

# The New Voice

O F N E B R A S K A



# Our Turn

View and opinions by The New Voice staff.

## RELATIONSHIPS

During February we think of relationships, love, friendships more than any other month. We think about partnerships we have been in, lovers we are with, and possibly a friendship of tomorrow. However, how often do we think about our relationship with our community. For an example, how often do we think of our relationship and commitment to the various organizations within the community, such as ICON, Metropolitan Community Church, NAP, Project CONCERN, P-FLAG, Dignity and the many other groups that we cannot name now but can tell you are there in our community providing the necessary support and services of a well founded community. Also, what about the relationship of these organizations to us. Without the commitment of those services so important to our daily lives and the very existence of our community, where would we all be?

In a state as large as ours with a number of large cities and towns we should have membership lists as long as our arms. However, we struggle along with just a few doing what should be done by the many. The estimated number of Lesbian women and Gay men in Nebraska is 75,000. Surprising? Yes, we are numerous and strong. Strength comes from numbers yes, but also from commitment. Commitment to achieve in every area possible; politics, athletics, business and relationships.

So, with the few doing the jobs of the many, what are we saying? Do we forget about our relationship with our community? Is our relationship with our community one of taking only, or will it be one that puts something back, something to build from, something to be proud of. For this special month, while we are deep in our thoughts of love, think a little bit more. Think about the organizations that help so many, that do so much with help from so few. Renew and review your relationship ... with your community.

P & T

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

I, as well as others, over the past several months have asked questions about the finances of The New Voice. Now, as the Treasurer, I'd like to use this column to address the major questions asked.

1. What happened to the \$2000.00 raised by ICON for The New Voice last July?

\$2000.00 was pledged by members of the community but only \$1400.00 of the pledges were met. The other \$600.00 was never received by ICON from the people who made the pledges. The \$1400.00 received went to pay bills that were outstanding at that time.

2. What was the financial status of The New Voice at the end of 1987?

The new staff of The New Voice inherited almost \$1200 of debts at the end of 1987. Payments to debtors are being made.

3. What does it cost to put out The New Voice each month?

The New Voice monthly cost for printing, postage and office supplies is approximately \$800.00.

4. How is The New Voice paid for?

The New Voice is dependent on advertisers, subscribers and donations to meet its monthly budget. We are dependent on our advertisers paying their bills promptly. In the past, we have not generated enough revenue to cover costs nor have some advertisers paid their bills promptly.

5. What can the community do to help The New Voice?

The New Voice is not the product of the staff - it is a product for our community. We need the following:

A. More advertisers or gay/lesbian owned or supportive businesses.

B. Prompt payment of bills.

C. More subscribers. After 4 years we have only 80 (mostly out of state).

D. Donations are accepted.

E. Articles, art work, news items & poetry from those in our community.

I hope I've answered the major questions concerning the finances of The New Voice. It is my hope that now that you have our financial picture before you, you (our advertisers, subscribers, and community readers) will continue or increase your support to The New Voice. The New Voice is Our Voice.

-Larry Adams  
Treasurer

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## Features

### An Open Letter to Kansas

My Dearest,

How often I've started letters just this way. When you write letters back and forth as often as we do, it seems that everything becomes repetitive.

It's not easy to maintain a committed relationship when you're separated by over 200 miles but we've done a pretty good job of it. There's only about 3 1/2 months left before we can begin sharing a home and the ups and downs of day to day life.

Probably the hardest thing about loving someone who lives so far away is the roller coaster ride that is part of it. The weekends we spend together are so intense as we crowd two weeks of talking and loving and sharing activities into two short days.

We've done a lot together and have been able to establish an identity as a couple in the community. That's a really neat feeling when people ask, "When is Carla coming back up?"

Our relationship is so much healthier than the ones I've known before. We really do stand side by side as equals, or as you've pointed out more than once, like two short, fat bookends.

That's one thing that was always a problem before. I always assumed that people wouldn't like me or wouldn't be attracted to me because I was fat. I could lose weight, of course. I've done it several times. But my inner psychological needs are still strong and I go right back up the scale. I know why I'm fat.

It's not a matter of laziness or will power. I can be extremely determined when I want to be. It's a left over defense from childhood. Like so many women, I was an incest victim as a young child. I felt betrayed by those who cared for me, betrayed by my female role, and betrayed by my lack of physical size and strength. By staying overweight I could maintain an illusion of strength and suppress the femininity that had left me vulnerable before. Someday I may be able to resolve these needs, but not yet, so I remain overweight.

When you came along, you helped me learn to accept myself and to not apologize for who or what I was. You helped me by seeing beyond the outside appearance and by accepting the frightened, mistrustful child within. That acceptance is a rare and special gift.

I ran across a poem the other night that really did a good job of expressing how I feel. The first verse went something like:

"I do not love you for what you are  
But rather for what I am  
When I am with you"

Loving you and knowing that you love me has freed me from so many insecurities. I've noticed that people I regard as distant and unfriendly now seem warm and accepting. When I mentioned this to you, you questioned if they had really changed or if I was different than I was before. Of course you were right. I'm more relaxed and more confident so I'm easier for people to be with.

I've been delighted as I've watched you blossom. I guess it must have been a major burden to be a lesbian while living in a town of 450 people with no one else to really talk to. I remember you talking about driving for two hours each way just to be able to attend Lesbian Rap Group at the University. It seems that must have been a terrible lonely time for you.

Here in Omaha you've already become an active person in the Gay community. Do you remember last summer at the Pride Parade? You watched from the sidelines as I marched and helped hold a banner. I'll bet that next year you'll be right out there with the rest of us.

I've also been delighted at the way our families have accepted our relationship. My daughter's always been real accepting but I wasn't sure how my son would handle it. He's always had more trouble accepting my homosexuality. At Christmas I got a real kick out of him. Remember how he came into the house, walked up to the first short, fat, female body he saw and gave you a big hug and said, "Hi, Mom!" He was so embarrassed when he realized it was you instead of me. Someday we'll have to deal with explaining our sexuality to my grandchildren but for right now they're willing to just accept you as the lady I love.

One of the greatest things about loving you has been the laughter that we share. We have such fun together. You know, you really do have a perverse sense of humor, though. Such as the time when I'm sitting quietly on the throne in the bathroom and the door bursts open and there you are with your guitar in hand. You plopped down on the edge of the bathtub and proceeded to serenade me with the most ridiculous little song you had just made up. I always used to think that the bathroom was sacred ground but no longer.

Then of course, there was the day when we went out for lunch with the pastor and two board members from MCC. You proceeded to tell them all about the wonderful finds we'd made the day before when we discovered that Manglesen's sells fruit flavored body paints. I turned as red as the tomatoes on my salad.

We've shared serious moments, too, and have shared tears of pain and fear and frustration but over all we've shared the best times I've ever known.

I need to go but I wanted to let you know how much you mean to me. This Valentine's Day will be so very special because we will be together.

I love you. Take good care of yourself for me.

Yours,  
Sharon

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# Interview with Don Flowers

by Sharon V.

S - Mr. Flowers, I'm aware that you are quite active in the Gay Community.

D - Yes, I'm on the Governing Board of the Imperial Court and I'm the secretary-treasurer of ICON's PWA Fund. I'm president of the Omaha Meatpackers. I'm especially proud of the Meatpackers' fund raising efforts last Labor Day weekend. They raised over \$9300 with \$3550 going to support the AL721 testing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the balance going to the PWA fund.

S - How long have you been politically active?

D - Probably the last three years I've been politically active concerning issues of concern to the Gay and Lesbian Community.

S - During those three years has the focus of your activity changed at all?

D - Naturally with the AIDS crisis multiplying at the rate it is and with the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill my focus has changed dramatically. During the last two years that I've been on the National Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund I've made numerous trips to Washington lobbying our senators and congressmen. This has made me acutely aware that even though we're gay, we do have a voice. We do have a vote. We can make a difference.

