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OUR TURN VIEWS AND OPINIONS BY STAFF



Take Liberty for Granted

Sharon Van Butsel

Our feature topic this month is Liberty in the Gay and Lesbian Community. Seems like a fitting topic for the Fourth of July and all the patriotic hoopla that goes on. Like most native born Americans, I've never known anything but personal

representative say this one has to go to medical school and that one needs to work as a housekeeper. We could marry, have children, go to church, and join the local women's club.

because they were different.

Personally, I find great amounts of freedom in my everyday life. I can put my name by the articles I write and not be afraid of losing my job. My spouse is accepted by my family and my co-workers. My grandchildren see no problem with having two grandmothers. My life is comfortable and secure.

What a blessing that it could be taken for granted

liberty. I was born into a working class family and watched my father go off to work every day. When one job ended he looked for another one. My mother didn't work outside the home. She concentrated on taking care of us kids and the house. My oldest brother attended business college. My second brother joined the Air Force. My youngest brother has worked in a factory for 36 years. I got married right out of high school and had two kids. All in all, a pretty ordinary family for the 1950's and early '60's.

We really took our liberty for granted. It was just accepted as part of life. What a blessing that it could be taken for granted in just that way.

So which is the true picture of liberty in Gay and Lesbian America? Both are true. Liberty and oppression, acceptance and prejudice, exist side by side for every Gay and Lesbian person. That is just as true today as it was twenty years ago.

What makes it so very amazing is that, in America, this scenario was so very typical. Families were allowed to function without a great deal of outside interference. We children were able to grow up and make our own ways in the world without having some government

So how does this apply to the Gay and Lesbian Community? Some, who fear the loss of their jobs, say it doesn't apply. Others, who cannot live openly in a committed relationship, would claim that liberty is non-existent. So would those who long to be parents but are prohibited from adopting because they are Gay or Lesbian. So might those who have been turned away from a certain church, or a certain school, or a certain fraternity

The battle is not done. Pride Week is over for this year but the need to stand together and to speak out for our basic rights goes on. The battle for freedom will not be over until every Gay and Lesbian person can say, as I say now, "I have found peace and liberty and I, too, can take liberty for granted."▼



LOOKING AHEAD

The New Voice is constantly looking for new contributors. If you have something written on any topic, please submit by the 10th of the month. We are especially looking for articles relating to the various feature topics in upcoming months:

- AUGUST** - What's Hot, What's Not
- SEPTEMBER** - Labor Day: Gays and Lesbians in the Work Place
- OCTOBER** - National Coming Out Day, 3rd Anniversary of the March on Washington and the 1st Quilt Tour
- NOVEMBER** - What are You Thankful For?
- DECEMBER** - Religious Celebrations, Spiritual Issues for Gays and Lesbians

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MONTHLY COLUMNS

Around the Milkrun

Belinda Loveless

Heard that Cindy at the Diamond Bar is considering changing the name of the place to the Jungle Room, with all the new plants growing in the front window. The only thing missing would be the wild animals. But I guess there's always been enough of them running around the place.

To take a slight detour from the Milkrun, two significant events occurred in Omaha during the month of May. One of them was beautiful and the other was sad.

The beautiful event was the annual banquet of The Metropolitan Club, held in conjunction with a performance of La Cage Aux Folles at the Upstairs Dinner Theatre. The food was delicious, the friendship was overflowing, and the performance was superb. I'm sure that the performers, both straight and gay, put their all into this one performance before a totally compatible audience. The most beautiful thing about the evening was that it was a completely sold-out event. This proves that if our community gets behind something they can make it go.

The sad event was the AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. The evening and the service were beautiful. The talks by a worker, a Person With AIDS, a family member, and partner were inspiring. The Candlelight Parade with a candle for each of our 75 AIDS victims was breathtaking. The sad part of the whole evening was that our community didn't come close to half filling St. Cecilia's. ▼

The Second Most Important Room In the House

Hedda Lettuce

We have a new neighbor in the apartment complex. Luke and I went over to introduce ourselves and check her out and offer a helping hand. Listen girls, she fits right in. Her name is Kelly Green, and she is delightful as a summer breeze. Well actually, she is a bit wacky. On a scale from one to ten, her culinary knowledge is -3. She thinks that the way to boil water is put a pan of water in the oven and set the thermostat to 212 degrees.

But let's not tell tales out of school. Let's talk about SUMMER SALADS. Foods rich in protein, such as cheese, tuna, and chicken can be tossed with crisp greens and turn salads into substantial meals.

BLT CHICKEN SALAD (serves 4 to 6)

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup barbecue sauce
1 Tbl finely chopped onion
1 Tbl lemon juice
1/2 tsp pepper
6 to 8 cups shredded lettuce
2 large tomatoes, chopped
2 cups chicken, cooked and chopped
8 slices bacon, cooked, drained, and crumbled
3 hard cooked eggs, sliced

Combine mayo, barbecue sauce, onion, lemon juice, and pepper in a small bowl. Mix well and chill, covered. Combine lettuce, tomatoes, and chicken; toss to mix. Just before serving put lettuce mixture in a salad bowl, or individual serving plates; pour dressing over and

garnish with bacon and egg slices.

Taco Salads are a mainstay in most restaurants these days. Be different and try a

TUNA TACO SALAD (4 servings)

2 cans tuna (6.5 ounce size); preferably albacore, drained and flaked
1/2 cup cupshredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup sliced pimento-stuffed olives
4 Tbl finely chopped onion
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 tsp garlic powder
1 tsp chili powder, (more or less to your personal preference)
lettuce leaves
1 large avocado, peeled and sliced
2 tomatoes, cut into pieces
paprika
tortilla chips

Combine tuna, cheese, olives, and onion in a bowl. Combine sour cream, garlic powder, and chili powder in a small bowl. Add this sour cream mixture to the tuna mixture and mix together. Put the lettuce leaves on serving plates. Spoon the tuna mixture over the lettuce leaves. Arrange avocado slices and tomato pieces around edge of salad. Sprinkle the salad with some paprika to make it look pretty. Serve the salad with the tortilla chips.

VIVA ITALIAN SALAD (6 servings)

A 12 ounce package of spiral pasta (use the colored pasta to make a colorful salad)
12 ounces marinated artichokes
1 cup pitted ripe olives, sliced
1 cup chopped green pepper, or 1/2 cup each of red and green pepper
1/4 pound hard salami cut into strips
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped parsley, please use fresh parsley
1 package (0.7 ounce size) Italian salad dressing mix

Toni Pastory, M.S., C.P.C.

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see Hedda page 17

FEATURES



Mr. Gay Nebraska Finalist in International Mr. Leather Competition

An Interview with Dustin

Sharon Van Butsel and Pat Phalen

Staff of the New Voice recently had the opportunity to interview Dustin regarding his experience as a contestant in the International Mr. Leather competition held Memorial Day Weekend in Chicago, Illinois. Dustin is Mr. Gay Nebraska '88/89, a title owned by the Two Wheelers of Omaha.

SHARON: *Dustin, tell us about the contest.*

DUSTIN: It was exciting and very busy.



We arrived Friday night and the hotel was packed with people in leather. It cost the spectators \$65 for the weekend and Clubland, which seats over 3,000, was sold out. The first night there was a party at Touche. On Saturday afternoon we met the judges and the press. At 6 p.m. there was another party.

At noon on Sunday we boarded buses for the Bistro II where the judging began. The 47 contestants were judged on physical appearance, attitude and personality, and total leather image. We each had a five minute interview with the judges. They asked me "What was the first piece of leather you bought?" I told them about a chest harness that I had custom-made in St. Louis. In the Midwest

you can't just walk into the local store and buy leather goods so you have to have them custom-made.

