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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

QUILT IN LINCOLN

October 25, 1990

Dear Sharon and Mark,

If I had been told how well done we were at Ag Hall in Lincoln and experienced the NAMES QUILT together, knowing how it seemed overwhelming to so many different people on so many different levels all at the same time. There was such a mixture of emotions by all exhibitors to thoughtful letters to show sorrow and even just as people walked among the panels. There was much laughing and crying and sharing our lives, obviously deeply touched by the memory of the display and the crowd, said to me that "The feeling of love that is all around us makes this beautiful." Maybe you hit the way too.

Somewhere some of us who have worked so hard to bring the Quilt to Nebraska have known all along that there was a lot of love associated with this project. Not only do the panels show great care and feeling from the artists, but the way that everyone seemed to approach these pieces of fabric, from the moment they were unpacked, through the set-up and training, to the last panel being packed and carefully mailed for its safe destination, demonstrated respect and love. And how could you help but believe and be touched by the caring that went all around you—the gentle separation of fabric, the touch, the making of a shoulder, the touch of a hand to wipe away a tear, the words of well-wishing words—they were all around us. I

hope that you were able to take a lot of love to that level of the message of the signature quilt—*for the people who care*—all different ways, at home, in town, in meetings, and writing.

As I was into this season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year I am so thankful for all of you and the love and energy that you have shared with us. There were so many details to be thought of that we weren't able to stay all of our family just—we hope you know how grateful we are!

Together with David Anderson and Beth Ann, these great quilt makers gathered in the spirit here, and we know that we everyone signed it. We are guaranteeing that nearly 1,000 bills came through the display. The cash donations totaled almost \$2,000 and the non-cash bills were worth about \$1,000. We don't yet have a total figure from NAP as there are a few bills yet outstanding but we may have earned well over \$3,000 for FWA services. A big job well done!

It is a very special place in our hearts for all of you who so lovingly shared your time, energy, and love with us and the NAMES Project Quilt committee. Just around, we touched some lives during these past few months and they will never again be quite the same. Because of you, they SAW THE QUILT AND they are beginning to UNDERSTAND. You have helped to KEEP THE LOVE ALIVE. We will continue to look for the COMMON THREADS that bind us all together in this fight against AIDS.

Kathy & Dave Engler
Lincoln, Nebraska

MORE ON QUILT IN LINCOLN

October 26, 1990

Dear Friends,

As the Executive Director of the NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT (NAP), I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for attending the NAMES QUILT in Lincoln on October 25th and 26th. I hope you found this experience worth while and discovered with all of us the impact of AIDS in both our work and our lives.

The NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT is a non-profit organization whose funding is derived from donations, grants, fund raising projects, seminars, and the State of Nebraska Department of Health. The NAMES QUILT was our major fund raiser for 1990. All donations will be used to provide services to those affected by HIV/AIDS—their families, friends, and loved ones in our state.

At the time of this writing the NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT is currently serving its clients with varying stages of HIV/AIDS. This number is different from those you will see published by the State Department of Health. The reason is the State of Nebraska does not track HIV disease if only tracks those who have a full-blown diagnosis of AIDS. Another reason for the difference is sometimes in these areas there have been positive results in other areas and have returned to Nebraska to live. The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta estimates that there are presently between 2,000 - 3,000 persons presently living in Nebraska with HIV disease. In Omaha alone over 500 persons are being treated for this virus. It will be a matter of months before these persons go full-blown AIDS and will require services.

Let me re-emphasize a doubt that the NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT has, is, and will continue to play a major role in fighting AIDS in our state. NAP is an organization, by using rapid response funds in the 90's. With your support NAP can continue to meet the needs of those affected by this disease.

NAP has changed traditional ways of doing it—financial, medical care, education and community services. Because of this the NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT came into being—through religious and educational organizations in NEBRASKA. We hope AIDS education through these organizations people like you can be successful and meaningful and help with help to you, our friends, and our state to come to our assistance.

Active and going to go away. Please help the NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT continue to work 2000-1990's.

Sincerely,
Parvati S. Ghosh,
Executive Director
Nebraska AIDS Project



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU

Dear Susan & Staff:

Your kindness brought me more peace than words can quite express. But will this come to thank you for all your thoughtfulness.

and the special support you gave us in The New Voice.

Debra Hinkle, Kirby England

NEW VOICE GOES INTERNATIONAL

Editor's note: This brief message was received recently. But you didn't know that *The New Voice* reaches a far wider in Europe. And it's worth every penny!

Dear Sirs:

Please publish the following personal ad in your next issue.

"My 21-year-old European seeks a long-term contact with active, cultured CHRM studs. Why? Women please's right to CLRM/L

October 16, 33, 34/35 March 70/Germany? Tel. 96/76/64 evenings. Men have limited to one and correspondence. Language relationships also possible?" Thank!

A LETTER TO RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LEWIS POWELL

Dear Justice Powell:

I was at first glad to read in the national media (Washington Post, October 26) that you regret your vote in *Bowers v. Hardwick*. You call the deciding vote to uphold the Georgia law discriminating private, adult, consensual sex and persecuted with your voting vote a decision that denies personal and the fundamental right of privacy for lesbian and gay people in the United States.

I thought your regrets about the vote expressed an understanding of what the decision has meant to us. Evidently I was wrong, because you also said that the *Bowers* case has not impacted over 30 states of your time since you made the decision.

The case brought by Michael Hardwick was not *Bowers*. The court's decision has

done much damage to lesbian and gay men. Since gay people are so miserably invisible to most heterosexuals, I have listed below some examples of the impact of *Bowers*.

• *Steve Bowers*, at least four men in Tennessee have been tried for "crimes against nature," that is, consensual sex with an adult partner. Two received suspended jail sentences of five years. Men who refuse have gone to jail for similar "crimes."

• *Steve Bowers*, a teacher in Georgia was denied custody of her 7-year-old son because, as a lesbian, she is an unconstitutional father to that state.

• *Steve Bowers*, the New Hampshire legislature prohibited lesbian and gay people from becoming foster parents in that state, using the majority opinion in *Bowers* as evidence of the unsuitability of homosexuality.

• *Steve Bowers*, a woman was persecuted from applying for a job with the Dallas Police Department because, as a lesbian in Texas, she is automatically assumed to be a criminal and unqualified for work as a law enforcement officer.

• *Steve Bowers*, a constitutional challenge to the military's policy of excluding and discharging gay and lesbian people was turned aside at the federal appellate court



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level, in part because the Brown industry lobbies for a constitutional right to poison.

Lower market. Current delinquent fees are ripped apart. The status of all delinquencies by voters go on and on. If you need more proof of the impact of this case, please contact me. I have in many more examples in my files that you heart burn.

Lesbian and gay men's lives are not irrelevant and we are not irrelevant people. We are angry and resolve that the wrong you have done us should be set right as much as possible. We will continue our 20 battles in 21 state legislatures and in 25 state courts to undo your terrible attitude.

Justice Powell, you can help us in two ways. First, write a letter to the high courts and legislatures of each state that request a uniform law. Tell the state court judges and the legislatures that you have acted and you would not wish them to disregard your attitude by failing to do constitutional justice, which, of course, we in their states. I have enclosed with this letter an address for the governments in uncommitted states to contact you in this link. This will be a big time-consuming, but it will help us when we knock you down from some governments and courts. I know have already visited them.

And then, whether it is a letter to you, or you may letters in all relevant places on file, I ask this of you: Please make sure that your colleagues in the U.S. Supreme Court - the sitting justices - know how you feel about your role in Brown. Your resignation at your own case in the case is the strongest argument for a review and a reversal by the court. Help to remove our faith in the ability of justice and equal protection to all under the law.

Sincerely yours,
Earl Higin, Director, Privacy Project
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

RIVER CITY BOWLING

We will a light race for the best in the River City Bowling League. As of November 11, only 4 games remain to complete the season.

1. Gilligan's #2	W - 42	L - 22
2. Maximilian Bello	W - 40	L - 24
3. Charlie Enterprises	W - 40	L - 25

4. Gilligan's #5	W - 43	L - 25
5. Bill's	W - 41	L - 25

4. A & F's Vikes W - 41 L - 20

The High Scratch Team-Carnation and for that week some talent by A & F's Vikes with a 172 game out of 188 games, but comes with a long way from the Year To Date High Scratch Team Game (720) and Series (240) which they also hold.