S - Then do you consider that the AIDS issue is the major issue in this election year or are there other issues of concern?

D - I consider the AIDS issue to be a major platform issue for the candidates in the Presidential race. As for ourselves it is a major issue in terms of education and funding for research. My major concern is the funding of education throughout the United States.

Our civil rights bill is still a major issue but I don't look to see it passed during this administration but we can still knock on doors and at least ask for its consideration when it hits the floor of the House or Senate. In talking with Exon and Karnes this fall - they at least said they would look at the bill. They weren't aware of the bill before talking to me. Virginia Smith again says it isn't a concern in her district because in fact I'm the only person she's met who addressed the issue. She doesn't seem to think there are

gay farmers. Maybe they don't speak out but I'm sure they are there somewhere. And then Bereuter, I've talked with him also but he's also rather conservative. However, they've all said that if they get more letters that are positive on this bill, they will at least look at it on a human rights aspect and that's all we're asking, to have our own human rights to be free in the way we work and live. It's not a sexual issue at all, as far as I'm concerned.

S - These are all national issues. Are there any state issues that we should be concerned about?

D - At the State level I'm concerned about two issues. I'm concerned about Abboud's newly proposed LB512 for mandatory testing for marriage licenses for the AIDS virus. That hasn't even been printed yet. It's being introduced to the floor so no action will take place for a couple months yet. I've talked with John Taylor (Executive Director, Nebraska Civil Liberties Union) and we will work to squelch that bill. The reason for having that bill is that the sponsors say two other states have such laws so they think we should, too. I think that's completely ludicrous.

The other issue of concern is with LB1218 and it has to do with just one word regarding AIDS education. It refers to the "follow-up of patients" and I'm concerned with what that word "follow-up" refers to so I'm going to call for a copy of the bill so I can see just what it refers to.

S - You are a member of the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. What is the purpose of the Human Rights Campaign Fund?

D - The Human Rights Campaign Fund is a Political Action Committee. It's the 17th largest individual PAC in the United States. In their mission statement they are committed to supporting the Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Bill and to lobbying for AIDS education support. They contribute to the campaign fund of candidates for the Senate and House who agree to accept PAC money and who are sensitive to our issues. They gave out \$250,000 last year and are expecting to reach half a million dollars during the 1988 elections.

S - Has any of this money gone to support candidates in this area?

D - Not to this point.

S - What is your role as a member of the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund?

D - My role is advising and to have a vote on the operations of the campaign fund. I am the representative from the midwest. There aren't too many of us between New York and San Francisco. Actually I came on the board from the Gay Rights National Lobby. I was on their board and they merged with the Human Rights Campaign Fund in 1985 and I was voted onto that board in February of 1986.

S - As a member of the Board of Directors, do you receive a salary?

D - None at all.

S - Then how is this activity funded?

D - Through my own funding. We meet five times a year in various parts of the United States. This year we will meet in Palm Springs, California in February. We also meet in New York, Florida and Columbus, Ohio. The funding for this is out of my own pocket or about 98% has been. I've had a little public support.

S - There was a benefit held at the Max on January 24 to help defray some of your expenses. While that was successful, if there are readers who were unable to attend and would like to make contributions to help support your activities, would that be permissible?

D - Certainly. They could, of course, contact me directly or could use the mailing address for the Imperial Court which is Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102.

S - If persons in the community have concerns that they would like brought to the attention of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, can they contact you?

D - Certainly. 1988 is going to be a very, very important year for us and I'd like to get as many of us politically involved as is possible. We need to vote and I hope to be coming back from Palm Springs with information on issues of concern and with names of possible candidates who are sympathetic to our concerns on a national and a state level.

S - When will you be going to Palm Springs?

D - February 13, 14, 15 and 16. Then I come back and two weeks later I go to Virginia for a "War Conference." We're calling it a "War Conference" because leaders of the Gay community from all around the

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# The Christian Gay

nation are going to sit down and plan the strategy for the 1988 elections and also for what we think the government should be doing for AIDS education since we know the Reagan administration has done point zilch -- nothing. So we're going to plan strategy so that we can have a voice and take it from there.

S - Would you be willing to provide our readers with some reports from these conferences?

D - I most certainly will. I'm waiting for Palm Springs and hope to come back with the three or four most important questions to ask your candidate, either Karnes, or Daub or Kerry about how they stand on our issues. I hope to have those back to you for the March issue of the New Voice.

S - What advice would you have for the general electorate?

D - Watch the bills that come up. They're printed in the World Herald. Watch them and if you have questions contact myself or John Taylor and the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union. They have an Omaha office (346-5025) and a Lincoln office (476-8091) and they follow these things very closely. Look at the bills and see who's introducing them. Also, look at the people running for the House and Senate.

I'm asking everyone to go out and vote. It's very, very important. The President who is elected in 1988 will be in office for 4 years and it could be another 4 bad years for Gay and lesbian people, or it could be 4 good years if they look carefully at who's running and go out and vote for that man or woman who at least will listen to our side of the story.

S - Are you endorsing any of the candidates?

D - At this point, no. I have not had an opportunity to address them on our issues. I do know that Paul Simon has co-sponsored, in the Senate, the Civil Rights Bill for Gay and Lesbians.

S - So he at least has taken a stand.

D - That's right.

S - Any last comments you'd care to make?

D - Only to reiterate to your readers that we can make a difference in our lives by taking a privilege that was given to us - to vote. Also to pay attention to what's going on around us in terms of human rights issues and AIDS education.

February brings Valentine's Day and thoughts of love. I Corinthians the 13th chapter is considered the Love chapter of the Bible and contains verses which are often used in marriage services and in holy unions. As Christian gays and lesbians, we would do well to keep these verses in mind throughout the year.

Paul is writing to the church at Corinth concerning gifts. It seems that they are concerned about which gift was most valuable in the eyes of God. Paul indicates that no matter what we say, if we don't love we "have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." (vs. 1 NASB) With some of the statements I have heard expressed in the name of love, the amount of love barely makes a tinkle.

Paul tells what love is and isn't. Love is patient, kind, bears, believes, hopes and endures all things. Love is not jealous or arrogant, does not brag, act unbecomingly, seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered nor rejoice in unrighteousness.

We claim to be women loving women and men loving men. Some say this is against God's will. My understanding of God's will is that we love - period. The world needs to spend less time looking at the object of our love and more at the quality of that love.

As gays and lesbians, we have some of the great love stories of all time since the account of Ruth and Naomi. As I read accounts of P.W.A.'s love relationships it would seem that the longevity of the patient has some relationship to the love which is shared with their significant other. Yes, love is something that must indeed be shared. Love is a quality of a relationship - given and returned.

As gay men and lesbian women, we have the opportunity to develop greater love since we must overcome what has been the standards in role playing throughout the years. Men have been long thought of as the providers, protectors, the givers. Women have been thought of as being the dependant ones in a relationship. As a male in our society, it was a major accomplishment to admit that I

could cry openly. I am personally still working at being able to admit that someone else can provide for me, or protect me, or that I can be emotionally dependent upon someone else to give me strength to get through rough times.

When in a het rosexual marriage, my wife referred to me as her "Rock of Gibraltar," and when my world came crumbling down around me, and I needed a rock, I was unable to accept the strength that she had and which she offered. MY rejection of her strength invalidated her understanding of the love that she had to offer. It was then that I realized that the greatest gift of love is the acceptance of love.

God is love, yet God desires that we love God. With all the power that we attribute to God, God too has the need to be loved. Perhaps this Valentine's Day we should strive to accept someone's love for us which might be better than giving them a box of candy. Love someone, and allow someone to love you. You are worth it!

-Jerry Peck

## IF

If time was money,  
how rich would I be?  
Fluttering around,  
how fun it would be,  
if time would stop,  
what would I see?  
Probably nothing,  
only me.  
And if that would happen,  
could I possibly learn,  
to like, and respect,  
the last,  
person on earth.