After the first round of judging we had a photo session with professional photographers. That was great. Honcho asked three contestants to pose nude for their magazine. I was one of those they asked but I haven't decided if I'm going to do it or not. One of the others who was asked was Mr. New York Leather. He was my best friend at the contest. He was #24 and I was #25 for the events so we

were paired up a lot. He placed #3 in the competition and he's agreed to come to Omaha for the fundraiser I plan to do in August. After the photo session the 25 finalists went to Clubland to wait for the final judging. While we were waiting we had entertainment by Bronsky

Beef (they're a group from London who did Small Town Boy and Hit That Perfect Beat) and Chris Williams, a male erotic movie star.

During the finals that night we were again judged on Total Leather Image. We also had to speak for two minutes. I spoke on Safe Sex and the need for non-prejudism within Gay society. The crowd really liked what I did. I started out by saying, "Good evening. I have two messages for you. I want you to listen to what I have to say, but more importantly, I want you to OBEY what I have to say." The crowd all just went "Whoooooo!" when I said that. I was the only contestant to mention Safe Sex in my talk.

PAT: *What do you mean by Safe Sex? Some people think that means not having any sex.*

DUSTIN: I mean things like mutual masturbation, using condoms, things like that. I think it's really important that we practice safe sex.

SHARON: *How did you place in the final scoring?*

DUSTIN: I was officially one of the 25 finalists but unofficially the judges told me I placed in the top 10. First place went to Guy Baldwin from Los Angeles. Second place was Mitch from somewhere in California and Third place went to my friend, Bill Murray, from New York.

SHARON: *Was this your first time on stage?*

DUSTIN: No. I performed as a male stripper and I was in "Straight to the Point" when it played here in Omaha. I was one of the dancers--the one in leather, of course.

SHARON: *Why did you enter this contest?*

DUSTIN: Because I wanted to represent the city, to travel, to let people know we exist here in Omaha, Nebraska, to be an ambassador for the state, and to accomplish something. On a personal level, I'm outgoing and I love to meet people. Accomplishing something like this is just a great natural high.

SHARON: *You've talked about the "Total Leather Image". What does that mean?*

DUSTIN: Leather is a fantasy, your fantasy. It's whatever you want it to be. It's not S & M, not B & D. It doesn't mean you have to have your tit pierced or beat your lover. Some may do that but not all.

Leather represents masculinity. There's a certain arrogance, a certain strength about it. It says accept me for who I am, not who you think I should be.

SHARON: *So what advice do you have for people just starting out?*

DUSTIN: For those who want to be a contestant, you first have to win a title. To do that, you need to be someone who accomplished what they set out to do. You need self confidence. You need to know who you are and what you believe in. You need to be a ham so you can get on stage and not worry about anything.

For those who are thinking about trying the Leather scene, I'd say that they need to find out who they are and then be that person regardless of what anybody thinks. If you're just starting out, you need to Be Careful! There are people out there who may be into things that you've only seen in your worst nightmares. Learn slowly. There are those who are willing to teach you but you need to move slowly. You

need to accept the responsibility for yourself and for what happens to you. You also need to be responsible for the



feelings you have later about what might have happened.

SHARON: *So where do you go from here?*

DUSTIN: I hope to eventually run for Mr. Gay U.S.A. But more immediately I plan to do a huge fund raiser on August 18 and 19 to benefit Nebraska AIDS Project and The New Voice. It will be a leather weekend sponsored by Mr. Gay Nebraska and Two Wheelers of Omaha.

It will begin with a cocktail party at the Diamond on Friday night. Then there will

be a picnic on Saturday. Saturday night will be the biggest thing Omaha has seen. We'll be having an all Leather show at the Max. We're calling it "Fantasy: An Experience In Leather" and the whole show will be sexual fantasies acted out on stage but all within the

law--no frontal nudity or anything like that.

It will be a great show with people from all over the country. I've got commitments from Fledermaus, the editor of Drummer magazine; from Guy Baldwin, International Mr. Leather '89; from Suzie Sheppard, International Ms. Leather '89; from Bill Murray, Mr. New York Leather; from Peter Austin, Mr. San Francisco Leather; from Wes Decker, Mr. Northeast Drummer; and from several others. I expect the Leather Journal to be there and I'm waiting to hear back from still more.

SHARON: *Did you say Ms. Leather will be here?*

DUSTIN: Yes. Suzie Sheppard from Portland, Oregon, will perform. There's less division in the Leather Community. Men and women are regarded as equals. I think that division and prejudice are ridiculous. We need to learn to accept each other and not look down on each other.

SHARON: *You've planned a big project. How much money do you hope to raise?*

DUSTIN: As least \$5,000. If we bring in more than that I hope to be able to share it with other organizations.

SHARON: *We'll be there to support you and we'll plan to get more details about the show out in next month's magazine. ▼*



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CELEBRATION '90 Gay Games III and Cultural Festival

August 4-11, 1990 Vancouver, B.C. Canada

From the Opening Ceremonies parade of participants to the Closing Ceremonies gigantic party, Vancouver, will sparkle as host of the largest lesbian and gay event in that country's history. It all began in San Francisco with the 1,300 athletes of Challenge '82 followed by 3,500 participants in Triumph '86. Now Vancouver, proudly offers the world Celebration '90: Gay Games III and Cultural Festival.

The eight day event will celebrate the thousands of personal triumphs which make up the lesbian and gay lifestyle. In a positive and supportive environment we will share and celebrate the myriad of accomplishments that have made us the powerful, creative and loving women and men we are. Celebration '90 is centered on the principle of inclusion. Everyone is welcome - people of all ages, colors, sexual orientations. Athletes and artists with all degrees of skill can take part

because winning in Celebration '90 means doing one's personal best.

As with the first two Gay Games, women and men will participate in equal numbers and together wherever possible. Age group divisions will ensure the most enjoyable competitions for everyone. Our invitation to participate goes particularly to those special interest groups who sometimes feel excluded by major gay events. We also welcome the physically challenged. In short, everyone who supports the inclusive principles of the Gay Games is welcome to participate. The dominant spirit of Celebration '90 is openness and honesty where no one needs to disguise any aspect of their lifestyle.

Gay Games III

There are no qualifying or regional eliminations for the Gay Games. All preliminary competitions are part of the Games themselves. The emphasis is on participation rather than competition.

Entries will open in July 1989 and close in the spring of 1990. There will be an entry fee for each person for each sport. Fees will be discounted for early registrants. In sports where facility limitations make it impossible to accept all entries, they will be accommodated in the order they are received.

You may register for these sports :

Marathon	Race Walking
Swimming	Physique Wrestling
Croquet	Cycling
Soccer	Track & Field
Martial Arts	Basketball
Tennis	Bowling
Water Polo	Squash
Power Lifting	Softball(F/S)
Diving	Equestrian
Badminton	Volleyball
Billiards	Triathlon
Golf	Touch Football
Racquetball	

(Ice Hockey and Curling will be Exhibition sports)

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Omaha, NE 68105**

AIDS Hotline

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Omaha 342-4233 Statewide 800/782-AIDS (2437)

HIV Testing

7pm — 10pm Mondays and Thursdays

The Cultural Festival

The Festival will provide a showcase for the creative achievements of gays and lesbians from all over the world as well as provide 'hands on' experiences and sharing for the artists who attend. In keeping with the Celebration '90 principle of inclusive participation, the cultural activities will range from main stage spectaculars to learning workshops. Many major lesbian and gay cultural groups have agreed to participate. The cultural planning committees are asking for proposals now so that individual interests from the whole community can be built into the program. Some plans already submitted include Photography and Visual Arts Shows, an Artisan Bazaar, Square Dancing, Choruses, Video and film festivals, dance Presentations, Chamber Music, Theatre, Band Concerts, and a Writers and Readers Festival and Book Fair. Call goes out for plays Theatre will be a major component of Celebration '90 Cultural Festival. The theatre committee has issued a world-wide invitation to writers, directors and theatre groups to propose projects for the gay and lesbian

lifestyle celebration which organizers predict will draw over 3,500 visual and performing artists along with 5500 athletes. Planners are looking for self-contained projects that travel well. Vancouver committee members will provide venues and administration for all the productions included in the official schedule. Any one wishing to make a proposal send a brief synopsis of the work, its title, technical and personnel requirements and current contact information including a telephone number. Ideas and questions should be directed to the Theatre Coordinator, Celebration '90; Gay Games III and Cultural Festival, 1170 Bute Street, Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6E 1Z6. FAX(604) 683-2276.

