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OUR TURN

WE REMEMBER OUR FRIEND, ROBBIE SCHMIDT

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR VEToes GAY/LESBIAN EQUAL RIGHTS BILL

LaRoy Robert "Robbie" Schmidt died on September 15, from complications related to a kidney transplant. His death was sudden and unexpected, leaving behind his life partner, Floyd "Don" Allen, and many friends. Robbie was a gentle, loving young man who will be greatly missed. The following tribute was written by our most faithful reporter, RJ, who was a personal friend.

ROBBIE

It is quiet out here in the park this evening. The crickets are chirping. The evening is cool. I sit there reflecting back on when Robbie and I became friends. You know, I don't actually know when. I started with MCC in February of 1988. Robbie went way back with MCC to the days when I met on Cuming Street and Rev. Jan Kross was the minister.

I know our friendship started out casually. I don't take friendships lightly. There are boundaries to be respected and responsibilities to be taken note of. A true friend is one who accepts another person as they are and is blind to that person's faults—or at least those faults aren't brought up. A true friend stands by a friend through thick and thin. No, I don't take friendships lightly and Robbie was my friend.

I reflect back on the years—on the good times we had as friends. That time Robbie and I drove to the Quad Cities to help them celebrate their new church and to visit a mutual friend. Or the spring when Robbie and I went to Walnut, Iowa, to their big flea market and antique sale. How it poured cats and several dogs on the way over, but let up about noon and the flea market/antique sale was on. Robbie loved antiques, especially old telephones.

How about that Bible study we did with Virgil, a very gifted and talented teacher, teaching us. Remember the Sunday when Virgil

wasn't able to make it and I had to teach the class. Thank you, Robbie, for sticking it out. I don't know if I could have or not. Remember our Bible studies, "The Brown Bag and Bible", over at Northside Christian when Reverend Brink taught the class.

I remember so well the times I visited Robbie and Don in their home. Robbie was a good cook. Then we'd watch video tapings of some special event that Robbie wanted to show me. There was that pool party Lee gave—when Robbie forgot his swimming trunks. Or those warm, hazy days out at B—A—Beach with Rick and others.

Thank you, God, for giving us those memories. After a person is gone, memories grow even more fonder—like a fine wine, they grow better with age. Robbie, your physical being has left us all, but those precious, precious memories of you will never leave us. Your unquenchable spirit will always be with us. You leave us with a void in our lives that even Paul Bunyan couldn't fill.

The English "Good-By" is derived from the Old English, "God be with you". So, Good-By, Robbie, and God speed you on your journey. We will miss you deeply. I felt very honored and very privileged to have been your friend and to have been your Deacon. But you, Robbie, so weary from many years of frail health, finally answered God's call. You gently put your earthly body into eternal sleep and slipped away across that boundary that we call death. While you said "Good Night" here, I truly believe you said "Good Morning" up there, wherever up there might be. And I'm truly sure, you're warming those who are "there" with your radiant love, friendship, and acceptance, as you so richly did here on earth.

Good-by, Robbie.

Your Deacon,
Your Friend,
RJ

Comments from three sides

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian organization is calling Governor Pete Wilson's veto of AB 101, the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill passed by the California Legislature, an act of "political cowardice". Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of HRCF said, "Governor Wilson caved into pressure from Congressman William Dannemeyer and his extremist allies." McFeeley cited a Human Rights Campaign Fund poll conducted by Penn and Schoen Associates in April of this year which found that eighty percent of the American public supports an end to discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the workplace. That poll found that 69 percent of those calling themselves conservative support lesbian and gay job rights.

An editorial in the October 7 edition of the Omaha World Herald called the riots that followed the veto (in which more than 5000 protesters went on a rampage, setting fires and destroying the main floor of the state building where Wilson has an office) "a peevish display of bad temper and violence" and went on the say "the tantrum may have an unintended effect. Jan Cummins, a 1960 Stanford graduate who attended the ceremonies, said, "You can take personal freedom too far, and they did today. I have always been liberal on gay rights, but now I have changed my mind."

At an A.N.G.L.E. meeting, someone asked, "What will be in *The New Voice* about the riots?" and went on to discuss feelings that *The New Voice* should give major coverage to this event. My response to her was honest, "Probably nothing will be in unless you write it." I have printed what I have available to print, but unfortunately, *The New Voice* is still dependent on press releases and copy taken from gay papers in other parts of the country. We do not yet have access to a wire service nor can we afford syndicated columnists. You are the best source for stories that you think are important. If you think a story is worth reporting, send it in. You don't need great journalistic style. We'll put it in readable form. All you need is the willingness to share what is important to you with the rest of the community.

Is there a fourth position on Governor Wilson's Veto? I'm sure there is, but only you can write it.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

WERE GAY/LESBIAN ACTIVISTS JUSTIFIED IN RIOTING IN CALIFORNIA? DID IT HURT THE CAUSE FOR GAY/LESBIAN RIGHTS? THERE ARE NO LETTERS TO THE EDITOR THIS MONTH. LET'S CHANGE THAT AND LET PEOPLE KNOW HOW WE FEEL!!



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OUR TURN

AND NOW FOR THE REST OF THE STORY

Remember all of the "controversy" over the judges panel for Mr. Great Plains Drummer? Well, the verdict is in. It turns out that we [the panel of judges for Great Plains Drummer] weren't as inadequate as Mr. Moeller accused.

We are proud to announce that our regional winner, Mr. Woody Bebout, went on to win the Mr. Drummer title in San Francisco. We are sure that Woody will do a fine job not only representing the Midwest, but the world as well.

The Midwest has claimed two of the five major Leather S/M titles. Besides Woody Bebout of St. Louis taking the Mr. Drummer title, Ms. International Leather was won by Kay Hallanger from Indianapolis.

Let's hear it for the Midwest!!

Yours in Leather,
Amy Marie Meck



Woody Bebout

BE POLITICAL, NOT POLITE

ROMANOVSKY & PHILLIPS' LATEST COMMENTARY ON GAY AND LESBIAN LIFE

By Sharon Van Butsel

Attention, Romanovsky and Phillips fans!! The dynamic duo, also known as the "Professional Homosexuals" have just released their fourth album after a three year hiatus. *Be Political, Not Polite*, contains fifteen songs of love, politics, anger, and hope.

Be Political, Not Polite is much as one would expect from Romanovsky and Phillips. It features songs of protest, confrontation, love, and pokes fun at much of our life style. The classic R & P Sound is quite evident and musically, they have never sounded better. They are joined by such back-up artists as Holly Near, Alix Dobkin, Phranc and Michael Callen (of the Filtrations).

Songs range from the latin-flavored "When Heterosexism Strikes" to the folk-rock of the title cut, and from the lush choral arrangement of "Hymn" (an indictment of the Catholic Church) to the Andrews Sisters sound of "I'm in Love with my Therapist". The end of a love affair provides the setting for the humorous "Tango Indigestion" (a breaking-up scene over a bad Mexican meal). My personal favorite deals with the blurring of stereotypical roles for Gay Men and Lesbians in "Can't Tell the Boys from the Girls".

All in all, this album is one that will delight those who have enjoyed Romanovsky and Phillips for years and will be an enjoyable

introduction for those who may be unfamiliar with the duo who brought us such memorable works as "Homophobia", "Don't Use Your Penis for a Brain", and the "Prince Charming Tango".

Romanovsky and Phillips are on tour and will be passing through the midwest during November. Their closed appearances and where to call for ticket information are as follows:

- Nov 14 Ann Arbor, MI 313/761-1451
- Nov 15 Bowling Green, OH
- Nov 16 Columbus, OH 614/299-7764
- Nov 17 Oak Park, IL 708/386-3383
- Nov 21 Fort Collins, CO 303/493-0251
- Nov 24 Durango, CO (tentative)

ABOUT THE COVER

This month's cover is taken directly from the cover of Romanovsky and Phillips' album, "Be Political, Not Polite". It was chosen because (in the opinion of the Editor) it makes just the sort of political statement that the singers encourage us to take. It shows two strong, male bodies embracing. They are not pretending to be asexual but neither are they offensive nor pornographic. They are simply a male couple, like so many of the readers of *The New Voice of Nebraska*.

STOSH'S SALOON OPENS

A deer head over the bar, red wall coverings, swinging chandeliers, bales of straw, comfortable bar stools, tight jeans on good looking men, more women than ever, friendly bartenders, dance lessons, country/western music and videos make Stosh's Saloon a place you'll enjoy night after night. The Saloon is one of the specialty bars in The MAX at 1417 Jackson.

The grand opening featured J.T. performing live country/western, but he couldn't really compete with the attraction of all the blue jeans and cowboy boots that suddenly appeared. Rick and Lisa teach two stepping and other C/W dances on Friday and Saturday night. They are talented and very patient with the timid. Wayne Tietzert, general manager, has promised a real Country Hoe Down as well as adding new touches to the Saloon in the near future.



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LOCAL NEWS

MR. GAY NEBRASKA 1992

Kevin Jones was crowned Mr. Gay Nebraska 1992 in the Mr. Gay Nebraska Pageant sponsored by the Two Wheelers of Omaha Motorcycle Club and the Two Wheelers Auxiliary Troop at the Ramada Inn Airport.

The contestants included winner, Mr. Kevin Jones, sponsored by the MAX; the first runner-up, Mr. Eric Fenton, sponsored by the Affairs Bar of Grand Island; and the second runner-up, Mr. Guy LaChance. Contestants competed in areas of communication, bar wear, beach wear, and formal wear, while demonstrating their ability to represent the Gay community and describing their plans for how to help the community during their reign.

Kevin Jones spoke of his desire to help bring people together and make a more united community. In order to reach his goal, Kevin wishes to be more accessible to the community and to respond to their concerns. Anyone wishing to contact Kevin to discuss issues facing the gay/lesbian community in Nebraska is encouraged to call the Gay/Lesbian Information Line, (402) 558-5303, leave a name and number. Kevin will return your call.

Emcee for the evening was Jerry McGinnis, Secretary of the Two Wheelers of Omaha. Judges were Ms. Carla Petersen, President of the Imperial Court of Nebraska and Secretary of The New Voice; Mr. Tim Gardemann, President of Omaha Men; and Miss Joyce Stuart, Ms. Nebraska Leather. Miss Stuart addressed the audience and

reminded them of the Mr. and Ms. Leather Nebraska Contest scheduled for February. She specifically challenged women to be more involved and to consider competing for the Ms. Leather Nebraska title.

A reception for all the candidates was held at the Diamond Bar following the pageant.

GLSA RECEIVES GRANT

The Gay/Lesbian Student Association (GLSA) meeting in the Gay/Lesbian Resource Center on the University of Nebraska at Lincoln campus, received a \$5470 grant from the Chicago Resource Center, the second such grant received.

The grant covered three areas: a part-time staff person responsible for weekly office hours, completing correspondence, and updating library and resource materials; continued expansion of the Resource Center purchase of books, audio/video cassettes, and subscriptions; and meeting general operating costs of the Resource Center.

GLSA meets at 8pm on Thursdays in the Resource Center during fall and spring semesters. Collective business meetings are the first and third Thursdays at 7pm. Persons of all orientations are always welcome. Anyone wishing to take advantage of the Resource Center may call (402) 472-5644, or stop by the office in room 342 of the Nebraska Union, UNL Campus, 14th & R, Lincoln. Office hours vary week to week, so it is a good idea to call to check when the Resource Center will be open.

LOCAL BOWLERS PLACE HIGH IN REGION TOURNEYS

Daryl Karlsson, bowling with 3 teammates from Houston, took 1st place among 40 teams competing in the Texas Invitational Tournament held in Houston last July. Daryl and his doubles partner placed 15th out of 80 pairs competing in the doubles competition in the same tournament.

As reported previously, the team sponsored by Gilligan's Pub took 2nd place out of 55 teams competing in the Show Me St. Louis Classic held Labor Day Weekend. Team members included Elyse Mueller, Rich Parker, Tom Cech, and Daryl Karlsson. Tom Cech and Daryl Karlsson teamed to take 7th in the Doubles competition while Tom Cech took 13th out of 220 bowlers in the singles competition. Tom Cech also placed 8th in the All-events and Rich Parker placed 12th.

Two teams traveled to the Dallas Invitational Columbus Day Tournament (D.I.C.D.T.) held October 11-14. Team #1, included Charley Wade, Kevin G., Scott Rezek, and Bob Andresen. Team #2 featured Tom Cech and Daryl Karlsson along with two teammates from outside Omaha. Results will be published as available.

APOLLO'S CLOSES

It is with regret that we announce the closing of Apollo's Bar on September 27th. Alma wishes to express her thanks to all who supported this new venture. All Apollo's customers can be sure of a warm welcome at the Chesterfield.

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NAP NEWS

Having never been a director of anything before, the past few weeks since I became director of the Nebraska AIDS Project have given me reason to contemplate just what a director does. Watching the recent BLUE BARN Theatre production of "The Syndrome" gave me some insight. The plays were done well with effective lighting, simple staging, and solid performances by the actors. The percussionist provided background rhythm, the state manager did her job, but the director was unnoticed. Anyone involved in theatre knows the work that goes into a play and the director surely has any integral role, but he or she can't do it alone.

I come to be part of the Nebraska AIDS Project with that same thought in mind. I can't do it alone. Fortunately, even in the short time I have been here, I realize I don't have to. There are many individuals in the community who have been long time supporters of NAP, providing volunteer service to our clients, education in the community, and financial contributions to continue and expand our case management program.

The reality is that in an agency like NAP, the director is not the most important part and neither is the staff. The people we serve must be the center of attention and their numbers are great. They include not only people who are living with AIDS or those who are at risk, but also those who consider themselves risk-free who need education.

Clearly there is work to be done as the number with AIDS increases. NAP will continue its

tradition of providing service and education in Nebraska and western Iowa, but only with the continued support of people who care.

—Gary W. George
Executive Director

In the past several months, NAP has been fortunate to have several fundraising events sponsored by various entities. Many thanks go out to Bob Power and all the participants of the SHOVE '91 volleyball tournament which raised a considerable amount for the NAP Emergency Assistance Fund.