-BFB

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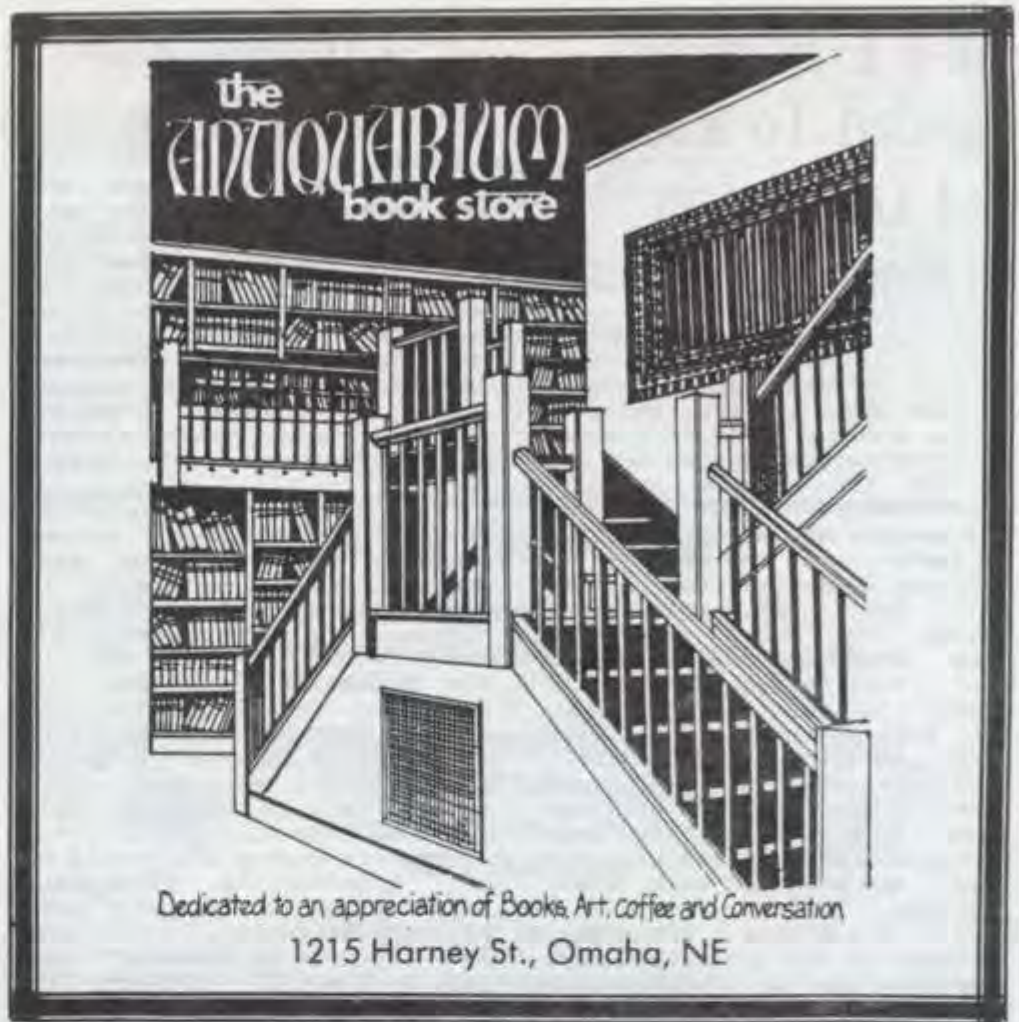
## Notes From MCC

January events at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha were highlighted by a bright new look for the interior of the church. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of volunteers, the sanctuary now has new paint and wallpaper to help make MCC a warm, friendly place to worship.

Because of the renovation efforts the January social event (MCC's version of the Newlywed Game) was held against a background of ladders, paint cans and wallpaper paste. The paint fumes may have added to the loud laughter that rang out as three couples tried to guess how each partner would answer pertinent questions. Some questions led to spirited disagreement between the partners but no relationships suffered as a result of the fun. The winners (Becky and Roberta) were in close agreement on almost all questions and were awarded a keepsake recording of the event (perhaps to be used as blackmail against the other couples?).

A more serious, heart-warming event ended the month as MCC celebrated its 14th anniversary in Omaha with an anniversary party where both old friends and new gathered to share old memories and make new ones.

We invite you to come join us at MCC for worship, study, discussion and just good fellowship.



The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions, running down friends, sidestepping responsibility, and pushing their luck.

What is beautiful is a joy for all seasons and a possession for all eternity.

-Oscar Wilde

Do not be concerned about tomorrow. The same Everlasting Father who cares for you today, will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or give you the unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

written out by  
Jonathan Schneider

prayer of St. Francis

# All I Ever Really Needed To Know I Learned in Kindergarten

Most of what I really need to know about to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember that little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup - they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK. Everything you need to know is there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all - the whole world - had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

(reprinted from Kansas City Times by Robert Fulghum, September 17, 1986.)

# Cruising - 1980s Style

Over the years, gay and lesbian travelers had to "make do" with recreational opportunities that were either not geared to the community, or were less than first-rate. Nowadays, however, traveling conditions have improved markedly, with better quality lodgings, improved dining facilities and a wider offering of destinations and travel options.

RSVP Travel Productions, part of a 14-year-old travel company, is a well-run gay-operated tour agency based in Minneapolis. Owner Kevin Mossier, a "new generation" entrepreneur, started out in the travel business by arranging ski trips for his college friends in the early 1970s. Since then he had guided the agency's expansion into four divisions, including RSVP, the most recent division.

Mossier worked diligently to put together a first-rate organization which would make his hopes a reality. The first RSVP "Cruise to Remember" set sail on Feb. 15, 1985, on the SS Bermuda Star, and was considered a huge success.

John Weilman, of Broadway Travel in Chicago, was aboard the SS Dolphin for the January 1987 cruise and had the opportunity to reminisce with Mossier about the early days. Mossier recalled that he expected a year or two would have to go by before the operation would break even, but to his surprise so many gay and lesbian travelers were eager to participate in this unique cruise experience that Mossier actually saw a small profit that first year. As testimony to RSVP's commitment to business integrity, friendly service, and willingness to accommodate the needs of its passengers, the number of repeat travelers has been

"great" and things have gone nowhere but up.

The upcoming cruises mark the fourth year of the "Cruise to Remember." The SS Canada Star (sister ship to the Bermuda Star) has been completely refurbished, and will sail out of New Orleans with stops in Key West and Cozumel during Feb. 20-27, 1988. Time is set aside in each port for passengers to have the opportunity to experience the

ambiance, and the return to New Orleans is scheduled in such a way that travelers can spend time enjoying the charms of that city as well.

The second sailing, aboard the SS Dolphin, will depart from Miami and stop at Nassau in the Bahamas, Ocho Rios in Jamaica, and at RSVP Cove, a private island. This trip is scheduled for March 18-25, 1988, and will offer passengers the option of a post-cruise weekend in Disney World/Epcot Center. While the Canada Star can carry more than 700 souls, the Dolphin is a smaller, cozier vessel.

One of the things that makes these cruises special is that they're all gay, and that while the larger cruises are mostly male, RSVP does see to it that their lesbian travelers have the opportunity to enjoy themselves and socialize with each other as well.

Cabins vary in size and amenities according to price, but even the economical accommodations are comfortable and pleasant. Prices for the cruise itself begin at \$795 per person and range upward to \$1695 per person. There are provisions for singles to room with others in double cabins, thus avoiding the usual single's supplement.

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If I were to begin life again,  
I should want it as it was. I  
would only open my eyes a  
little more.

Jules Renard

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# Dressing in Dykedom

By Rose Silverstein

Ever notice that you really can't tell who the dykes are these days? It used to be that you could tell, but now you can't.

