

# The New Voice

O F N E B R A S K A



# Our Turn

## The Cover

The cover is designed by a Lincoln artist, Ken Doll. He has a B.S.A. in commercial art from Kearney State College. The cover depicts a Halloween-Samhain theme. If you would like to contact the artist, call 477-0376. He is willing to do commission work.

## Our Biggest Enemy is Ourselves

*The New Voice* has faced hardships in the past but our biggest enemy is ourselves. Our community is diverse and is composed of many elements, both good and bad. I will give you examples of some of the problems that this magazine has faced within its own gay community.

1) It was recently learned that a new contest was going to take place at the end of September -- the Miss Gay Nebraska USA pageant. *The New Voice* was never informed about the contest or given any information, as we generally are for major productions. I was perplexed by this until I learned that Kim Meske was producing the show. Kim Meske used to own the rights for the Miss Gay Nebraska America pageant, but the rights to this pageant were turned over recently to someone else. Also, Kim Meske and Anou Productions owe *The New Voice* quite a sum of money, which it has never tried to repay.

2) Homophobia exists not only in the straight community, but also exists within our own ranks. Some gay business people have been very insulting and rude to this publication. Fear, paranoia and hysteria are present all over the gay community. Some gay business people fear that their businesses will drop or that they will be labeled if they advertise in *The New Voice*. To counter this oppression, it is important to support our present advertisers and encourage other gay business people to advertise.

3) The Boardwalk and The Club have stopped advertising in *The New Voice* because they are struggling financially. The Boardwalk and The Club have been one of our biggest supporters and to lose their advertising will be a burden and loss to *The New Voice*. Their financial problems are partly a direct result of the lack of support from the entire gay community. A bar cannot survive if its main business is from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

4) In 1985, a group called WAP (Women Against Pornography) wrote to all our advertisers telling them that we were pro-pornography and asked our advertisers to cease advertising with us. This was totally inaccurate, as *The New Voice* has never taken a stance of being pro- or anti-pornography. This is a personal choice that we have left to our readership, as gays and lesbians have a variety of opinions on this subject. But an organization, composed of some lesbians, tried to hurt us without approaching us first or asking about

our policy. Why would members of our own community try to sabotage and destroy a volunteer publication?

5) Apathy has been a growing problem, and many organizations are struggling right now with low memberships and financial difficulties. *The New Voice* has a small staff, composed mostly of people from Lincoln. We have had difficulties finding an Associate Editor for Omaha and increasing our staff. This is very surprising when you consider that the Omaha gay/lesbian community is much larger than Lincoln's. I have received some complaints that we are not covering Omaha events and news. We can only do so much with a limited staff and limited budget.

I am somewhat bitter and resentful when a few caring leaders in Lincoln and Omaha are always running into brick walls. We have only ourselves to blame.

-- Larry Wiseblood  
Editor

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## Police Harrassment?

In last month's issue I informed the gay community about measures that the Lincoln police were taking at the Adult Bookstore and Antelope Park. However, since that issue was published, the Lincoln police have also been observed at the gay bars and at the Capitol. The increased presence of

the police department at gay establishments indicates that the police seem to be overstepping their bounds and are doing more than just trying to stop public sex. It has also been reported that the Lincoln police may be setting-up and entrapping patrons of the Adult Bookstore in an effort to make arrests.

I am very concerned over this increased surveillance and intend to talk to the police chief and city officials. I would suggest that other members of the community do the same thing. Send letters of concern to the police department and mayor's office. A public outcry usually has positive results.

-- Larry Wiseblood

## Lets Hear from You

*The New Voice* would like to start including more material from you, our readers, in your publication. We feel that the quality of our magazine's contents would improve greatly if we had a greater variety of sources. A limited staff cannot fully represent all of the aspects of the gay/lesbian community. Wimmin, your input is especially needed, for although wimmin hold the majority on the steering committee (the voting power), the overall staff is men. *The New Voice* is for gays and lesbians, and we need more lesbians involved in or-

der to reach a balance.

