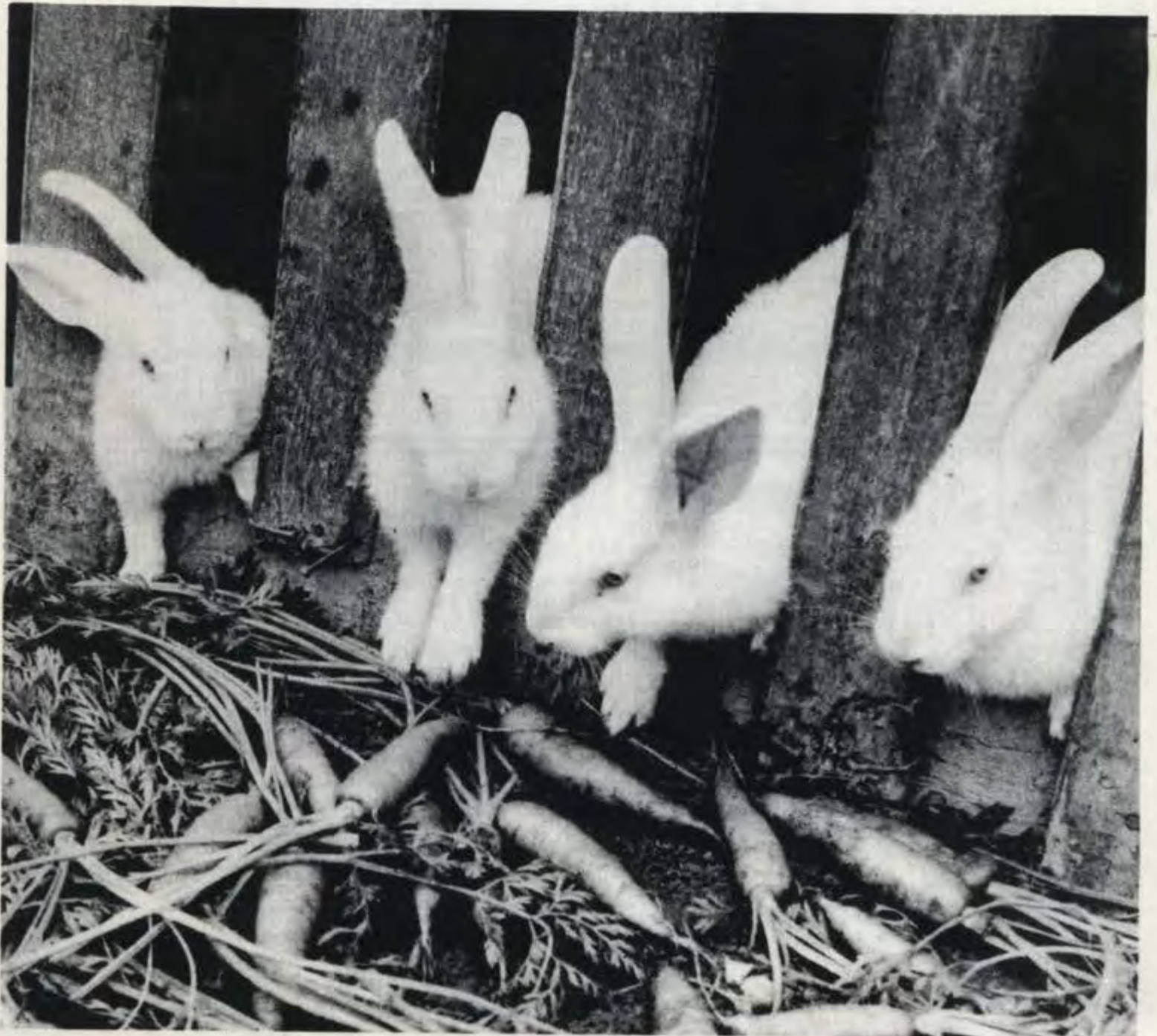


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Our Turn

View and opinions by The New Voice staff.

Acting Editor

You know, I never had any intention of being in a position where I would be writing this article. I was sitting peacefully on one of the speakers at the MAX, swinging my feet back and forth while I waited our turn to practice for MCC's bit in the Christmas benefit show, when a friend nudged me and asked "are you interested in being co-editor for The New Voice? We need a woman's input".