It used to be that dykes were the ones that wore oversized t-shirts with no bra. Some dykes also had the word DYKE or AMAZON printed on their shirts in case you couldn't tell without help.

In the old days dykes wore jeans or some other type of comfortable pants exclusively. You never saw them in a dress except in some old high school or college photo.

The dyke uniform was invariably finished off with tennis shoes, hiking boots or high topped construction workers' boots. A denim or leather jacket was added in cooler weather.

Dykes in those days also paid little attention to their hair. You would never find them at hair salons with names like "Shear Delight". The standard dyke "doo" was shoulder length chopped. Or a crew cut for the especially venturesome.

Meanwhile, straight women were busy sewing beads on their skirts and cream rinsing the tangles out of their waist length hair.

After that was done, they pedicured their toenails so they would look decent in those flimsy sandals they loved to flop around in. There was no mistaking a lesbian from a straight woman.

These days, however, you just can't be sure who is who.

The lesbians I know these days have dumped all of their t-shirts and jeans off at the Goodwill. That's too bad because I think the outfits would make for a good exhibit at the Smithsonian next to the 1860s Levis and the 1920s flappers' gowns.

In any case, these days you are more than likely to find dykes at places like Peck and Peck or Pinstripe Petites than at the local army surplus store.

You will probably also find a few dykes at the designer shoe stores in City Center and at Hair by Horat salons if you hit it right. In fact, it seems like most of the dykes I know have taken to wearing stiff, scratchy suits. A few have even taken to wearing high heels and make-up. The ones who haven't deigned to don the dresses on a regular basis periodically

sneak over to the 112 Claiborne sale at Dayton's to pick up a pair of tailored pants.

Straight women, however, seem to be tiring of the corporate uniform and are trading in their subdued suits for more colorful clothes. They are also wearing out the washing machines of the world with their demand for pre-washed jeans that must be pounded with pumice for hours before they are ready to go on the shelves.

So what's an eligible lesbian supposed to do these days with dykes wearing grey flannel and Eddie Bauer sweaters and straight women wearing imported cotton? You just don't know who you can ask to the women's music festival. Thankfully, clothes aren't the only clue to sexual preference. You know lesbians are the ones hugging and touching each other in public. That ought to make it easier to tell who is who.

But alas, that doesn't always seem to work either. With the expansion of women's sports programs in high schools and colleges, it seems as if straight women are more inclined to hang all over each other than dykes ever were. All kinds of women have taken to wearing lavender athletic shorts.

It's all gotten so confusing.

For example, a lesbian friend of mine thought she had

discovered a latter day recreation of Lesbos while participating in a bike trek for charity last summer.

Most of the participants were women and they all seemed to look like dykes. They were fit, tanned and self-assured and they tended to have practical hair styles and to wear functional clothes. They also spent a lot of time looking into each others eyes and talking about who was going to sleep in whose tent.

But first impressions can be deceiving.

As the ride progressed and mileposts blended into mileposts, the conversations turned from outdoor adventures to boyfriends, husbands and children. My friend suddenly realized that she was riding with a group of stereotype-defying straight women.

Luckily, she didn't dismiss the women outright. A few months later she found out that there really were a couple of us in the crowd.

It really is hard to tell who is who these days. That's why we need the Lesbians "Out to Brunch" social group, the Lez-Be-Gay-and-Dance square dances and the Equal Time classifieds. It's enough to make you nostalgic for the days of sagaris buttons and motorcycles with interlocking women's symbols painted on the tank.

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# Local Organizations & Events

## T.W.O. Notes

The Two-Wheelers of Omaha thought they would get a break after the holidays, but have been as busy as ever. The annual Christmas party was held in January. (They run on "SFI") A large number of the Corn Haulers came over from Des Moines to attend the party. After all, most of them are Associate Members of T.W.O.

Then it was off to the Blazing Saddle in Des Moines for a club beer bust hosted by the Kansas City Falcons. A couple weeks later, back to Des Moines for a joint beer bust with the Corn Haulers (you get the idea these clubs spend a lot of time together?).

Plans continue for the April 16th benefit show for MCC. The show will be held at the Diamond. Watch the March and April issues of The New Voice for more details.

The club has also been working with the Corn Haulers in planning a joint club run. This function is scheduled for the weekend of June 10-12, 1988. More information on this in later issues.

-Tom

## Alternative to Bars

Would you like to meet and have discussions with other gay women? We are now in the process of forming a lesbian rap group in Omaha. Our first meeting will take place Feb 29th from 7pm to 9pm. Please call Shelley at 345-5140 for location. Watch the New Voice for further information.

-Shelley F.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEBR. AIDS PROJECT HOTLINE

We need more men and women for help on the Hotline. You'll be trained in handling a variety of calls. All we ask is one 6 to 11 PM night a month. Please help!

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## Concerts from River City Mixed Chorus

Mark your social calendar for music and fun: Sunday, March 20. It's your choice of an early afternoon Cabaret Brunch Show or an early evening Cabaret Twilite Show.. as the River City Mixed Chorus presents "Its a Grand Night for Singing."

It's the first cabaret performance for the Chorus, performed in the new Peony Park Plaza Theatre. The program exclusively features your favorite music from Broadway shows.

The Cabaret Brunch Show includes brunch, served 12:30 to 1:45pm, performance at 2:00. Show/brunch tickets are \$14, by advance reservation only, available from any Chorus member. The Cabaret Twilite Show includes hors d'oeuvres, served 6:00 to 7:15pm, performance at 7:30/ Show/hors d'oeuvres are \$11, by advance reservation only. Reservation deadline is March 15. Show-only tickets for either performance are \$6 advance, \$7 at the door.

Plan to join the RCMC for a day of good music, good food, and good friends. For more information, call (402)342-4775.



## River City Bowling League

Current reports from the Rose Bowl are enough to make us see that the current Empress of the Imperial Court has talents far beyond those displayed on stage.

Velvet's Bitches not only hold down first place in the league but also high team scratch series and game. Congrats to Vince and his teammates.

-Sharon V.

## Imperial Court Bowling League

On Jan. 6th the Imperial Court Bowling League held a pre-league bowling party at the Ames Bowling Center. Due to a lack of publicity only 6 people showed up, but we all had an enjoyable evening of bowling thanks to the manager at A.B.C., Chuck. We got free drinks at the bar and he also brought us a tray of goodies to snack on while we bowled. Nathan and Howard won the first round of "Scotch Doubles" by a mere 4 points! Howard was the winner again at 9 pin. Our third game thoroughly confused everyone, it was Low Ball. Wouldn't you know it we all howled strikes!! Nathan managed to get the prize with the lowest score, a 126. To finish the evening we played a normal game. The winners were Nathan, John and Pat, who beat us by 3 pins!!! The league officially started Jan 13th and will continue every Wed. at 9pm. Since this is not a sanctioned league, anyone is welcome to join at anytime. So come on down and join the fun.

-Shelley F.

## Women's Softball

Women's softball teams are now forming. Sign up at the Chersterfield. Games will be starting in April.

### Moments in Black History

\* J. P. Purvis invented the fountain pen.

\* Jazz, Blues, Spirituals and many Gospel hymns are outgrowths of the combining of African and Afro-American heritage.

\* Garrett A. Morgan invented the gas mask for American soldiers in World War I. He also invented the first electric stoplight in 1924.

\* In 1770, Crispus Attucks, a sailor and former slave, was the first of five to die for American freedom in the uprising against the British in Boston.

## Chorus Presents Third Annual "Quiche-Off"

Fun! Food! Celebrities! Music! Love & quiches! Just the right touch to your Valentine's Day weekend. It's the Third Annual Quiche-Off quiche making contest and dinner, sponsored by the River City Mixed Chorus. It's Saturday, February 13, from 6 to 9 pm at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street, Omaha.