Special Celebration '90 chorus wants 1,000 voices! Plans are underway for an international chorus of up to 1,000 women and men to sing at the Opening and Closing ceremonies of Celebration '90 as well as give a major concert along with the Vancouver Men's Chorus, the Berlin Gay Men's Chorus and a large Women's

chorus. Organizers are looking for individual singers from around the world. No auditions are necessary. A registration fee of \$35 before Sept. 1, 1989 and \$45 thereafter covers the cost of each participant's music, performance shirt and rehearsal tape. Discounts are available for already existing music groups. Details: PO Box 61388 Denver CO., 80286 or (303)331-2306. ▼

**Apathy...
The Gay Plague**

Micky Ray Scott

In the early 80's a national magazine's front cover read, "AIDS: the Gay Plague". That headline hurt the gay community in many ways.

Gays do have a plague of sorts. I think our plague is the way people view us and sometimes are afraid of us. A cure for this problem dwarfs the energy that has been spent to cure AIDS so far. One of the biggest fears that people have about

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Gay Fraternity at UNL?

Rodney A. Bell, II

A gay fraternity will be forming at UNL this fall. The national social fraternity, Delta Lambda Phi, may be organized on the campus. Its purposes include, but are not limited to: "Enhancing the quality of life among progressive men, irrespective of sexual preference, by providing dignified and purposeful social and recreational activities, to lead in determining the role of individuals in society and to improve the image of sexual minorities." Delta Lambda Phi was founded in October 1987 as an alternative to "homophobic" fraternities. It offers a pledge program, social and recreational opportunities, and has a firm non-hazing policy.

Men, gay, bisexual, straight or progressive, may find out more by calling the UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center at 402/472-5644 and leaving a message for Kendall. Persons who would like information on the national organization may write: Membership Development Committee, Delta Lambda Phi National Social Fraternity, Box 57184, Washington, DC 20037 or call 202/857-8026. ▼

Prof. Crompton Retires

Rodney A. Bell, II

After some 20 years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Professor Louis Crompton has retired from the English Department. During his career at UNL, he won several awards and taught a class entitled, "Sex Roles in Literature."

Professor Crompton has written several articles on gay/lesbian history. He founded the Gay Caucus for Modern Languages. He is a former member of the Gay Academic Union. In 1970, Professor Crompton began a homophile course at UNL amidst controversy from the state legislator Terry Carpenter who wanted to pass a bill banning the teaching about homosexuality in all schools.

Since 1970, Lou has served as the advisor for the UNL Gay Action Group, the Gay Student Association and the UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association. He also serves on the UNL Executive Committee of the Faculty Committee for Gay and Lesbian Students. Currently, Professor Louis Crompton is working on a book about the world history of gay and lesbian people. ▼

resource information. These are libraries which have SPECIFICALLY SAID THEY WANT THE BOOKS. Media releases were sent to all the media serving these towns and cities. Town officials, school counselors, and principals are being notified.

The goal is to MAKE THESE MATERIALS ACCESSIBLE BY PROVIDING THE PUBLIC WITH THE INFORMATION THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE in their own areas. Open accessibility to information is a basic principle of the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights."

Among the books donated are The Quilt and Beverly Barbo's moving story of her son's battle with AIDS, The Walking Wounded. Books were selected that would appeal to anyone, especially those with no previous exposure to the subject.

The inclusion of the most current pamphlets from the Nebraska Aids Project (NAP), the American Red Cross, and the State Health Department were important... and, of course, the Parents FLAG brochure. The other books are: AIDS: The Women edited by Reider & Ruppelt; When Someone You Know Has AIDS by Martelli; Borrowed Time by Monette; The Band Played On by Shilts; Beyond Acceptance by Griffin, Wirth & Wirth; and Parents Matter by Muller.

The town and city libraries are: Ainsworth, Albion, Alexandria, Allen, Alliance, Alma, Auburn, Beatrice, Blair, Blue Hill, Broken Bow, Central City, Chadron, Columbus, Crete, Curtis, David City, Fairbury, Falls City, Franklin, Fremont, Friend, Geneva, Genoa, Gering, Grand Island, Hartington, Hastings, Holdrege, Humbolt, Imperial, Kearney, La Vista, Lexington, Lincoln (2), McCook, Nebraska City, Neligh, Norfolk, North Platte, Ogallala, Omaha (2), O'Neill, Ord, Papillion, Pawnee City, Plainview, Plattsmouth, Ralston, Red Cloud, Schuyler, Scottsbluff, Seward, Shelton, Sidney, South Sioux City, Stromsburg, Valentine, Wayne, West Point, Wymore, and York. ▼

More on the PFLAG Library Project

We, in Parents FLAG, have long dreamed of getting books into local libraries that presented a fair view of gayness. Out of that dream grew our Library Project! Thanks to the grant received and \$1000 from the Imperial Court of Nebraska, Parents FLAG is realizing a large portion of that dream. The Nebraska Library Commission was tremendously supportive. The contacts and the goodwill of all the agencies and organizations involved has paved the way for future cooperative efforts.

Last summer when I was driving through smaller cities in northwestern Nebraska, with that dream tucked in the back reaches of my brain, I stopped in several

Jean Durgin-Clinchard, Parents FLAG small libraries. For the first time I realized how difficult it would be for someone to obtain books which might begin to answer their questions about homosexuality. My glib suggestion to callers on the PFLAG line, from the safe anonymity of a large city library experience, was to suggest books. If the local library did not have them, request them on interlibrary loan. In those small towns I realized how very PUBLIC a public library is... and everyone knows everyone else! I discovered the very real need for accessible and informative books that would appeal to a wide variety of people, not just those with special needs.