My immediate response was "I thought The New Voice had folded." My friend patiently explained that several people had gotten together and were working with Jerry Peck to keep The New Voice going. Once again, my friend asked "Will you help?"

I always have been a sucker for a project that needed help so I said "Yes."

Now, I have to admit that this is a slightly fictionalized account of what happened but by the end of the day I not only had agreed to accept the title of "Associate Editor" but I found myself on stage at the MAX with Jerry Peck and Stella Dallas trying to act like I knew what I was doing. I should have suspected that I was in over my head when they told me I was supposed to play a little boy.

Over two months have gone by since that day and I have learned to do layout, do interviews, write stories and get along with a roomful of strong-willed men and women. It's been a good experience - I've learned a lot and had a good time - and I don't regret the decision at all.

The one regret I do have is that Jerry Peck was unable to continue in the position of Editor.

At the February meeting of the steering committee I was chosen to serve as acting editor. In order to continue the gender balance in the editorial staff, Larry Adams has agreed to add the duties of Associate Editor to his previous duties as treasurer. This change will assure the continued high quality The New Voice has demonstrated. (Larry doesn't let me get away with anything.)

As acting Editor, I need your help. I need the input of the community so I know what you want to see in The New Voice. I need your articles, your letters, your art work, your praise, your complaints, your subscriptions and your advertisements. The New Voice needs you to report on activities in the community. If there's something going on that you think should appear in The New Voice, let us know or write a report and send it in. There are only 10 people on the steering committee at this time and we can't be everywhere. You can help us make sure that every part of the gay and lesbian life style in Nebraska is represented in The New Voice. If you're interested in helping in other ways (lay-out, art, delivery, fund-raising or being on the steering committee) just let us know. We'd like to work with you.

I am not as "out" as the previous editor but I make brief forays out of the closet on a regular basis. Like I said before, I somehow ended up trying to play a little boy on stage at the MAX (that isn't the most closeted activity in the world, I guess) and you will see me at the Pride Parade and rally this summer and you'll find me at MCC's worship service most Sunday mornings. In between those activities if you really want to talk to me, try my answering machine (556-9907). If my cat doesn't answer it by knocking it off the end table again, I will get back to you as soon as possible. Of course you can also write to the Omaha box number for The New Voice.

The New Voice is alive and well and with your help, we'll keep it that way.

-Sharon V.

I Can't Read Your Writing

I'm the typesetter for The New Voice and I have a request to make. You see, I have to read what is submitted for publication, interpret it and then type it.

I can't read my own writing after it's 5 minutes old - and some of you aren't much better.

So, if you're submitting articles and/or press releases there are a couple of guidelines that I ask you follow.

Please type your submission, double spaced on 8 1/2 by 11 paper. DO NOT use all caps. If you don't have a typewriter available, please print double spaced.

Get your items in as early as possible so that I don't have to try to type this whole magazine in a couple of days.

Use the "third person" when writing an article about your organization.

This is a monthly magazine, so do not use such terms as "last Wednesday", give us the actual date.

Keep titles short. There is a limited space for article titles. We will cut them as necessary, which may or may not reflect what you want as a title.

By observing these common guidelines, you will not only make my job easier, but help insure that your input will get printed.

Tom W.



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Book Review

The Road Less Traveled by M. Scott Peck was recently given to me by a loving friend. The book is a "self help" book which has helped me a great deal. The book does not claim to deal with gay/lesbian issues; however, as readers we bring our own experience and perspective to what we read. Dr. Peck is a psychologist that relates various cases. I found numerous gay or lesbian friends and myself in his case histories.

The book deals with the problem of loving one's self and being able to love others. I personally found in the book reasons why it is so difficult to establish a sense of community among gays and lesbians. Dr. Peck points out that as we deal with the truth about our own nature, so we shall relate to other individuals and to the society or community in which we find ourselves. He attributes a great deal of peoples neurosis to their nurturing as children. Is it possible to relate a persons self awareness of their sexuality as a beginning or childhood? The parenting is then done by their community in the absence of family support.

Dr. Peck is a Christian. An interesting theme of his book reflects his concept concerning the original sin. Dr. Peck claims that the sin was not the partaking of the fruit of knowledge of good and evil; but rather, being too lazy to question why they should or should not. The author contends that loving, even one's self, is work that is ongoing throughout our life in relationships.

(Although the author and I share the same last name, I do not know of any relationship - just a strong kinship.)