We usually have a theme for each issue, chosen months beforehand (this month's theme of Coming Out has been postponed until January due to lack of material). If a particular theme interests you, grab a pen and start writing! The material does not necessarily have to be related to the monthly themes in order to be printed, and we will try to use as many of your contributions as possible. Your help can be in the form of articles, letters, poetry, artwork, or whatever else you choose. Our next issue (November) is our annual Wimmin's issue,

dealing specifically with wimmin's concerns. Wimmin, let's make this issue as successful as last year's or even better! December's theme is Religion, and January's is Coming Out. Contributions need to be submitted by the 20th of each month and should be sent to: *The New Voice*; P.O. Box 80819; Lincoln, NE 68501.

-- Vicki Jedlicka



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**WHEN:** 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

**WHERE:** HOLIDAY INN, 72ND AND GROVER, OMAHA, NE

**WHO:** NCLU MEMBERS, PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

**WHY:** To learn more about the vital civil liberties issues of our day; to provide input for staff and the Board of Directors on issues and organization; and to meet and enjoy friends--old and new.

**COST:** \$10.00 Registration includes buffet luncheon with Nan Hunter, keynote speaker (pre-registration required for luncheon)  
Or \$2.50 Registration for workshops only

8:00-10:00am-Board of Directors meeting

9:30-10:00am-Registration-Coffee & Rolls

10:00-10:30am>Welcome and opening remarks

10:30-NOON-MORNING WORKSHOPS

DRUG TESTING

ALIEN RIGHTS, SANCTUARY

DEFERRED GIVING

(all workshops are panel discussion with questions and answers)

NOON-1:30pm-Buffer luncheon

Keynote by Nan Hunter (see related article in this New Voice issue)

1:30-3:00pm-AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

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3:00-4:00pm-PLenary SESSION (this will be a general session to identify issues for discussion for the upcoming year, eg. PAY EQUITY, MILITARY RIGHTS, CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, JAIL STANDARDS.

4:00-4:15 CLOSING REMARKS



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## Local Events

### Coalition Annual Meeting Features Lesbian Feminist Attorney

Nan Hunter, director of the American Civil Liberties Union Gay/Lesbian Rights Project, will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights to be held Sunday, October 12, at the Northeast Holiday Inn, 5250 Cornhusker Highway in Lincoln. Workshops, entertainment, organizational reports, planning strategies and a book fair will also be featured at the conference.

Nan Hunter is a lesbian feminist attorney who, prior to the Gay/Lesbian Rights Project, worked with the ACLU Reproductive Rights Project and the Feminists Against Censorship Task Force. Hunter worked with the ACLU of Georgia in its challenge to the Georgia sodomy statute (*Hardwick v. Bauers*) and is coordinating ACLU efforts to have sodomy statutes repealed in the remaining 24 states and in the District of Columbia, where those statutes still exist.

#### Workshops Offered

Workshops to be offered this year include the following:

1:15 - 2:45 p.m.

Coming Out  
Gay Parenting  
Drug and Alcohol Abuse  
AIDS Discrimination (with Alan Hunter)

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Health Concerns  
Gay Art  
Religious Issues  
Healthy Relationships

#### Meeting Agenda

The agenda for the annual meeting:

12:30 p.m. - Registration  
1:15 - Workshops  
2:45 - Break

3:00 - Workshops  
4:45 - Break  
5:00 - Dinner (pre-registration required)  
Organizational Reports  
Balloting for Council Candidates  
7:00 - Nan Hunter, Keynote Address  
7:45 - Nebraska Directors' Theatre, scenes from *As Is*  
9:00 - Adjournment

Because of meal count requirements, pre-registration is required for anyone who plans on attending the dinner part of the program. The dinner cost is \$7.50 (more if you can, less if you can't). Vegetarian fare is available to those requesting it. Pre-registration for workshops is requested to allow for adequate space. A donation of \$2.00 is requested to cover workshop and speaker expenses.

The Coalition serves the entire gay/lesbian community and is committed to many areas of concern, politically and socially, to make a better environment for all. Support for this important organization is crucial and necessary. Your attendance at this conference and membership in the Coalition will enable this organization to continue serving the needs of our diverse gay/lesbian community. A registration form is located elsewhere in this issue of *The New Voice*.

### Will Fox Named Mr. Gay Nebraska

Will Fox is not a quitter. Even though he came out empty-handed when he entered the first Mr. Gay Nebraska Contest two years ago, he triumphed to win the 1986 Mr. Gay Nebraska title. Will is a 26-year-old resident of Omaha, with blue eyes and brown hair. He describes his hobbies as antiques and cars.