**CASH FOR QUICHES:** A word for those who want to enter quiches in the contest. HURRY!! The limited entry spaces are almost filled, and the judges can sample only so many before their taste buds overload. Entry fee is \$5.00 per quiche, and the three top winners get cash prizes! Call (402)342-4775 to enter.

**GIVE YOUR LOVED ONE A QUICHE FOR VALENTINE'S EVE DINNER:** Dinner will be served from 6 to 9 pm, with contest judging by three local celebrities at 6pm sharp. Select your dinner from an assortment of quiches, plus tasteful salads and beverages. Donation for dinner is \$6.00 in advance (from any RCMC member) and \$7.00 at the door. After dinner, you may optionally choose from our sinful dessert table. (After all, Valentine's Day comes but once a year.)

Join your friends! It's all sealed with a quiche, from the River City Mixed Chorus.

With all my love  
Ne'er did cupid make a picture  
That was fairer than you own  
Valentine, so sweet and  
gracious  
All my love is thine alone

A heart I have, for you it  
burns  
And longs to call you sweet  
Where'er I rove to you it turns  
Oh, that our hearts may meet.

## Valentine's Party at Chesterfield

A Valentine's Party will be held at the Chesterfield Bar on Saturday, Feb 13th at 9pm. It will be a 50's theme with the all girl band "Steppin' Out," providing the music.

-Shelley F.

## MCC to hold Sweetheart Dance

On February 13th, MCC-Omaha will host a Sweetheart Dance at the church (420 S. 24th) at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome - whether you have a sweetheart or not. Come join in the fun. Non-alcoholic refreshments will be served. A \$1 donation will be taken at the door. We encourage you to go sample the delicious treats at the River City Mixed Chorus Quiche-Off and then come by the church to dance off the calories.

-Sharon V.

## Project Homeless

They are found in condemned buildings, under bridges, in doorways, and on the streets. "They" are Omaha's homeless. As many as 1,000 homeless persons are in need of shelter each night and the number is growing.

Project Homeless is an organized community response to the needs of area homeless. The project answers the questions, "What can I do and how can I do it?"

Items urgently needed for the program are personal care products, paper products, bed linens, blankets, towels, wash cloths, hats, gloves, and scarves. To make a donation stop by a Hy-Vee store or call 341-8000.

Found in fortune cookie:  
"No man can tell what the  
future may bring forth."

## T.W.O. and the Community

A prospective member asked me recently, "what does the club do for the community?" The first things that come to mind are fund raising, the Mr. Gay Nebraska contest, the Labor Day picnic and New Year's Eve buffet. These are things that we have done as a club.

Then I sat back and thought of the different areas in which some of our members are involved. These include; the alternate testing site, New Voice of Nebraska staff, Dignity, Omaha Bar Owners and Organizations, and Red Cross volunteers. Yes, as a group we do things for the community; but our commitment to the community is also on an individual basis.

This commitment is a deep, silent one. As individuals, we do not want our activities in the limelight. We don't stand around and let everyone know what we do, then expect praise. We work for the betterment of the community. I am proud of our individual members for their work for the community.

Yes, we are a leather/levi, motorcycle club; yes, some of our members are into S&M; but, one has to look beyond the leather to see the whole person. You will be surprised at what you find. Remember - PLAY SAFE and live to help our community grow.

-Tony

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## Lincoln P-FLAG

Communication and stories will be the theme of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, at the Feb 23rd meeting. Ginger Luke and others will present some to-the-point information about coming out, understanding people's reactions and how to deal with those reactions. A role-playing model will be presented that evening to give members and visitors a 'first-hand' view of what a coming-out situation may encompass.

Also that evening, stories will be shared as an important part of the coming out process. As Louise Rafkin (editor of Different Daughters) wrote: "...Through breaking out of the safety and sameness of our individual lives, I believe we can come to understand each other." It is with this opening process in mind that P-FLAG hopes to provide strength, growth and understanding for friends and/or parents of lesbians and gays and for those who choose to come out.

The meeting will begin at 7:30pm with a 30 minute discussion per'od around 9pm. For further details, call 435-4688. P-FLAG needs your support.

## Coming Out Group Begins at MCC

Nine persons attended the first meeting of MCC's Coming Out group on January 5. The topic for discussion was basic - "Who am I and where do I fit in?"

The discussion was lively as people shared their experiences related to developing their gay or lesbian identity. The group will meet at MCC, 420 S. 24th, the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

I apologize for last month's article which stated the starting time as 7:30. I should have known better as all evening activities at MCC begin at 7pm. Please correct your calendars.

-Sharon V.

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However rare true love is, true friendship is rarer.

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## Ski with Dignity

Even the clumsy and inept can ski with DIGNITY when DIGNITY/Omaha makes a ski trip to Colorado the first weekend in March.

"We're a religious group," said Jerry S., event coordinator, "but our statement of purpose does include recreation after spiritual support and education." DIGNITY is the local chapter of the international group for Lesbian and Gay Roman Catholics and their friends.

Jerry has arranged many ski trips for various groups over past years. This will not be a ski "package," but a coordinated ski trip with DIGNITY pre-arranging for discount lift tickets, discounted lessons, discounted equipment rental and lodging. Figuring generously, Jerry said the March 3-6 (Thursday - Sunday) trip might run about \$250, including car-pool costs, skiing, lodging, lift tickets, equipment and food.

"We plan to leave around 8am Thursday in a car-caravan," Jerry said, "returning Sunday night. Travel costs will be split. En route meals are on your own. That's all part of the \$250 estimate."

Lodging costs in 6-to-8 person condos will be split, costing each person \$20 to \$25 a night for three nights. Grocery costs, meal preparation duties and clean-up all will be split. Lift tickets will be \$14 - \$20 a day, discounted from around \$30.

The ski weekend is for both women and men. Ski site will be Breckridge, Keystone or Copper Mountain. Non-skiers could rent a snowmobile.

In order to make lodging reservations and arrange various discounts, Jerry must have firm commitment by Feb. 17 from persons interested in joining DIGNITY/Omaha's ski trip. Jerry or his recorder can be reached at 331-4919. Or, people can talk with any DIGNITY member they know.

Persons on a tight budget can still consider going. Unavoidable costs are travel share (about \$20), three nights' lodging (about \$75 total), food (\$20-plus). Food is somewhat variable depending upon what a person spends for meals-on-your-own. Plus, savings can be realized by spectating one day, saving \$10 in rental and up to \$20 in a day's lift ticket.

"If you're interested at all, phone," Jerry said. "We'll help you plan." -Russ W.



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# What's New?



In keeping with the theme of this month's issue, we would like to identify the general English period style from 1830 through 1901 known as the "Victorian Age." This period of history usually brings to most people's mind an association with Valentine's Day and hearts and flowers. Saint Valentine was a Roman Christian martyr of the third century A.D. It is traditional to send a greeting card of a sentimental or satirical nature, usually, to one of the opposite sex on the feast of St. Valentine, February 14th. The card or gift is sent as a token of love to one's sweetheart. A person can also be singled out as one's 'Sweetheart or Valentine' on this special day.

The 'Victorian Age' was the reign of Victoria Alexandrina (1819-1901) Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (1837-1901), and Empress of India (1876-1901). We don't want your red and white Valentine rent in half nor do we wish to burst anyone's balloon. History has written it to be a 'time of moral severity, hypocrisy, middle class stuffiness and pompous conservatism'. One reason for the popularity of this period style could be Queen Victoria's long reign of over 40 years and probably a great factor for its collectibility up to the present time. Perhaps the Queen's tenaciousness is what is appealing and what we hopefully look for in our special Valentine whoever he or she may be. Could it be that they (Victoria and Valentine) both start with a V? History also tells us that she was much loved by her subjects and that her love for her Prince Consort Albert was unending.