This year NAP was represented at the Nebraska State Fair with a booth staffed by many of our volunteers. We were able to find new volunteers and further educate Nebraskans. Substantial donations were received as well. A special thanks to you who stopped by while attending the fair.

The Omaha Meatpackers hit The Max stage during Labor Day weekend for their 25th anniversary with a show to raise funds for ICON-PWA Emergency Assistance Fund. Special guest was Penny Sexton, locally known PWA, who voiced appreciation for the generous support of this highly needed fund.

MCC hosted an ice cream social on Sunday, September 1. The Imperial Court of Nebraska sponsored a Labor Day picnic. Both of these events raised funds to go toward NAP's general operation fund. Our thanks go out to MCC, all ICON officers, volunteers, and picnic attendees for your continued support.

NAP Case Management Census Sept., '91	
Open Cases as of 9/1/91	146
New Cases	15
Clients Deceased	1
Cases Moved From State	2
Open Cases as of 9/30/91	158

Client Services provided in Sept., '91	
Advocacy	189
Transportation, bus tickets	131
Shopping, cooking, sitting, etc.	121

If you know someone who is HIV+ or has AIDS, feel free to refer them to NAP. If you

METRO LIGHT AND SOUND?

We kept hearing these stories that Metro Light and Sound is now a "Gay Bar". Well, guess what! It's a fact. Folks who have visited there tell us that the dance floor is large and attractive. The music's great. The light and sound are worth bragging about. So check it out when you're making the rounds of downtown, along with the other six gay/lesbian bars remaining in Omaha.

**THE STAFF OF THE NEW VOICE
WISH YOU AND YOURS A VERY
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
WE'RE THANKFUL FOR YOU
AND YOUR SUPPORT!!**

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Businesses That Make Sense With Our Community
.... And Our Dollars!

The Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE) and *The New Voice of Nebraska* feel that it is important to know businesses who deal fairly with lesbians and gay people, both as employees and customers. Businesses that respond, as well as those who do not, are speaking loudly and clearly to you!

The Questions

1. Do you welcome lesbians and gay people as customers?
2. Would you hire a person, who was qualified, if you knew she/he were lesbian or gay?
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LOCAL NEWS

GILLIGAN'S #1 AND #2 LEAD RIVER CITY BOWLING

After four weeks of bowling, Gilligan's #1 and #2 placed in just that order out of the 20 teams making up this year's River City Mixed Bowling League, bowling this year at Sky Lanes in the Center Mall.

Dan C. lead Gilligan's #1 to victory as he took the men's high scratch game and series during the fourth week of competition with a 246 game and a 676 series, edging out Budda who had high scratch game up to that point with a 240, and Dan W. who had a 236. Gilligan's #1 holds high handicap team game for the year with an 807 and high handicap team series with a 2279.

Marcia K., bowling for the 19th placed team, Constantly Inconsistent, lived up to her team's name as she took women's high scratch game for the year with a 215 and women's high scratch series for the week with a 484, 115 pins over her usual average of 136. In doing so she edged out teammate Marie P. who had high scratch game to that point of 192. Women's high scratch series for the year is held by Elyse M. with a 495 series.

Standings as of the fourth week of bowling:

	Won	Tied	Lost
1. Gilligan's #2	20	8	
2. Gilligan's #1	20	8	
3. D.C.'s	19	9	
4. D.I.D.I.T.'s	19	9	
5. Real Men	18	10	
6. Metro Mixers	18	10	
7. Running Rebels	17	11	
8. "Y" Knot D.C.'s	15	12.5	
9. 6 Balls & An Old Bag	14	14	
10. 3 Men & A Little Lady	14	14	
11. Diamond D.I.'s	14	14	
12. The Max	14	14	
13. 3+1	12	16	
14. Ex Lover	12	16	
15. D.C.'s Tool	11	17	
16. Ernie's Book Store	10	18	
17. Centerfolds	10	18	
18. The Golden Girls	8.5	19.5	
19. Constantly Inconsistent	6	22	
20. Yosemite's Sam's	4	24	

Bowling is at 3pm every Sunday at the Sky Lanes, located in the Center Mall, 42nd and Center, Omaha. Substitute bowlers are still needed and spectators are welcome. Come along and cheer for your favorite team.

CHORUS NOTES

By Stan Brown

The River City Mixed Chorus will be very busy the next few months with appearances in the community and rehearsing for our upcoming concert. We will be performing at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian (our rehearsal location), ICON's "Toys for Tots" Show at the Max, and our annual caroling at the bars in December. For specific dates and times check the December *New Voice*.

Our winter concert will be January 25, 7:05pm, at UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center. After the positive response we received from our audience surveys at our winter concert last February, we decided to keep our concert after the holidays, so please mark your calendar and spend a winter evening with the Chorus as we perform a variety of music from classical to contemporary plus some of your favorites. To add your name to our mailing list for ticket information, please write P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103—0267 or call Toni at 558-9900.

Congratulations go to one of our new members, Joel, Amanda Fox, who was crowned Miss Gay Omaha on September 29 at the Max. Look for individual members of the Chorus performing in A.N.G.L.E.'s Benefit Show at the Max on Sunday, November 3, at 9:30pm.

Finally, another Halloween has come and gone when all the ghosts and ghouls in the Chorus had a chance to sing out. The River City Mixed Chorus had our annual Halloween party and costume contest on October 28. We always enjoy a chance to show our creativity with new costumes and share special Halloween treats with each other. The primary purpose of the Chorus is musical excellence in performance, but we enjoy coming together socially as lesbians, gay men, and sensitive others.

CHESTERFIELD NINTH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

You're invited to join Alma and ChuChi as the Chesterfield celebrates its ninth anniversary on Saturday, November 2. There will be food and beer from 6-8pm. After that, it's dancing and laughter and good times with good friends. The Chesterfield is the oldest (and perhaps the only) women's bar in the state. The competition among bars is tough and only the good survive. That's why the Chesterfield is so proud to celebrate nine years of serving customers and friends.

RELIGION IN THE NEWS

By RJ

So! How are things going with the Gay / Lesbian Religious Groups in Omaha? There was no meeting of Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns in September and there is no regular meeting scheduled for November. We will meet on the second Saturday of December, so come along! September's meeting of Affirmation met at Alan's home. Since we had just had one of its shining lights turn out, we just visited among friends and shared memories of Robbie.

The synagogue in Council Bluffs is going great. I was invited to Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year and one of the high holidays. I had a chance to hear their new Rabbi speak. Rabbi Sherry Shulewitz is really a good speaker. I was also invited to Kol Nidre, and was honored with an aliyah in appreciation and recognition of my involvement with B'nai Israel Synagogue.

I was able to make at least one excursion to the synagogue to take in a Hebrew language class. I've taken Czech classes, but this is a lot different. I would have to learn a whole new alphabet. Modern Hebrew uses dots for the vowel sounds. Old Hebrew only used consonants. There is only one person who can read old Hebrew in the Torah at the synagogue. He is 96 and with his passing will also go the knowledge to read directly from the Torah instead of from a separate book.

In my journey of faith, I am learning much from B'nai Israel Synagogue in Council Bluffs. Many thanks to Russ for getting me started there.

Stay tuned for next month's news on the gay/lesbian religious groups in Omaha. You might even consider joining one or all. You would be welcome and they sure could use your presence.

METRO CLUB

Members of the Metro Club met in Elmwood Park on September 29 to play softball and enjoy visiting with friends. In November, members will get together to brainstorm for events for the upcoming year and to finalize plans for Metro Club's annual Holiday Party.

If you are a person who would enjoy becoming part of a social group for men and women with an emphasis on networking in a non-bar environment, please write to: Metro Club, P.O. Box 31331, Omaha, NE 68131.

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LOCAL NEWS

TAKE IT TO THE MAX!!

By Gloria Ravelle

Cold weather is fast approaching and there's only one place in the Midwest that is hot enough to keep you warm and it's right here in Omaha. It's THE MAX. Slush's Saloon is now open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If you feel like a little country, it's the only place to go. Lisa and Rick are teaching Omaha to Two-Step. Come on down and give it a try. Dance lessons begin at 10pm on Fridays and at 7:30pm on Sundays.

Ever wonder what happened to the Village People, Alicia Bridges, or Gloria Gaynor? They're alive and well and you'll find them every Thursday at THE MAX when we give you Trash Disco.

A.N.G.L.E. has done a great deal for the community since it began a few years ago. Now it's time for the community to help them out. Sunday, November 3, THE MAX will host a benefit for A.N.G.L.E. Stan Brown of the River City Mixed Chorus has put together a terrific show so don't miss it.

They're HOT. They're Hunks. They're Back! First Class Male Revue returns to THE MAX on Sunday, November 10. Cliff Taylor, one of my personal favorites, will be returning. Cliff was recently featured in *Playgirl* and *Advocate Men* Magazines. All six men are easy on the eyes so warm up on a cold November night and come check these men out.

Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A., Phoebe Tate, will step down on Thursday, November 14. Phoebe had a great year representing Nebraska.

Phoebe's show will feature the best in Midwest entertainment. What's next for Phoebe? Who knows, but whatever it is she'll give it her best.

Hypnotist Mike Lamp returns on Sunday, November 17. If you've missed this show before, don't miss it again. Mike is quite a showman. Anyone who can make Ruby do crazy things on stage is all right with me. This time I'll stay in my seat when Ruby looks at everyone's mask.

The Monarchs of the 11th Reign of the Imperial Court of Nebraska present the annual FOOD FOR THOUGHT benefit show on Sunday, November 24 at 9:30pm. Mae, Gerald, and Tami have very dedicated Royal Family members who will present one of ICONS' finest shows. It's all for a great cause, so come help those who can't help themselves.

On Thanksgiving Day don't dare overeat. Save some room because you'll want to dance all night at THE MAX. Thanksgiving night party with us and TRASH DISCO. Ed Murray brings back all the good times with classic disco music.

There you have it. Everything to make this November the best ever. There are lots of imitations, but there's only one original. THE MAX.

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AMANDA FOXF IS MISS GAY OMAHA

Amanda Foxf demonstrated exceptional poise and talent to capture the title of Miss Gay Omaha at the MAX on September 29. Her portrayal of Cher during the talent competition and her excellent stage presence charmed the judges, who included Mae, Empress XI of the Imperial Court of Nebraska; Miss Dorian Drake, Miss Max VII; and Lauren White, Official Miss Gay Iowa and first runner-up to Miss Gay Iowa USA.

First Runner-Up was Kimber Leigh, whose talent took the audience to Kimber's Cafe and another demonstration of how well she can jigger in spike heels. Second runner-up, Sammi Bennett, gave a brilliant performance as *The Little Mermaid* in the talent competition. The title was completed by Beverly Taylor who performed as Chiquita Banana for her talent presentation.

The set was exceptional even for the high standards of the MAX. The emcee for the evening was the outgoing Miss Gay Omaha, Miss Jennifer Jett, who is a candidate in the 25th annual Miss Gay America Pageant in Dallas, Texas.

IMPERIAL COURT NEWS

by Carla

Don't forget those grant requests for 1992. They are due by December 1. If you have questions regarding the requests, call Carla at 356-9907. Send your requests to I.C.O.N., P.O. Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68103.

One of our biggest funders of the year will be coming your way on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 10 p.m. at THE MAX—Food for Thought. Proceeds from this year's show will be split between Thanksgiving Food Baskets for PWAs and the Food Pantry at Metropolitan Community Church. We hope all of you will show your support and attend. The Monarchs have promised us an evening of delightful entertainment.

Coming up December 22 will be our Toys for Tots Show. Mark your calendar now!

General meetings of the Imperial Court of Nebraska are open to the public; we invite you to join us the first Monday of each month in Slush's Saloon at 6:30 p.m. at THE MAX. November's meeting is Nov. 4, and we hope to be finalizing some plans for Coronation '92 then. That's it for today. Until next month, see you in Court!

MCC-OMAHA NIGHT OUT AT D.C.'S NOVEMBER 8

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will host a Friday Night Out Gathering at D.C.'s Bar on November 8. Members of the congregation will visit D.C.'s around 8pm with homemade sloppy joes for the patrons. The congregation plans more such events in the bars in months to come as a way to say "thank you" to the community for their support. Members and friends of MCC look forward to meeting lots of new friends that evening. Come on down and join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

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LOCAL NEWS

MCC-O NEWS by Carla

A special treat awaits you in November. MCC-O will sponsor a Pancake Feast at The MAX on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 11:30 til 2:30. You can get all the pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs you can eat for \$4. Proceeds go to the Building Fund. We hope you will join us and support this fund raising effort.

October marked the beginning for several special projects. Late in October, Rev. Howard began an Adult Christian Education Class on Monday evenings, discussing *The Kingdom Within*. If you are interested in joining the discussion, call the church at 345-2563. MCC musicians gathered to begin working on special music for the upcoming Christmas services. The Deacons began conducting the Evening Worship Services as the congregation began assuming some of the duties they'll have to perform once Rev. Howard leaves the full time ministry on Dec. 31. Letters went out to all UPMCC Clergy from our Pastoral Search Committee who are seeking candidates to apply to fill our pulpit.

Throughout October, negotiations continued between the church and the congregation at Grace Apostolic Church for the purchase of a church building just south of 22 and Leavenworth. A Congregational Meeting will be held on Nov. 3 to vote on the offer for the building. All friends and members of MCC-O are urged to attend. By the time you read this, much may have changed. The editor promised that she would make sure that late breaking news would be reported in *The New Voice*. (Amazing what influence a certain reporter can have on the editor.)

Earlier in the month, nearly three tons of people gathered for a hayrack ride at Bill and Harry's. What a wonderful time that was: music, laughter, hiding in the corn rows, sliding down the terraces to our very own port-potte, bouncing through the field, good fellowship and, of course, good food! Bill and Harry donated all the goodies, but donations of \$160 were collected and contributed to the Building Fund, which now stands at nearly \$16,000.