The High Handicap Team Game for the week was held by the Holy rollers with a 717, while the High Handicap Team Game was held by D1's with a 252. Ron T. had the Men's High Game for the week with a 210 and Tony C. had the Men's High Series with a 360. Marick had the Women's High Series with a 436. Spike M., who leads the Women's High game (220) and Series (224) Year to Date, led the week's High Game with a 172.

CHORUS NOTES FROM THE RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

By Sam Brown

The month of December will be a very busy one for the members of the River City Mixed Chorus. Besides the usual holiday shopping parties and dancing, RCMC will be singing at a number of events.

First, on Monday, December 3, RCMC will be performing in the CCM (Catholic Music for Days for Ever of The Mass, K100). The show will always a nice way to give back to the Omaha community through this worthy cause.

The following Sunday, December 11, we'll be singing at Lower Avenue Presbyterian Church for their 110th anniversary service. We are planning singing for the month to show their members are always an appreciative and like a nice way to say "Thank you" for the rest of their church.

Finally, on Friday, December 16, will be our annual Christmas Parties and to the Old Market. We usually meet at The Max for happy hours around 6:00 and then go out for a meal at the Old Market. We'll be moving singing around 8:00pm at The Cornerfield. We'll make a new stop at Gilligan's, then on to The Run. And last, but not least, a stop at The Diamond where Chorus always makes us feel so welcome. We hope everyone will come out to hear us sing some new holiday selections and some old favorites at these events.

Remember to mark your calendars for our Winter Concert, Simple Gifts, on February 3, 7:00pm at U.N.D. We'll be singing a wide variety of selections to fit the winter and upcoming Valentine's Day holidays. Please check with any Chorus member for information! 800-955-5555 or 402-333-0330 for more information. On behalf of the River City Mixed Chorus, I would like to wish you all very Happy Holidays and a good 1991!

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LOCAL NEWS

DIGNITY DISSOLVES OR MAYBE 'SLEEPS'

"For most of a year the show was live, the most of them the other was live, for most of a while the battle was lost, for most of the time the struggle was lost — all for the sake of a homeless cat." — Ben Franklin

After more than a decade of providing support, service, and care to Omaha's community of Lesbian and gay Roman Catholics, DIGNITY/Omaha has dissolved itself for lack of participation from the community it attempted to serve.

"Being denied use of St. John's Church was a contributing factor," said DIGNITY President Ron F. "But without any support from an active membership, the board just didn't see any reason to either fight the dismissal, or to go out of our way to find an alternative place for it." The newly installed pastor at St. John's Church terminated the relationship with DIGNITY because of "normal" priests celebrating mass with the group, a practice practice contrary to local law. DIGNITY had received money from a number of people for nearly two years.

Small things, or lack of small things, can spell an end. "What DIGNITY lacked," said Ron, "was the small thing of participation — just one person at a time." Each "one person" adds up. His intent: "It's the same with any group. If each person stays for tonight, you have no one." Two more people demonstrated only mild interest in DIGNITY. The board concluded that the active people didn't really know themselves out where their interest has been demonstrated.

The group had a meeting last of all, said Ron F., vice-president and newsletter editor. "We had 200 of those who were meeting newsletters with other groups and wanted to participate." Because of DIGNITY's sparse support, but the need to notify people of the group's dissolved state, St. John's which occurred after its regular newsletter had gone out, AN.C.L.E. announced funds to DIC-

IGNITY to duplicate and mail a special notice. AN.C.L.E. (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endorsement) is the "visibility" group helping to coordinate activities among the Nebraska/Lesbians and Lesbian community. "That financial assistance was a God-send," Ron said. "What small treasury the group has as it dissolves likely will be absorbed by members' claims for your monthly meetings, past office use, and administrative expenditures."

"When I first attended a DIGNITY meeting last February, I had to say that I would be willing to do anything to help our members," said Secretary-Treasurer Denis S. Town's church address, and much disappointment.

"Though DIGNITY would be an aid to us through emergency Catholics and gay homosexuality. Coming to popular level, but straight and gay they Catholics (homosexuality) are not normally chosen. What I am to express defined by my Catholicism as to be an homosexuality. So I anticipated that there is a difference in DIGNITY considering the conversion of Catholics in the Omaha area.

"I know many gays have the Catholic Church because of its anti-homosexual attitude," Ron said. "Do they really think the Catholic Church will make us a partner? For greater numbers of people have left the Catholic Church — both at the Protestant Reformation of the 16th Century — and the Catholic Church a full century ago."

"I believe in changing the system tomorrow. I intend to remain active in my parish and in the Catholic Church. I am not ready enough to believe that change will happen in the future, but I feel all of us give up our faith, nothing will have been accomplished in this generation. Change will come after that."

"I will remain the director of DIGNITY/Omaha, but I will participate in my struggle to be with gay and Catholic. There is nothing else I can do." Ron concluded.

This group's formation of DIGNITY/Omaha had been announced recently (1987) when David Weisman, a Creighton University

student, proposed to give DIGNITY/USA a lot of money and to be a member of a local group which that is the province with 500 homosexual Catholics. So with the assistance of Ben Franklin, Treasurer, there was a day-long DIGNITY/Omaha. "We had 200 members in 1978," group president Joe Catholic Archbishop Charles Sheehan is quoted and receiving permission to form DIGNITY/Omaha in the mid-1980s. The group was dissolved after lack of participation through many of these original members warmly embraced the means of conversion.

"Though DIGNITY/Omaha again will be a Project, being then to give an aid Ron. "It's done in twice before." The mid-1970s chapter went into full operation to be reactivated in the early 1980s. The second incarnation very nearly died, but reactivated in a new incarnation in the mid-1980s. "Then our DIGNITY/Omaha dissolved itself the mid-1980s," Ron concluded. "There was no intention to ever active with income activities in other organizations working with them for Christmas spirit."

MR. GAY NEBRASKA 1991

TWC is pleased to announce Mr. Tom McElroy as Mr. Gay Nebraska 1991. Tom was appointed Mr. Gay Nebraska by the board of Two Wheelers of Omaha for the first time. Tom was the only member of the community that you both the editor for the title of Mr. Gay Nebraska this year. TWC wishes Tom a successful year and hopes he will achieve all of the goals he set for 1991. It is our sincere hope that the gay community will give Tom the support he needs to have a successful year. Good luck Tom!

Tony Zambello, President of Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWC)

NEW VOICE RECEIVES \$550. FROM FANTASY

Debbie Fogus, on behalf of Emerald, Bob Ewing, and the Capital Journal, presented Sharon Van Buren, editor of the New Voice with \$550.00 raised as part of Fantasy '90. Debbie presented Metropolitan Community Church with a \$100 amount. In addition, Debbie indicated the Fantasy raised in excess of \$2000 each for The National Lesbian Association and the Vital Syndrome Clinic at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. A full financial report will appear in a later issue of the New Voice.

Please send money for Fantasy '91 which will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and an appreciation party in Omaha in February 92 to be held in Tulsa, Tulsa. Fantasy '90 was the third largest fund-raiser event held in the nation during 1990.



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LOCAL NEWS

NEW SOUND IN TOWN

by Ken Dreyfus

I recently bought a new stereo system and after I finished it up and started to use I pushed the search button and had the tuner in its own exploring of the FM band. The usual sea of stations popped up—Tueser W, KCOB, KBY, et al. Without paying much attention, I landed on one that at the moment was playing something appealingly new. I went about my business around the house and several hours later returned and had to tune to the same station. And that's how I discovered The View.

Defining the type of music, the music plays seemed a bit difficult. Personally, I've always enjoyed "classical music" while the working or sleeping, it's something and sometimes. But then after a classical album set in Omaha, KBY replaced its classical music with a new sound. It was classical music, something you will track. The View is closer to jazz. It was again, it's not jazz, it's what I'd call "high-class elevator music." It's conservative, but with a 90's flair so found in its MCDARS presentation. Expected by my new discovery, I contacted the station and set some questions. The finding The View proved to be a challenge.

The moment, after having listened to the station on 103.9 FM for three days, I still find I caught the call letters. And over the music was not, it wasn't based on the flow back. I asked the information operator and told her what I thought the call letters were if her wrong and she told me she had no recollection. When I asked the music, she stated me, "It's The View." The View is "TUESDAY" and the quality guarantee number.