There are three general classifications of the Victorian period; Early Victorian 1830-1850, Mid-Victorian 1850-1880 and Late Victorian 1880-1905. The early Victorian period may have included some late Sheraton-Empire-Regency, Eastlake and Morris. Mid-Victorian covered French revivals, some selections from the Italian and French Renaissance and a bit of Elizabethan and Jacobean. Late Victorian began with rectilinear shapes and Renaissance details after 1870 and 1876 and consisted of new-Renaissance and the 17th century English as well as Empire and includes the reformed Eastlake and Morris.

The Victorian Era was a time of highly ornamented, massive style architecture, decor and furnishings. It has remained one of the most popular antique styles that can be collected, used and appreciated by both men and women. The artistry and craftsmanship of that time was very finely executed, usually in walnut with burl overlay and some ironwork. As one visits museums and sees authentic furnishings of that period, most comment on how small people must have been in those days as we see the small chairs set so low to the floor along with short and narrow beds with massively decorated headboards and canopies.

Marble tops, fancy hardware of metal, carved wood, usually walnut and porcelain were featured in the artistry of this period. Another hallmark was black horsehair upholstery coverings. All material used in those days can only be described as 'heavy' when we see the heavy velvet drapes used on windows to keep out the cold and drapes over every doorway in the house to prevent drafts. The period colors were reds, blue blues and green greens. Heating during the Victorian periods were by very small fireplaces or small woodburning stoves, consequently the heavy draperies.



## CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF PERIOD STYLES

ENGLISH		FRENCH	
Gothic	1100-1500	Louis XIII	1601-1643
Tudor	1501-1603	Louis XIV	1643-1715
Jacobean		Regence	1715-1723
(Early Stuart)	1603-1649	Louis XV	1723-1774
Late Stuart	1649-1688	Louis XVI	1774-1789
William and Mary	1689-1702	Directoire	1789-1804
Queen Anne	1702-1714	Empire	1804-1830
Georgian	1714-1810	Louis Phillippe	1830-1848
Chippendale	1735-1779	Second Empire	1850-1870
Heppelwhite	1760-1786	Art Nouveau	1890-1914
Sheraton	1790-1806	Art Deco	1915-1925
Regency	1810-1830	CHINESE	
Victorian	1830-1901	Han	B.C. 206-A.D. 220
Edwardian	1901-1910	Tang	618-907
AMERICAN		Sung	960-1280
Colonial Period	1620-1775	Ming	1368-1644
Revolutionary	1775-1789	Ching	1644-1911
Federal Period	1789-1812	Kang Hsi	1662-1723
Empire Period	1812-1830	Chien Lung	1736-1796

Eastlake, Charles (1836-1906) His workmanship and talents are most commonly mistaken as the Victorian hand carved products but were in fact machine tooled. He transformed the Victorian and added Gothic and Japanese with the new abilities the machine offered over hand craft. It was a new era and caused the hand carver's craftsmanship to be less appreciated and in demand because of the cheaper product produced by the machine tooling. William Morris (1834-1896) who invented the 'Morris' chair was an English artist, architect and poet became a leader of a group of liberals in arts and politics and used his talents in a whole new field of design and helped begin the Modern movement with waves of badly executed eclectic styles and his designs of simple cottage furniture eventually ended up as what we now call 'Mission' style.

There are new furniture manufacturers who are producing some fine reproductions of the Victorian period. If you like this period style and can't find an antique, try the decorator departments of your local furniture stores. You will be amazed at the selection and probably the prices on one of our long lasting, outstanding periods of design. LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!

Herewith, as we mentioned in last month's article, is the chronological sequence of period styles which you will find of interest and for your further reference.

-GCA

# National Spotlight

## Entertainers Wanted

Christopher Street West/Los Angeles is seeking individuals and groups to provide entertainment at the 1988 Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival, to be held in West Hollywood, CA on Saturday and Sunday June 25 and 26, 1988. A wide variety of entertainers if being sought, from country western to blues, from dancers to rock 'n roll bands.

Entertainers should submit audition tapes (audio cassette or VHS video) to Christopher Street West/Los Angeles, Entertainment Committee, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 109-24, West Hollywood, CA 90046. The deadline for consideration is March 1, 1988. For more information, call Entertainment Committee Chair John Logan at (213) 737-2672.

(Reprinted from Seattle Gay News, 12/25/87)

## A Gay Time in Des Moines

The Blazing Saddle, once a straight bar, now a country and western gay bar has been open for just over three years. It has brought a whole new meaning to the type of bar it is.

The Saddle is the home of the Des Moines Cornhaulers leather and levi club. Besides playing host to the Cornhaulers, the bar attracts many different gay individuals and social groups, serving as a gathering point to drink and socialize. Its friendly, casual atmosphere is like none other in the Mid-west. The bar tenders are friendly, prompt and courteous. The ambiance of this bar is unbelievable.

The Saddle also plays host to many events such as the Cornhaulers monthly Beer Bust, held the first Saturday of each month. Beer Busts for out of town clubs are also held there. On January 16th, the Kansas City Falcons sponsored one. On February 6th it was time for the Two-Wheelers of Omaha. From time to time, the bar will hold such events as male strippers and theme nights. Both Country Night and Disco Music Night are popular.

The Saddle is open Monday - Saturday 11am to 2am and Sunday from 4pm to midnight. The bar runs drink specials all week long and cocktail hour all day Sunday. So, if you would like to have a great time and enjoy this unique atmosphere, head on over to Des Moines' finest, the BLAZING SADDLE, 416 E. 5th St. Des Moines, IA (515)246-1299.

-LM

## Bill to Address "O" Word

WASHINGTON - Officials of the Gay Games have begun working with Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif) on a bill to amend the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, the federal law that allows the U.S. Olympic Committee exclusive use of the word "Olympic," according to the Bay area Reporter, a San Francisco Gay newspaper.

The proposed amendment, penned by Gay Games attorney Mary Dunlap, would clean up what she called the "cumbersome language" in the law that she says hurt hundreds of businesses and organizations which have the word "Olympic" in their titles.

"Congress never meant to take away use of that word from everyday organizations," Dunlap said.

Steve Morin of Rep. Pelosi's office said that the bill has been drafted but has not yet been introduced. He said introduction would depend on how soon a coalition of groups could be put together to push the bill through Congress.

"Congress is very fond of the Olympics," Morin told the Blade. "We have got to present this amendment as the solution to a problem and not as an anti-Olympics amendment. Otherwise it will have no chance of passing."

Pelosi, whose congressional district includes San Francisco, has been publicly critical of the Olympic Committee's refusal to allow the Gay Games from using the word "Olympic" in its name. Organizers of the Gay Games argued that other groups have been allowed to use the word, and that the committee's refusal to allow Gay Games organizers to use it is discriminatory.

When the case was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, the justices ruled that the USOC had "acted strictly in accord with its charter and there has been no actionable discrimination."

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## Attention! Writers needed!

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Submit articles to:  
The New Voice of Nebraska  
P. O. Box 3512  
Omaha, NE 68103

# Literary Giant James Baldwin Dies at Age 63

James Baldwin, whose passionate, compassionate collections of essays like "Notes of a Native Son" and "Nobody Knows My Name" exposed the extent of racial inequity in America and whose largely autobiographical novels "Giovanni's Room" and "Another Country" dealt with being Gay and the search for self-acceptance, died of stomach cancer at his home in southern France. He was 63.

Baldwin was the author of eight novels, six collections of essays, four plays and dozens of reviews and poems. His last work, "Harlem Quartet", a novel about life in the Harlem jazz clubs of the early 1950s, was published in 1987.

"It was a tragic loss," said Gil Gerald, a black Gay activist. "Baldwin was one of the most important black homosexual leaders we had."

Although he referred to himself as a novelist, Baldwin is best known for his forceful, eloquent essays. "Notes of a Native Son", "Nobody Knows My Name" and "The Fire Next Time" were collections of essays that dealt so clearly with the civil rights movement that Baldwin was considered one of the leading literary spokesmen on the issue of racial inequity.