Neither the dark of a chilly early morning nor the sleet of mid-afternoon could stop our annual Fall Yard Sale. Braving the elements was a constant battle for those who staffed the Sale. They, too, believe they dealt with tons of stuff. This year's Yard Sale was a fund raiser for the Mid-Central District to help in the formation of a Clergy Commission. The sale netted \$280 of the \$300 pledged. The remainder of the pledge was earned by a table staffed by Pat, our lay delegate, at the Radial Street Flea Market. Thanks to all of you in the community who contributed goodies or who stopped by to browse and buy!

EXCEL of the Midlands, an exercise in Christian Living, brought together about 40 participants for a weekend of fellowship, fun, sharing, and growth. What a weekend it was! We had timed the event perfectly—the fall foliage at Camp Kitaki provided a colorful setting for praising God. Reds, yellows, oranges, polds—all shades surrounded us as we gathered to sing and study.

MCC-O worship services are each Sunday at 10:20 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to join us for worship at 420 S. 24 St. See you in church!

WORKING TO END DISCRIMINATION

Citizens for Equal Protection met Thursday, October 3, with a law student who is working with State Senator Brad Ashford in preparing a legislative bill to be presented at the First Session of the state Unicameral. The bill is an attempt to address civil rights discrimination in the state of Nebraska, including age, color, disability, family status, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, and sexual orientation, and will provide for full and equal enjoyment of any place of public accommodation and full and equal opportunity in housing, employment, and education.

To help us establish the need for this type of legislation in Nebraska, we continue to gather information on specific discrimination situations in all of these areas, but specifically sexual orientation. All names will be kept confidential unless specific permission is given otherwise. To share your experiences with discrimination, call:

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Leave your first name and a phone number where you can be reached and someone will return your call. Or, if you prefer, write to:

Citizens for Equal Protection, P.O. Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103

GRAND ISLAND/KEARNEY NEWS

GRAND ISLAND MAN MURDERED IN OMAHA. SUSPECT ARRESTED.

by Bob Geer

According to a report in *The Grand Island Daily Independent*, Omaha police hope to have in their custody a man suspected of murdering and robbing a 56 year old Grand Island man. Kansas City police arrested Thomas E. Gruidel, Jr., age 28 of Omaha, October 10, according to Omaha police Lt. Tony Mohatt. Gruidel is prime suspect in the slaying of Claris G. (Andy) Anderson of Grand Island, who was found dead October 9 at a downtown Omaha apartment.

Investigators believe the killer robbed Anderson and took his car, a black 1988 Cadillac. Gruidel was apprehended while driving the victim's car. Gruidel became a suspect after police talked with neighbors and acquaintances of Anderson. "It is possible he did know the victim, or that they had met before the murder," said Omaha police sergeant Pat Kuhl.

Anderson, a long time Grand Island resident, worked with the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha during the week and lived in Grand Island on the weekends. Anderson had been employed in the UPRR payroll department as general clerk and timekeeper for 37 years.

Funeral services were Saturday, October 12, at the Trinity United Methodist church in Grand Island. Andy will be well missed by all Grand Island residents. He is survived by parents, Bernard and Beulah Anderson of Arcadia, NE., one son,

Harry Veedor, of Omaha, two granddaughters, two nieces, one nephew, and a brother, Richard Anderson, also of Arcadia. Burial was at the Grand Island City Cemetery.

EMPTY CLOSET 1 + 1 PARTY

The Empty Closet "1 Plus 1" Party will be Saturday, December 7th, at the Activities Center Building in Harmon Park in Kearney. This date represents one year and one day since the Empty Closet began offering programs for all gays and lesbians and those who are supportive. Author/Lecturer, Advocate Beverly A. Barbo, author of *The Walking Wounded* which chronicles her struggle to understand and support her son, who died of AIDS, during the last days of his life, will speak on "The Celebration of Diversity".

The evening's program is as follows:

Social time	7:00 p.m.
Dinner	7:30 p.m.
Beverly Barbo	8:00 p.m.
Dance/Social	9:00 p.m.—Midnight

Advance registration is required; seating is limited to 100 people. Tickets are available through the Empty Closet at (308) 234-6500. (Tickets for the total package (dinner and dance) are \$9.00 (dance only, \$3.50). Besides being a celebration, this event will help fund Empty Closet activities for a second year.

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LOCAL NEWS

EMPTY CLOSET NEWS NEEDS EDITOR

IN THE BEGINNING....The Empty Closet Newsletter was to go out every once in a while to let people know what was happening in the tri-city area. It worked out for several months that targeting the first of the month for delivery time was a good way to go. With the growth of the group and time constraints on the current editor, it seems it would be best to share the responsibilities with others. If the newsletter is to continue to be put out once a month someone will have to be willing to make sure it gets done. This would require a person that has some time, energy, and talent.

The only other option would be to go back to the plan of putting a newsletter out when we can OR to encourage people to get *The New Voice* of Nebraska magazine. *The New Voice* already runs many of the stories we print in the E.C. Newsletter and they have the talent and resources to keep it a monthly listing. This means each month you would not only find out what the Empty Closet was up to but also be able to see what is going on across the state and world and, hopefully, those that are really interested in the gay and lesbian community are picking up *The New Voice* anyway. SOOO...it's up to you!

Please let us know what you would be willing to do. Don't procrastinate. If you will take the E.C. Newsletter Ed. job for a minimum of 3 months, then contact us at (308)234-6500. THANKS!!

NCOD AD APPEARS IN OMAHA WORLD HERALD

Thanks to the generosity of the Gay and Lesbian community, A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) was able to put the first Gay/Lesbian display ad in the Omaha World Herald as a way to recognize National Coming Out Day, October 11.

The advertisement, which is shown at the right, appeared in both the morning and evening editions of the World Herald. The ad is 10 column inches (two columns wide and 5 inches long) and cost \$390. A.N.G.L.E. was sent to organizations, businesses, and individuals to collect the money for the ad entirely through contributions. Special thanks go to Apollo's, The Chesterfield, The Diamond, D.C.'s, Gilligan's Pub, The MAX, the Run, Metropolitan Community Church, *The New Voice*, P-FLAG/Omaha Chapter, and the River City Mixed Chorus, and the River City Bowling League for donations and for allowing A.N.G.L.E. members to solicit donations.

Members of A.N.G.L.E. hope to celebrate National Coming Out Day in even bigger and better ways in the future. Some have suggested a full page display ad in the *World Herald* but that would cost \$3000. Do you feel this would be an appropriate goal for A.N.G.L.E. for 1991? If so, let them know. Or if you have other ideas for how to celebrate National Coming Out Day in 1992, please give the folks at A.N.G.L.E. a call on the Gay/Lesbian Information Line at 558-5303.

WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE BENEFIT SHOWS FOR ANGLE ON NOVEMBER 3 AT THE MAX AND NOVEMBER 10 AT THE DIAMOND. CHECK THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR DETAILS.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our hats are off to Tom G. for the excellent work that he has done with *The Empty Closet* and with the newsletter. We also want to say "Thanks!!" for his support of *The New Voice*.

Of course, we're perfectly happy to have you all keep on reading *The New Voice*, but the only way you will continue to be able to read about what's happening in Kearney, Grand Island, and Hastings is if you let us know. Whether or not you want to edit the E.C. Newsletter, if you know of something going on that you want listed in *The New Voice*, just let us know about it by the 10th of the month preceding publication and we'll list it in the calendar and include an article about it.

We're also looking for stories about things that have already happened. Writing up an event is a good way to be sure that people will attend the next event so they won't miss all the fun.

**CHECK
THE COMMUNITY
CALENDAR
ON PAGE 23 TO SEE
WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN NOVEMBER!**

AFFAIRS TO RELOCATE

Affairs Bar, 386 N. Walnut, Grand Island hosted a Halloween Drag Show and Costume Party October 26. Tuffy and Chris entertained as well as Eric Kyle who bared all. Eric was Mr. Affairs and the bar's entry for Mr. Gay Nebraska. Prizes were awarded for best costume, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Bob T. the bar owner said that after October 31, the bar temporarily closed to relocate. A new location has not yet been announced as negotiations are underway. Bob said the bar has lost its lease but also said that Affairs will not be defeated and that all can plan a new Affairs soon.

NAMES PROJECT QUILT TO BE DISPLAYED IN REGION

Portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed in Ames, Iowa, on November 15 and 16, at the Memorial Union on Iowa State Campus. Funds are needed to defray costs of transporting the Quilt. To make a donation or volunteer to help, call the AIDS Coalition of Ames, Iowa (515)232-6590. Please note correct ed area code.

The Quilt will travel to Wichita, Kansas, to the Century II Exhibition Hall November 30 through December 2. Donations will be sent to: Commitment to Care, 317 W. 11 St., Wichita, KS 67203. For information or to volunteer, call (316) 264-2437, (316) 265-9468, or 1-800-829-8971.

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REGIONAL NEWS

OVER FORTY GROUP FOR MEN FORMS IN DES MOINES

A new support group is forming in Des Moines. This support group specifically targets gay and bisexual men over the age of 40.

For more information call the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center of Des Moines at (515) 280-3203.

LESBIAN COUPLE MAKES HISTORY

Two women who spoke at the All-Iowa Lesbian/Gay Rights Assembly have also made history.

Pat Cain and Jean Love, both on faculty of the University of Iowa as professors in the College of Law, were hired as an openly lesbian couple, believed to be a first in the U.S.

The pair, who have been together for over seven years, have been seeking positions that long where they could teach as a couple at a college.

Love, a Wisconsin native, previously taught at the University of California. Davis for 19 years. Cain, 46 from Georgia, came to Iowa after 17 years teaching at the University of Texas School of Law.

Love and Cain were hired as a couple to fill two openings in the University of Iowa faculty.

Dean of the Law College, William Hines, said of the two women that they are pioneers among women teaching law.

NO LAVENDER IN SW BELL YELLOW PAGES

KANSAS CITY—If someone who had never heard of the Human Rights Project was searching for an organization which deals with lesbian and gay rights issues, where should they look in the Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages? Under the heading "Gay and Lesbian Organizations" you say? **BZZZZZ**—dial again!

HRP obtained a business phone line which entitles them to a business listing in the Yellow Pages. When they requested their listing appear under the heading "Gay and Lesbian Organizations" they were informed there could be no such heading because "gay" and "lesbian" are "sensitive" words which can't be printed as headings. The only other word on the list is "homosexual."

Businesses can, however, opt to purchase an additional line in their personal listing which can state: "We welcome/cater to gay/homosexual/lesbian clientele." Apparently the words lose some of their sensitivity when clients purchase their use. In testimony before the Mayor's Commission, David Weeda mentioned headings which are in use that may be considered "sensitive" by some. For example, the very first listing is "Abortion Alternatives."

HRP has been informed that gay and lesbian groups in New York successfully sued NYNEX for the right to have a category for gay and lesbian organizations and businesses. Although it is too late to add such a heading to the upcoming SW

Bell publication, HRP intends to pursue this issue and hope that next year's book will offer such a heading. Until then, look for us in the business section of the white pages under "H" (for hellraisers?).

US WEST YELLOW PAGES ARE LAVENDER

Unlike our neighbors in Kansas City, A.N.G.L.E. was able to list the Gay/Lesbian Information Line in the Yellow Pages of the US West Directory under the heading "Gay and Lesbian Organizations". There was a brief period when the request was being "processed" last February that it was unclear if the heading would be allowed or not, but approval was given and the listing appears on page 454 of the US West Directory.

It was never stated that the fact that Omaha has an active chapter of Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians of US West (EAGLE) had anything to do with the listing being approved, but it seems quite likely. Thanks and a big Salute to our friends in EAGLE. Next time you send your phone bill in to US West, you might just put a note on it thanking them for their support of diversity through EAGLE and through the Yellow Page listing for ANGLE's Information Line.

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REGIONAL NEWS

SEXUALITY DEBATE STIRRED

An Iowa native nominated for top post of the fairly liberal Christian Church could be voted down because of his views on homosexuality.

Theologian Michael Kinnamon, deal of Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Ky., has publicly urged accepting homosexuals in the pews and pulpits of the 1.1 million-member denomination also known as Disciples of Christ.

Kinnamon, who was born in Ottumwa and raised in Bloomfield and Oskaloosa, help fuel protests over his nomination as the church's general minister and president by announcing that he and his wife are members of GLAD, or Gay, Lesbian and Affirming Disciples. His confirmation is threatened by an opposition movement that says his accepting attitude toward homosexual counters teaching in the Bible.

Kinnamon argues that the predominant stream in the Disciples of Christ movement, including its founders some 150 years ago, believes the Bible should be interpreted in light of the culture rather than taking every word literally.

"If we were to take the Bible literally as a guide to the moral life, then we would, among other things, view adultery as a capital offense, forgive all debts every seventh year, and regard slavery as an acceptable practice."

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KC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FORMED

KANSAS CITY—After seven weeks of hammering out details, Human Rights Project volunteer Tim Van Zandt presented a proposal for a political action committee (PAC) which would work on behalf of HRP. The formation of HRPAC was approved at the September 11 board meeting. In addition to conducting future candidate screenings and endorsements they will be able to offer contributions to political campaigns through HRPAC, which will be governed by a separate five member Board of Directors and conduct its fund raising separate from that of HRP. Zandt and Rich Kowalewski have already been named to the Board. HRP is now soliciting nominees for the remaining three positions.

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MCC-SIOUX CITY

Easter Sunday, 1991, marked the first church service held at Metropolitan Community Church of Sioux City. A group of Sioux City Christians had come together and decided that they needed a place where they could worship freely, no matter what their sexual orientation. In order to do this, they needed a church. MCC-Omaha was able to provide some assistance during the early days, but at a congregational meeting held September 29, the congregation voted on its first budget and took one more step on the road to becoming a member church in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

MCC-Sioux City meets in the Unitarian Church on Jackson Street. Worship services are Sunday evening at 7pm and normally about 35 people attend these services. Brian Hanlon, the pastor of MCC-Sioux City, is enthused about the church and the strong commitment shown by the members and friends. If you live in the Sioux City area or are within commuting distance, you might want to give MCC a try.