I talked with Tom Sinden, Program Director for KBY, The View, and he told me the station runs on the air August 11 through his studio at 2015 Pacific Street. "Obviously, we thought it ourselves as a progressive jazz station. In light jazz, if you will," he said, "we're enjoying its growing success." It became the classic design

was a "progressive adult contemporary" but that's a little weirdy."

From the station's website, a station "What you'll hear is a unique mix of... Tom told me, "The original target audience was the 25 to 34 age group but we're finding that we're reaching a younger group. The most attractive music to be released is not all of the contemporary formats falling between 25 and 34. We're probably more diverse, but we're seeing a strong female following."

Curious as to how a new station station is a well established station with a variety of different formats, I asked them about the advertising. "Well, if I had thought of it, I would have opened up my own station also when I took this job. The music scene is more and more aligned with our format because they're coming out that have sound like."

Indeed, I also used to remember brought around by a group called The Progressive No. 24 member band on the air and I found to The View. And the album is available on CD (the listening or listening music is only due to identify more music on the radio) because finding my music over the top. A new type of music? Or an old type reworked to fit the 90's tempo? Yes, indeed, City 4 listed to The View at 103.9 FM, and what!

DIAMOND GLITTER

by PJP

The Omaha Gay bar in Omaha has been glowing for several and several months and it's yours to enjoy!

Most of the activities the Diamond bar has continued to use throughout. During February '91 it was the 4th of July. In the winter of these parties and Omaha for January '91, Omaha and the "Gay" at the Diamond open house and a lot of fun in the evening, including everyone's and several "bars." It seems there has been a lot of activity in the bar description. Over 1000 was spent. The money went directly to the View Syndrome Clinic at University of Ne-

braska Medical Center. Good job "Street," a formal night set on September 10, brought in over \$400 for the View Syndrome Clinic. I was in the band, Carter, both the lead and, that's the night in you. Omaha's Bakery on Leavenworth donated cakes and sweet and something good to everyone was provided by Chely Baker, Don, Ching, Randy, Bruce and Jeff. I got around at the time for the "Glee up" on October 25, it was the "The To Handle." See the new Mr. Gay Nebraska sponsored a ball game. The number is that is now VETS going, Jerry and "coming out" for some more KBY, again for the View Syndrome Clinic. Good job and Congrats to you, Mr. Gay Nebraska 1991. Something different happened on November 10, the "The Breaker" Club and Omaha called all the "Gay" clubs together to get all the money. Although a lot of members showed up, it was a good evening with her just members provided by Omaha and Chely. When I say a lot of what you heard and saw on the radio, everyone was there for me by the group performed, participated. But the members that did attend had a great time and continued to building a coalition for these groups.

That is all in the past, the future looks good too. Christmas Day and New Year's Day "Holla, Good and Fun" will be on the agenda. Omaha and the "Gay" will be performing on both days. I have been invited to the "Gay." I am not intending to exclude, for everyone knows that Margi, Lynn and the rest of the women who make the Diamond what it is to BEALL's "best of the Best."

By the way, have you noticed an improvement in the Diamond? The new guy is Ching '91, and he has been a "diamond" kept up the good work Ching.

The Diamond bar makes its Congrats to you on the line and really about Mr. Nebraska Lecher 1991, Craig J. M. M. Nebraska Lecher 1991 and Jeff on Mr. Gay Nebraska 1991. You all have a lot of work ahead of you and you know you are one of the Diamond!

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LOCAL NEWS

MCC HEADLINES

by Celia P.

During our Annual Congressional Meeting, Linda M. and Steve R. volunteered to be Ward of Overlook. They join Cass P., Steven V., and Raymond Howard in making up the MCCSF Board. In order business the congregation voted to approve a three year contract for Raymond Howard, to purchase yellow-page advertising in the 1984 phone book, an approximate \$40,000 budget for 1983, and increased the money used by the Building Search Committee to include non-church buildings and the greater metropolitan area including Grand Blvd.

Quincy Light presented a \$2000 check on behalf of himself, Bob Elving, and the Ladies League to Raymond Howard as a result of January '83. This check, along with the money fundraisers bring forward, is our Building Fund to purchase more. Thank you all, it was.

Remember we have our MCC's value being the gospel over to Grand Blvd. In the home of Dave and Peggy. Early in the month, several made the walk to attend a Camp Fire. While I was there, some played bridge, some pitch, some threw Pottery, and some did other. On Thanksgiving Day,

Peggy and Dave honored our Thanksgiving Day Pottery Dinner. Those who could not talk after meeting themselves reported that it was a "fun-fun" gathering!

An Advent Counting begins the fall Friday in November. Those who participate will be starting about Advent, doing some journaling, and doing some sharing about their journey. The Counting will continue at 3pm on Fridays at the church until Christmas. There is a \$2.00 charge for the materials. Interested individuals can call 545-2663 for more details.

The Choir is busy preparing for the holidays. Again, they have special services.

MCC is interested in the Imperial Court of Minnesota for including the First Factory in their fundraising June Fund for Chicago. The money given will help provide for those in our community who are in need of assistance with handicaps. Thank you EDR! And thanks to all of you who attended the time!

Coming up in December is our annual Christmas Candle Party. Call the church for dates, times, and location. We will also be introducing a special Christmas Eve Service Again, call 545-2663 for details.

I invite you to join us at MCCO for Worship and to join us in our many ac-

tivities. Worship is at 10:30am and 7:00pm each Sunday. Join us this week.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US AT METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHICAGO. MAY THE BLESSINGS OF UNMEASURABLE BLESSINGS AND JOY AND PEACE.

SAFER SEX PROJECT GOES FORWARD IN ARIZONA

A new take on project AIDS ALERT, initiated by the Tucson AIDS Project began about six weeks ago with a positive message for men. Adult homosexual couples and both for a series of four posters and four brochures depicting positive, sensible, sexual responsibility. The four brochures individually address oral sex, anal sex, leather SM events, and safe options.

Recently in Chicago, staff we developed from local artistic community or public writing. Fundamental public personalities in Tucson attended a previous campaign jointly produced by the Tucson AIDS Project, other local AIDS service organizations, and the local health department. These artists made personalities have now targeted the their about markets.

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Insurance Update
by Carl F.

All those of you who have been wondering just what happened to our issue on insurance.

If you remember when you last found insurance, we had just off our vehicles and you had your eyes on the tiles. Fortunately, Sharon's insurance company was far a mile of cancellations. My company, on the other hand, said that, uh, yes, they would have two "reluctant" people's names on it, they just couldn't give us a variance document. They didn't have such thing!

The New York banker responded to our crisis, and several of us constructed an audit against who could help us. Thank you! Thank you! However, for some reason, no agent we talked to would write the insurance with both names on the tiles. Guess strange to the Agency on the last Friday of December, there was at the top agent's office calling to accept whatever policy he could write.

So, a couple weeks ago we got the opportunity to be met from him. It seems the company had AUTOMATICALLY given us the two-car discount just mentioned - they DIDN'T have them. Anyway, you agree to retain that they will eventually discover they were, but until then he hoped we enjoy our considerably lower rate! And, of course, we did.

If you are facing a similar dilemma - try Fidelity's Insurance Group. No matter what the agent tells you, if you need it in, the company will automatically give you the correct document if both names are on the tiles. And, by the way, each car's insurance is billed separately and is non-terminatable.

That leads at last to from another page in the adventure of Carl's and Sharon's experiencing Life As A Couple. "New Year's Eve and adventures entitled "You Say/They Say In 1990-1991".

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◆ NEWS FROM THE MAX

By Gloria Revell

When the new year starts Monday, The Max is the place to stop. Warm up your cold winter body with a visit to the lounge area in the Midway, right here in Omaha.

The December show Entertainment will be L.C.O.N.'s Year For You Show. This annual holiday benefit sponsored by Max Gay Omaha 1990 January 1st, and Gloria Revell, Northville and Florida, too, as well as members of L.C.O.N.'s Youth Brigade. Thursday, December 6, here from The Max will not only meet they may have taken before The Chicago Musical Theatre in Omaha.

Monday, December 4, Omaha will be moved to the shores of Max Gay U.S.A., Omaha, as well as the ongoing Max Gay Midwest U.S.A., Denver, Denver. You can check back forward to see Max Gay Southwest U.S.A., Atlanta, Marty Brinkley, Ann Maxwell, and Dina Jans.