The Mr. Gay Nebraska Contest was held on September 13 at the Diamond Bar in Omaha, with a total of five contestants. The men were judged on bar attire, commu-

nication and swimsuit wear. The contest was sponsored by the Two-Wheelers of Omaha.

Todd Nelson of Lincoln was named first runner-up, and Steven Huffman, 22, from Omaha, was designated second runner-up.

The contest also featured varied entertainment, including a male impersonation routine by Marge D. and male strippers from the *Elite Review*.

Judging the contest were Russell Warzyn, president of Dignity, Larry Wiseblood, editor of *The New Voice*, and Paxton West, a western Nebraska radio programmer.

The M.C. for the evening was Marc Empson, representing the Corn Haulers group from Des Moines, Iowa. Marc is a resident of Ames. Others deserving mention in helping with the show include Tony Z., Michael M., Tom W., Andre C., Chaz H., Marc F., Kirk S. and Roy B. Also acknowledgements go to the owners of *The Diamond*.

### N.C.L.U. Plans Annual Meeting

The Nebraska Civil Liberties Union Annual Meeting for 1986 has been set for Saturday, October 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, located at 72nd and Grover in Omaha.

The meeting is open to NCLU members, prospective members, and the general public. The agenda includes workshops and a buffet luncheon that includes a keynote address by Nan Hunter, director of the American Civil Liberties Union Gay/Lesbian Rights Project. Hunter worked with the ACLU of Georgia in its challenge to the Georgia sodomy statute (*Hardwick v. Bauers*) and is coordinating ACLU efforts to repeal sodomy statutes existing in 24 states and the District of Columbia.

The NCLU has taken an active role  
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in protecting the rights of minorities, womyn, prisoners, and gays/lesbians when vital civil liberties have been infringed upon. Additionally, the NCLU has included gay/lesbian issues at recent conferences, including the upcoming annual meeting.

A \$10.00 registration fee includes the buffet luncheon with Nan Hunter. Pre-registration is necessary for people attending the luncheon. For those wanting to attend only the workshops, there is a \$2.50 registration.

#### Agenda

- 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
(open to public)
- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Registration - coffee and rolls
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 10:30 - noon  
Morning Workshops  
Drug Testing  
Alien Rights, Sanctuary  
Deferred Giving
- Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Buffet Luncheon  
Keynote by Nan Hunter
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Afternoon Workshops  
Bill of Rights Lobby  
Living Will  
Gay/Lesbian Rights
- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Plenary Session (General Session)
- 4:00 - 4:15 p.m.  
Closing Remarks



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(see related article)

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1:15-2:45

3:00-4:30

\_\_\_ COMING OUT

\_\_\_ HEALTH CONCERNS

\_\_\_ GAY PARENTING

\_\_\_ GAY ART

\_\_\_ DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS ISSUES

\_\_\_ AIDS DISCRIMINATION

\_\_\_ HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

( ) Yes, I will attend dinner:

( ) Vegetarian

( ) Non Vegetarian

Enclosed is my check or money order (made payable to Coalition) for:

( ) \$2.00 Workshops only

( ) \$7.50 Dinner only

( ) \$9.50 Both Workshops and Dinner

( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Workshops \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Both

Mail your pre-registration form to: Coalition, P.O. Box 94882, Lincoln,  
NE 68509 prior to October 8, 1986.

# Local Organizations

## Imperial Court News



I am happy to report that the Imperial Court of Nebraska Labor Day Weekend Benefit Bash was, in every sense of the word, a uniting success. During my campaigning for Emperor VI of the Imperial Court, you asked that money collected remain in Nebraska to help Nebraskans. As Emperor VI, I have tried very hard to meet this request. The Board of Governors of the Court made the very difficult decision -- where to donate money raised over the Labor Day weekend. Ten organizations were chosen in an attempt to reach a broad scope of needs. They are: ICON Persons With AIDS Committee, University of Nebraska Viral Syndrome Clinic, American Red Cross AIDS Education Coalition, Metropolitan Community Church, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays-Lincoln, River City Mixed Chorus, Tree of Lights, Metropolitan Actors Guild in the name of Linda Wierzbicki, Nebraska AIDS Project and Human Rights Campaign Fund. All of these organizations are Nebraska-serving -- nine on a local level and one, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, on a national level. With the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding homosexuals, now, more than ever, we can recognize the need for national representation. The Human Rights Campaign Fund is one excellent way to make Nebraska's needs known at the national level.