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REGIONAL NEWS

ALL IOWA LESBIAN/GAY RIGHTS ASSEMBLY DRAWS 200 PEOPLE

Dave Hays, writing for *Access Line*, Waterloo, Iowa's newsletter for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and friends, reported that Iowa City hosted the first annual All Iowa Lesbian/Gay Rights Assembly August 30-31. The Assembly attracted 200 people from all across Iowa, from all size cities, and from all segments of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and heterosexual communities.

The assembly began with a Friday night banquet featuring black lesbian feminist, Angela Bowen, who spoke about homophobia with much emphasis on internalized homophobia and the need to protect our relationships.

Saturday morning's Assembly featured addresses by professors Pat Cain, Angela Gilmore, and Jean Love of the College of Law at the University of Iowa who addressed various aspects of discrimination and the need for legal protection. Susanne Watson, a Deacon of the Episcopal Church of Iowa, spoke on discrimination in the church. The morning sessions closed with a mystical chant by Iowa City artist and poet, Don Engstrom, who invited participants to call up the spirits of the departed members of our community.

Legislative issues were a prime focus of the afternoon sessions which included presentations by Susan Buckley of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Iowa State Senator Jean Lloyd-Jones, originator and co-sponsor of the current proposal to expand Iowa's civil rights code to include gays, lesbians and bisexuals, and Michael Current, Iowa's first paid lobbyist for gay and AIDS issues.

Over 20 caucuses were formed to focus on specialized concerns and to develop group statements to be submitted to Iowa legislators. The Assembly closed with a circle of Unity and an evening of dancing and general celebration.

GAY COALITION OF DES MOINES REORGANIZES

The Gay Coalition of Des Moines, formerly a general gay men's group, has set its focus on social events. GCDM gatherings will continue to take place at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of each month at the American Friends Meeting House, 4211 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. For information about the group, write: PO Box 851, Des Moines, IA 50301, or call (515) 279-2110. GCDM (originally known as the Gay Coalition of Iowa) was founded in 1977 by activists protesting Anita Bryant's visit to Des Moines. In the 1980's, the GCDM (which sometimes included "Lesbian" in its name) was one of the most active lesbian/gay groups in Iowa. But membership and support for GCDM declined in the past few years, after the founding of the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center and the rise of numerous special interest groups. GCDM members met to determine the future of the Coalition and decided there was no need for it to continue in its previous form, but that it could be transformed into a social group.

KANSAS CITY BLOCK PARTY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The second annual Kansas City Block Party for Human Rights was held on Thursday, Oct. 17, in the Midtown neighborhood of 39th and Main Streets.

A shopping spree from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. was followed by a concert by folksinger Fred Small at Metropolitan Community Church.

The event was a fund raiser for the Human Rights Project (HRP), a local not-for-profit organization formed two years ago to lobby elected officials and educate the public on issues concerning lesbian/gay civil rights.

Several merchants in the area took part in the Block Party by offering special programs and incentives to shoppers, and contributing a minimum of 10% of their sales to HRP.

A variety of street performers roamed the area, including comedy juggler Brian Wendling and the Phoenix Jewell College Caledonian Pipe Band. Phoenix Books presented an intimate coffeehouse setting for prose and poetry readings, as well as voter registration.

The Condom Crusaders based themselves at Larry's Gifts & Cards to distribute safer sex information and accoutrements.

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A PERSONAL STORY

By Claudia Brenner

stand how badly hurt Rebecca was. If the situation could get worse, it came with the realization that I had to go for help alone. I covered Rebecca, gave her all the first aid I could think of, and started out for help. Before I left, Rebecca was unconscious. We never had a chance to say good-bye.

"During the legal proceedings that followed, it became clear that Carr had attacked us because we were lesbians. Carr's lawyer even implied - - during the trial and the appeal - - that Rebecca and I had provoked the attack."

On May 13, 1988, my lover, Rebecca, was murdered. I survived, with five bullet wounds. At the trial of the attacker, it was proven that we were attacked because of who we were — two lesbians, two women living our lives and our love for each other. There is no way to lessen the horror of that moment.

On May 13, Rebecca and I were hiking on the Appalachian trail in Adams County, Pennsylvania. It was a beautiful and warm spring day. At our campsite that morning, Rebecca was stopped by a man who asked her for a cigarette. He hadn't been there when we arrived at the site the previous evening, and must have arrived very late at night.

Later that day, we broke camp and continued our hike. As we checked a map at fork in the trail, we were surprised to see the same man walking behind us. He had a rifle. He asked us if we were lost. We said no, and turned left, onto a side trail. He continued along the main trail. The encounter made both Rebecca and me uneasy. We kept looking behind us to see if the man was following us, but we never saw him again.

Late that afternoon, Rebecca and I stopped

and made camp near a stream. It was a secluded spot, some distance from the trail. We ate, made love, and rested.

Suddenly, there were gunshots. The shots were so sudden, so loud, so violent, so world-changing that at first I didn't even realize that they were gunshots and that we were the targets — except there was so much blood.

Because I was between the attacker and Rebecca, I was hit first. I was shot in the upper arm, twice in the neck, in the head and face. Rebecca told me to run behind a nearby tree. As she followed me, Rebecca was shot in the head and back.

The shooting finally stopped. We were both behind a large tree. In my frantic shock and fear, I didn't understand how badly hurt we were. But Rebecca had the presence of mind to tell me what to do. She told me to stop the bleeding. I believe she saved my life. My only thought was to get us out of there and get help. I brought Rebecca her sneakers, but she couldn't see them. She was losing her vision. I tried to lift her, but she kept slumping to the ground.

Someplace deep within me, I began to under-

Soaked in blood, I walked on the rugged trail about two miles to a forest road. I was completely terrified that whoever had attacked us might be following and attack again. I walked on the road another two miles before I finally saw a car, and the driver rushed me to the police in nearby Shippensburg. All I could think about was Rebecca. The State Police immediately began a search for her.

That evening, I was airlifted to the Hershey



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Rebecca & Claudia

Medical Center trauma unit. I had emergency surgery that night. The next day I learned that the police had found Rebecca's body. She died from the bullet wound that hit her back and exploded in her liver. But my ordeal did not end with the horror of Rebecca's death.

The State Police caught the man who murdered Rebecca — the same man who had followed us on the trail — Stephen Roy Carr. We now know that Stephen Roy Carr stalked us, hid eighty-five feet away in the woods while we made camp, shot to kill, and left us for dead.

The implication that Rebecca and I had "teased" Carr with our sexuality, and that we

were responsible for this man stalking us, spying on us, and shooting to kill us was not only outrageous, it was disgusting. Fortunately, the trial judge refused to allow this line of argument. On October 27, 1988, Stephen Roy Carr was convicted of first degree murder and later sentenced to life in prison without parole.

I survived the attack, but in the months that followed I was consumed with grief and fear. My world centered on the knowledge that Rebecca was dead and that somehow I was alive.

I had always known that the world was not a safe place for lesbians, but somehow, I believed that

nothing this terrible would ever happen to me. I believed that all I needed to do was not to look like a stereotypical lesbian and be discreet about my expressions of affection to other women. That security was shattered with the bullets.

Family, friends, and neighbors rallied to my side, and their support helped me to recover both physically and emotionally. One immediate source of support was the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force — and Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project.

Just a few days after the attack, a friend contacted Kevin. Kevin quickly became a trusted advisor, helping me prepare for the legal proceedings, counseling me and my friends, and

helping me deal with the media. Always, Kevin counseled me to take care of myself, and to trust my own instincts. Kevin helped me comprehend the larger societal context of the attack. And Kevin and the Task Force and I have told my story in interviews with the media, on TV, at press conferences, to members of Congress and their staff, and to community groups.

I am writing this article because I want to strengthen the gay and lesbian organization that came to my help when I needed it most. I am writing to recruit your help for the NGLTF in their effort to challenge and end the violence lesbians and gay men face every day. I have told you what happened to Rebecca and me in the hope that we can work to ensure that it never happens again.

I still feel incredibly sad -- sad that Rebecca is dead -- sad that we were living our lives honestly, innocently, fully -- and that someone hated us so much that he wanted us dead. In the midst of my grieving, it is important to me to be a part of an organization like NGLTF that is working to end hatred and the violence it spawns.

Please join with me in supporting the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. Please make a contribution. Be as generous as you can -- there is so much work to do.

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DEALING WITH VIOLENCE

A Guide For Gay & Lesbian People
 Edited by T. Sweeney

Part two of this series is Self-Defense. If you are a victim of a hate crime or a witness to a hate crime, please contact Homosexuals Against Hate Crimes (HAHC) through the ANGLE information line at 558-5303.

"I was walking down my street arm in arm with my lover. We passed a group of young people who began calling us names. My immediate response was embarrassment and fear. I looked away, broke into a cold sweat, and kept on walking. When I got home I felt angry, more at myself than at my harassers. I realized that I was not afraid of their yelling but I felt that if I tried to stop them in any way they would have attacked me. I had no idea how to defend myself. I wanted to learn but didn't know a place to go where I would be accepted."

We would not go into deep water without knowing how to stay afloat, or get behind the wheel of a car without knowing how to drive. Yet daily, we negotiate our environment without knowing basic crime avoidance and self-protection skills.

Many think self-defense means fighting to the death in a frightening situation, and that crime avoidance means never leaving your house at

night. Why should our choices be limited to risking death or going into hiding? Self-defense is a matter of knowing your options and trusting your instincts. Gay and lesbian people have escaped potential assault by running away, screaming, making a scene, and physically resisting. Your choice of response depends on you and the situation. Our self-defense weapons are with us all the time: our attitude, our words, our hands, our feet, and most importantly, our instincts.

Most crime victims report that before they were attacked they had a "funny feeling" that something was wrong. When most of us feel this gut instinct of danger we talk ourselves out of it. We decide we are being paranoid. We fall back on stereotypes and misconceptions: he looks nice; I know her; this is a safe neighborhood. Animals use their instincts that warn them of danger, and so can we. Once we begin to identify and trust our instincts we can examine our options.

"While picking up my mail a man tapped on the front door. He said he forgot his keys, could I let him in. Although he was good-looking and well-dressed I just had a feeling that something was up. I told him to buzz the super and I went upstairs. I felt like I was rude, but I didn't feel like taking a chance."

As children, we are taught to be kind, courte-

ous, helpful, polite, and friendly. We are taught that the word "no" is bad. We should never hurt anyone's feelings, make a mistake, or refuse to provide help. Among our greatest fears are embarrassing ourselves or making a scene; these are the very qualities that attackers count on and exploit.

"I was leaving the women's bar when a car pulled up. The driver said he was visiting from out of town and asked me where the gay men's bar was. I really wanted to help him out, but I didn't want to go near the car. I answered in a loud voice and kept on walking. Later on, I heard that a woman was pulled into a car by a man using the same story."

A common con is for the attacker to offer help or ask for help. Helping is your choice. If you decide to offer or accept assistance, keep trusting your instincts and think about ways to maintain your safety. Being confident and assertive is not easy; it is often embarrassing and uncomfortable but it is a crucial deterrent to crime.

Crime avoidance does not have to be a series of "don'ts"; developing safety strategies does not have to mean changing your lifestyle. It means thinking about times you are vulnerable and planning ahead. Be especially alert when you are upset, depressed, tired, or high. These are times most people drop their guard and project vulnerability.

How many of us when hearing footsteps be-

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SOME SELF-DEFENSE TECHNIQUES

*Using Your Voice

Your voice is one of your most powerful self-defense weapons. Yelling can help you overcome fear and panic and can startle an attacker. It is important to yell words or sounds that make you feel powerful: "No!" "Go away!" "Stop it!" Yelling can also bring aid. While screaming "Help!" is often ineffective, yelling "Fire!" usually attracts attention. Yelling out exactly what is going on will often mobilize people who otherwise may not be sure what to do: "This man is kidnapping me! Call the police! I am being mugged!" Yelling does not come naturally to most of us but it is something we can practice and learn.

*Running Away

Running away is another self-defense alternative. In one case, two men were surrounded by a gang wielding baseball bats. One man ran away. The other was badly beaten. Later, he explained "I couldn't run. I had to fight. They were calling me queer. I had to prove I was a man." It is not our responsibility to prove that we can fight. Running away, yelling, and making a scene are not paranoid or cowardly responses to assault.

*Cooperation

In some situations, cooperation is the safest option. When robbery seems to be the only motive, it is important to remember that no money or property is worth the risk of getting hurt. When cooperating, try to remain calm; talk softly, and make no sudden or unexpected movements. Sometimes robberies escalate into

more violent assaults. Stay alert and trust your instincts. If you feel that you are in danger, you can change your strategy.

*Resistance

In many anti-gay assaults, the perpetrators are out to hurt, maim, or kill their victims. Cooperating or negotiating may simply not be an option. Knowing how to physically defend yourself can save your life. Statistics show that immediate, effective resistance in an attack situation usually enables the would-be victim to escape safely.

"I was walking by the park when a man lunged out, grabbed my arm, and started pulling me toward a deserted area. I screamed, kicked him in the knee as hard as I could. He doubled over and I ran away."

*Weapons

Many perpetrators of anti-gay assaults are armed with weapons such as baseball bats, knives, or guns. Desensitizing yourself to these terrifying weapons and learning certain defense techniques can help you surmount what seem to be impossible odds.

"I was walking with my friend when a man jumped out of a car and went to hit her over the head with a tire iron. I leapt in front of her and put my arm to block, like I had learned in my self-defense class. He dropped the tire iron in surprise and ran. My arm really hurt, but I know I saved her life."

We are all surrounded by common objects that can be used as weapons in our own defense. Umbrellas can be used as bayonets, and thrust

into the attacker's face, throat, or stomach. Keys can be carried between fingers clenched into a fist, and can be aimed into the face or throat. A lamp or heavy object can be used to strike someone in the head. A briefcase or shoulder bag can be a shield against a slashing knife. Think about your environment and what you can use to defend yourself if necessary.