Join your Christmas shopping early on Sunday, December 3. On that night why don't you take in an Atlanta City Center Show. You can't get home, because The Max is bringing in Omaha, Phil Coog in the

Midwest. Don't forget the Cops in Atlanta City. Phil has appeared on Carolina, Penn, Cleveland and Sally. The impregnation of Lisa has been like worldwide talent as well as the support and friendship of Lisa herself. You won't want to miss this world class entertainment because you won't be in Chicago, St. Louis, or Kansas City. The Only One In The Max.

Thursday, December 20, Wayne and his show are at it again as they bring you a special Holiday Max Gay Party. Come out and help spread the holiday cheer. Wayne won't let his velvet tapping critics, but don't mind if he just work and he'll still sound out. Don't miss a guaranteed good time Sunday, December 23, when the top-notch musicians perform on-stage. Max Gay's Santa and his crew. It's Court Show and the Veterans of Deen. Who needs a partying like at home when these guys are in town!

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Let's not let this... Why does Gloria compare anyone else with that who is the best? Don't say... Who will be the best to write a Christmas ball, but she'll be the best a "human" approach... What do you do to K.C. know that the river at Omaha don't? Why give Omaha's river and her state's health care to all... Will there ever be a health care... In fact, you know your own life. "The Life" - Sublime life, good things come to those who wait, and the... I know.

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◆ CELEBRITY CORNER

by Hollywood Jan

December is here and, once again, I'm impatient. I can't find anyone born on the 16th or 17th. So, I'm asking for your help. Know any celebrities born on either/both of these December dates? Send them to Hollywood Jan C/O The New Voice of Nebraska along with your name and address and I'll send you a copy of Hollywood Jan's comprehensive 1300+ entitled celebrity birthday list (including all recent fascinating facts like where they were born and what their birth names were).

The first of the month is listed. Mary Martin (How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying) was born on 12/1. David Doyle (Charlie's Angels) is 61 this year. Woody Allen was born Allen Konigsberg on this date in 1935. Lee Remick (196), Diane Ladd (The Lovers' Walk) was born on 12/2. Richard Pryor (Blue Collar) and Rene Miller will be 42. Mervyn Dineen (The Untouchables) was born on 12/3. Ray Winstone (The Rat Patrol) was born on 12/4. Julie Fowlow (The Sandlot) was born on 12/5. Cathy Lee Crosby is keeping her year a secret. Andy Williams was born in Wall Lake, Iowa, on the 6th (back in 1928). Jaye P. Morgan will be 38, and Dixie DeBono was born in Birmingham, England, 42 years ago on the 9th. Bill Bridges will be 41 on the 4th while Jim Morrison celebrates his 43rd on the 8th.

Jo Wallack was born on December 7, 1915. Ted Knight (The Mary Tyler Moore Show) came along in 1925 as Fudrow Wadsworth Kinsella. Ellen Barkin will be 38 and Craig Aklonis will be 43. On the 10th we have the 6th Miss Secretary David Jo. Born in 1923, Miss America Kathleen Hicks, Flip Wilson of Jersey City, NJ, who will be 37, James MacArthur (Hawaii 5-1) born in 1917, and Kim Burrell who will be 37. Douglas Fairbanks Jr. was from Douglas William on the 16th in 1901. Kyla Douglas will be 22. Ruffalo Foss (Gambit) & Son's was born in 1957 (as John Sandherr) in 1922. Dick Van Dyke (Eight is Enough) will be 42. John

Cassidy will be 41. Steve Brule (I Love 47) and Gailly, the ex-wife, Dawn Chismel was born in Ogden, Utah, in 1937. Dorothy Lamour was born Mary Estepayer in New Orleans in 1912 (on the 16th). Susan Dey (L.A. Law) was born the next day in 1952.

For the 16th itself we have Colin Firth (77), Tim Minchin (69), Sandra Lee - from Brevard, Mass (Tropics in Alabama, Georgia, 196), Dennis Miller (62), and Jonathan Demme will be 56. The Chairman of the Board, Frank Sinatra, was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, on December 12, 1915. Also on the 15th we have Bob (The Price Is Right) Barker who will be 47, Dennis Franz (32), and Duane Wayne of East Orange, NJ, who turns 49. Dick Van Dyke will be 43 as the 15th. Christopher Plummer (The Sound of Music) is 44 and John Davidson will be 49. On the 14th we have Merry Amerson (The Dick Van Dyke Show) who will be 36, Christie Brinkley (38), Lee Remick (39), and Perry Dinkal who will be 44. The 13th of December makes Tim Conway 47 and Tim (Hillbillies) Yonkers was born Donald Wayne in Flat Creek, Missouri on this day in 1949.

Lois Lilien was born in 1910, Kathie Richardson turns 47 on the 12th while Susan Spurling will be 32. On the 10th David Southern turns 35. Cindy Taylor is 35. The 9th (1943) is Conner and Simon & Simon (14-6), and Robin Vignall (Spenser For Hire) will be 45. James Deen was born on December 2, 1954.

Fred Willard will be 82. Mollie's Truss (born on the 21st in 1922, Peg O'Connell will be 25 this year. Tom Finley will be 25 and Fred Zappa was born on this date in 1932. In 1941, Gene Rayburn (The Mark Goodson) was born in Chicago, IL, on the 24th in 1913. The Chairman, Maurice Chevalier, will be 41. Henry Cavill (born on 10/24 on the 2nd while in a German POW will be 40 on the 2nd. The Chairman of the Chair Company was born in 1907. Tom Skerrit will be 77. Link Brinkard will be 65. Cary Sandy (WKBS) in Cleveland is 42. Barbara Mandrell is 42 and Steve Spaniol will be 41.

Remember your friend who makes birth-

and Willard will be 76 on the 26th. Steve Allen will be 76 and Ann King turns 43. Marjorie (Thelma) was born on the 27th in 1913. Martin Miller (Admiral 12, Sincerely, et al.) was born in Detroit, Michigan, on the 28th in 1917. On the 28th, Mary Tyler Moore (Mad About You) was born in 1936, and Ted Demme will be 39. Bob Feller will be 76 on the 30th. Shomer Green is 39 and Paul Stanley of Prom, Paul & Mary will be 37. John Denver was born in Roscoe, New Mexico, on New Year's Eve day in 1943. The Marxmen, Tom 43 and David Sadowski (LaTasha Cross) will be 42 before the year is out.

Off year letters from January onwards: Anne Heche, Wilson Fizzle, Klydebar, PFA Archaic and Patricia Ashenbrenner. Send me an 8x10 photo with what you are in the next month, 1998 for your chance in January's issue.

◆ ODE TO APPRECIATION

by Lou

With the holidays soon upon us, we are prompted to think of who and what makes us an'. Traditionally, we reflect during the holidays on what makes us complete. Reflection prompted by a single, by Christmas shopping, by making holiday plans, and even by an article in your Christmas magazine. But, what makes someone really special this time of year is the holiday mood, a sense of goodwill or carolery. You know, about this time of year, it's not the value you make (platinum) and all the things that make you great.

Appreciation (the happiness, gratitude, or love) with reverence, and if something were important, I'd tell someone you. Don't worry, it's not because I can't appreciate someone, comparing it to my own special appreciation and you (after 1984) might know.

So with much love, respect to my readers, for your this time, I was thankful for my love (them) of 21/2 years, my love parents, my spirit (the) permanently was (happy) girl, my friends, my 'em' (see December), my

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time, my new car, and self-accepting but not least— that I had the freedom to be gay is at least the most exciting "prerogative" without bringing on unnecessary problems.

This year the parties for me were just fun, but ironically embracing the new life, I've added returning to college, the focus is still on new things, the new proudly will look and drive the same, and the lady is now in Alaska, but every female love's. The love is now an 11/2 year old relationship as well as an old one. The friends are still there though some have moved away, some have grown their own ways, or chosen not to grow at my pace. However some are now partners of the future.

As for the family, less attention about three months ago I wrote to find I had lost my own sibling. My 21-year-old sister had died by her own choice, which I've yet to disclose in reality for the better or worse, for the most of the cause was a physically induced disease of depression. In her last year this young lady had over two a weeks for acting city-wide in our hometown in Southern California. She had landed a job with three psychiatrists, and had attended a meeting of the city budgeting committee at which she persuaded them not to make cuts in the mental health budget.

I give you these details of my family's journey to illustrate the perfect picture: one can picture it later with being, and why may be her mind and her own. For this is not a story of love or suicide. There's a message here: I didn't find it necessary to phone her every single week in her job and see "I love you"—she knew that. And things probably wouldn't have changed, but I still have to live with the possibility that had I done this things might be different. I just never thought I was one of the people or place to grow.