One literary critic, Martin Fagg, said Baldwin was "especially expert at evoking, not merely the brutally overt physical confrontations between black and white but the subtle unease that lurks beneath all the traffic between colors, distorting the best intentions of both sides."

But except for his first novel, "Go Tell It on the Mountain", Baldwin's novels have not received the same critical acclaim as his essays. Critics like Langston Hughes said Baldwin was "much better at provoking thought in an essay than he is in arousing emotion in fiction."

Baldwin, whose father was a factory worker during the week and a minister on Sundays and whose mother worked as a maid in the homes of white people, was born and raised in Harlem.

Baldwin became a preacher at Harlem's Fireside Pentecostal Church when he was only 14 but later drifted away from the church because of what he considered the "historical role of Christianity in the enslavement of black people." Many of his later works, such as "Go Tell It on the Mountain", were based on his experiences while he was growing up in Harlem and his increasing skepticism about the church.

Baldwin went to Paris in 1948 at the age of 24, seeking to find not only relief from the discrimination against blacks in the United States but also the discrimination against Gays. He spent most of his life there, making only occasional trips back home.

While in Paris, Baldwin published one of his most important novels, "Giovanni's Room" in 1956. The novel dealt with a young American who, while living in France, discovers that he is Gay and searches for self-acceptance. But "Giovanni's Room" and another book that dealt frankly with homosexuality, "Another Country," received only mild praise and much criticism for their honest depictions of homosexuality.

But today the books have come to be considered classics not only in the black and Gay communities, but in the general population as well.

"Books like 'Giovanni's Room' and 'Another Country' were as important to the early rumblings of the Gay rights movement as books like 'Notes of a Native Son' and 'The Fire

Next Time' were to the early civil rights movement," said one local black Gay writer, Craig G. Harris. "They were important because they showed that the Gay community is not monolithic. There is a lot of diversity in the Gay Community."

As he grew older, Baldwin's writing received much less notice, at least partially because the civil rights movement did not have the same fervor that it had in the 1960s, but Baldwin continued to be critical of racial inequity. In "Evidence of Things Not Seen," published in 1986, Baldwin wrote about the slayings of 26 black children in Atlanta from 1979 to 1981 and how the government dealt with the crisis.

Baldwin's literary achievements and his activism brought him many honors and awards in this country and abroad. In 1986, the French government made him a Commander of the Legion of Honor.

Baldwin is survived by his mother Berdis Baldwin; five sisters, Paula Whaley, Gloria Smart and Barbara Jamison of New York City, Ruth Crum of Ossining, NY and Elizabeth Dingle of Alexandria, VA; and three brothers, Wilmer, George and Davis of New York City.

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-Oscar Wilde



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# Anti-Gay Cameron Moves Operation to Washington DC

Anti-Gay psychologist Paul Cameron has moved his home and office from Lincoln, Nebraska to Gaithersburg, Maryland, with the intent of stepping up his fight against Gay rights and "liberal" AIDS policies.

During the past several years, Cameron has traveled across the country, speaking out against Gay rights legislation and advocating draconian measures to combat AIDS, including quarantines for those who test positive for the AIDS antibody.

"We must remember," Cameron wrote in a recent issue of his newsletter, Family Research, "when homosexual demands are put on the political agenda that what they want is not merely recognition or tolerance for themselves but the destruction of everybody and everything that does not mirror their own twisted blackness."

In the same newsletter, Cameron called for the placing of tattoos on the faces of all

persons who test positive for the AIDS antibody, saying such an action would be a form of "social quarantine" that will help curtail the spread of the virus.

Gay rights leaders have said Cameron's positions are so extreme that few political leaders and members of the press take him seriously. National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Jeff Levi has urged Gay activists to refuse to appear on television programs or panels with Cameron, saying such joint appearances give him credibility that he does not have on his own.

Gays in Lincoln, however, note that Cameron successfully led a voter initiative campaign that resulted in the repeal of a Gay rights ordinance that had been passed by the Lincoln City Council.

The Lincoln Journal-Star reported in a December 27 article that Cameron has lived in Lincoln for eight years, practicing psychology and lecturing at the University of Nebraska. The newspaper said he founded the Family Research Institute, a group that has ties to New Right political groups and fundamentalist religious organizations.

In December '83, the American Psychological Association expelled Cameron from its membership rolls, saying he had violated the organization's code of ethics, called the "Ethical Principles of Psychologists."

The APA, the major professional group for U.S. psychologists, declined, due to rules of privacy, to state its specific reasons for the expulsion. However, Gay rights leaders and two psychologists with the University of Nebraska said they filed complaints against Cameron with the APA which charged him with deliberately misrepresenting research data and reports by other psychologists on the subject of homosexuality.

Cameron denied the charges and said he resigned from the APA one month before the organization claimed it expelled him. He accused the APA of being dominated by Gay rights sympathizers and said it had become a "liberal PAC."

In early 1987, Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif) retained Cameron as a part-time consultant on AIDS issues.

In a telephone interview, Cameron told the Blade he moved to the Washington area because the major decisions on AIDS, homosexuality, sex education and other topics of interest to him are made largely in the nation's capital.

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## Submission Deadline

The New Voice has a submission deadline on the 15th of each month. Submissions received after the 15th will be held for publication at a later date. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Moments in Black History

\* Charles Beckworth, a former slave and guide, discovered Beckworth Pass in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

\* Blacks were with the Lewis and Clark Expedition of the Northwest, with Fremont in California, and were reliable riders for the Pony Express.

# Living in Leather 3

SEATTLE, WA - The National Leather Association has announced the 1988 conference, LIVING IN LEATHER 3, which will take place in Seattle, WA October 7-10. Chair of the Conference Committee is Jan Lyon, with Associate Chairs Wayne Gloege and Dean Dunlap. Workshops will be featured; nationally significant members of the gay and lesbian leather community will present workshops on a variety of current political, social and technical concerns. The Committee is planning an extensive vendor/exhibitor area, featuring leather/latex craftsmen, tailors and vendors; their products will be introduced in a major fashion/apparel show. Also planned are several social events. Other leather/SM organizations from around the country are being invited to participate. Special provisions are being made for disability and low income access to the Conference.

The Conference will open Friday evening, October 7 with a meet-and-greet- and registration for attendees. Saturday will feature a fashion/apparel luncheon. Workshops will occupy the bulk of Saturday and Sunday. Additional events are being considered for Monday, October 10.

The National Leather Association is a national political, social and charitable organization of gays and lesbians of leather. The Seattle Chapter of N.L.A. is host group for this conference, assisted by H.L.A./B.C. The Seattle Chapter has won recognition with its first two Living in Leather conferences. They are looking forward to a large, professional and interesting conference in 1988.

More information on the National Leather Association and on the conference may be secured by writing: N.L.A., PO Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107.

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## Moments in Black History

\* One of the first regiments to be volunteered for the Union Army at the beginning of the Civil War was from Minnesota. With only a population of 261 black people in Minnesota at this time, 100 men volunteered to fight in the Civil War.

\* Bill Pickett and Deadwood Dick were black cowboys who helped to build the Western frontier.

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# AIDS Quilt on the Road

San Francisco is sending the rest of the country a present - the enormous and uniquely designed quilt which organizers hope to unfold in 24 major cities next year in a national commemoration of the people behind the AIDS statistics.

The 75,000 square-foot tapestry of both grief and tribute was first displayed Oct. 11 during the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

The AIDS quilt is a seemingly endless expanse containing the names of people who have died from AIDS, embroidered by friends, lovers and families on six-by-three foot rectangles of cloth that range from silk and leather to linen and denim.