Sixty eight libraries have received eight books, several pamphlets, and additional

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



- 4 Tuesday Independence Day!**
ICON PICNIC at Veys Farm; 36th south of Giles Road;
noon - 5pm
- 5 Wednesday P-FLAG AIDS Support Group; Lincoln,**
7 pm Call 435-4688 for location
- 7 Friday Affirmation/Omaha; Call for location,**
556-7701; 7 pm
- 9 Sunday New Voice Steering Committee; MCC-**
Omaha, 420 S. 24, 4 pm All interested parties
welcome
Dignity; St. John's, Lower Level; Creighton Campus,
Mass - 7 pm
- 10 Monday Submission deadline!! All articles,**
classifieds, art work, poetry, and letters must be
received by this date for consideration for the August
issue of the New Voice
AIDS Interfaith Network; St. Cecelia's, 701 N. 40;
Prayer Service, 7 pm
- 11 Tuesday P-FLAG/Omaha; First Methodist Church**
(Northeast Entrance); 69th & Cass, 7:30 pm
- 15 Saturday New Voice Layout; Volunteers welcome!;**
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24, 12 - 5 pm
- 16 Sunday Affirmation/Lincoln; Write for time and**
location; P.O. Box 80122; Lincoln, NE 68501
- 18 Tuesday SOLAG Support Group; 12111 Pacific,**
330-1144; 7 - 9 pm
Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights;
Boardwalk, 20th & O. Lincoln, 7 pm
- 19 Wednesday Metropolitan Club; Call for location, 449-**
9377; 6 pm

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group; Lincoln, 7 pm; Call
435-4688 for location
- 23 Sunday Dignity "Gathering", 7 pm; Call for**
location, 895-2856
- 25 Tuesday Members of Lincoln Parents FLAG**
Picnic; For details and location, call 435-4688

Weekly Events

Sunday

Metropolitan Community Church
420 South 24*, Omaha
Sunday School, 9 am
Worship Services 10:20 am & 7 pm

Lesbian Parenting Group
Lincoln
3 pm
Call 435-6309 for location

The Max
1415 Jackson
Show at 9 pm

Monday

Early Warning
Social Activist Group
Room 345, Nebraska Union
University of Nebraska at Lincoln
check Union Calendar for time

Alternate Test Site
Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth, Omaha
7 pm to 10 pm

Tuesday

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24*
7:30 pm

Thursday

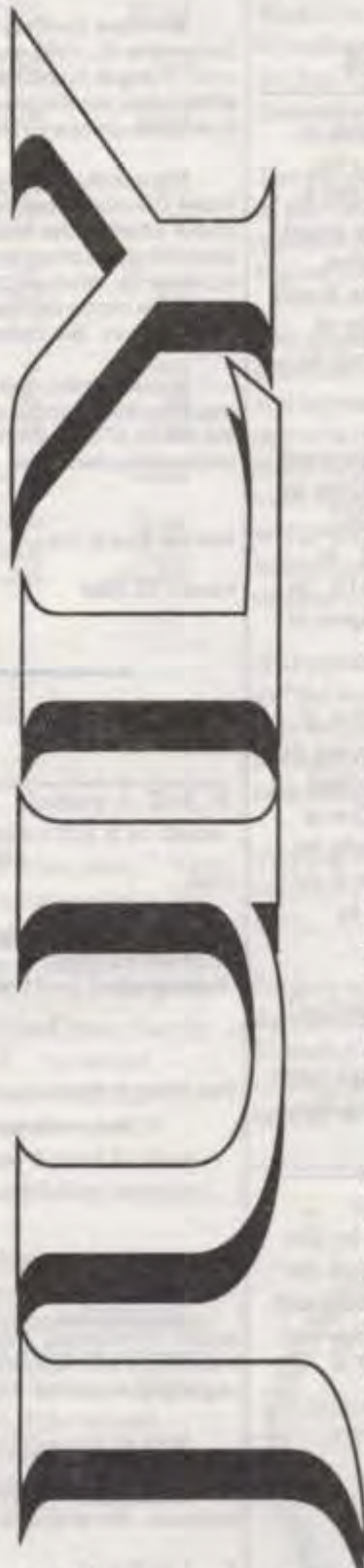
Alternate Test Site
Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth, Omaha
7 pm to 10 pm

UNL Gay/Lesbian Students Organization
Room 342, Nebraska Union, 8 pm
University Nebraska / Lincoln

Friday

Adult Children of Alcoholics
MCC-Omaha
420 South 24*
6:30 pm
346-0561

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous
Pella Lutheran Church
303 South 41* Street, Omaha
8:15 pm
345-9916



Play Safely in July

**ICON-PWA, Inc.
Financial Statements and
Independent Auditors
Report
Year Ended
December 31, 1988**

The New Voice is pleased to be able to report to the community regarding the secure financial picture of ICON-PWA. Following is information from the actual auditor's reports supplied to the New Voice by Mr. Don Flowers and the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. The audit was conducted by Touch Ross, Inc.

Of special note is the significant increase in the amounts of direct support given to Persons with AIDS (PWA). In 1987, support to PWA's totalled \$2,473. In 1988, the amount climbed to \$8,419. In addition, \$4,000 was given in support of AIDS research.

The amount shown as public support is that amount actually donated. During the 1988 Labor Day Picnic and other fund raising activities, a total of \$7,000 was pledged but only \$3,000 has actually be received. It is not known when or if the remaining \$4,000 in pledges will be collected.

Please note that the "Accrued Liability" of \$270 represented charges for advertising in the New Voice which were paid after the December 31 closing date.

We would like to congratulate the Imperial Court of Nebraska on the excellent financial picture shown by this audit. This is made possible through the hard work of the Board of Governors and the many volunteers. We of the Gay and Lesbian community salute you. ▼

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
I.C.O.N. - P.W.A., Inc.
Omaha, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc. as of December 31, 1988 and 1987, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses and changes in undesignated fund balance for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc. as December 31, 1988 and 1987, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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March 10, 1989

I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., INC.
Balance Sheets

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	<u>\$22,095</u>	<u>\$12,202</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Accrued liabilities	\$ 270	\$ —
Undesignated fund balance	<u>21,825</u>	<u>12,202</u>
	<u>\$22,095</u>	<u>\$12,202</u>

See notes to financial statements.

I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988 AND 1987

A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Organization - I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc. is a non-profit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors. The organization's purpose is to provide emergency funding for individuals with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and for educational projects regarding Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements are on the accrual basis of accounting.

Volunteers - Volunteers assist the organization in its program services and fund raising activities. No attempts are made to reflect these donated services in the accounts.

B. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc. is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, pending final determination of private foundation status under Section 509(a).

STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

	Year Ended December 31,	
	1988	1987
Public support:		
Contributions, net of uncollectible pledges	\$21,925	\$5,544
Revenue:		
Interest income	809	470
Total public support and revenue	22,734	6,014
Expenses and disbursements:		
Support to persons with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	8,419	2,473
Support for AIDS research	4,000	—
Functional expenses:		
Appeal for support	135	—
Education	475	455
	610	455
Administrative and other expenses:		
Legal and professional fees	—	605
Miscellaneous expenses and bank charges	82	20
	82	625
Total expenses and disbursements	13,111	3,553
Excess of support and revenues over expenses and disbursements	9,623	2,461
Undesignated fund balance, beginning of year	12,202	9,741
Undesignated fund balance, end of year	\$21,825	\$12,202

See notes to financial statements.

Faculty Committee meets with VC

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Executive Committee of the Faculty Committee for Gay and Lesbian Students met with Vice Chancellor Jim Griesen on May 30th. They discussed the needs of gay and lesbian people at the university.

The Faculty Committee met with initial defensiveness on the part of Griesen. Mr. Griesen stated that his opposition to student fee funding for COLAGE was not due to homophobia. He suggested that gay and lesbian programming could be done through the other University Program Council committees.

The Executive Committee requested that workshops on homophobia be done at UNL. Similar ones have been presented in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

A second request by the Committee was wherever "individual characteristics"

appear in NU publications that it be stated that his covers "sexual orientation." Vice Chancellor Griesen was congenial to the Faculty Committee and believed that both requests potentially be granted.

James Griesen is the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UNL. He denied funding to the Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events after ASUN (UNL's Student Senate) denied funding based on such things as biblical morality.

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Committee for Gay and Lesbian Students is composed of Louis Crompton, English professor; June Levine, English professor; Larry Doerr, United Ministries in Higher Education; Bob Brown, Educational Psychology professor; and Teresita Aguilar, Associate professor Therapeutic Recreation School of HPER.

The Faculty Committee will meet as needed to support the needs of gay and lesbian students and combat homophobia on the UNL campus. ▼

COLAGE Chairpersons win Sue Tidball Award

Rodney A. Bell II

At the April 16th Award Ceremony at St. Mark's on the UNL Campus, Nanci Rivenburg and David Whitaker received the Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity.