I never thought it'd happen to me. My 17-year-old son and his friends like that, but your words don't always it well, a close happens to you. You are not immune because your family had to your family is because you don't and you know someone with AIDS.

Being a gay woman of a more 28, I slightly more having to make it was certainly already at least in this aspect. Married and that's all for the tonight.

I am 32 in a whole different way this winter, all new days of it, and I try to get in a couple of extra minutes every morning before going out into the big world. Life's too short not to.

So while you're Christmas shopping this year, or sending out cards, or having some holiday cheer with your friends and even the acquaintances, don't forget to appreciate them. Don't wait until it's too late until it happens to you. If my message will be heard by our people, my investment period will be successful. Furthermore, let's keep those warm holiday feelings and our appreciations with us throughout the year, this becoming ourselves and our community. Hope you and yours have a nice holiday, just as we plan to also. As it may be our last.

◆ THE BOOK REPORT

William's Trek
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When I better to discover a woman's true nature than to the reader of *William's Trek* because the lesson that Dorothy Tull has written with a clear heart and soul is that the only way to know who you are is to get out of all the outside in our lives. And so, for various reasons, eight women set out on a first but the experience of *William's Trek*. This autobiographical work is a somewhat changed, especially the women, who were in finding they were enough. It's more give away part of the reading, everything "works out." All conflicts are resolved. Goodness, I love a romantic love.

William's Trek is pretty predictable which way through, as most romance novels. If you're looking for some philosophy or a truly surprising turn of events, this story might be a disappointment. However, if you're looking for some good old escapism from the mundanity of everyday life, or

wanting that doesn't take a lot of reading on the way a woman's journey does, then this book is the ticket.

One thing that bothered me, though, was that virtually all the characters who came in this book had potential to be the main character. There's enough drama assigned to them and enough conflict in their lives that you want to see what happens to them in the world and how it affects them. But the problem is that they all don't even make it out from the city that it makes it difficult to know who the main character are. Without that focus, it's easier to lose interest in their predicaments and stop caring about the individuals.

Good Amazon! I'm starting to sound like my college writing professor. He would have written surely. But I never thought much of his opinions either.

So forget all that literary gibberish and read for the fun of it. Enjoy someone who's with these women in the *William's Trek* you've been a part of the world under the stars. Go, read. Go, reading.

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[Bristol] I know, you were wondering if we were still alive. Yes, we are still afloat and doing great. We've got a big agenda for the month coming up.

First of all I would like to say thanks to those who showed their support, especially the Citizens staff for their \$100 donation at the Free For Thought event. An approximate total of \$700 was received, half of which went to the NAACP and the other half to the MEC fund party.

Another benefit show sponsored by ICCN for many years has been Toys For Tots. This will be held Sunday, December 2nd. We all hope you will join us at the Mar-bron writing of fun and help us raise money for toys for the less fortunate children in the Omaha area.

There are underway for both Omaha and Mardi Gras. A show for South Side isn't been set yet so keep in touch with us and we'll let you know. Mardi Gras, on the other hand, has been set for February 12. Keep your calendar open for that date. Who knows, we might surprise you and take all of you to Las Vegas.

Scott Runk and Scott Schmitt say con-

tinued working for a project for Lesbian Americans. They are looking out ways to help the Lesbian Community with its needs. If any woman is interested in any of our columns, please get a hold of our office. They would be glad to hear from you.

ICCN has elected new officers for the Board of Directors. They are as follows:

President	Don Flowers
Vice Presidents	Carla Peterson Chase Johnson
Secretary	Lee Reed
Treasurer	Rob Timmer

Current Board members are Gary West, Danny Smith, Tony Lacey, Russell Schultz, Vance Swenson, Gerald Brown, and Scott Schmitt. Applications are currently being accepted. If interested, please contact one of the board members or come to our next meeting, which will be held Monday, December 2nd at the M&M at 8:30pm.

A reminder: these meetings are open to the public. Anyone and everybody are able to attend. Please come and join us. We would appreciate the month's support. Hope to see you there.

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◆ CREATING CHANGE

By Tony Timmer

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force 3rd Annual Creating Change

A national conference for Gay and Lesbian organizing and skill building.

November 10-12, 1990, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minnesota

...where the men are geek looking, the women are strong, and gay and lesbian civil rights are never average.

Well that certainly is a mouth full and quite hard to live up to and they did. The 3rd annual Creating Change conference was actually all it was promised to be... and more. The conference was called in by two of Gay prominent organizers for lesbians and gay men and organizers typically identified as "mainstream lesbians" and "People of Color Organizing Institute" held November 9, 1988. The topics and agenda were generated through a consultation with very emotional and resulted in a great number of ideas and suggestions for future conferences will be an interesting annual event meeting much more attention from the national movement and individuals everywhere. (i.e. if conflict is consensus what's being brought back from the People of Color

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Organizing Institute was that of indeed money to provide and a driving force of any organizing, organization and, that people of color in our nation are best powerful by color alone, it would seem to make better sense to hold two such important institutes at different times to allow those who would benefit the most to attend and learn from the presentations and not have to choose between the two.)

The conference offered a selection from some 50 workshops ranging from "Facing These 'About Us' to 'Surviving Violence'" and some 20 special meetings for caucuses ranging from a "Leather Caucus" to a "Lesbian and Gayer Meeting." Also, as people began to disagree and define other issues and concerns around other "special meetings" began to happen, a mid-week caucus met in the hotel first job on Sunday night where activists from Kansas City, Denver and Omaha met to talk about issues of mutual concern from the mid-west. A special Caucus Track was available to the first 40 participants which brought forth a resolution asking NGLTF to be an next year conference on "sex" as well as become more mindful that our leadership movements be to allow more for the financial and non-monetary contributions to identity and be

a fully united participant in the work of the movement.

The opening primary session address by Barbara Smith was very motivational and performance. "Militantism" is the right time of mind to begin a long weekend of workshops full of spirit. Another primary address on Sunday by Dr. C. T. Vivian, Chairman of the Center for Democratic Renewal and member of the board of directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, got many people in the mind of Martin Luther King Jr. at once Jackson. Dr. Vivian brought with him a message of inclusion and coalition building as well as one of personal movement in his attitude toward lesbian and gay people. Dr. Vivian was often interrupted with rising applause throughout people out of their seats. Upon introducing Kevin Smith from the NGLTF staff who had introduced Dr. Vivian, took the microphone, but found himself speechless. So, as the applause and cheers continued, from the floor came a beautiful song from the civil rights movement, and all joined in singing. It was a very powerful and moving moment in the conference, one that will not be forgotten. The final primary session was addressed by lesbian feminist (theater) Kate Clinton. Now for those of you not familiar with Kate

The first time I met relate to you what happened, but for those of you who have been fortunate enough to attend a Kate Clinton concert, you'll know. Kate brought with her a message of humor and its importance to our movement. She was lyrically funny and really did a number on Cleve's Naid, executive Director of the NGLTF and her spouse. Kate remarked that she did not want to turn this into a rant on Live but enjoy a little preaching. Actually, when Kate wanted to make Thelma's award in Live as top Lesbian of the year we found Live under the table. It was a moving and enjoyable end to this important conference.

Other appearances by Karen Thurman and Sharré Goodrick, M.C. Miriam Hen Shalom, Claudia Brown, Betty Hughes, Senator Allen Spurr, Robin Tyler, Karen Schwartz, Tim Sweeney, Sabrina Squisman, the list goes on, and on, really made this a time to connect in a very positive and productive way with those people we need about as often and to allow ourselves as lesbian and gay people with a purpose and a message for the world to stop the conditions of prejudice and discrimination. My message to you is, this conference happens annually on Veterans Day weekend, 1991 is scheduled for Alexandria, Virginia and 1992 is

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◆ GAYBRIEFS COMMENTARY: BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY

*New York Cops and Lesbians Are
Themselves with Guns*

by Joe Necker

With the rising crime rate against gays and lesbians reaching a 507 percent increase in New York during the past year, and some claim the rate is even higher, as the police department's New-crime task recorded 71 anti-gay crimes and the Anti-Violence Project recorded 429 cases in the same time period, gay and lesbian activists have decided it's time to take up arms against their attackers.