(If you are interested in loving yourself or others better, get a copy. You may also get some better understanding of your friends and yourself.

-Jerry Peck



AIDS Interfaith Network: AIDS and the Cross

Working with persons with AIDS has integrated my prayer life and my ministry more than ever before. This Lent I drew the following parallels between Jesus' experience on the cross and that of some of the persons he died to save.

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do"

A Person suffering from AIDS caught me off guard with the depth of his ability to forgive enemies. Jesus said this would be the unique mark of His followers. I'd been complaining of the pain inflicted by a church person who'd taken a condemning attitude toward him. I said, "That man needs to learn some compassion." The sick man immediately added "But he also needs our forgiveness. Jesus loves everybody."

"I thirst"

Though he couldn't speak because of the respirator, he spelled out his one desire: "Strawberry Ice Cream." After several days of pleading, he was finally able to swallow some, and all of us rejoiced.

"This day you will be with me in Paradise"

After the Priest left he called his mother into the room, his eyes shining. "Mom, I'm at peace with God," he said. "I know He loves me and never leaves me."

"Woman, behold your son"

As I reminisced with a mother whose son had died, she mused "I don't think I would have been as thoughtful as he was of others. Even when he felt miserable, he always appreciated what others did for him and never complained.

"Son, behold your mother"

He told me, "At night I get scared so I pray my rosary until I can sleep."

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?"

I never heard the voice of the man on the respirator, yet he brought me into the presence of the dying Jesus. Because of his fever he had only a loin cloth over him. Because of his sudden bout of pneumonitis, his 33 year old body looked strong, his bearded face handsome. Suddenly his chest

heaved, his whole body turned red, his face contorted, and his arms shot out from his body, cruciform! All this agony was simply caused by a silent coughing spell as his lungs insidiously filled. I said to him, "Jesus know exactly how you feel. He couldn't get his breath either when he hung on the cross."

"Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit"

When I saw the dying man's parents and lover bending over his bed, I saw an image of the Trinity surrounding him with love. His last words were a response to the human and divine comfort he had been given. He said "I love you" and peacefully breathed his last.

-Sr. Marge Cashman
Lent 1988

To The New Staff

I have probably seen every issue of the New Voice since its inception. You might say I skimmed through them. The February issue however, caught my eye and kept my interest right through from the beautiful valentine cover to the colorful ad for the Max on the back cover.

I don't know how you did it, but must commend you all for an outstanding presentation.

The artistic work, layout and articles are excellent, and I particularly enjoyed the interview with Don Flowers. It cleared up a lot of things I wasn't too sure of, and I learned about a lot of things I didn't even know were going on, since I'm not much into the bar scene anymore, and miss out on a lot that is happening in the community.

I am enclosing a check and hope it will help out a little. I also hope it will prompt others to follow suit. We must keep this very important, and much improved communications tool alive, not only for our immediate area, but for the gay community all across the State.

I will make a list of friends who formerly lived in our community, and will take out subscriptions for them. They want to know what's going on back here in the "Big Red" gay community, and there is no better way of telling than with a copy of the New Voice.

Keep up the good work, you've done yourselves proud.

-Don Longmore



Antiquities in Religion

Perhaps the oldest and most important antiquities of this world are those found from early symbols depicting pagan gods and later those of Christianity. They have been the most revered subjects the world over. These symbols and art objects are found all over the world; early caves, on open plateaus, the pyramids of Egypt and other places of worship. Most of these original artforms and collectables are now in National Museums, major Basilicas, Monasteries and in private collection or on loan to great museums of the world.

Today, the interest in religious artifacts is at an all time high. Icons, religious paintings, gold plated altar artifacts, candlesticks and other church memorabilia are being sought and purchased by those who have become aware of what great, beautiful works of art have been produced over the centuries. Most of these works were commissioned by the very rich and Royalty as offerings to the great religions of their time. They were commissioned as offerings to God in atonement and expectations of entering the gates of Heaven through their charity. These commissions were executed by

such artists as Cimabue, Duccio, Durer, Da Vinci, Michelangelo and many others. These artifacts were produced meticulously by hand and out of the most precious metals and materials available.