With our activities over the weekend, the Imperial Court raised \$3,400. Events held by the Omaha Meat Packers at the Diamond and The Max bars brought the total to \$5,500. This seems a far cry from monies raised in years past; how-

ever, this figure does not include any "large private donations" which, in the past, were earmarked for special projects. Next month we will publish a breakdown of money dispersed.

Never before have there been so many organizations working together with the Imperial Court. Those organizations did a fantastic job of raising money and community spirit. I regret that, due to egos or personalities, we could not be a totally united community, but will ask those individuals or groups aiming at blocking or destroying what has been gained to reexamine their intentions! We can move mountains -- working together. Remember, *Together We Can!*

I wish to advise you of the availability of two seats on the Board of Governors. Per our by-laws, the seats are to be occupied by elected representatives from the community. Election for these seats will be held at our Toys for Tots show at The Max on October 30. Voting will take place at the front door, and you will not need to attend the show to vote. Oh yes: please bring a toy. We need your support.

Imperially yours,  
Emperor VI Pat  
Empress VI Toadie  
Athena I Barb

## Dignity Plans "Lincoln October"

The Omaha chapter of DIGNITY, the international organization of lesbian and gay Roman Catholics and friends, will have its activities in Lincoln during October.

"We have some membership in Lincoln now," said Russ W., chapter president, "but since we're the only DIGNITY chapter in the area, we want to make the chapter more accessible to Lincoln area residents. We hope to increase Lincoln membership, too," he said. DIGNITY/Omaha, still in the formational stage, meets twice monthly. The second Sunday of each month is an evening mass, and

the fourth Sunday each month is what the group calls "The Gathering."

The Lincoln mass will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, October 12, and The Gathering at 7 p.m. Sunday, October 26. Both will be at the home of Greg A.. For directions, phone Greg in Lincoln, 435-7237. In Omaha, phone Russ, 341-1460, or Dan at 345-9426. Car-pooling from Omaha will be arranged.

"The purpose of The Gathering is to meet in an informal setting. We meet in members' homes where the sponsoring member has planned the evening's activities," Russ said. Programs in the past have included discussion of relationships, completion of a DIGNITY national office survey on sexual ethics, jointly attending a film with a homosexual theme and discussing the film afterwards at a member's home, vespers, and poetry and dramatic readings with lesbian and gay themes.

DIGNITY was founded nearly 20 years ago at San Diego, California, by an Augustinian priest. "Among organizational purposes are affirming Christ's love for all because we are created by God," said Russ, "affirming the capability of lesbians and gay men to express their sexuality in a manner consistent with Christ's teachings and encouraging spiritual development, education of the gay and non-gay communities and social involvement to bring the love of Christ to others." This is DIGNITY's national Statement of Position and Purpose.



## Dignity National President to Visit Omaha

James Bussen, national president of DIGNITY, an organization for Roman Catholic lesbian womyn, gay men and their friends, will visit Omaha in November.

In addition to the national presidency, Bussen holds the office of envoy for DIGNITY Region VI. Bussen will be at the DIGNITY/Omaha regular monthly mass in November. The mass will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, November 9, in the Celebration Room, lower level of St. John's Church on the Creighton University campus. A reception for the guest will be held after the mass in one of the lower level conference rooms.

DIGNITY, headquartered at Washington, D.C., is the third largest gay and lesbian organization in the nation, following the National Gay Task Force and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The purpose of President Bussen's visit is to help the chapter with its organization and membership, to answer any questions chapter members may have regarding the

national or regional organizations and, generally, to maintain personal contact and liaison with the local chapter.

Although DIGNITY was founded by and for Roman Catholics, the Omaha chapter has had non-Catholic members in the past, welcomes all persons, and works cooperatively with other religions' organizations for lesbian womyn and gay men.

## G.L.S.A. Community News

The UNI Gay/Lesbian Resource Center will be open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and in the evenings by appointment. Volunteers are needed to staff the Center. One doesn't need to be a student to help.