The award is presented yearly to members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln community by the United Ministries in Higher Education.

The co-award centered on the extensive efforts made by Nanci and David together and separately to provide educational opportunities for the campus on realities faced by gay and lesbian persons. They have sought, through programming, to bridge the difficult gap between the gay/lesbian community and the rest of the campus community.

One nominator identified Nanci and Dave as "the most courageous people I have ever known" for their efforts to educate the campus and the community on issues of homosexuality.

The Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity is presented every spring at UNL.

Persons who would like to donate funds to the Award Fund may send them to: Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity, UMHE, 640 North 16th, Lincoln, NE 68508. ▼

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Chorus Represents Nebraska at International Festival

The River City Mixed Chorus (RCMC) is traveling to Seattle, WA, the first week of July for the Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA) of Choruses International Choral Festival.

Director John Kelly, completing his first full year of directing the chorus, is excited to be attending. "I'm looking forward to this experience, and I'm sure all the members of RCMC feel the same way. We've worked very hard towards this, both financially and musically. We're proud to be representing Omaha and Lincoln."

Kelly also directs the Des Moines Men's Chorus, who are also attending the GALA Festival.

The RCMC will be joining an estimated 2,000 other singers from 45 lesbian, gay, and mixed choruses in Seattle.

Stan Brown, President of RCMC, said a total of 27 chorus members are attending. "That includes both the singers and our 'Friends', who are non-singing chorus members we couldn't do without." Most are flying out and back, with a few hardy souls making the trip by car. Brown said, "We've had several committees working literally for three years to make sure we could attend. I can't believe the time is finally here!"

Former RCMC President David Schuler, now residing in Florida, began the push in 1986 to make sure Nebraska would be represented at this Festival. Schuler and a dozen other members individually attended the Festival that year in Minneapolis, and had such an experience they made Seattle a top priority. Schuler is now on the national GALA Board, and is anxious to see his Omaha friends again in Seattle.

After the week-long Festival, the local contingent is due back at Eppley at 7:25 p.m., Sunday, July 9, at the America West gate. ▼

Kansas-Nebraska Merger The Saga Continues: A Sewing We Will Go

Carla

A year has passed now since I arrived in Omaha with all my possessions tied rather precariously onto the back of a pickup. And what a year it has been! Except for three days (each of which seemed an eternity in itself because those three days were days that I spent working as a temporary - sleeving disks.), the time has flown by. You may recall that when I last wrote, I had just acquired a "real" job, one that I was thrilled to have. However, early in May it ended. I once again began hitting the streets as a temporary. Omaha has so much to offer—boxing bottles, stocking shelves, bagging bolts, and, of course, sleeving disks. I turned down digging post holes and unpacking linen trucks. My resume can hardly handle all these experiences as it is! Every relationship experiences some tension. "Weing"—you know, the process of turning me and her into a "we," is not a simple one. I've never been a you and me. There's one habit she has that causes us so many problems: she believes me—everything I say. Now, that probably wouldn't be so bad if only I think before I speak. Unfortunately, I don't. In fact, I could really take advantage of her habit, but I haven't learned to do that either. On the other hand, I make it a practice to not fall prey to her habit. I question her every statement. Take for example, the time we made new curtains for the sun porch. She said we'd need material twice as wide as each window in order for them to be full. Personally, I thought that was rather extravagant, and so I said we should only get 1 1/2 times the width. We did. She took my word. We shouldn't have. She who owns a sewing machine (of course, it was broken, and I took that to mean that probably it had been that way forever, and she probably didn't know any more about sewing than I did, and I refused to take home ec. in high school because I had so much trouble threading the machine in junior high). Anyway, the curtains got made, and "we" learned (at least for the moment) an important lesson: when it comes to sewing, ignore Carla and listen to Sharon. Hum... I wonder if that will

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apply to anything else? We are about to embark on our first trip across country by car. That ought to be an experience. Neither of us likes to ride. Sharon asked just the other day if I thought that I could handle it. I said yes. She believed me. Hum... Do I see a pattern developing? Be watching next fall for a report on "Adventures on the Open Road." Until then, keep cool and keep working on your own mergers! ▼

P.A.C.T.

P.A.C.T. (People of All Colors Together) decided to conduct its meeting at Cunningham Lake. Paths were crossed amongst the leader and the members so plans did not go accordingly. We'll try to be a little more organized next time.

The B.W.M.T. (Black and White Men Together) Chapter of Youngstown, Ohio, celebrated its sixth anniversary May 19-21. This chapter, as I saw it, produced a sense of community, a warm feeling being generated, and also the bond of unity were definitely displayed. "Youngstown, Ohio, I Love You!!!" Our coming event in Omaha's B.W.M.T. will be at Fontenelle Forest. The cost will be \$2.50 per person.

We do want to invite those people who desire an interest and believe that this group would benefit them. If you would like to join us for our coming up event, please call 341-4078. ▼

International Lesbian and Gay Association Annual Conference

The 11th ILGA Annual Conference will take place in Vienna, Austria from July 16th to 22nd, 1989. The conference host is the Homosexuelle Initiative (HOSI) Wien which will also be celebrating its 10th anniversary during the year. Founded in 1978, the ALGAE now numbers approximately 200 member groups and contacts in over 40 countries. Delegates from Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas, Australia and New Zealand are expected to attend. ▼

MCC Headlines

Early in June the library underwent a reorganization. Recent contributions almost doubled the number of selections available. Books are available for check out by anyone in the community, and they cover a variety of subjects. Also available for checkout are the exchange magazines and newspapers from all across the country that the NEW VOICE receives. The library is open following services on Sundays and during office hours through the week.

A quick trip to the basement and the file cabinet put music in the hands of a group of songsters interested in preparing special music for Sunday Worship Services. Volunteers to sing or play for our occasional choir are welcome. Currently we are meeting at 7:00 pm on Mondays at the church, 420 S. 24th Street. Membership classes began late in June and will continue through the first part of July. These new members will be taken in during the Morning Worship Service on July 30.

Our social activity coming up in July will be a picnic and a swimming party.

Also coming up, in mid-July our pastor, a lay delegate, and some members of the congregation will be attending the 14th General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Churches in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Over 1000 participants are expected to attend the biannual conference. Our worship services are open to everyone, and we invite you to join us any Sunday. ▼

Pride Week is a HIT!

The activities from the recent **Pride Week '89** were such a smash hit this year that organizers are planning another **Pride Week** gayla for next year. Look for articles in next month's issue about all the fun stuff that you either participated in or missed. The best way 'to read all about it' is for you, yes you, get your very own copy of **The New Voice**. So subscribe now, yes now! Don't wait for the movie!

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The Three "F's" of Survival

As a forty-nine year old gay man with AIDS, I grew weary of over a year of medications, clinic visits, support groups and other community involvement in AIDS education. Friends that had moved to Jacksonville, Florida offered a retreat from my consumption in the AIDS issue here in Omaha, Nebraska. I attended the 15th anniversary Spiritual Renewal of the M. C. C. of Jacksonville. Jacksonville also has a section of beach which is predominantly gay, a drive-in movie that shows porno movies, a bath house (which unlike the one in Denver, doesn't place condoms in the room), and at least one park where gay men gather. It was in this park that a man asked if I would like to give him head. When I said, "Sure," he arrested me for offering lewdness. In Omaha this is known as entrapment; however, the term entrapment is not in the legal vocabulary of Jacksonville. Attempts were made to find a lawyer by friends in Jacksonville and in Omaha. Both led to one man that wanted a \$2,500.00 retainer. I spent 29 days as the guest of the Jacksonville City/Duval County Jail.