The 'Golden Rule' could also be stated as "Who ever has the most gold rules". Gold, of course is the most perfect metal in this world in that it never changes. It is the international monetary standard of the world. It is regarded as having the greatest value or 'goodness'; as in 'a heart of gold'. This is why man has coveted and chosen this medium to glorify his God in his religious endeavors in telling his story of God's love and forgiveness via the religious artform. In today's world it is still as rare and precious as it was in the beginning of time. History has shown a great resurgence in religion and religious artifacts during times of war, plague, depressions and in general when things of man do not go well. During the early wars of Greece, Rome, Napoleon and others, the first spoils of war were always the gold and silver religious artifacts of conquered nations and were used to support the victor's homeland and unfortunately the gold and silver was melted down and went to support more troops and arms to conquer other countries. At one time in history, the land of Egypt controlled 90 percent of the world's mined gold and was used by the Pharaohs for barter and religious purposes. The greatest part went for burial tombs for the Pharaoh's next life beyond. The innermost sarcophagus of Pharaoh weighed over one ton and in today's market, the scrap melt down value would be one billion, six hundred million dollars. Time, wars and grave robbers eventually caused this same gold to once again be distributed throughout the world. As a matter of interest, some of the early Egyptian civilizations are credited as worshipping the oneness of God a thousand years before Christianity..

The best selling book of all time is still the Holy Bible. The most collectable artifact is the many renditions of the Madonna and Child by thousands of artists over the past centuries through the medias of marble, bronze, wood, frescos, porcelain or on canvas. God has rightly been given His reverence in religious artifacts from early pagan

times through Christianity. Over the centuries religious artists embellished their art works with the best they had to offer - precious gold. These early religious artforms are being preserved and cared for not only by national museums but also by private concerned groups throughout the world.

Most religious antique artifacts on the market today are excellent copies of originals dating from time immemorial. The Byzantine icon art form is again very much in demand. Much of this artform was painted on wood or metal and outlined with hammered gold or silver. The Metropolitan Art Museum of New York offers many religious artifacts in reproduction in a variety of mediums such as gold and silver plate, bronze, brass, polymer resins, sterling and solid gold.

Many collector clubs have been formed in the past few decades and are producing copies of religious artifacts in order for more of us to own and appreciate these centuries old art forms from the beginning of time. Please check out these 'Mint' clubs before you invest a great deal of money as some of them are misleading.

The finer antique shops around the country are now displaying more works of the religious artform than ever before. It is true that we are a society that does not wear our religion on our shirtsleeves and unfortunately one does not see much religious art prominently displayed in our homes. You will see more of it as it once again becomes more appreciated for it's statement of the Love of God and it's simple and beautiful message of what life is really all about.

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Resurrection

Last year our Lenten Family Groups at MCC Omaha reflected on "Resurrection Possibilities". Looking forward to the Lenten and Easter time, I wanted to share some thoughts about how I, as a gay man, have also experienced resurrection.

Most of us have experienced death in various ways. Some the loss of a loved one, others close friends, but I think each of us has experienced a type of death in dealing with ourselves and others concerning our life style. Some of our brothers and sisters in the gay community have even been told by their parents that they were considered dead. Society even attempts to make us feel dead by not acknowledging we exist, or not acknowledging that we have rights.

Having been associated with very conservative religious denominations, I often felt less than a person. So many of the teachings of the Church, I feel, were meant to keep me on a constant guilt trip.

In 1980 I decided that whatever might come, I was going to quit living a lie. I was going to live my life as a practicing Homosexual. Little did I know that with the "pre-taught prejudices" which I brought with me from those conservative denominations that I would still feel I was living a lie. Some of us only have the traumatic experience of coming out once. I experienced it twice, and because of the religious influences, the second time was even more difficult. I really experienced a type of death in the alienation from my church.

Having been taught for so many years that as a Homosexual I was going to hell I decided, "So what! I might as well enjoy the trip". And I was enjoying it until I was drawn into fellowship with Christian Gays. A Lesbian friend introduced me to Metropolitan Community Church of San Antonio, Texas. That was to prove a real turning point in my life. As I have said, the Church had held such an influence over my thinking that it had been controlling my life. When I found that there were Gay men and women who claimed to be Christian, this went against everything which I had been taught. I was frightened. What was I to do now?

