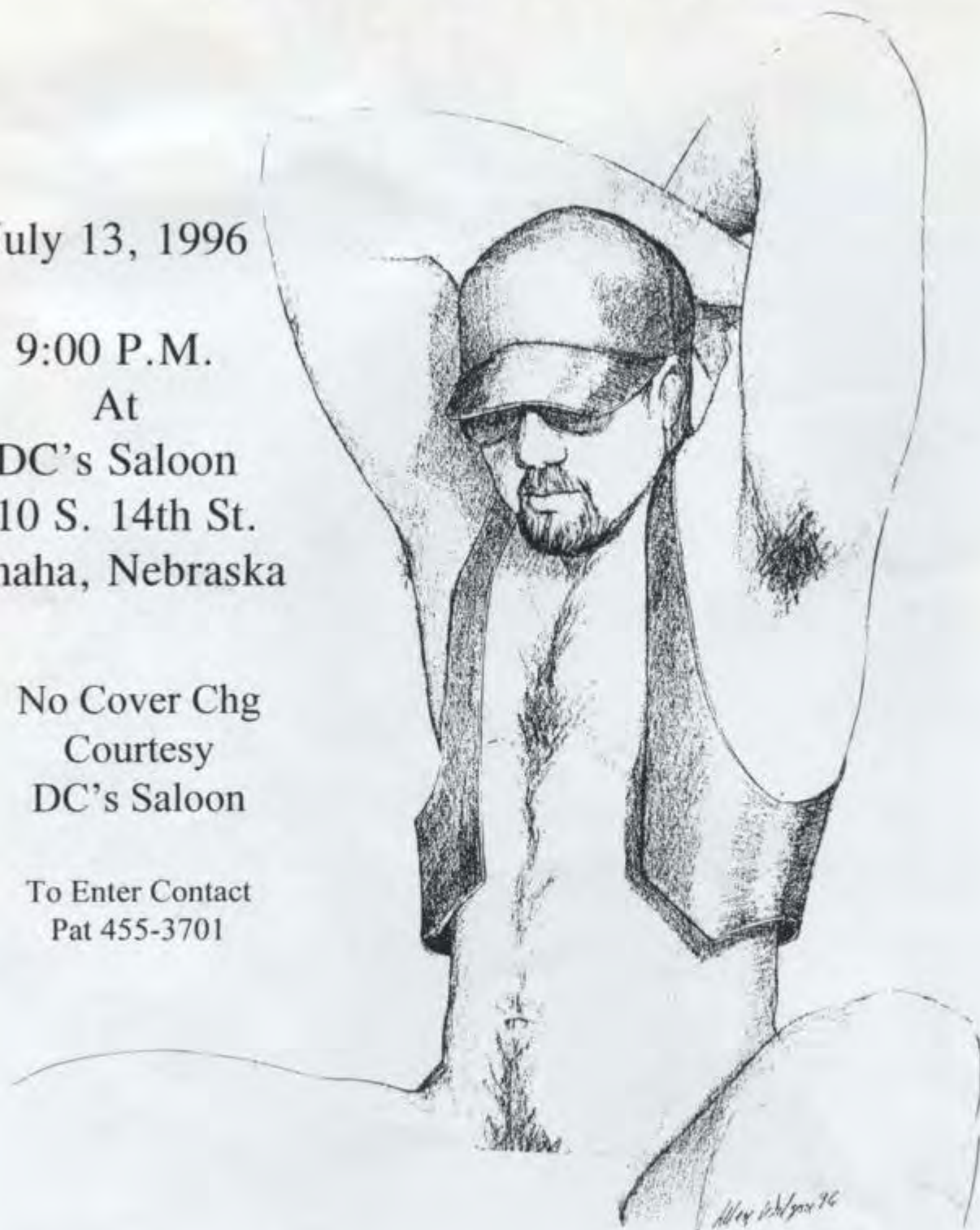
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