Since I needed medication, I let it be known that I have AIDS. Because of that declaration, I was placed in what they chose to call "isolation." The cell had solid steel walls, a 5 x 10 inch window in the door and a flap through which my food and medication was passed. The single light bulb burned out and I spent four days and nights in darkness. There was a sink and a stool; however, the water was shut off for a week and a half. I did not receive any medication for the first two days, and my AZT four times a day (unless I was out of the cell during "rounds") rather than the six times prescribed. One other medication made it to me on four days, another one day. Of the 29 days, three were spent in the Emergency Room of University Hospital getting IV's, and 7 days as an in-patient.

I have survived this ordeal! There are three things that allowed me to survive: Faith, Family, and Friends. As a Christian, I have always assumed that I had faith in my God. I recalled the

imprisonment of Paul, and Daniel in the lion's den. I prayed until I would fall asleep several times a day. My faith faltered several times and I would cry myself to sleep. I prayed for death, for mental hallucination, and for strength to survive this ordeal. God chose survival.

When in various "holding cells" I listened to other inmates. The holding cells had a telephone that one could use. There were many inmates that had no one to call, or at least no one that would care that they were in jail. I was able to contact my father and my sister. They know that I am gay, and that I have AIDS, and they still love me very much. I thank God for family that cares.

The friends that were my hosts in Jacksonville prior to my arrest were constantly in contact with me. Through their calls to Omaha, I had contact with very dear friends here. My friends in Omaha made calls to various people in Jacksonville. Through this networking, I met five people involved in the work with P.W.A.'s in Jacksonville, and had a time of prayer with a Methodist pastor. Words fail to express the gratitude which I feel for the friends from the clinic, from N.A.P., from M.C.C., from I.C.O.N., and from those with no organizational ties in Omaha. These people, as well as my family, were frustrated at seemingly not being able to accomplish anything. My release remains a mystery to me; however, most action was taken by a saintly woman that works at the jail, and who had talked to several of those in the networking. She had a friend in the Attorney General's Office. Although the prosecuting attorney wanted to change my charge to prostitution, and add a charge under a Florida statute which states that if you are sexually active (which doesn't seem to be defined) and are HIV+, you are a threat to society, and with the two charges can receive one year in jail, I went to court on the 29th day, pleaded guilty to the lesser charge, sentenced to 60 days, given credit for the 29 days served, and the balance suspended with the understanding that I would be out of the state by sundown.

Jerry Peck

I am a free man once again, but I was not alone in this situation. On my departure I talked with a young man charged with the same crime and who has severe ARC. His mother had made several calls on my behalf. He had been in jail for around two months, and was hoping to go to court the next week to be sentenced to six months "In Home" arrest at his mother's house. I have no idea how many HIV+s are being held that do not require medication, and therefore not housed in that area. All inmates charged with sexually related charges are required to be tested for HIV. It would seem that the courts of Florida assume that being HIV+ is synonymous with being an irresponsible murderer. Combine the AIDSphobia with Homophobia, and imagine the treatment received at the hands of the officers in the jails.

I pray that I never repeat this experience, that no one else goes through this, and that the nightmares go away soon. I am so glad that I have Faith, Family, and Friends. ▼

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gays is that they are all potential child molesters and should not be allowed around children. This is not an unfounded fear, because there have been some homosexual child molesters that were sensationalized in the news media in the past 10 years. There are more heterosexual child molesters, but the gays get far more news media attention.

I know that there are many different opinions of what child molesting is and is not! We should just accept that if a person is under 18 years of age, they are still a child. If anyone over 19 years of age touches them for sexual gratification, then they are molesting that child. This is the foundation for all Nebraska's child molesting laws.

Many of us were molested as children. Some of us were traumatized by the experience and yet others thought it was

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AIDS NEWS

Local Participation in AIDS Memorial

The Nebraska AIDS Project and the AIDS Interfaith Network sponsored a local AIDS Candlelight Memorial on Sunday, May 28th, at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. Over 150 participants gathered to remember and proclaim the names of those Nebraskans who have died of AIDS.

Said AIDS Candlelight Memorial organizer Brother William Woeger, "This year's Omaha gathering was part of a series of observances occurring in more than 170 cities throughout the world on the same day.

Towns, villages and huge metropolitan areas on five continents collectively

demonstrated the true scope of the AIDS pandemic."

Lincolnites observed the occasion on May 28th, when they gathered at the east side of the County/City Building and marched to and around the Capitol Building.

The mission of the Nebraska AIDS Project is to prevent the further spread of AIDS/HIV infection and to provide services to those who have the disease or are affected by it.

For additional info, or to make a donation, call 342-4233, or write to NAP, 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha, NE. 68105. ▼

AIDS Anti-Discrimination Protections

New AIDS Anti-Discrimination Protection Introduced In Congress (AIDS Related News)

(Washington, DC, May 12) George Whitmore appeared at a New York dental clinic for a routine checkup. But when he mentioned to the dentist he had AIDS, the work on his teeth abruptly stopped. Whitmore was told the clinic would not treat AIDS patients and he was asked to leave.

Brent Anderson, another Person With AIDS, was touring China when he became ill. His family was forced to pay nearly \$40,000 to have him returned home by a military plane because a commercial U. S. airline refused to transport him.

The files are thick with examples of discrimination against People With AIDS. Now, however, legislation has been introduced into Congress that Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) lobbyists say will ban bias against PWAs and people with HIV.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, authored by Senators Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) and Representative Tony Coelho (D-Calif), would bar discrimination against the

disabled in employment, public accommodations, transportation, and communications. The bill was introduced into the U.S. Congress on May 9, 1989.

The Americans with Disabilities Act would greatly expand federal protection by barring discrimination in all work places and in accommodations such as hotels, restaurants, and air and bus travel.

The Senate version of the bill, S.933, was introduced with the backing of 33 cosponsors. In the House, 84 members joined Representative Coelho in sponsoring H.R.2273.

HRCF's Field Division urges people to contact their congresspersons and urge them to support the bill or thank them for cosponsoring.

Concerned individuals may send a hard hitting mailgram to Congress by calling HRCF'S toll-free Action Hotline at 1-800-257-4900, operator 9184, or by enrolling in the HRCF's Speak Out pre-authorized mailgram campaign, and they should call the White House at 202-456-1414 to urge President Bush to support the bill.

For more information, call HRCF at 202-628-4160. ▼

Federal Protections for PWA's

① Civil Rights Restoration Act

Passed on March 22, 1988, the Civil Rights Restoration Act strengthens enforcement of civil rights laws for federally assisted programs. This bill clarified that People With AIDS and HIV infection are "handicapped" under federal civil rights law. In particular, the bill prohibits discrimination against PWAs and people with HIV in the federal work place, contractors of the federal government, or in programs receiving federal funds.

② Fair Housing Amendments Act

Passed in August, 1988, the Fair Housing Amendments Act extends protection for the handicapped—including PWAs and people with HIV—to housing in the private market. The bill bars landlords from evicting tenants because of their AIDS or HIV status. The bill also protects families with children, which especially benefits single mothers.

③ Americans with Disabilities Act

Introduced into the House and Senate on May 9, 1989. The bill would ban discrimination against People With AIDS or HIV in the public and private sectors, including:

- Employment
- Public services, including modes of transportation such as bus, air, boat, rail, and automobile
- Public accommodations, such as stores, hotels, theatres, and restaurants
- Telecommunications relay services, such as telephone and telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) services. ▼

PWA Swimming Banned in Gabon

Something's fishy in Africa, where the small nation of Gabon has banned people with AIDS (PWAs) from swimming at its beaches - for fear that sharks may become infected.