*Attitude

Self-defense is common sense, but it requires thought and practice. It requires undoing much of our conditioning and developing positive attitudes about ourselves and our strength.

Close your eyes. Take a deep breath. Imagine yourself in an attack situation. Think of what you would do to escape safely—screaming, running, or fighting. No matter how hopeless or frightening the situation, see yourself winning. The first step to winning is to imagine it.

"I couldn't believe I did it. That night in my self-defense class I broke a board with my fist. As I was walking home, some guys started screaming 'Fervent!' I knew I could hurt them, but I had a choice—and I chose to walk away."

Self-defense is any strategy that enables you to survive. Whether you run, cooperate, fight, or negotiate, if you escape an assault situation alive, you did the right thing; the more options you know, the more your choices in an attack situation.

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hind us in the street refused to turned around and look?" "If I make a real effort to ignore them," they'll disappear." "If I look, I'll provoke them." While rationalizing, we are giving the attacker time to close the distance and catch us by surprise. A quick look will provide valuable information. If there is the possibility of danger, you can now take action. It is a good idea to be aware of places in your neighborhood, and neighborhoods you often visit, where you can find sanctuary if necessary.

Many anti-gay attacks take place in areas that are known to be frequented by gay and lesbian people. So be especially alert when, for example, you are leaving a gay bar. This includes being cautious with cabs conveniently waiting outside the bar or with people offering you a ride.

In gay settings, we like to experience a sense of community, a feeling that we can safely talk to and leave with anyone we are attracted to. But it is important to remember that we can be attacked by people who have gained our trust. If you decide to bring someone home or visit that person's home, introduce him or her to a friend or acquaintance so that someone else knows with whom you left. You may want to go to a coffee shop and get to know each other a little better, or arrange to meet another time. Whatever you do, continue to trust your instincts and stay alert. You have the right to change your mind at any point.

"The minute he entered my house I know something was wrong. I didn't know what. I guess it was just a feeling. I opened the door, stood in the hallway, and said, 'I'm

sorry, I made a mistake. Please leave.' I felt silly, but I'm glad I did it."

Gay and lesbian people are often subjected to verbal harassment. It makes us feel angry, hurt, frightened, and violated. It is important to choose the response that makes you feel the best and keeps you the safest. If you walk away from harassment, stay alert. Harassment is often a prelude to an assault. If you decide to answer back, do so from a safe distance and be prepared to run or fight.

When you are sharing good feelings with someone you care about, it is hard to believe that the world doesn't share them, too. Unfortunately, expressing our loving feelings can trigger hostility and fear in others. We all make decisions about how open and affectionate to be with a lover or friend in public. You can make plans with that person about what to do if you are threatened, so that your responses are coordinated. It is important to trust each other's instincts, and to develop code words or signals for communicating danger.

"My lover and I were getting ready to leave the women's center when two men standing outside started threatening us. We went back inside and made a plan. I held the door open, so we could retreat if they attacked. We stood in the doorway, took a strong stance, and yelled, 'Get out of here! Leave us alone!' We kept on yelling; finally, they ran away."

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MALE NUDE CLUBS

written in the buff by Ben Schmidgall

Nudist clubs exclusively for gay male adults have significantly increased in a growth phenomenon that has gone largely unnoticed.

Members of male nudist clubs have a common philosophy: the acceptance of the nude body as normal and the right to express that belief in a natural, non-sexual setting. Within this context they reject the government mandate to cover up, for these orders contribute to poor body image and lack of self-acceptance. If you truly enjoy nakedness and believe in healthy, nude living, and if the thought of being nude with other nude men intrigues you, you owe it to yourself to seek out and join a nudist organization or club, for the enriching experience such a group will unquestionably furnish.

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Although nudist clubs for men are only a few years old, nudism is not a radical, new idea. In ancient cultures non-sexual, social nudism was commonly practiced. More recently, our forefathers practiced nude swimming. By the 1840s, nude swimming was popular on Europe's beaches.

In the U.S., John Adams, the man who proposed the appointment of George Washington, was known to take time off to swim fully nude publicly in the Potomac River. Under the concept of decency of the Victorian Church in England, body freedom was ended. Being naked was a sin! It was such a sin that even piano legs were considered indecent and had to be covered.

In the early 1900's, rebellion against the Victorian control was underway. Starting on Long Island, New York, men began to protest the laws which stated that men had to cover their chests at all times. In the early 1930's, men by the thousands protested and went topless on New York beaches. In 1936, the law was changed, allowing men to show their nipples in public. Men went topless. The trend towards body acceptance has grown ever since and the popularity of nudism has increased each year so much that today most nations have officially designated clothes-optional beaches. Countries that do not have designated clothes-optional beaches are the U.S., Mexico, China, Iran, and Iraq. There are official nude beaches in the USSR.

In the United States it is the government that is so strongly against healthy, nude living, for poll after poll shows a positive acceptance of naturalism in the United States. A 1983 Gallup poll showed a full 72% agreeing with the statement, "People who enjoy nude bathing should be able to do so at beaches accepted for that purpose."

While the public clearly accepts the naturalist lifestyle, the United States government continues to reflect a view more in line with the Victorian Church of England. Only Oregon, within the state park system, and the Austin municipal pool in Texas have clothes-optional sections. The main reason the U.S. government is against nudism is the fact that the government associates nudity with sexual promiscuity. While casual sex and nudity can - and do - occur together, they should be separated by a wide behavioral gulf. There is absolutely no correlation between being nude and being immoral. Putting on clothes does not make one moral; taking them off is not a sin!

Nude not-for-sex male clubs are not necessarily sexless. This spotlights a major defect in the viewpoint of the organized nudist movement: sexlessness is mandated in a straight nudist club. It is only natural, that in this regard the male nudist club is far ahead of its coed counterpart. After all, the male body is so constructed that, when undressed, its sexual function simply cannot be ignored. The penis has a life of its own. The refined engineering of the male machinery causes continual observable changes in response to temperature, light, touch, or mental stimulation. At times the penis seems to change - to be just a little fuller or a bit more flushed in color - for no reason at all. Not to notice this is senseless. Not to enjoy it as a happy fact of life is needlessly ascetic. The male nudist club correctly acknowledges that a man is built for sex.

In any club of intelligent male nudists there will develop an acceptance that the body has many functions, and that sex is one of them. The important point is that nudists can handle sexual situations without distress or offense. True nudists can accept group nudity under any and all circumstances, even those of sexual arousal. We see nudity, but not obsessively. We accept nudity as normal in all its facets. Differences in genital sizes are noted only as differences in height or weight. A penis the size of a lump of sugar should cause its possessor no shame, inasmuch as it and he are accepted on an equal basis with the more emphatic organ of a fellow nudist whose endowment recommends him as a potential porno star. A roaring hard-on is not a threat, but perhaps an occasion for a compliment. Exhibitionists who would, if they could turn nudism into show business, are accepted like everyone else and soon realize that their prowess need not always be on display, but may be reserved for special moments of personal gratification.

We nudists regard all activities of the nude body as another fact of life, another detail of being alive. Nudists have learned to cope with

nudity; it does not control us. We have given consciences to our hard-ons, they do what we want them to do, not the other way around.

One definite reason for seeking out and joining a nudist club is supported by our experience of finding our best friends, both gay and straight, among men when they are naked together. Who does not remember and regret the passing of nude swimming at the YMCA? If your YMCA is still traditional and allows you to swim nude, you are lucky. Support your naked YMCA!

What is the reason of the phenomenal growth of the male nudist clubs? Although the AIDS crisis is a main factor, there are other relevant reasons not related to AIDS.

The primary reason of the popularity of the male nudist club is that there are so many men, both gay and straight, who are wholesomely thrilled and healthily exhilarated by the nude experience. It is fun to go naked! Nudist clubs have received most of their applications for membership from men. Men, more than women, seem to enjoy nudity as a social experience. This creates a problem for the heterosexual nudist clubs. For Gay society, it is not a problem but indeed a blessing. Many gay men enjoy the nude experience most in the company of other men. Hence the proliferation of gay clubs for men who enjoy being naked in a group, who enjoy being naked just for sex.

Guys who enjoy being naked together feel attracted to each other, first because we are as yet a minority, which encourages bonding with the few others, and further because of our shared feeling that nudism is the best way to enjoy life more. We believe that the true pleasures of life are not based on carousing, sexual promiscuity, greed, gluttony, or cutthroat competition. There are greater values than those offered by the rat race. The pleasure of friendship, the joy of being half-naked together, are more important and ultimately more fulfilling than making that first million.

Nudist club members participate in a variety of non-sexual activities: organized sports and nude recreation such as wrestling, hiking, volleyball, "canuding", massage, and square dancing.

As nudists, we know how sensual the skin can be; after all, we expose all of it. Consequently, we believe in massage, touching, and caressing. We know the wonderful feeling of naked hugs. Touching involves non-verbal communication. It is through this medium that sexuality by mutual consent can be defined. There is a wonderful feeling in silent communication. Close your eyes and have someone's firm hands explore your body in gentle and safe ways. What you are feeling is no longer a touch from hands to body, but from heart to heart.

Join us. We would like to have you experience the joy of nudism with us. For more information, send a SASE to: GLN, c/o Murray Kaufman, 243 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10023.

WE WANT TO HAVE A BABY:

An Interview With Tina & Barb
First in a Series

By Sharon Van Butsel

Tina, age 30, and Barb, age 31, have known each other for almost two years. They have been together for over a year and celebrated a Holy Union in April of 1991. They decided that they wanted to have a child of their own soon after they became a couple. This fall they decided to take steps to make that dream a reality.

Sharon — Why do you want to have a baby?
Barb — We have the love between us and we want to share it with a child that we have. We've talked about it and we want to be a complete family.

Tina — Basically because we both have maternal instincts and a lot of love to give. We want to help a child grow up—a child we can call our own. I have nieces but it's not the same.

Sharon — Why not adopt?

Barb — Motherly instinct. I want to be pregnant and to actually have the child be part of us. We want to go through the whole pregnant part and the delivery. We want to actually have the child ourselves so no one can take it away from us.

Tina — Because we want something that comes from the two of us. I wanted the baby to come from either me or Barb. Anyway, adoption is really hard and takes a long time. They turn you down if they find out you're gay and I don't want to fight the whole legal system right now.

"I called around and found out that the University of Nebraska Medical Center would do artificial insemination without any questions asked about your life style..."

Sharon — How did you find out about Artificial Insemination?

Barb — At first I thought you'd have to go to Kansas City but I called around and found out that the University of Nebraska Medical Center would do artificial insemination without any questions asked about your lifestyle, if you're single, if you make enough money or anything like that.

Tina — Barb did all the checking because I work during the day and didn't have a chance to. Sharon — Why is Barb having the baby?

Tina — We both wanted to have one but she wanted to have one more. It doesn't matter which one has it. If it ends up being me that has it, that's fine. We talked it out really well, both the pros and cons, and that's what we decided.

Sharon — What's involved in doing this?

Barb — First you have to make an appointment with the doctor. You go in there and they give you books on A.I. and a little pamphlet. Then you put your physical characteristics down and they ask you about the perfect man and his physical characteristics. They sit you down and talk to you about artificial insemination and about ovulating and answer any questions. And then they do it.

Sharon — What does it actually involve?

Barb — When you finally figure out when you're ovulating, you call them. You get a choice of number of straws of sperm. They like to use two straws, each one is 50 million sperm. The y like to use 100 million little sperms. So I went in and they did an ultrasound to see if there was actually an egg and there was but it was sort of little but that sometimes works so we went ahead and tried. I went in for two days and they gave me 50 million the first day and 50 million the next day.

Sharon — Do they actually insert a straw?

Barb — No, it's a little cup with a string. They use a thing like they do when you have a pap smear and they put this cup in and you lay there for 10 minutes and then you get up and move around and do your normal thing. Then you go back the next day and they put in another cup. If you're talented you can take it out yourself, but I wasn't talented so I had to go back and they took it out.

Sharon — Then how do you find out if it works?

Barb — You have to wait two weeks and in 2 weeks my period started so I knew I wasn't pregnant. It was disappointing for me and I had to call Tina at work and tell her I was not pregnant and it was disappointing for her, too, but we talked and we're going to try again.

Sharon — How did you feel while you were waiting to find out?

Barb — It's a long time between when you get inseminated and when you find out you aren't pregnant. We got real excited and it was real disappointing.

Sharon — Do you know anything about the biological father?

Barb — No, I don't. When you write down your ideal man, the doctor goes through his list and finds the donor closest to your perfect man. No one would ever know who each other was.

Sharon — Did you talk about the ideal man?

Tina — Not really. I didn't care. I just want a healthy baby. It doesn't matter what it looks like or if it's a boy or girl, just as long as it's healthy.

Sharon — What about AIDST?

Barb — The person that donates it is tested for AIDS so that's not a worry.

Sharon — How many times does it usually take?

Barb — I talked to some people and one person I talked to tried 5 times and they gave up. I called up the nurse and told her I didn't work and she said we'd try one more time without

any medications and then we'd try low dose fertility drugs.

Sharon — Have you thought about the future? What if Tina and you are not together?

Barb — We've talked about that and I'd never say she couldn't see the baby because we made this decision together and I would be flexible enough to let her see the child. Anyway, the child would have her and my last name even though she won't have any legal rights. It's just like the holy union. This is the way it should be.

Sharon — What advice do you have for others considering artificial insemination?

"It was \$100 to see the doctor for the first time, just to tell him what she wanted."

Tina — You've got to be sure that you've got the right kind of relationship. We've got a good base of communication and we talked everything out. We know we want a baby so we're going to try again. We've talked finances. It's not cheap, but we're going to try again in November.

Sharon — How expensive is it?

Tina — It was \$100 to see the doctor for the first time, just to tell him what she wanted. Then \$160 for the two treatments and it will be another \$160 next time. After the next time, it will be more expensive because of the ovulation kits, but if you wait until you have enough money, you'll never do it because you'll never have enough.

Sharon — What about you, Barb?