GLRC continues to offer peer counseling, referrals, a Coming Out Support Group, a library, reporting center for violence and discrimination, educational meetings, social activities, STD and AIDS information, free brochures, Gay Comix, a speakers bureau and travel brochures. New services at the Center include a roommate referral service and an employment service. Call

us if you have work for our community.

The UNI Gay/Lesbian Student Association thanks The Boardwalk for hosting our first in a series of fundraisers. The car wash was held on Sept. 20.

Meetings for October and early November of the Gay/Lesbian Student Association include:

- Oct. 2 - Legal Issues
- Oct. 9 - Movie of the play "As Is"
- Oct. 16 - AIDS: videotape by American Red Cross and speaker Dr. Fleischli from the UNI Health Center
- Oct. 23 - "LesbianFest" - Movies "Lianna" and "Personal Best"
- Oct. 30 - Gay/Lesbian Parents
- Oct. 31 - Halloween Party 7-11 p.m. Come dressed as Paul Cameron, Anita Bryant, Nels Forde, Ronald Reagan, or any homophobe of your choice at the Center in the Nebraska Union, Room 342.
- Nov. 6 - Coming Out - Speakers
- Nov. 13 - Video: "The Word Is Out". All of the Thursday night meetings are at 8 p.m. in Room 342 of the Nebraska Union.

The UNI AIDS Education Task Force has compiled a resource list

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The UNI Health Center is bringing Dr. Richard Kiesling, a past chairperson of the American College Health Association, to UNL on Nov. 12. He will meet with the Vice Chancellors for lunch, provide information to the Health Center and staff, and have an open session for students in the evening.

The UNI Gay/Lesbian Resource Center applied for a \$2000 grant from the Fund for Human Dignity with the idea of \$500 going for AIDS education and awareness.

During the month of October, the GISA staff will do lawn work, house work, or odd jobs to raise money for the Center. GLRC volunteers will work on Saturdays and Sundays.

Future activities of the Center include: political pressure for a UNI AIDS policy; a sexual orientation policy for all of the University's campuses, a tentative illusionist show for November, a tentative

wimmin's dance for February, and production of the play "Torch Song Trilogy."

A victory at UNL during September was the passing of a non-discriminatory policy, including sexual orientation, in Cather Hall dormitory.

If you're new on campus, stop in and check out what's new at UNL!



### The New Voice Seeks to Fill Vacancies

*The New Voice* has recently been faced with a staff turnover that has created vacancies on the staff. Burn-out, moves, change of priorities, and job changes have affected the turnover. *The New Voice* needs your help and feed back so we can serve the gay community better. It is a good feeling to volunteer time and effort to benefit others. Pride and accomplishment are also achieved in seeing your name in print.

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# Features

## Madame Zelda's Horoscope—Libra

*Libra*

*September 23 to October 22*

One of your greatest attributes is that you are always fair. Sometimes, this may cause some trouble for you. Often when mediating a situation, you find a solution so simple, you become indignant that others can not realize what comes to you by nature.

This year will be special for you financially. Put that plan that you have been working on to use. You may find yourself receiving a sum of money that you were not expecting. Invest these funds and watch the profits roll in. Should you decide to spend the income on personal effects, you shall find the quality substandard.

Your love life seems to be on hold this year. Existing relationships need nurturing, and you become restless after a while. Allow your mate some room and set aside some time for yourself if you want it to continue. This will be the year to develop new friendships, too.

In your career, there shall be a period that is very trying to you emotionally. Rather than put up with the situation, it may be wise to find a position that makes you truly happy.

Since taking risks is not your strong suit, you may have to force yourself to "go for it." (Those born under the animal signs may be of help here.)

Happy Birthday, Libra!  
-- Madame Zelda

## Gails Hit List

*October*

1. *When I Think Of You*  
Janet Jackson
2. *Summer of Love*  
B-52's
3. *Can't Live Without Your Love*  
Suzy
4. *Typical Male*

- Tina Turner
5. *Human*  
Human League
6. *Don't Leave Me This Way*  
Communards
7. *Down and Counting (Reentry)*  
Claudja Barry
8. *Borrowed Love*  
SOS Band
9. *Point Of No Return*  
Nu Shooz
10. *I Can't Think About Dancin'*  
Missing Persons
11. *Nail It To The Wall*  
Stacy Lattisaw
12. *Broken Glass*  
George Duke
13. *Wig*  
B-52's
14. *Reaction*  
Rebbie Jackson
15. *Time Of Your Life*  
Stephanie Mills
16. *The Sound Of Musik*  
Falco
17. *Hot! Wild! Unrestricted!*  
*Crazy Love*  
Millie Jackson
18. *Sample That*  
Bang Orchestra
19. *Love Of A Lifetime*  
Chaka Kahn
20. *Oh Yeah!*  
Yello

The Hit List is a monthly courtesy of the Boardwalk/The Club, Lincoln.