In the October 8th meeting of ACT-UP/ New York playwright Larry Kramer called for a new working group to begin training people in self-defense and self-defense. That's right, they're taking up target practice. While

there has been a lot of activity within different gay and lesbian groups on the self-defense front, this is the first time that members of the community as a group have begun to actually train themselves to carry firearms. The new philosophy is that we must defend ourselves... by any means necessary.

Lately, an attraction in the ever increasing bias-related case, New York's Queer Nation brings their anger with marches and demonstrations, including going directly to the homes of those who have attacked gays and lesbians. They want the message to be clear if you attack gays and lesbians, don't think you can escape by your own neighborhood. Queer Nation is more than willing to bring the fight directly to the perpetrators. Other groups were followed Queer Nation's lead, offering self-defense lessons, organizing anti-bias marches in the same boroughs and then having a gay and lesbian crime panel, the Pink Panthers.

But what, thereafter, department, complaints to the police department and Mayor's Office have done little to curb the tide of anti-gay and lesbian hatred. How serious is the situation? Consider that even during anti-violence marches, with hundreds of gay and lesbian activists together in the

streets, people being threatened and otherwise suffering from homophobic slurs-ups have passed away or members have withdrawn. And to top that down with their own, shows of force and showed activities with bars and hotels.

The New York gay and lesbian community is outraged at the low priority the police give these attacks, the lack of arrests of perpetrators and the obvious lack of concern by Mayor Dinkins's administration. While the Mayor has proposed adding nearly 5,000 new police officers, among many groups, including the gay and lesbian community, this isn't an option if anyone is even would support. That's because many think it's the police who are often at the heart of violence, bigotry, and corruption in New York.

The gay and lesbian community is outraged that city officials have refused to investigate more closely bias-related crimes to law-enforcement, which would involve better information, more increased research, better information, and put the focus onto the needs of specially trained personnel. Some who have gone to police precincts for the changes have themselves been threatened with arrest if they continue to pursue legal channels and many report that they have been threatened and ignored by those who are worse

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to protect them. Any gay and lesbian rights or police actions are more the side than the exception according to many who have testified their services. Secondary discrimination by the police is a major factor why most gay and lesbian killed go unreported.

Consider the 1988 court case of a beating that led to the death of an African American 31-year-old Quincy, Florida. The circuit judge allowed the prosecuting attorney, "That's a crime now." It is not a "homosexual" crime. The prosecuting attorney, "Yes, sir. And it's also a crime to kill that." The judge's reply was, "Crimes have really changed."

On numerous occasions the beatings, slappings, stonings, and even deaths of gay and lesbian people have been not well documented by the police and the courts. When convicted, perpetrators often get lesser sentences, or probation, further indication of anti-gay bias on the part of the criminal justice system. One study revealed that up to 73 percent of black-stone victims failed to report the crimes to the police. The reason is clear: 82 percent of the victims say that they have previously experienced or perceived the police to be anti-gay because of their actions or comments, a full 24 percent feared abuse at the municipal police, and another 40 percent feared disclosure of their sexual orientation

and subsequent victimization based on that disclosure. Many report the police use the fear of disclosure and its consequences as their means to protect the perpetrator of the crime from prosecution. Unlike Florida judges, they were surprised to hear it is a crime to attack, beat, wound, or murder a homosexual.

Two days before the AIDS testing, one place that gay men were beaten in two separate attacks in Jacksonville, at Columbia University, the attack occurred in view of a village security guard who failed to intervene or even defend the innocent place of the gay population targeted in. This official response from those we try to protect is typical. In many incidents police refuse to assist the attacks, simply allowing them to slip away from control. As they prosecute, "We know you can't help having flags and signs, we can't either, but if you have parties at large groups of them, they are going to get back and beat you! There are several reported attacks, and many computer attacks, against gays and lesbians weekly in New York. No part of the city is safe, even the West Village's dangerous and notorious neighborhood filled there with checking regularly. At one rally against a Black Village project house, called to protest pay cut-

terments of gays and lesbian victims, balloons full of water were thrown at various four women, lesbian gay couples, why gays and lesbians are calling for better protection!

The response of the community is an immediate and predictable from the West interview Larry Kramer said, "I don't know what else I can do. I wish every group or men and women were recognized that I would form a terrorist group." Robert Ellery, in the same interview agreed with Kramer and said, "I have a dream that some day VE is a community's homophobic way, I want to be an anti anti-gay terrorist!" The October 1988 issue bitterly addressed the issue of "Should gays shoot back?" and featured a gun striking right at the reader's forehead when Kramer called for a working group to discuss taking up larger political action. Community 21st Century members joined him. They are arming themselves and learning how to use those weapons. If the political world doesn't protect them, they will learn how to protect themselves.

How have people responded? Some immediately responded, "Some among" gets shot in the village for trying to find a gay guy, these kids will not defend with everyone will turn on us. They know their rights. These people are not innocent!

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patience is their drug of choice. We're getting into something that will be hard to get out of. What am I going to do when their cars, after six and I don't have a gun? Chaz clearly hasn't worried. "It's a risk, these people haven't even even held a gun... if you're misunderstanding, a political and theoretical issue."

Like, understanding, theories or not, the lack of ability someone has given the attention of many New Yorkers. One way or another guys and lesbians in this city intend to get the attention of city officials and to take action, now. To many gays and lesbians in New York, though it sounds like this will be some serious shit, it's nothing more than another step in the best organizing war that our community is having with figures of all kinds. As someone said, "Why was everyone so flipped out by some poor tourist from Utah being killed? What about our own people?" - If we get the same media coverage every time a gay or lesbian is attacked, beaten, or killed that is given to strangers from Utah, people would realize that for gays and lesbians, America, never mind New York, is a war zone."

The first step in taking back our streets, our lives, and our police and ourselves is to get popular attention. There are many practical problems in trying to be too out of the

street. Especially when the entire system is corrupt and prejudiced against you. So this is a right kind step. Our freedom, our safety, and our pride begin by our taking responsibility for it ourselves. In one anonymous flyer circulating in the gay and lesbian community this week you can read, "If someone threatens you or touches you, do something unexpected. Look him in the balls and stick gouge out his eyes, tear off his ears, then run and don't stop until you find a brother you trust who can take care of you. We know too much - our bodies know too much - to be deceived."

You'll have to admit, if nothing else, A-1 up starting target practice is something unopposed. A real kick in the balls to New York and America. Maybe this will at least get their attention.

★ SAN FRANCISCO FILM FESTIVAL EXONERATED

The National Endowment for the Arts declined on October 13, 1991, that it had endorsed an investigation of a 1990 gay-made-Francois- Tronzoine film festival and gay media organization that promotes the annual San Francisco Internat-

ional Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. The NEA began its investigation of the organization's event festival funds in July 5, 1991, after allegations from conservative businessmen and religious groups that the grant was being used to fund obscene work.

This investigation is the first to be undertaken by the NEA subsequent to a 1990 NEA appropriations bill. The amendment states that NEA funds may not be used to promote homo-sexual interests which "when taken as a whole, do not have serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

The investigation was launched after a letter from the U.S. General Accounting Office to the NEA raised questions regarding grants made by the Endowment.

Tronzoine was exonerated by the NEA after its review determined that the Festival presented works of artistic integrity. An NEA official concluded that "the festival was considered to be one of the greatest arts in the world."

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★ GAY MAN APPOINTED TO FAIR HOUSING BOARD

The Palm Beach County (Florida) Board of County Commissioners appointed longtime gay activist Norman Kaine to the county's seventh member Fair Housing Board. Kaine, 71, the first openly gay man to be appointed to a government position in Palm Beach County, was sworn in on October 27, 1985.

Kaine was nominated at the request of the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council, Inc. The Council was instrumental in lobbying in 1982 to change the county's fair-housing laws to prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians. In 1985, Kaine received the County's Public Service Award.

The Fair Housing Board exists "to promote and encourage fair treatment and equal opportunity in housing and public accommodations for all persons regardless of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, age, or marital status, to promote and encourage mutual understanding and respect among such persons, and to endeavor to eliminate discrimination in housing and public accommodations against any and all persons, youth persons."

In 1984 and 1985, Kaine worked actively and relentlessly to draw public attention to the extent of discrimination being gay men and lesbians in Palm Beach County. Kaine's efforts resulted in an outpouring of more than 528 letters to county commissioners to support all of the amendments to the fair housing ordinance. The ordinance was enacted by a 4-3 vote in one vote in January, 1985.