Barb — You do have to think about what to tell people, like at work. My work knows I'm gay, anyway most of them do. I won't tell them about trying to get pregnant until I'm actually showing. Only 3 people know I'm trying and that's enough questions to deal with, like "how do you do that?" In my family, only my sister knows and Tina's mother. When Tina's mother was told, she said she'd be real glad to be a grandmother. My parents don't know yet.

Sharon — Do you anticipate any problems?

Barb — I haven't had any real problems with my family or Tina's. Everybody knows about us and accepts it pretty well. Them finding out I'm trying to have a baby can't be any worse than my sister's situations. They're raising children alone. My parents can accept all that so they should be able to accept this.

Sharon — Thanks for talking to me. I'll check back with you next month to see how things are going.

FEATURES

How Would You Feel If Your Dad Was Gay?

by Ann Heron & Meredith Maran
A Book Review

A typical eight-year-old Jasmine blurts out in class as they are making Father's Day cards that she has three dads. Silence fills the third grade classroom as Jasmine goes on to explain that she has a step-dad and her 'real' dad is gay.

The playground is far from silent when Michael, Jasmine's older brother, is taunted by his schoolmates. Noah tries to defend him, but he, too, is called "faggot."

Jasmine blurts out in class... that she has three dads

So begins Heron & Maran's most recent book for kids, *How Would You Feel If Your Dad Was Gay?* The book is not limited, however, to discussing the problems confronting Jasmine and Michael. It also deals with lesbian parenting and



the many different family configurations in today's society.

I found the book interesting, realistic, a bit simplistic, contrived at times, thought-provoking, optimistic, but overall refreshing. *How Would You Feel...* could be a great discussion opener for gay/lesbian parents or those who have gays/lesbians as a part of their family. Actually, it's a good book for every elementary school student, although the readability level is rather sophisticated.

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PERSONALLY YOURS

by Jean Mortensen

I guess you could say I'm personal ad illiterate. I've never placed one nor answered one; heck, I've barely even scanned the things. Which explains why they're mostly mystery to me.

Don't get me wrong; I don't mean to imply that they're bad in any way. Certainly they serve their purpose in getting people together who would probably never otherwise know about each other. But when you come to personal ads as ignorantly as I did, they can certainly seem mysterious and uncertain things.

The abbreviations used in many of them are standard for the format. Most ads will contain many of the same words in the same order, so they are simply abbreviated by using the first letter of each word. Abbreviations are used to cut down on space needed and lessen the cost of placing an ad. However, to the uninitiated, the abbreviations can lead to befuddlement.

Take, for example, an ad which might read, "GWF, mid-30s, attr brunette, prof, romantic, enjoys long Sunday afternoons doing whatever, ISO similar for friendship/possible romance. No flannels."

Sounds pretty good, for the most part. But if you've never read a personal ad before, you have to decipher the code before you're sure if you want to answer the thing. GWF, I decided, probably means Gay White Female, but pause to wonder if it's politically correct for a woman to call herself gay. If not, and if she would call herself lesbian instead, what might GWF stand for then? Good With Fingers? Giggles While Frunching? Grumpy With Farts? This is starting to sound worse by the minute. Better stick to the original guess.

"Attr" I hope means attractive. But maybe it means "attacker," in which case she means she likes to be the aggressive one and wants a passive woman to answer the ad. "Prof" probably means she's a professional person who wears a skirt and blazer to the office. But maybe she's a professor of some tedious college subject and just decided to write "prof" so she could see if she didn't necessarily misrepresent herself in the ad. Either way, what she does for a living isn't very clear.

Then there's the troubling "ISO." Closest thing I can figure it means is Seeking Out or something like that. Or maybe "Is Superficial" or "Into Serious Objectiveness" or "I'm a Schizophrenic Outpatient."

"No flannels," well, that's open to possibilities as well. She doesn't care for bitches who wear flannel shirts. Or maybe she's saying that she herself doesn't wear flannel pajamas and hates flannel sheets, which implies that she sleeps in the buff on satin sheets? Hmm...

Seriously, though, I've read only a few ads from time to time. Most of them seem to be written by perfectly normal women who maybe know of no other way to meet the kind of person they'd really like to spend their time getting to know. There's only one been one ad I've ever considered answering, and that was only because the writer piqued my interest with her sense of humor. Her ad read something like this: "GWF, old, ugly, fat, boring, unemployed and broke, unmotivated couch potato, hates movies and

books, likes soap operas, is not looking for anyone or anything."

I've wondered, too, what my own ad might read like if I ever wrote one. I like to think of myself as a romantic, but I know better. I've got too much of a base in reality. So I suppose my ad would read something like this: "GWF, 30ish, average, blond, dark eyes, slightly overweight but with a sense of humor, generous but sometimes selfish, educated, likes cats, movies, dancing, reading, most kinds of music, long walks in the sunny woods or under starry skies but is usually too busy for them politically ignorant, ISO GF, 40s, dark hair, witty, warm, vibrant, well-bred and well-read, educated, writer preferred, with Southern accent... Oh, heck, if your name is Rita Mae Brown, please answer this ad."

SOCIALLY HIP

by Nancy Lyn Define

I was talking to one of my friends the other day. She said she was worried that she might not be socially hip. She asked me if there were ways you could tell. Yeah. Like I'd almost know. But then it occurred to me that I am probably incredibly 'hip' without even realizing it. So I decided to share my social advantage with my friend.

Since I have all this innate 'hipness' I am, obviously, in a position to explain what it is, and what is not, socially hip. Of course by the time this gets into print it will probably be outdated. Being hip, I realized, requires constant vigilance, not to mention a good deal of attention to detail. Let's face it. Being 'hip' is damn hard work. And would be willing to work at it if it didn't come so easily to me? Nah.

But my friend was. So I told her that there must be a course or something she could take. First, however, she had to make some really important decisions. Like, what kind of socially 'hip' did she want to be? Did she want to be bar socially 'hip'? Or politically socially 'hip'? Or so 'hip' that she never even had to deal with the whole stupid question again?

Did she want to be the kind of 'hip' that makes it "de rigueur" to know how to remove the G string from female strippers with your teeth? Did she merely want to master the correct way to call other women "BABES"?

Well, if you're into being bar 'hip' here's a few suggestions. You better learn to play pool REALLY, REALLY well. And you better learn how to hold a bottle of beer in your teeth while you're calling your next shot. You also better learn how to play softball. And, most importantly, you have to develop something socially hip bar women call "bimbo" radar.

If all of that sounds like it's not your cup of tea, then you might consider being politically

'hip', which is, of course, a whole different ball game. To be P.C. 'hip' you have to picket the places that have female strippers. You can never, never be seen with a bottle of beer. You can only go into a bar to pass out flyers. And sometimes you get ladies room monitor duty. ANY politically hip woman worth her salt knows about the 'gay men in the ladies room' problem. And most of them are dedicated to eradicating this infringement upon one of the last bastions of our separatism. Besides, P.C. 'hips' definitely do NOT buy the idea that these guys use the women's bathroom because they have bigger mirrors and stalls with doors. P.C. 'hips' know that these boys are in there for one reason and one reason only... to purposely piss all over our toilet seats.

This very issue can give you an indication as to which 'hip' is for you. If you refer to the men in the ladies rooms as 'male pigs,' then you're probably better suited for P.C. 'hip.' But if you refer to them as 'sisters,' you should definitely look into bar 'hip.' If you're not busy checking out the twenty-year-old blonde with big knockers combing her hair that you don't even know which bathroom you're in, go the bar 'hip' route. If you fall into the toilet because some guy left the seat up, P.C. is your game.

There are, of course, any number of things you have to do to fit into one or the other 'hip' categories. And don't get them confused. That is not only unhip, but it can put you in the wrong cheering section at tennis games.

P.C. 'hips' ALWAYS root for Martina because she is out of the closet, is getting sued by her ex-lover, and takes things very seriously. Bar 'hips' always cheer for Gabriella Sabatini. They could care less what her politics are. They could care less what her sexual orientation is. But, as they frequently mention, she has a hell of a B-O-D, making her the ultimate B-A-B-E! If, on the other hand, you've got this thing for Billie Jean King, then you're too old to be worried about being 'hip' in the first place.

And let's not forget dancing. Ninety percent of all bar 'hips' are dancers. Of course, P.C. 'hips' dance sometimes, too. But only with their lovers and only to songs by K.D. Lang. Mostly, they like to gather around campfires and sing old protest songs by women like Joan Mitchell and Joan Baez. Bar 'hips,' on the other hand, will usually dance with anyone to anything fast. And, as a matter of honor, they never spill one drop of the drink they are holding.

Then there's the matter of making a personal statement. P.C. 'hips' wear protest buttons. Bar 'hips' wear those hats with straws and two cans of beer like ear muffs.

Finally, P.C. 'hips' always use the term 'we'. As in 'we are going to DO something.' Bar 'hips' always go with the singular 'I'. As in 'I would love to DO that blonde over there.'

My friend doesn't worry about being 'hip' anymore. Now she worries about me. I go around mumbling questions all the time. Like just what IS 'socially hip'? Is the mere term 'socially hip' some sequitur? Can one be social and 'hip'? Can one be drunk and 'hip'? And, while I'm at it, does the word 'best' mean cool like it did in the fifties? Or does it mean definitely not groovy like it did in the sixties? And if I'm so innately 'hip,' how come I can't figure out these questions? Actually, I can't even decide whether to root for Martina or Gabriella.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN BALTIMORE

As a member of the national Executive Board of Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, I attended the annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Baltimore in early June. This was the ninth Assembly I have attended, but probably the first one most non-Presbyterians have heard of because of the controversy over the report of the Special Committee on Human Sexuality. There were reporters everywhere, but most of the secular media did a very poor job of reporting what actually went on. When I got back from Baltimore most people in Omaha expected me to be crushed by what had gone on, but most PLGC'ers were left more optimistic than pessimistic by what went on.

It was never made clear in the media that the controversial Majority Report was being presented only as a study document, and was never meant to have been voted on as a policy statement this year. Most of the report had nothing to do with homosexuality, though the majority of the debate about it, both in the church and in the secular press, left the impression that gay and lesbian issues were its main focus.

It was a fine report, but it was not PLGC's report and many PLGC'ers had reservations about it. Though we were grateful for its strong stands

in favor of gay and lesbian ordination and holy unions, some of us thought that it was too narrowly focused on "liberation theology," should have been more explicitly Biblical, and was not strong enough in its encouragement of sexual restraint for teenagers or its admiration for committed long-term relationships, gay or straight.

The General Assembly's committee on Human Sexuality, which dealt with the Special Committee's report, had a difficult job. They committed themselves to finding a "win-win" solution that all factions could be comfortable with. Their final report to the General Assembly, which was adopted with minor revisions, therefore states that the General Assembly "does not adopt" either the Majority Report or the Minority Report of the Special Committee on Human Sexuality. There was over four hours of debate on this statement, and many amendments were attempted from both the "liberal" and the "conservative" side. Some things to keep in mind about this statement are:

- Though it includes the line, "We strongly affirm the sanctity of the marital covenant between one man and one woman to be a God-given relationship to be lived out in Christian fidelity," both the committee and the General Assembly as

a whole rejected amendments which would have stated that heterosexual marriage is the only God-given sexual relationship.

- Though the media tends to interpret the final vote on the statement as a "95% rejection of the Majority Report," it's hard to see how you can say the report was completely rejected when the Theology and Worship Ministry Unit of the denomination is expressly told to use the Majority report as one of the resources to use to develop study materials to "assist the church in exploring" issues of human sexuality.

- The statement says, "We continue to abide by the position of the General Assemblies of 1978 and 1979 regarding homosexuality." These statements deny ordination to "self-affirming practicing homosexuals." An attempt to make this policy non-binding on individual churches and presbyters failed by a margin of 67% to 31%. That might not sound encouraging until you realize that the vote against lesbian and gay ordination was 90% in 1978 and 80% in 1982; this means that opinion on this issue is moving in our direction at the rate of two and a half percent a year, which means we would win in seven years. To someone like me who has been working with PLGC for eleven years, that sounds very optimistic.

But I wouldn't want to be too Pollyannaish about the Presbyterian church. There may be some optimistic aspects to that last vote, but it still represents a serious injustice and it made me very

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angry. PLGC had anticipated that the vote would not go our way, and a demonstration had been planned and coordinated with Herb Valentine, the Moderator of this year's assembly - a man who is definitely on our side.

The day before this, Jane Spahr, a lesbian Presbyterian minister from northern California, along with her lover, Connie, who's an MCC pastor, went to a lumber yard and made a fifteen-foot tall wooden cross. Their plan was to carry this cross in silence from the back of the Assembly Hall to the front, and there to place it on the floor and have six different people pound nails into it, as a symbolic gesture of the church's persecution of lesbians and gays.

It sounded like an interesting plan to me, and since the Moderator had approved it, it was all "decent and in order," and I was willing to follow along behind the cross with everyone else. The next morning I discovered that Janie had listed me as the sixth person to be honored by being allowed to pound a nail into the cross! Those of you in Omaha who know me realize that this was a bit more dramatic and extroverted a thing than I am used to doing! The idea scared me, but I decided it was something I had to do.

When the final votes on the Human Sexuality Committee's reports were over, the Moderator, as promised, took a "point of privilege" and said that there were some people who needed to make a silent statement about what had gone on, and that any observer or commissioner was welcome to join them.

Those of us at the back of the hall marched forward; I was one of the six persons immediately behind those who carried the cross. As I walked down the aisle I was holding Howard Warren's arm; Howard is a silver-haired and golden-hearted Presbyterian minister from Indianapolis who is an openly HIV+ activist with the Presbyterian AIDS Network. He was crying the whole way down the aisle. There were about fifty people in

the hall who knew the demonstration was going to occur, and we thought another fifty would probably join us up front as a result of the Moderator's invitation.

Well, we got up to the front of the hall and turned around and, lo and behold, the entire aisle of the huge convention center hall was full of people! For what seemed like fifteen minutes people kept getting up out of their seats and moving forward; it was an incredible show of support by Presbyterians, many of them professional church employees who risked repercussions on their jobs. It was one of the most affirming and incredible moments of my entire life. I think we all felt overwhelmed by the support.