San Francisco activist Cleve Jones originated the idea as "a needed, physical memorial." He began organizing it in July 1987 and from around the country have come colorful, personalized patches, which a cadre of volunteers sew together and maintain. Since the March, the quilt has grown one-third larger, to about

100,000 square feet with about 4,000 panels. In its first post-March appearance it was displayed in early December in the George Moscone Memorial Convention Center in San Francisco. Crowds, straight and Gay, old and young, often waited 90 minutes to see the display, which drew 1000,000 people, Jones said.

"This is a gift from San Francisco," Jones said of the national tour, which he estimates will raise "millions of dollars," all to be donated to local groups that provide direct services to people with AIDS.

Organizing is already underway for the tour, which will start in Los Angeles on April 7, reaching Baltimore June 14.

Jones said \$100,000 has already been raised toward the estimated \$300,000 needed for the tour, which a road crew will operate, moving the quilt from city to city by truck.

The only outdoor display of the quilt is expected to be in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 8 and 9. By then the quilt is likely to be three or four times the size it was the year before, said James.

"We are aware that there is

an election coming up in November," said Jones. "We want the quilt out there as a very powerful symbol of passion and unity and we hope the American people will base their decisions on the humanity of each individual."

Persons wishing to contribute new panels should construct them of lightweight, durable material, like cotton and size them at three-by-six feet exactly after hemming.

Deadlines for additional panels are at least one month before the quilt's arrival in your area. Contact the Names Project at 2362 Market St. or P.O. Box 14573, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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## Aids Hospital Out of Business

HOUSTON - The Institute for Immunological Disorders, the nation's first private hospital specializing in the care of persons with AIDS, has closed its doors, transferring all patients to other hospitals in the area.

The institute opened in September 1986 with 150 beds, and handled approximately 1,000 patient visits per month during its busiest periods, according to the New York Times. But they soon discovered that it was losing money at an alarming rate, finding that most patients utilized the facility as a last resort after their medical insurance was exhausted elsewhere. Thus the institute was unable to balance its service to indigent patients with those who had the ability to pay, and having absorbed losses of up to \$40,000 per patient the red ink soon mounted to more than \$8 million.

"Privately owned businesses are in the business to make money - the institute wasn't doing that and we understand that," said Paul Simmons, vice president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, quoted in the New York Times. "The closing points out the need for the public health care system to absorb that capacity."

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## Still Thinking About Lepers

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## Gay-Themed Exhibit at Florida Fair

TAMPA - The Tampa Bay Business Guild, an association of gay and lesbian business owners and entrepreneurs, has requested - and received - booth space at the 1988 Florida State Fair. A letter was sent to organizers of the fair by Berry M. Brinson, program director of the business guild. Brinson's letter, quoted in The Weekly News of Miami, said in part: "The Florida State Fair exists to show the best of the old, the new, the progressive and the nostalgic... In our exhibit we would like to showcase the contributions of gay people throughout history. We would like to chronicle the gay rights movement in America, up to and including the recent March on Washington... An exhibit like this will help dispel myths and promote understanding of gay people everywhere. This exhibit will be tasteful, factual and educational - something everyone will be proud of."

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## Gay Bill of Rights

WASHINGTON, DC - Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL) has added his name to the list of co-sponsors of the federal Civil Rights Amendment Act (Senate Bill 464), designed to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Simon, who is a presidential candidate, is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and chair of the subcommittee on the Constitution, which is likely to have jurisdiction over the bill.

A co-sponsor of previous AIDS legislation in the Senate, Simon issued a statement to the Department of Health and Human Services' 1988 fiscal appropriations bill that prohibits funding to AIDS education programs that "promote homosexuality" indicating that he would have voted against the measure had he been present on the floor.

Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA) is chief sponsor of the S.B. 464; co-sponsors are Democrats Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, Edward M. Kennedy and John Kerry of Massachusetts, Daniel Iouye of Hawaii, Brock Adams of Washington and Republican Lowell Weicker of Connecticut.


The House version of the bill (H.B. 709) introduced by Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY), has 70 co-sponsors.

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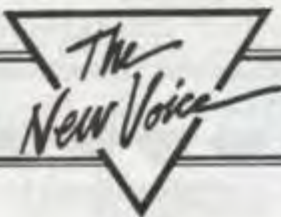
## Episcopals Develop Same-Sex Ritual

SACRAMENTO, CA - The Diocese of California of the Episcopal Church has adopted a resolution endorsing a creation of a religious service for same-sex couples seeking formal blessing for their relationship from the church.

California bishop William Swing is directed by the resolution "to work with the clergy and people of the parish to develop such rights," intended for those "who make a commitment to a partner of the same sex and seek the acceptance, blessing and support of the church for themselves as a church."

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Panic, 200 So. 18th St., 435-8764

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# Gay/Lesbian Resource Directory

## NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

**Affirmation of Nebraska** (402) 476-9913  
Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501  
United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian Concerns. Meets alternately in Omaha and Lincoln, second Friday.

**Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights**  
Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509  
Advocacy/Lobbies for lesbian/gay civil rights, educational presentations, newsletter, cultural, political programs.

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

**Presbyterians For Lesbian/Gay Concerns**  
(402) 733-1360-Cleve

**Nebraska AIDS Project** 1-800-782-AIDS  
Box 3118, Omaha 68131 *3118*  
Info/support. Coordinates AIDS related community efforts.

**The New Voice of Nebraska** (402) 474-1205  
Box 80819, Lincoln, NE 68501  
Monthly magazine serving gay/lesbian community.

**UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center**(402) 472-5644  
Nebraska Union, Room 342-Meetings, (Mail Room 222)  
UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588. Social activities, AIDS education, roommate referral, groups, library.

**Viral Syndrome Clinic**  
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE  
(402) 559-6202-Jonathan Goldsmith, MD  
(402) 559-4420-Ann Lamb, MSW

## AIDS Resource List

### Care & Testing

**Lincoln General Hospital**  
2300 South 16th-Lincoln (402) 475-1011

**Bryan Memorial Hospital**  
1600 South 48th-Lincoln (402) 489-0200

**St. Elizabeth Community Health Center**  
555 South 70th-Lincoln (402) 489-3802

**University of Nebraska Medical Center**  
42nd & Dewey-Omaha (402) 559-6202  
Jonathan Goldsmith, MD

**Veterans Administration Medical Center**  
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### Confidential Testing

**Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department**  
2200 St. Marys Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68502  
(402) 471-7800

### Counseling/Support Groups

**Open Door Ministry-Lincoln**  
Father David (402) 474-3390

**PFLAG-Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays**  
Joan (402) 435-4688

**Brother William Woeger**  
c/o Omaha Catholic Archdiocese  
100 N. 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

**AIDS Interfaith Network**  
1106 N. 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

**Project CONCERN**  
Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102 (402) 455-3701

### Education

**Lincoln Cancer Center**  
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**Lambda Resource Center**  
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**Nebraska AIDS Project**  
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**Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department**  
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### Referrals:

**Mary Caudy**  
Director of Social Services  
Lincoln General Hospital (402) 475-1011

### Legal

**Nebraska Civil Liberties Union**  
633 S. 9th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508  
John Taylor (402) 476-8091

**Mowbray, Chapin & Walker, P.C.**  
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Jim (402) 476-3882

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**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous**  
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**Gay/Lesbian Information & Support Line**  
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**Lambda Resource Center** (402) 474-1205  
2845 "R" Street, Lincoln, NE 68503

**Lesbian Support Group** (402) 472-2597  
Women's Resource Center, Room 117, Nebraska Union  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588  
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**Lincoln Legion of Lesbians**  
Box 30317, Lincoln, NE 68503  
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**Metropolitan Community Church of Lincoln**  
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**Ministry in Human Sexuality, Inc.**  
Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501 (402) 476-9913  
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**Gay/Lesbian At-Atone** (402) 556-9907  
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**Project CONCERN** (402) 455-3701  
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20 MALE DANCERS

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