## Parents PFlag Book Notes

As I write this month I am looking forward to a trip to the annual International Convention of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays to be held in Portland, Oregon on Sept. 19-21. The book I have chosen to review is one that was autographed by the author at last year's convention in Atlanta: *Coming Out to Parents: A Two-Way Survival Guide for Lesbians and Gay Men and Their Parents* by Mary V. Borhek (paperback, \$9.95, New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1983). Mary Borhek is a very down-to-earth person, also the author of *My Son Eric*. She has written, in

this more recent book, a valuable addition to an arsenal of reading material that is aimed at bridging the gap in understanding between hetero- and homosexual people, especially parents and their children. Like books on sex, it is not meant to be read in isolation, but to be read and discussed and queried over, with caring and understanding of one another. It could well be a "first book" for families dealing with homosexuality, having a somewhat different perspective than *Beyond Acceptance*, which was aimed primarily at parents.

Borhek discusses issues that gay men and lesbians face in coming out to their parents, their fears and trepidations, as well as suggestions about how to do it, potential parental reactions, and how to deal with those reactions. Parents are given information about how other parents reacted, factual information about homosexuality, and further resources. Borhek is a person to whom religion is important, so there is a lengthy chapter, "Religious Issues and Same-Sex Orientation," but for me there are two other chapters of importance as well: "Grief Often Does Not Look Like Grief," and "Working Through Grief -- Together." She discusses "what if's": parents want to change the child; fears for their children's welfare; and will this child be able to have a happy life? On the other side, she deals with parental concerns about the gay child who seems to be "crashing out"; their first relationships; and coping with the idea of a lover. Truly, this is a two-way survival guide.

I believe that, for me, the chapter "Letting Go" is the most important, because that is what both parents and adult children must do, whatever their orientation, to be able to gain the most from their new relationship -- that of peers. Perhaps the following quote will impart the flavor of Borhek's view.

"Letting go of parents by adult children and of adult children by parents is therefore not a destruction, an ending. Rather, it is

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-- Jean Durgin-Clinchard  
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## Humor

### Aunt Izzie— Early New Year's Resolutions

You know you've had a rough year when you start making New Year's resolutions in October. Aunt Izzie has made the following commitments to take effect at the beginning of the next full moon:

1) I shall shave before taking a bath each morning instead of shaving after my bath. I am tired of going to work with shaving cream in my ears.

2) I will no longer date married men. I actually dated a married man who wanted a sexual relationship and suggested that I go on outings with his family. He felt his wife would never suspect anything if we were "good buddies."

3) I shall always arrive at parties at least one hour late. I was punctual at a recent dinner party in Omaha and to my amazement, nobody else had arrived. The host answered the door in nothing but a towel (I had rushed him out of the shower).

4) I will find a better place to leave used condoms. Have you ever tried to remove condoms from the trash can the morning after?

5) I will finally sort out and donate all my old clothing. Do you think Goodwill will take my old bellbottoms, platform shoes, pooka shell necklaces, 3-inch-wide belts, and my orange parachute pants?

6) I shall start my 500th diet and sign up for another aerobics class. A friend just told me about this new sardine and watermelon diet. Nice on the waistline, but terrible on your breath.

7) I will age in dignity. Who needs wrinkle creams, dye, and Palmolive dishwashing liquid?

8) My final resolution is to quit making goals and commitments. I haven't succeeded yet. But what the heck? I'll give it the All-American try.

With a dedication to Auntie Mame, who told us to open new windows in our lives.

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# OCTOBER





# Classifieds

## Not a Twinky

DESPITE all the gossip, I am NOT a Twinky. I am PURE Pillsbury Danish.

-- Garth IX

## Thanks!

Pam,  
Thanks for all your help with the monstrous task I've undertaken.