Gabon, where shark fishing is a primary source of income, has an unusually high proportion of PWA's. Health authorities are worried that if a shark eats a PWA, concerns over contamination would cripple the economy.

The People's Republic of China, a major market for the country's sharkproducts, has informed the Gabonese government that it will take no risks with potentially AIDS-infected seafood. ▼

Remember to submit your articles to the NEW VOICE before the 10th

Longer Aids Incubation Period Found

A new study indicates that half of the gay men who become infected with HIV will not show signs of AIDS for almost 10 years, according to The Washington Blade. The study, conducted by researchers at the University of California, sets the median incubation time at 9.8 years - more than two years longer than previous studies have indicated. The researchers said that this incubation period might also be extended by the use of preventive therapies that ward off opportunistic infections common in people with impaired immune systems. The study, published in the March 16 issue of the scientific journal Nature, was conducted by analyzing three different studies of trends in infection rates among gays in San Francisco and comparing those results to the monthly totals of new cases reported. The study does not determine the proportion of people infected with HIV who will eventually develop AIDS. ▼

Gay Marriage in China

Two men - a farmer and a former soldier - were surreptitiously married in a public wedding ceremony Jan. 10 in the Fujian province of Southern China.

Officials, suspicious of the bride's heavy makeup, performed a physical examination which revealed the Ye Xing, a village family planning worker and former soldier, was actually male, according to Gay Community News.

After the examination left the village health committee "deeply convinced the bride was male, without any sex change phenomena". Ye "acknowledged his homosexuality and was fired from his village post," according to a report in the Tianjin Daily. Ye is reportedly still living with his partner, Li Linzi. ▼

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not too bad or even fun to do at the time. I have not found one gay who had been molested who does not wonder if they had not had that sexual experience with an adult while they were still children, how would life be different now?

The questions these people ask are, "Would I be gay now?" "Would I be better able to find and keep a lover?" and "Would I have a better life now if I had not had that sexual experience with an adult when I was so young?" These are tough questions to find answers for, and yet they are very good questions that need to be answered. How can I help change the way people think of gays? The responsible gay community needs to be vocal and tell our friends who molest children that they are wrong in what they are doing. We should urge them to get help in controlling their sexual desires for those under 18 years old. Our true plague is apathy towards each other. We see our fellow gays breaking laws and victimizing kids, and yet we are not outraged by their actions. If you are one of the people who cruise the streets, public restrooms, neighborhoods, and anywhere kids are to find teens to have sex with...STOP IT...NOW...before you do any more damage to others and yourselves. ▼

Hedda

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Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and cool. Drain artichokes, saving 1/4 cup of liquid. Cut artichokes into fourths. Mix together the pasta, artichokes, artichoke liquid, and all the other ingredients. Cover and chill.

Well girls, I've got to go over to Kelly's apartment and see if I can sell her a package of ice cube powder...just dissolve this powder in some water, pour into an ice cube tray and freeze. Till next time! ▼

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Nobody's Friend

Mona-talk-alot

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age, the more I am quoted, the more I am believed. My victims are helpless.

They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face to track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become.

I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartache and indigestion.

I make innocent people cry in their pillows. Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip. I make headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story ask yourself, is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not, don't repeat it!!

Boy George Joins to Help Repeal Clause 28

Pop singer Boy George announced that he is joining the "Repeal Clause 28" movement that has been gaining momentum in England, according to the Montrose Voice, a Houston area gay/lesbian community newspaper. Boy George's newest single release in Britain, "No Clause 28," is his personal protest of the new laws banning the "promotion of homosexuality" by local government authorities, and denying funding to organizations that support gay/lesbian life-styles in any way.

If homosexuality is banned, Boy George said, he will have to put himself under house arrest. "There will be no theater, no art, and quite a few less pop stars," he said.

The Montrose Voice also reported that "Repeal Clause 28" organizers are counting on letters

from around the world "to play a big part in the educational efforts aimed at the British government."

The report suggested that interested individuals write Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, at Buckingham Palace, London W1, England, asking her to grant royal pardons to all homosexuals "for their crime of being born with a lesbian or gay sexual orientation." ▼



NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT



1989 World Science Fiction Convention

The Gaylactic Network is an international organization for gay people and their friends who are interested in science fiction and fantasy literature and media.

The Gaylactic Network, with the assistance of local Gaylaxian organizations, is organizing a major participation by the gay SF community (gay fandom) in the 47th World Science Fiction Convention, Noreascon 3, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts on 31 August - 4 September 1989. Noreascon 3 will be held at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel and Haynes Con-vention Center.

The guests of honor are Betty and Ian Balantine, and Andre Norton. Pre-registration membership rates will be \$80.00 until 15 July 1989. Previous World Science Fiction Conventions, also called Worldcons, have had over 8,000 science fiction/fantasy fans attend.

Between 3 to 5 programs on gay - and-bisexual-related themes will be held at Noreascon 3. Panels held by the Gaylactic Network and other Gaylaxian groups at previous SF conventions have dealt with "Vampires and Homo-eroticism," "Gay Science Fiction and Political Correctness" and "Faerie Tales: Gay People in Fantasy Literature."

Another aspect of participation in the 1989 Worldcon are plans for a hotel suite for use by gay fans and their friends during the 5 days the convention will take place. This Gaylactic Network/Gaylaxian suite will be a place where gay science fiction and fantasy fans, authors, and artists can meet and talk during the day and evenings.

For more information about the Gaylactic Network, any of the local Gaylaxian groups, or the 1989 World Science Fiction Convention, write: Gaylactic Network P.O. Box 1051, Back Bay Annex Boston, Massachusetts United States, 02117-1051. ▼

Study Reveals Inconsistent AIDS Discrimination Policies

San Francisco ... An important new study by National Gay Rights Advocate (NGRA) shows that the vast majority of state civil rights enforcement agencies prohibit AIDS-related discrimination through laws that forbid discrimination on the basis of physical handicap.

Results also indicate, however, that numerous gaps in these laws leave many people with AIDS and other handicaps without legal protection. For example, several states allow employment discrimination in the private sector or discrimination in housing or public accommodations. Other states offer no protection to persons with "communicable diseases" or "perceived" (but not actual) handicaps

The study reveals a broad consensus that handicap discrimination laws forbid AIDS-related discrimination. Thus, agencies in 40 to 51 states surveyed prohibit discrimination against people with AIDS, 35 forbid discrimination against people with ARC, and 33 ban discrimination against persons with asymptomatic HIV infection.

Only one state, Tennessee, indicated that such discrimination would be permissible. Of particular value to the gay community, agencies in a majority of states (28 of 51) indicated that state handicap law protects uninfected persons who are subject to discrimination because others perceive them to be at risk for AIDS.

According to attorney Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, the study demonstrates the need for the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Act, if passed by Congress would broadly prohibit handicapped-based discrimination. ▼

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Don Longmore

Each time I look at you my love, I can't help wonder why,
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I know you see things just as well, for this you've often said,
Its just so strange to see it in the middle of your head.
And that lovely hair down to your waist is another of your charm,
Except for the fact its hanging from the pits of both your arms.
And that one tooth of yours my sweet, reminds me of a pearl,
Too bad the oyster won't come off, my little glamour girl.
And you're really very tender since you had the jungle rot,
When you put your arm around me, its the only one you've got.
When I think of why I married you I tear my hair to shreds,
For I'd never have done it darling, if I'd used both my heads.