Three weeks later, after lobbying by the county diversity commission, amendments were to revise the county's Administrative Action Plan to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in county employment.

Palm Beach County is the only government entity in Florida which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"It means it is a question of equal rights not only for members of the lesbian and gay community, but also for other minorities and women," explained Council Theoret Wash.

As a young man, Kaine saw the discrimination which denied his parents - both died within a year - equal opportunities. He immediately lobbied the New Jersey state legislature to enact legislation that would be to reward diverse groups.

His experiences led him into the civil rights battle since 1967's Voting Rights Act as a slain martyr for a national fair-discrimination bill for the first African American as a subcommittee on their statement to forward.

As a founding member of LGBH, he has been deeply involved in the civil rights

movement by registering African-American voters in Mississippi. During university days in Jacksonville in Mississippi, Kaine's car was destroyed and he was attacked. A letter was in his hand accusing as a minister of the broken bible used as a weapon against the first day.

As the struggle for equal rights expanded into the western movement, Kaine again used his position in management of a retail furniture chain to open opportunities to women. He was the first person to hire a woman as a salesperson in the industry in New Jersey.

Adding to his activities in gay and lesbian organizing, he founded the Gay/Bisexual Business Association, the first business and professional association in the metropolitan New York City area, covering gay-owned and operated businesses. He also organized the Gay Student Organization of Rutgers University, the first gay student organization in the New Jersey public university system.

★ PFLAG TO BENEFIT FROM CFC CAMPAIGN

The Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a certified nonprofit organization in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for Fall, 1985, according to Pauline Goodman, Federation President. The campaign provides the opportunity for federal employees to support independent charitable organizations with payroll deduction gifts. "Participation in our bi-annual P-FLAG is 1985."

"CFC" is an important source of funding for the Federation, and we urge all our friends who are federal employees to use this opportunity to support PFLAG," said Pauline Goodman, Federation President.

★ SENATE APPROVES BILL

The U.S. Senate on October 23 approved a 97-0 vote, one-year appropriation for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) after debating attempts by Senate Sen. Helms to bar funding of sexually explicit art as well as supporting efforts on AIDS advocacy involvement. The seven votes after a year of bitter debate and continued congressional avoidance of some explicit art, and after intense lobbying by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the arts community.

Before the final bill was passed, Helms successfully passed by vote vote in an almost empty Senate chamber an amendment that forbids funding of material that "discriminates against."

The Senate vote on its face by 73-24 a bipartisan approach that includes no explicit mention but prohibits the NEA to bring funds from private organizations

of diversity or child pornography. The bill also bars certain activities from applying for NEA funds for three years. In addition, the NEA must monitor grant recipients, restrict use of those works, and pay out grants in installments.

The bill was passed unanimously in both houses. Lobbyists are confident they can get the floor's majority vote stripped then.

★ IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS EASED

The U.S. Congress on October 27 gave final approval to lawmakers' legislation that removed gay men and lesbians from the nation's list of immigration restrictions and paved the way for removal of HIV and AIDS from the policy.

The Congress passed the Family Unity and Employment Opportunity Immigration Act. The act exempts McCarthy-era restrictions that prohibited many people - gays and lesbians included - from leaving the U.S. During conference committee negotiations on the bill the lawmakers added a clause that gives the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) power to remove AIDS and HIV from the list of restricted diseases.

Since the 1950's the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has held that individuals "afflicted with psychopathic personality, or sexual deviance" are ineligible to receive a visa or enter the U.S. Although the American Psychological Association and other groups long ago protested homosexuality from list of "mental disorders," INS continued to apply policy.

The INS Immigration Commissioner, created by Sen. Jesse Helms in the past Congress, has received considerable national and international press.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) called for the President to urge the law immediately and remove HIV and AIDS from the list of restrictions. "This bill is a major stride against legislative homophobia and AIDSophobia," said NGLTF spokeswoman Robert Gray. "The administration and Congress have focused its gay people and people with AIDS turned away at our borders."

NGLTF director Florida Berthel said the "burden of responsibility" for removing AIDS from the list is now upon the U.S. House of Representatives and President George Bush.

★ UFMCC RECOGNIZED

The World Council of Churches has invited the International Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (IFMCC) to be represented at the Seventh Assembly and has given IFMCC Official Observer status for the Assembly.

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1st Saturday Event, 7-10pm
Corvairton-640 N 16-Lincoln

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

GLSD Gay/Lesbian Student Org
Call For Location 391-0694
or 558-8121, Mtg at 6:30pm

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The Wax, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

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The Wax-1417 Jackson-6:30pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

A.S.C.L.E. (Achieving New
Gay/Lesbian Endeavors) Tpe
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301 N Happy Willow, Omaha

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

River City Mixed Chorus
Caroling in The Barn

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Parents-FLAG/Omaha, 3 pm

1st Meth 7220 Cass, 231-8781
Omaha Neo (ONES) Mtg, 3pm
Write: Box 2706, Omaha 68102

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

AIDS Interfaith Network
Service, St Cecilia's, 7 pm
60th & Webster, Omaha

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH**

Lincoln T-FLAG AIDS Support
Grp, Tpe, Info Line-475-2427

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Affirmation/Omaha, 7 pm
Call 535-7791 for info

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

MCC-Omaha Dornling Party at
Golden Manor, Meet at Church
6:30pm, 545-2582 for Details

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Parents-FLAG, Kearney, 3pm
St Johns, 2nd Ave at 23rd St
Call for info: (308) 237-2870

GLSD Gay/Lesbian Student Org
All Students Welcome! 6:30pm
Location: 558-8123, 391-0694

Affirmation/Lincoln, For info
Write Box 80122, Lincoln 68501

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Parents/FLAG-Lincoln, 7 pm
University Towers, 15th & "W"
8th Floor Party Room, 5th level
Parking Next Door Garage
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Holiday Sharing, Bring a
Favorite Holiday Snack

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
Open Meeting, Refreshments
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24, 7:30pm

Gay/Lesbian Coalition, 7:30pm
St Marks, 13 & N, Lincoln

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Service
St Marks, ONE, 13 & N, Tpe

Christmas Eve Service, 10pm
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**SAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

NO GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP
MEETING TONIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

T-FLAG AIDS Support Group
Lincoln, 475-2427, 7 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

SAVE A SAFE AND SAFE
NEW YEAR'S EVE!

Sunday

Metropolitan Community Church
of Omaha, 420 S 24, 345-2583
Worship! 10:20am, Tpe

Omaha Frostrunner/Walkers
Jogging/Walking Club, 10 am
Various Locations

River City Bowling League
King Louis Rose Bowl, 4 pm
1100 Northwest Radial Way

The Wax, 1417 Jackson, Omaha
Shows at 7:30

Monday

Alternate Test Site, 7-10 pm
NAP, 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha

River City Mix Chorus rehearsal
Low Ave Fresh, 1222 S 40, Tpe

Tuesday

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
MCC-Omaha 420 S 24, 345-2582
NO MEETING DECEMBER 23

Wednesday

Omaha Frostrunner/Walkers
Ford Birthsite, 6:30 pm
22nd St & Woolworth, Omaha

MCC-OMAHA PRAYEN GROUP WILL
NOT MEET DURING DECEMBER

Thursday

Alternate Test Site, 7-10 pm
NAP, 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha

ONE Gay/Lesbian Student Org
Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 8pm

Friday

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS
FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS HAS
DISBANDED, NO FURTHER MEETINGS

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic Anonymous
Pella Leathermen, 202 S 41, Omaha
345-8926, 8-10 pm

Advent Focus Group, MCC-Omaha
Fridays During December Only
Call 345-2582 for information

Saturday

Women's Support Group, 13 am
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24, 345-2583

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2000-2001

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SENATOR KERREY GETS AN A

By Terry Sawney

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has released their report card grading seven members of Congress on key gay and lesbian issues. "Kerrey's A" will find anyone accompanying this article. For other news information contact the NGLTF. The following contains excerpts from the NGLTF report.

Overview

The 101st Congress will be recorded in our history as the most pro-life and anti-constitutional legislative period for lesbians and gay people. Members of the House and Senate enacted critical pro-lesbian/gay legislation, defeated many of the anti-lesbian/gay amendments offered, and sponsored bills of vital importance to our community's most issues.

Additionally, gains were made in lobbying federal agencies and the Bush Administration.