-- Jodi

## And Now This

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**Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights.** Box 94882, Lincoln 68509. Advocacy group which lobbies for lesbian/gay civil rights, provides educational presentations, publishes a newsletter and sponsors cultural and political programs.

**Imperial Court of Nebraska.** Box 3772, Omaha 68102. Social organization for the advancement of the gay society. Omaha meeting first Monday of each month, except holidays. Phone 733-1924.

**Nebraska AIDS Project.** Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Center for information, support and coordination of A.I.D.S. related community efforts. Phone Omaha 342-4233 or toll-free statewide, 1-800-782-AIDS.

**The New Voice of Nebraska.** Box 80819, Lincoln 68501. Monthly magazine serving the gay/lesbian community. Staff meets in Lincoln the first Wednesday of each month. Phone 475-7740 or 345-2181.

**Viral Syndrome Clinic.** Contact Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith, Physician or Jan Hopp, RN by calling 559-7331.

## Lincoln

**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous.** Group meets every Friday. Phone A.A. central office for location, 466-5214.

**Capitol City Couples.** Organization to promote positive aspects of alternative lifestyle relationships, create stability in those relationships, and to share and socialize with other gay couples. Call 423-1374.

**Community of Grace.** Box 6881, Lincoln 68506. Interdenominational worshipping community of gays/lesbians, and those associated. Meets Sunday at 7 p.m. Call 474-1205.

**Gay/Lesbian Information and Support Line.** Box 94882, Lincoln 68509. Referral and support phone line staffed by peer counselors. Call 475-4697 in evenings.

**Gay/Lesbian Student Group at Nebraska Wesleyan.** Contact Dr. Mary Smith, NWU, 50th and St. Paul Sts., Lincoln 68504. Phone 465-2351.

**Lambda Resource Center.** Meeting rooms, outpatient counseling, group activities. 2845 R St. Call 474-1205 for information.

**Lesbian Support Group.** Informal discussion group for lesbians, all womyn welcome. Meets weekly. Contact Women's Resource Center, Room 117, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588. Phone 472-2597.

**Lincoln Legion of Lesbians.** Box 30137, Lincoln 68503. Lesbian-Feminist collective providing a newsletter, confidential referral, and support groups for lesbians. Sponsors cultural and social programs.

**Ministry in Human Sexuality, Inc.** Box 80122, Lincoln 68501. Non-profit agency providing counseling, education, and supportive action for those seeking growth and understanding in the areas of sexuality and relationships. J. Benjamin Roe, Executive Director. Phone 476-9913.

**New Directions Center.** Short term individual counseling, support groups, classes and workshops dealing with coming out, relationship issues, parenting. Sliding fee scale. Call 476-2802.

**Open Door Ministry.** To provide orthodox spiritual counsel to all people in need at no charge. Phone 474-3390.

**Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays.** Box 4374, Lincoln 68501. Support group for parents, friends, and relatives of lesbians/gays. Meets fourth Tuesday of the month. Phone 435-4688.

**Third Culture.** Non-residential subculture dealing with issues such as coming out, social behavior, the gay lifestyle, suicide, and drug or alcohol abuse. Contact Pat at 474-1205.

**UNL Gay/Lesbian Association.** Room 222, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588. Political, social and educational organization for students and interested others. Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. in room 342 of the Nebraska Union. Call 472-5644.

**The Wimmie's Show.** KZUM Radio 89.5 and 99.3 FM. 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. every Sunday.

**Woman's Journal-Advocate.** Monthly feminist publication. Write to P.O. Box 81226, Lincoln 68501.

## Omaha

**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous.** Group meets weekly. Phone 345-9916.

**Dignity of Omaha.** Providing common bonds through Mass and meetings for gays and lesbians and their friends. Regular Mass second Sunday of the month, 7 pm, St. John's lower level. Phone 341-1460 or 345-9426.

**Gay Parents Support Group.** Support group for gay parents who have children. Phone 553-2308 for times and locations.

**Lutherans Concerned of Omaha.** Society of gay Christians and friends together to foster within a church climate of understanding, justice, and reconciliation among all women and men. Phone 592-1209.


**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha.** Box 3173, Omaha 68103. Sunday worship at 10:30 am and 7 pm; Tuesday evening Bible study at 7:30 pm; Wednesday Mid-week Program at 7 pm; Adult Sunday School at 9:10 am. Phone 345-2563.

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