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OK couch potatoes, here are two of my latest favorite TV commercials:
How about the Vanish ad where the guy sings "I've got you under my rim". Good grief.
Then there is the Fisher nut ad. This guy says "Was it Socrates who said, the more you add to a penis, the less it tastes like one," So you're saying, "the old lady is losing her hearing."
Well I've heard that ad at least 12 times and this guy slipped one over on them. Listen to it, he says "penis" damn it. ▼

AIDS KILLS
Protect yourself

News Bits

Yale academic John Boswell has uncovered ancient Christian marriage rites for same sex unions. He says the Greek language ritual is still in use in Eastern Europe Orthodox churches. Other copies of the ritual, some dating back to the fourth century, have turned up in the Vatican.

- Outlines

Kim Friele, a leader of Norway's lesbian and gay movement, has been awarded an annual pension of \$13,000 by the Norwegian government in recognition of her work. The subsidy is part of a plan set up to allow prominent individuals to pursue their scientific or cultural activities without worrying about money. Kim is one of 55 people so honored by the Norwegian government which, she says, sees "gay and lesbian emancipation as a political issue and not only a private and personal one."

- Outlines

A federal judge has ruled that the Salvation Army in Jackson County, MS wrongly fired an employee because she is a witch. Hiring or firing on the basis of religion violates the First Amendment right to religious freedom, the judge wrote.

Jamie Dodge, 28, had been employed as the Victim's Assistance Coordinator for the Domestic Violence Shelter. According to court records, she was fired in 1987 after she was seen using the agency's copy machine to copy Wiccan ritual. A monetary award for Jamie has yet to be determined.

- clipping from reader in Gulfport, MS.

Despite claims that homosexuality doesn't exist in the Soviet Union, there may be moves in the near future to decriminalize homosexual sex there. "Good Evening Moscow," a popular Soviet TV program, not only discussed the previously taboo topic, but also announced that the Penal Code is to be amended and homosexual acts decriminalized.

- Rites

Actress Whoopi Goldberg recently said: "Last year after I went on the March on Washington, people said to me 'What are you doing? They're gonna think you're gay.' People think that already because I hang out with a lot of women. There hasn't been a studio head I've worked for who hasn't come out and asked me if I'm a lesbian ... I say, 'Normally this would be none of your business. However, I will answer you.' And I say, 'It's possible, I'm not practicing at the moment, but I will not say it will never happen or hasn't happened in my past.'"

- The Advocate via Hag Rag

A Marine officer convicted in the death of one of his men was sentenced to four months in the brig and dismissal from the Corps. Last August Cpl Jason Rother, 19, was posted as a guard during night maneuvers in the Mojave Desert, CA. When the maneuvers ended, Rother was overlooked and left behind in the desert. He was not reported missing for nearly two days.

- Salina Journal News clipping

A male Marine lieutenant gets four months for irresponsible actions that led to the death of one of his men. Sergeant Cheryl Jameson gets a year in the brig for loving a woman. I wonder if the Marine Corps is aware of how absurd some of their decisions are.

- Concordia, KS.

The Dollbaby

Bear

Don't disturb her; Pay her no mind.
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Her slighted love was for her only;
Now she's left here, sad and lonely.

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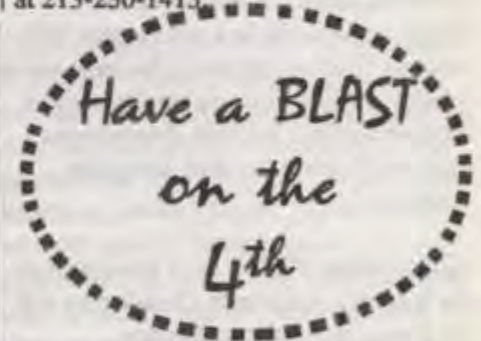
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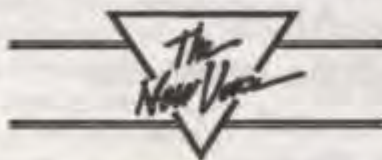
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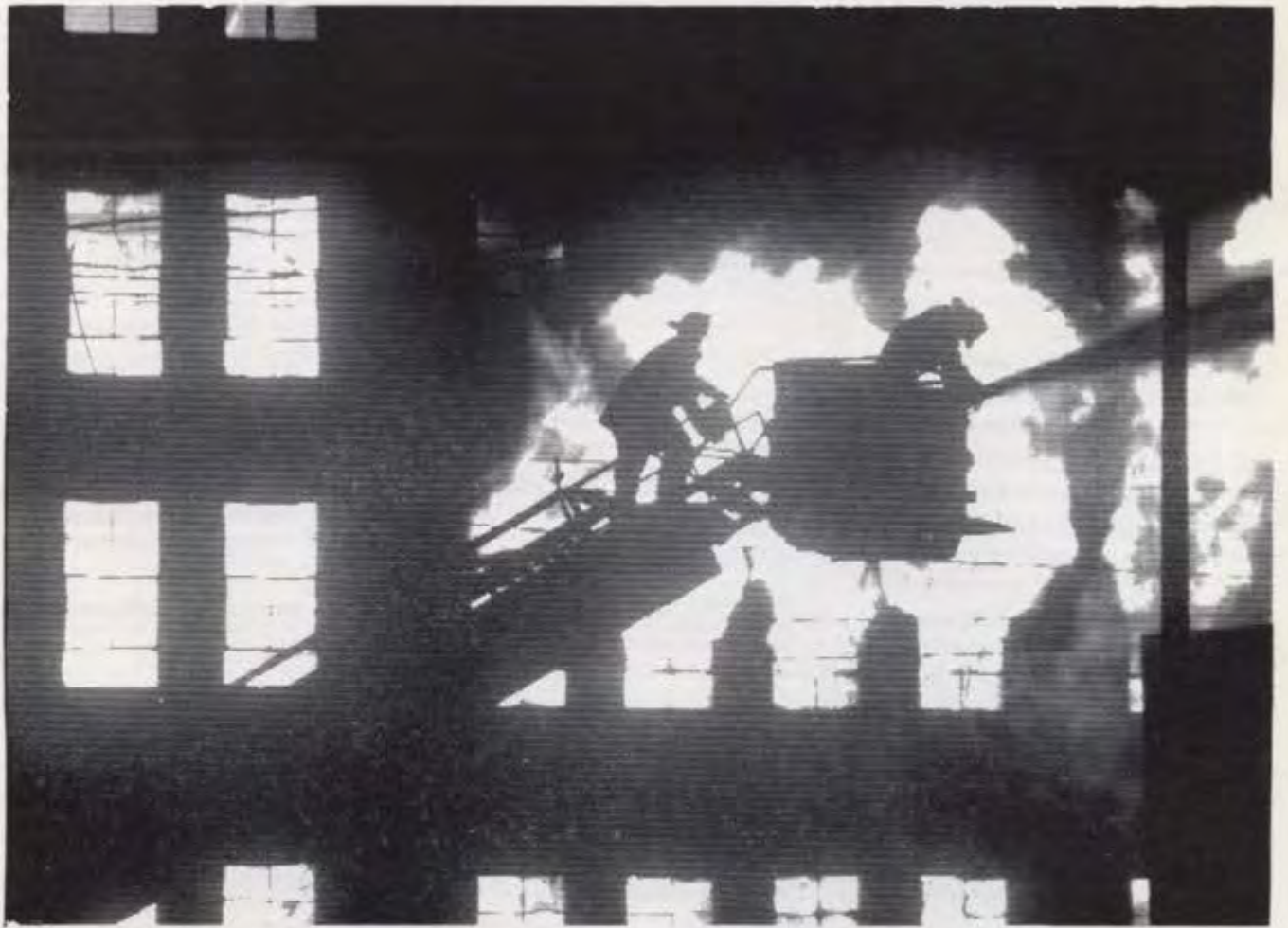
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