These achievements were due in large part to the steadfast power of groups like the NGLTF, the growth and political empowerment of the lesbian and gay movement, and NGLTF's focused constituent lobbying.

VICTORIES HATE CRIMES

NGLTF's vision of passing legislation to address anti-lesbian/gay violence became a reality in the 101st Congress. NGLTF's long-term effort resulted in a comprehensive, mandated national data collection system on crimes motivated by prejudice and hatred on race, religion, ethnic orientation, or ethnicity. The Hate Crime Statistics Act became the lesbian and gay community's first major federal civil rights statute.

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Federal anti-discrimination provisions for persons with disabilities in the public and private sectors became a reality. The ADA extends civil rights provisions to persons with disabilities, including those with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions. A groundbreaking disability rights civil rights bill (including NGLTF's pro-amendment and self-governing organizations) came together to push for passage of this long overdue legislation.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Congress enacted a 1994 immigration law preventing lesbian and gay from engaging in same-sex marriage. Through provision was added into the Family Unity and Development Opportunity Immigration Act.

COMPREHENSIVE AIDS EDUCATION EMBODIED ACT CARE

The House and Senate overwhelmingly defeated AIDS a public health emergency

and passed the CARE Act. This legislation authorized emergency disaster relief to the 15 states hardest hit by AIDS and authorized additional resources for all states to help with the growing care load of people with AIDS.

OTHER ADVANCEMENTS

There were a number of other advances, such as NGLTF along with other lesbian and gay people were invited to participate in White House signing ceremonies of the Hate Crime Statistics Act and the ADA. This marked the first time openly lesbian and gay people were invited to the White House to witness the signing of parts of our legislative agenda.

Many other advances in other forms were made as well. However, the time has come to discuss shortcomings that we can make head in our local communities to help better advancements on both the local and the national level. A tool for us to use is the report cards released from the NGLTF. Make a special effort to contact your representatives and let them know your feelings about their performance and the job they are doing in representing you and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

To write to your Congressman use the following guidelines. For a member of the House of Representatives, send to The Honorable _____, United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. For a member of the Senate, send to The Honorable _____, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

Send a copy of the report card with your letter to better get your feelings and to your member in person, in either case be prepared that you point out both the good points and as well as the bad. An important point to remember is that while the guidelines are for local area only (Kerrey - A, Dingell - B, Eder - F, Bennett - F and Smith - D) there are no congresses for the lesbian and gay civil rights bill from New York, as people, when making your contact with the positive, high graded representatives and legislators, come to be favored by signing bills as a congressman or the lesbian and gay civil rights bill and for those low graded representatives, ask that they sign as well, as a measure of good faith in representing you and encourage a more visible positive attitude toward and issues. For those of you in District 3, I did not include a copy of Mr. Smith's report card as it is out of date now, however this should not stop you from making contact with your congressional representatives. Write him and ask that he cosponsor the lesbian and gay civil rights bill. You are assured in more information, please contact Terry Sawney, The Pulse at 407-631-2071 or contact the NGLTF at 305-112-6483. Check, and please write to the NGLTF and let them

know of the good job Tim John Washick did on the report card. Express your appreciation by enclosing a donation to the program, membership dues over \$20.00 for a year, entry money helps too if you can't afford a membership card - when you can and perhaps next year we will be able to report even greater numbers of advancements and create a better set of report cards for New York.

★ HRCF REASSERTS SUPPORT FOR MILLER & MARLBORO BOYCOTT

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, reasserted its support for the national boycott of Miller beer and Marlboro cigarettes.

During representatives of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) at a press conference in Washington, D.C., the campaign fund's executive director, Tim Smith, stated that "the boycott serves to educate the public about the role Philip Morris has played in supporting its opponents of responsible AIDS policies."

HRCF approved a resolution calling for support of the boycott, urging "lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans and all like-minded people boycott" the Philip Morris products. In addition, the board voted to discontinue the production Campaign Fund news.

"We believe the boycott can play an important role in educating the public about the role Philip Morris has played in undermining the struggle for an effective strategy against AIDS and full civil rights for lesbian and gay Americans," said Tim McFadyen, the campaign fund's executive director.

"We have unanimously passed a resolution to flow into the coffers of organizations and supporters who give aid and comfort to our enemies. The Miller and Marlboro boycott sends a clear and compelling message that we will no longer be intimidated, but will work to ensure that the rights of lesbian and gay Americans are upheld in accordance with constitutional provisions that to place their financial support," McFadyen stated.

The Board-approved resolution states that the Campaign Fund's support of the boycott will continue "until such time as a satisfactory resolution of the issue, as articulated by the principal proponents of the boycott, has been achieved in accordance with the guidelines established by members of the Board."



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(402) 464-0100
Network center
and link with University of Wisconsin, Platteville.

New Sheboygan Circle
(402) 472-9000
Start your own community support group, issues,
workshops, outings and coming out seminars, and education.
Meeting twice a mo

New Youth
For Lesbian Information & Support, Call (402) 468-4000

Parents' Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLG)
See Nebraska National listing.

240, The Gay and Lesbian Scientific Association, Box
300, Lincoln, WI 53020
(402) 464-0100
Support, education, &
academic research for LGBT in Scientific community, health,
arts, & education

240, Gay and Lesbian Youth Center
204, Greenway, Lincoln, WI 53020
(402) 472-9000
Mentoring, social, and support

The Women's Shop
Meet & Get away Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at 35 E 17th Street

Women's Journal Advocate
Box 9775, Lincoln, WI 53020

YOUTH
240 E. 17th Street, Box 300, Lincoln, WI 53020
Promoting, supporting, teaching, discussing
issues, and providing activities in the community

YOUTH - Sheboygan
204 Greenway, Sheboygan, WI 53081
Call Nancy or Carol at (402) 238-6700

YOUTH - Wisconsin
4011 10th Ave., Lincoln, WI 53027
Open, Safe, Acceptance, Love, Support, Action, and Love
Lincoln, WI
Call Bob or Nancy Sabin (262) 227-9375

CHILDREN (10) (4002)

Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights
Box 9800, Lincoln, WI 53020
Support group for adults who are involved in their
children's lives

Windsor Club
Box 7124, Lincoln, WI 53020
Socially active and fun for members of the
LGBT community

Circle 800, 240 E. 17th Street, Lincoln, WI 53020
Box 300, Lincoln, WI 53020
Social, educational, and support group for
children of LGBT members

Parents' Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLG)
See Nebraska National listing.

Gay City Meeting Group
(402) 464-0100
Meet on Tues. at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Community Center

Gay City West Group
Box 300, Lincoln, WI 53020
(402) 464-0100
Support group for
LGBT children in Lincoln

The Whispers of Dreams (TWD) Men's Group
Box 300, Lincoln, WI 53020

240, Youth Center
Box 300, Lincoln, WI 53020
(402) 464-0100
Call (402) 464-0100
LGBT youth support group

ADULTS (10) (4002)

Religious Groups
Ministry of Nebraska
Box 300, Lincoln, WI 53020
(402) 464-0100
Support group for LGBT members of
various churches and synagogues

Windsor Community Church of Lincoln (WCC)
Meeting address: Box 7124, Lincoln, WI 53020
Services at 10:30 a.m. &
7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sundays, and
Tuesdays. Call (402) 464-0100

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DAY OF RENEWAL AND RETREAT

*For Those Who Are Care Givers
To Those Who Live With HIV And AIDS*

Family Members	Nurses
Friends	Physicians
Loved Ones	Social Workers
Healthcare Workers	Volunteers
Therapists and Counselors	

To Be Sponsored By:

THE AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK
Omaha, Nebraska

Date: Saturday, December 8, 1990

Place: Knowles Mercy Center
Waterloo, Nebraska

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Contact: Brother Larry O'Toole for
more information, 558-3100

NOTE: You must register IN ADVANCE
before/on December 5, 1990

EATs: Lunch and beverages provided;
Pot luck supper by, you,
the participants

All of us who care for those with HIV/AIDS know that we gain as much as we give. The giving is an emptying process, and the gains hard to measure in the here-and-now. Perhaps it takes months and years to realize what has changed in us. This renewal day is provided for you as an opportunity to share, notice, process, learn, play . . . and be renewed. It is hoped you will be provided with a new way of seeing the gifts and the gains.

The day will be facilitated by members of the AIDS Interfaith Network and guest presenters. A balance of presentation, working on grief concerns, "structured" play, meditation and relaxation will invite participants to be empowered for the challenges that still lie ahead.