Immediately afterward PLGC estimated that 350 persons participated in the demonstration; the *News of the Presbyterian Church*, the official denominational paper, says "300 to 500" people participated. After all were up front the cross was laid down and we did pound nails; I think I hit mine on the head one out of the four times I was supposed to!

Then we stood up and all "300 to 500" of us sang *We Are A Gentle, Angry People*, the national gay and lesbian protest song. With apologies to the River City Mixed chorus, I don't think I ever felt in better voice or have been more thrilled by singing anything in a group. It was impossible to be part of that moment and not believe that we are on the right track and are certainly going to win eventually; at least everyone who was there knows that PLGC and its allies are not going to go away anytime soon.

Finally, whatever the pain that was experienced this year as a result of the controversy over the infamous Sexuality Report, it has started what will probably be a continuing dialogue within the denomination. Already I have been asked to go to Kearney in September to lead a workshop on Gays and Lesbians in the church for the Central Nebraska Presbyter, and friends have told me that churches in South Omaha and Hastings will also be studying the report this fall.

The Assembly may not have adopted it, but people are certainly going to continue to read it! And people within the Presbyterian Church are going to continue to learn about the lesbians and gay men within their midst, which is the only way the holy Spirit will move the church toward truly becoming a place of love and justice for all.

Cleve Evans

INTERNATIONAL GAY RADIO BROADCASTS

Even though gays and lesbians in the United States and Canada (at least in urban areas) have relatively free access to the uncensored news, information, and culture of our community, many people around the world do not. It is time that our community had its own international broadcasting service via short-wave.

With short-wave, programs can cover long distances, reaching into many countries and rural areas. Imagine what it would be like for a gay man or lesbian who has never knowingly met another to hear a friendly gay voice or gay/lesbian chorus - their lives would change, perhaps dramatically.

If you would like to help create an international gay broadcasting service or if you'd like more information, call Lowell Barger at (206) 763-2713 or write to him at Box 46225, Seattle, Washington 98146.

VENUS SEEKS CARTOONISTS

Venus Press is seeking single-panel cartoons, strips, and cartoon stories for "New Dyke", a book anthology of cartoons by, for, and about lesbians. Cartoons can be fantasy, soap opera, humor, sci-fi, feminist satire/politics, explicit sex, stories about growing up, coming out, romance, aging, etc. Deadline 12/1/91. Send submissions and SASE to Venus Press, 7100 Blvd. East, Guttenberg, NJ 07093.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT?

Lincoln Resources:

Adult Lesbian Incest Survivors Support Group. Anyone interested should call the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Line (435-7273) and talk to either Nancy or Pat. The Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Line offers a 24-hour crisis line and advocacy program which provides assistance to survivors of rape, relationship violence, and incest. All services are completely confidential.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, November 2

The Chesterfield's Ninth Anniversary Party,
420 S. 24th St., Omaha, 342-1244
Food and Beer 6-8pm.

Gay/Lesbian Coalition First Saturday Event,
Cornerstone, 640 North 16th, Lincoln,
"Gay/Lesbian Literature II", 7-10pm.

SUNDAY, November 3

New Voice Steering Committee, 1pm.
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th Street.

"Coming Together in Pride", A.N.G.L.E.
Benefit Show to fund Pride activities.
THE MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

MONDAY, November 4

Imperial Court of NE Board of Governors Mtg
The Max, 1417 Jackson St, Omaha, 6:30pm.

Support Group for Bisexuals. Open to all sexes
The Cornerstone (Upstairs),
640 N. 16th Street, Lincoln, 7:30pm.

TUESDAY, November 5

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, 6:30pm
Call for info: (308)234-6500.

A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian
Endeavors), UNO Religious Center,
101 North Happy Hollow, Omaha, 7pm.

THURSDAY, November 7

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business Mtg.
Rm 342, Nebraska Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm.

FRIDAY, November 8

MCC-Omaha Friday Night Out, 8pm
D.C.'s, 1019 South 10th.

SATURDAY, November 9

River City Gender Alliance Meeting for those
who enjoy the Cross-Dress community. Open
to all orientations. No sexual encounters Write:
RCGA, Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502.

SUNDAY, November 10

PANCAKE FEAST! All You Can Eat \$4.
THE MAX, 1417 Jackson, 11:30am - 2:30pm
Proceeds go to MCC-Omaha Building Fund.

Omaha Men (OMEN) meeting, 1:30pm.
Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68103.

Parents - Friends of Lesbians And Gays/Omaha,
"Report from National Convention" 3pm,
1st Methodist Church (Educ. Wing), 7020
Cass. For Information Call: 291-6781.

T.W.O. Benefit Show for A.N.G.L.E.'s Gay/
Lesbian Information and Referral Line.
The Diamond, 712 South 16, Omaha, 9pm.

First Class Male Revue Featuring Cliff Taylor
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm.

MONDAY, November 11

Veteran's Day!

AIDS Interfaith Network Prayer Service, 7pm
St Cecilia's Cathedral, 40th & Webster,
Omaha.

THURSDAY, November 14

Phoebe Tate, Miss Gay NE USA, Stepping
Down, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson.

FRIDAY, November 15

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt,
Memorial Union, Iowa State Campus, Ames, IA

Body Building Seminar with German Body
Building Professional, Anja Schreiner.
Elite Power Gym, 2308 N 72, Omaha, 8pm.
Admission \$5.

SATURDAY, November 16

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt
Memorial Union, Iowa State Campus Ames, IA

NPC State Body Building Championships,
Holiday Inn Central, 72nd & Grover, Omaha.
Prejudging 9:30am, Finals 7pm.

SUNDAY, November 17

Parents-FLAG, Kearney, St Lukes Episcopal,
2304 2nd Ave., Call: (308) 237-3870. 3pm.

Hypnotist, Mike Lamp, 9:30pm
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

TUESDAY, November 19

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, 7:30pm
Call for info: (308)234-6500.

Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group
Call for time and location: (308) 381-5175.

Gay/Lesbian Coalition Board meeting,
St. Marks, 13th & R, Lincoln, 7:30pm.

THURSDAY, November 21

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business Mtg.,
Rm 342, Nebraska Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm.

SUNDAY, November 24

"Food For Thought" Benefit Show Sponsored
by Imperial Court of Nebraska. Funds Holiday
Food Baskets for PWA's and MCC-O Food
Pantry, THE MAX, 1417 Jackson, 9:30pm.

MONDAY, November 25

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Network Service,
St. Marks, UNL Campus, 13th & R, 7pm.

TUESDAY, November 26

Parents-FLAG, Cornhusker Chapter, 7pm.
Info Call: 435-4688. "Sharing Holiday" &
"Parent Pride" Unitarian Church, 6300 'A',
Lincoln, G/L Youth in own sharing session.

THURSDAY, November 28

Thanksgiving Day!

SATURDAY, November 30 - December 2
NAMES Project Memorial Quilt on Display,
Century II Exhibition Hall, Wichita, Kansas.

SUNDAY, December 1

World AIDS Awareness Day!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GROUPS
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INFORMATION LINE: 558-5303.**

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha
420 S. 24 Street, Omaha, 345-2563.
Morning Worship 10:20am,
Communion/Prayer Service 7pm.

Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers, 10am.
Running/Walking Club, Various Locations.

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous,
Open Meeting for Gays & Lesbians, 12 Noon.
For Location: Call (308) 234-6500.

River City Mixed Bowling League, 3pm,
Sky Lanes, The Center, 42nd & Center, Omaha

Living in Hope HIV Anonymous Group, 4pm
Prairie Room, Lower Level, Cafeteria Area,
Lincoln General Hosp., 2300 S. 16th, Lincoln.

MONDAY

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project,
3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, 7-10pm.

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsal, 7:15pm,
Lowe Ave, Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40th, Omaha.

TUESDAY

"Out In The 90's" Gay Broadcast News
Service, Cable Channel 14, Lincoln, 7pm.

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30pm,
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th St., 345-2563.

WEDNESDAY

Omaha Frontrunner/Walkers, 6:30pm,
Ford Birthsite, 32nd & Woolworth, Omaha.

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7pm.
Call AIDS Info Line: 475-2437.

Empty Closet Discussion/Support Group,
Grand Island/Hastings alternate locations.
Call for details: (308) 234-6500.

Lesbian Discussion Group, 7:30pm
University of Nebr. at Lincoln, 14th & R St.,
Nebraska Union, Women's Resource Center.

Overeaters Anonymous, Lambda Plush Group,
Family & Friends Building, 7:30pm.
3622 N. 90, Omaha, 341-7716 or 978-8777.

THURSDAY

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 8pm
CornerStone, 640 North 16th St, Lincoln.

Empty Closet Support/Discussion Group
Kearney meetings (308) 234-6500.

FRIDAY

AIDS/HIV Support Group, 7pm.
Call 345-4747 for location and information.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:15pm.
Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41st, Omaha, 345-9916.

SATURDAY

Women's Support Group, 11am,
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th St., 345-2563.

LINCOLN

Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln 68502. Hours, etc. call Wally: 476-7389/489-4634.

Gay/Lesbian Alcohol Anonymous, Call for information: 438-5214.

Gay Men's Support Group, Counseling Center, 1234 Admin. Bldg., UNL, Lincoln, 68588-0499. 472-3461. Confidential support for gay men.

Lesbian Support Group, Women's Resource Center, Room 117, Nehr Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588. (402) 472-2597, weekly discussion group.

Lincoln Legion of Lesbians, 624 N. 25, Lincoln, 68503. Feminist collective, newsletter, support.

Nebraska Scholarship Fund for G/L Students, Box 30681, Lincoln, 68503. 477-1664. Non-profit scholarship fund with NU Foundation.

New Directions Center, 476-2802. Short term counseling/support for coming out, relationships.

New Freedom G/L info/support, 466-4627

Open Door Ministry (402) 423-8070. Orthodox spiritual counseling. No charge.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG), See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Southeast Comm. Col. G/L Student Assoc., Box 30681, Lincoln, 68503. 477-1664/ 477-9216. Student, Gay/Lesbian, educational, social, political activities.

Support Group For Bisexuals, Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501-0913. All sexes. Meets 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone, (upstairs) 640 N 16 St.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Assoc. Rm 342 Nehr Union, Lincoln, 68588-0455, 472-5644. Social/support group for Gay/Lesbian Students, meets Thursdays 8pm.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Alumni/ae Assoc., Inc., Box 30681, Lincoln, 68503, 477-1664. Social, educ, political network for UNL G/L alumni/ae, faculty, staff, & students.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, Rm 342 Nehr Union, Lincoln, NE 68588-0455, 472-5644. Social activities, referrals, and support.

The Wimm'n's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo.

Women's Journal-Advocate, Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501. Feminist Monthly Newspaper.

Youth Talkline (402) 473-7932, Friday and Saturday 7pm to Midnight. Emotional support, community info, referrals, AIDS info for those 23 and under. Project of Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights.

OMAHA

Affirmation-Omaha, 556-7701. United Methodists for G/L concerns. Meets monthly.

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay Lesbian Endeavors), Box 31375, Omaha, 68131-0375. Networking, Consciousness raising, PRIDE activities.

Citizens For Equal Protection, c/o MCC-Omaha, P.O. Box 3173, Omaha, 68103. Legislative action group working for Human Rights ordinance.

EAGLE - Omaha, Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians. Resource group for employees of US WEST. Info: contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on the Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha, 68102.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers, Box 4583, Omaha, 68104. Running/Walking Club (SASE for info).

Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line, (402) 558-5303.

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24 St., 345-2563. Meets Tuesdays at 7:30pm.

Metropolitan Club, Box 31331, Omaha, 68131-0331. Social alternative to Omaha's bar scene. Helps to promote a positive perspective within community.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC) Mailing address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103. Services at 420 S. 24 St., Omaha, 68103. Sunday worship: 10:20am, 7pm. 345-2563.

Mishpach Chavanim, Social/support for Jewish Gays/Lesbians, 551-0510. Gary.

Omaha Meatpackers, 455-6876 for info. Leather & Levi Club with emphasis on fundraising for AIDS related projects.

Omaha Men: OMEN; Omaha Women: OWOMEN, Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68103-0706. Men interested in masculinity and masculine image: Affiliated Women's Group.

OLIS (Our Love Is Special), P.O. Box 11335, Omaha, NE 68111. Support/social group for women of all colors.

Overeaters Anonymous, Lambda Plush Group, Wed 7:30pm, Family & Friends Building, 3622 N 90th, Omaha, Info: 341-7716/978-8777.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG), See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, (402) 733-1360. Cleave. Meet last Sat. Jan-Oct, 2nd Sat Dec. No Nov mtg.

River City Bowling League, (402) 346-4110 [Scott] or 551-0322 [Charley]. Bowl Sunday, 3pm, SkyLanes, Center Mall, 42 & Center, Omaha

River City Gender Alliance, P.O. Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502. Support for all who enjoy cross-gender community. Open to all orientations. No sexual encounters. Meets monthly. Write for information.

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267. 558-9900. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc., Meeting, info, support for Lesbians/Gays. (402) 451-5631.

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club, Box 3216, Omaha, 68103. Meets 1st Sunday, 12noon, Diamond Bar.

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Org, Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320. For Info Call: Stew: 558-8121, Maggie Zarger: 293-7862.

Women's Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th, 345-2563. Meet Saturday 11am.

NEBRASKA --STATEWIDE

AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power-Nebraska, P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503. 477-1664. Statewide militant org. fights for AIDS improvements, homophobia, & all discrimination. Coor: Rodney A. Bell II

Alcoholics Anonymous, Grand Island, Open Mfg 12noon Sundays, (308) 234-6500.

Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights, Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509. Advocacy/lobbies/G/L civil rights, newsletter, social events. Meet 3rd Tues, 7:30pm, St. Marks, 13 & R; 1st Sat Event, Cornerstone, 640 N 16, Lincoln, 7-10pm.

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, Box 2381, Kearney, 68848. Call (308) 234-6500. Meet Thursday in Kearney, Wednesday Grand Island, Hastings alternating.

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102. Social organization for advancement of gay society.

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103. Monthly magazine for the Lesbian/Gay community.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG) *4011 19th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sun at St Luke's Episcopal, Call Bob or Ronnie Baker (308) 237-3870.

***Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 435-4688.** Meets 4th Tues, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A'. Special group for family of people with HIV same time & place.

***2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, 291-6781.** Meets 2nd Sunday at 1st United Methodist, 6900 Cass Street.

Queer Nation. Activist organization to eliminate homophobia currently reforming.

LAWMAKERS SHOW SUPPORT FOR ROTC

New legislation in Ohio and Illinois prohibiting the removal of ROTC programs from public colleges and universities has ensured that group's status on campuses nationwide.

But some activist groups see the measure as reinforcement of discriminatory hiring policies carried out within those Army reserve units.

Ohio Senator Eugene Watts said the measure ensures all students equal access to education through ROTC scholarships.

ROTC adheres to the U.S. Department of Defense policy, which states "homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

Nationwide, the ROTC program has been criticized on college campuses because of the D.O.D.'s anti-gay and lesbian policy. That policy often conflicts with some schools' nondiscrimination policy.

In order for the D.O.D. to change its policy, gay rights advocates and campus organizers say a major university needs to set the trend by removing ROTC from campus or taking a firm stand against its disciplinary policies. But so far, no schools have stepped forward.

Nationwide, the ACLU has tracked at least 70 campuses that protested the Defense Department's policy.

ROTC, with more than 40,000 students enrolled, supplies more officers to the military than all the military academies combined, said Joe Bartley, public information officer at Fort Knox, KY.

Last year, six ROTC scholarship students were discharged for being homosexual, said Major Doug Hart, a spokesman for D.O.D. In all, the military discharges about 1,000 people each year for homosexuality, he said.

Nationally, a bill introduced by Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., would deny federal funds to schools that refuse access to the defense department. Solomon created the bill in response to two California school districts which banned federal recruiters.

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FERRARO ADDRESSES HRCF DINNER

Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman vice presidential candidate on a national party ticket, delivered the keynote address at the Human Rights Campaign Fund's 8th annual dinner on October 12 at the Washington Hilton. The Campaign Fund is the nation's largest lesbian and gay organization, fighting to secure full civil rights for lesbian and gay Americans and to enact responsible Federal AIDS and health care policies. Symbolizing the diversity of the Campaign Fund's members and their struggle for equality, this year's theme for the dinner was *Mary Faces, One Vision*.

Ferraro has remained active in the United States and abroad as a lecturer, teacher, author, and public policy expert since her historic campaign in 1984. As an author, Ms. Ferraro's first book, *Ferraro: My Story*, was published in 1985. She is currently working on a second book dealing with the tension between the rights of the media under the First Amendment versus their rights of an individual to privacy under the Sixth Amendment.

HELMS WINS VOTE ON OFFENSIVE ART

North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms won overwhelming support for an amendment to prohibit the National Endowment for the Arts from funding artwork or performances which depict "in a patently offensive way, sexual or excretory activities or organs." The action came during Senate consideration of the funding bill which covers the National Endowment on September 19, 1991.

The amendment was adopted on a 68-28 vote. A similar amendment offered by Helms was passed by the Senate last year, but was later deleted by the conference committee of House and Senate members.

THE STARS COME OUT

Actress Sheila James Kuehl says she used to fabricate boyfriends while appearing in *The Mary Loves of Dobbie Gillis* to hide her homosexuality. "In Hollywood... even the least suspicious that you might be gay is enough for anyone" to fire you, she said.

Miss Kuehl, 50, who portrayed Zelda Gilyou on *Dobbie*, and Dick Sargent, 61, who played Darrin Stephens on *Bewitched* from 1969 until 1972, publicly announced their homosexuality in interviews with *The Associated Press* on Friday, October 11.

October was National Coming Out Day. Its organizers encouraged homosexuals to publicly disclose their sexual orientation.

Miss Kuehl, who appeared on *Dobbie* from 1959 until 1963, said her career was cut short because television executives suspected she was lesbian.

GAY PRISONERS ADOPTED

International gay and lesbian groups responded positively to a recent decision by Amnesty International to adopt as prisoners of conscience those imprisoned for their homosexuality, including those arrested for homosexual acts. The decision is a major development and victory in the more than 12-year battle to change the global human rights group's policy toward gays and lesbians.

Until now, AI has assisted some imprisoned gay activists but not those arrested for simply being themselves or those arrested on the basis of sexual conduct. The decision represents a radical change in AI policy.

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CDC CHANGES DEFINITION OF AIDS

CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced recently that the case definition for AIDS would be changed beginning January 1, 1992. This will be the first change in the definition since 1987, and it comes on the heels of widespread complaints from scientists and activists that the current definition is not comprehensive enough. The case definition outlines the various conditions that can qualify an individual for an AIDS diagnosis, and it often determines eligibility for services and experimental drug trials.

The new definition will classify someone as having an AIDS diagnosis if he or she is HIV-positive and has a T-cell (CD4) count of 200 or less. It is generally agreed that a CD4 count of under 200 indicates serious impairment to the immune system. All of the diseases and conditions that currently define AIDS, such as pneumocystis pneumonia, Kaposi's sarcoma, toxoplasmosis, and wasting syndrome will continue to be part of the definition as well.

After January 1, it is estimated that the number of diagnosed AIDS cases in San Francisco will double or triple because of the new definition. While not all of those people will seek services immediately, the expected increase in demand

could easily overwhelm the many agencies providing services to people with AIDS. There is some question as to whether Social Security will extend presumptive disability to anyone with an AIDS diagnosis under the new definition. If so, there will be a substantial additional financial burden on the federal budget as well.

The flip side of this situation is that many people who previously had been ineligible for benefits, even though they were sick, will now qualify for an AIDS diagnosis. While most people who were ill and disabled by HIV disease have found it possible to qualify for disability benefits, some people with rarer conditions have had difficulties.

In particular, women, children, and injection drug users sometimes have serious medical complications from HIV that are not part of the official definition. The new definition may allow them to qualify for benefits and access services and treatment more easily.

—Advance

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF) called on Congress and the Bush Administration to prioritize and fund key recommendations of the National AIDS Commission Report and take action now.

The report, which was two years in the making, makes 30 recommendations for government action which range from creation of a cabinet-level process to create a national HIV plan, to universal health care coverage, to improved Medicaid coverage for people with AIDS, to a lifting of government restrictions on education and behavioral research.

According to SFAF executive director, Pat Christen, "We are concerned that the federal government has been incapable, inept, or unwilling to focus on the real priorities of the HIV epidemic. It is time for the federal government to provide an immediate infusion of resources to educate people at risk and provide services for people who are ill.

"Clearly we need a reform of our healthcare system, but that is a long term solution," said Christen. "We need substantive responses today, not only over the next decade. We have already lost a decade and 100,000 lives. If President Bush can find \$1 billion for farm relief, clearly he can find the money to fully fund the Ryan White CARE Act and improve the coverage of already existing programs.

AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

HIV TESTING*

*We encourage you to inquire about anonymity & confidentiality before testing.

Charles Drew Health Center, 2201 N. 30th, Omaha 68111; Monday 4:30-7:30pm. Appointment or walk-in: (402) 453-1433.

Douglas County Health Department, 1201 S. 42nd, Omaha 68105 Tues/Wed/Thurs 9-3 by appointment. (402) 444-6875.

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department AIDS Program, 2200 St Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502. By appointment. (402) 471-8065. Alternate test site available 2nd Tuesday. Call for info.

Grand Island/Hastings, 105 East 1st St, Grand Island, call Mary (308) 381-5175

Kearney, 3423 2nd Ave, Sharon (308) 234-8709

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha 68105: (402) 342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437] (statewide).

INFORMATION & REFERRAL

American Red Cross, 1701 'E' St, Lincoln 68501. Call (402) 471-7997 3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 Call (402) 341-2723

Douglas County Health Department, 1201 S. 42nd St., Omaha 68105, (402) 444-6875.

Lincoln Cancer Center, 4600 Valley Rd, Lincoln 68510 (402) 483-1872 Barb Morion

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Department, AIDS Program, 2200 St Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 Testing, counseling, support. (402) 471-8065.

Nebraska AIDS Education/Training Center, Education to health care professionals. UNMC, 600 S. 42, Omaha, 68198-5130, (402) 559-6681.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth St, Omaha, 68105: (402) 342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437] (statewide) AIDS Hotline, Testing, support groups, practical support, counseling, AIDS awareness programs, and literature.

Nebraska Regional Hemophilia Center, UNMC, 600 S. 42, Omaha 68198 (402) 559-4227

Veterans Administration Medical Center, 42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, 68105, (402) 346-8800; Dean Pierce, Ext. 4119

Viral Syndrome Clinic, Univ of Nebraska Med Center, 600 S. 42, Omaha 68198 (402) 559-6202

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Mowbray, Chapin, & Walker, P.C., 201 N. 8th, Suite 242, Lincoln 68508. (402) 476-3882; Jim.

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

AIDS Interfaith Network, 100 N. 62, Omaha 68132, Br. William Woeger 558-5100 (Archdiocese Office-Chancery) Healing Service, 7pm, 2nd Monday, St Cecelias, 40th & Webster, Omaha.

AIDS/HIV Support Group, Alternate support group Fridays, 7pm, for HIV challenged, family, concerned others. Call 345-4747 before 10pm.

Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group, Third Tuesday, Times and location call (308) 381-5175

HIV Anonymous, "Living in Hope" 12 step grp for persons in recovery/at risk/HIV challenged. Sundays, 4pm, Lincoln General, Prairie Room, Lower Level, Write: Box 67185, Lincoln 68506.

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, Meets 6:30pm 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm 3rd Tuesday. Call (308) 234-6500, or call Sharon (308) 234-8709

Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243

Nebraska AIDS Project, Individual counseling/support, various support groups in confidential locations. For info call Omaha office: 342-4233.

Open Door Ministry-Lincoln, (402) 474-3390; Fr. David

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)-Lincoln, AIDS Support Grp, Box 4374, Lincoln 68504. Meets Wednesdays at 7pm. (402) 475-2437; AIDS info. & support line.

VIDEX (DDI) APPROVED TO TREAT AIDS

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company has received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to market its antiretroviral drug, VIDEX (also known as ddI). VIDEX, now the second antiretroviral product approved in the United States, gives physicians an additional therapy for their patients with advanced HIV disease.

VIDEX works by inhibiting reverse transcriptase, an enzyme required for the replication of HIV. The Antiretroviral activity of VIDEX was first discovered by Drs. Samuel Broder and Hiroaki Mitsuya at the National Cancer Institute.

In September of 1989, Bristol-Myers Squibb initiated an Expanded Access Program for VIDEX to make the drug available to patients who were not eligible for clinical trials of the drug. The program and the expedited clinical trials have provided extensive clinical experience with VIDEX. Worldwide, more than 30,000 patients have received VIDEX therapy.

Since clinical trials began, many patients receiving VIDEX have experienced increased numbers of T4-helper cells (white blood cells, the loss of which plays a major role in progression to AIDS) and lower levels of p24 antigen (a protein which indicates the presence of HIV). In addition, VIDEX does not appear to cause significant bone marrow suppression, a side effect associated with AZT. The effect of VIDEX therapy on the clinical progression of HIV infection has not been established.

The major adverse reactions were pancreatitis (a potentially fatal inflammation of the pancreas [5-9%]), peripheral neuropathy (numbness, tingling, and pain in the extremities [16-34%]), and diarrhea [18-34%]. Patients with previous histories of pancreatitis or heavy alcohol consumption are at highest risk for developing pancreatitis and are not considered candidates for VIDEX.

The most common dose of VIDEX tablets is 200 mg., twice daily. Even after mark-ups in the distribution channels, it is expected that, for most patients, the cost at retail pharmacies will be less than \$2,000 per year.

Bristol-Myers Squibb has established a Reimbursement Assistance Program to facilitate

identification of third-party reimbursement sources. For those individuals who are financially ineligible for Medicaid, have no other source of third-party reimbursement, and can provide documentation of inability to pay, the company plans to supply VIDEX at no charge through its current Temporary Assistance Program.

**The VIDEX
HelpLine
1-800-788-0123**

A telephone HelpLine, established for the Reimbursement Assistance Program is staffed by Information Specialists trained to help HIV-positive individuals and healthcare providers identify third-party payers and negotiate the processes involved in obtaining payment.

The VIDEX HelpLine (1-800-788-0123) is fully staffed from 8am to 8pm Eastern Standard Time on business days. Calls placed to the HelpLine at other times are recorded and will be answered on the next business day.

Bristol-Myers Squibb is a diversified pharmaceutical company whose principal businesses are pharmaceuticals, consumer products, medical devices, and nutritional products.

RELAPSE NETWORK

September marked the first anniversary of the National Relapse Prevention Network. The network began as part of a grant from the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR) and is now continuing through the foundation's Education Department.

The network is open to agencies with an interest in programs that target the gay and bisexual community, and it is designed to prevent relapse. (Relapse is defined as a return to unsafe sex after a period of commitment to safe sex.)

It is an unprecedented attempt to bring together the best minds in the field of AIDS prevention and education. The network provides an opportunity for them to communicate directly with each other about this specific behavior.

HEALTH WORKER SUES HIV PATIENT

As the debate over whether or not to mandate AIDS testing for health care workers continues, an incident that gives the issue a different twist has occurred in California.

A surgical technician, working at the Van Nuys Breast Center, has filed a lawsuit against a woman for failing to disclose before surgery that she was infected with the HIV virus. The plaintiff contends that she was nicked by a scalpel during breast reduction surgery and, although she has not tested positive for HIV, is receiving AZT treatments as a precaution.

AIDS

**Counseling - Antibody Testing - Information
is available in Omaha by calling:**

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(402) 444 - 6875
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NorthPlatte:	308/534-6780 ext. 134
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