I have always believed in the presence of a God who cares about me and what happens to me. I guess this knowledge is what made it possible for me to come to grips with both my spirituality and my sexuality. If God cared about me as I believed, then God must be able to show me how to come to grips with this confusion. I finally realized confusion was what it was. God, the Bible says, "...is not a God of confusion but of peace." (1 Corinthians 14:33) Through personal prayer I came to experience the peace of God in knowing that the God who had loved me and cared about me all my life still loved me JUST AS I WAS! To repeat what we have heard numerous times, "My God doesn't make any junk." God gave me the peace to know that as a gay man I was still made in God's image and that God my Parent still loved me, and Jesus my Savior did too! Wow! What peace comes when God sends it! Real

resurrection. I was back from the dead! Jesus again brought life.

I began to finally be able to live as Christ would have me, regardless of what the Church, society or anyone else might think. I had experienced resurrection. This was new life for me.

But the big question is: "What has it meant to me as a gay man, how has it changed my life, is my life any better because of it? If I have been resurrected, what has changed? Society hasn't changed a whole lot, the Church's views, although slowly changing, haven't made much progress. So what's the big deal?"

The big deal is that I know God made me Gay. God loves me Gay. I accept that God made me as I am and loves me. With that realization and acceptance, my life can now be happy, joyful, yes even productive.

I still have problems. I still get discouraged. I still get lonely. But the difference is that I now look at life, knowing that my Creator and Savior made me, loves me and accepts me. How can I do less? I can face these problems, the discouragement, even the loneliness because these are not permanent. God's love revealed to us in Jesus is real! Every day can be, and is for me, a day of resurrection. Yesterday is dead and buried with all of its problems. Today I can live. I can live happy knowing that there is a tomorrow, and that the One who holds tomorrow, holds me!

-Howard Gurn

Women in History

1929 - Zanzie Hill was the first black woman to graduate from the University of Nebraska College of Law.

1973 - Frontier Airlines hired Emily Howell as the first woman U.S. commercial pilot.

1975 - Marion Bermudez became the first U.S. woman to compete in the Mexico City Golden Gloves boxing tournament.

1970 - Gilda Bajorquez Gjurich, founder and president of Amigos Construction Company, is the first female member of both the National Association of Minority Contractors and the California Association of Mexican-American Contractors.

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On Being Jewish and Being Gay

An Interview with "Sam Robinowitz"

S-Mr. Robinowitz, could you explain Passover?

Mr. R.-Passover is the observance of the Israelites being led out of Egypt by Moses. As you recall from your Old Testament they were being held captive as slaves in Egypt by Pharaoh. Moses led them out of Egypt, essentially regaining their freedom. That's why the theme of Passover is freedom. For us it symbolizes the ability of mankind to get out from under an oppressor and live their own life in their own way.

One of the most important things about observing Passover for Jews is that we don't see it as an historic event but as an experience that each generation has to live. For Passover we get our families together and over a special dinner we explain things to the children and to each other. The important thing is that we don't say "our ancestors were led out of Egypt." We say "we were led out of Egypt," or "I was led out of Egypt by the God of Moses." You explain that each of us has bondage from which we must be freed.

Passover may be even more important to gay Jews than to the Jews from Europe. To them their freedom was coming to the United States or evading the holocaust of World War II. As gay Jews we recognize we have a bondage from which we are continually attempting to be freed. The Jewish tradition reminds us that there are many different kinds of bondage and this is one we grapple with on a daily basis.

I am not aware of any other religious observance that is so focused on humans having the freedom to be. It has been used effectively in the gay movement for the last 30 years to show that we have a bondage in our lives that we are attempting to overcome. The reform movement has a number of gay congregations in New York and on the west coast and they regularly celebrate Passover as a freedom from social constraint, the freedom to live as they choose.

S-How is homosexuality accepted by the various branches of Judaism?

Mr. R.-I am a reform Jew and most reform Jews embrace the concept of freedom for gays. My rabbi knows that I am gay and I

am far from being the only gay congregant that he has.

Among conservative Jews, who would be the moderate group in the United States, there is dialogue going on. The rabbinical council has already accepted the concept of equal rights for gay people but the social prejudice among their members is much slower to resolve.

With orthodox Jews, it is not accepted and it is not even discussed except when you are having dialog with other groups.

You need to remember that we don't have a savior that we adore, nor do most Jews have a very strict set of rules that one must adhere to. Therefore, our central theme becomes the recognition of human dignity. Even if we don't like the people involved they have no less right to exist than any other. That's one of the reasons why I'm really glad that I'm a Jew.

S-Is there a difference in the way lesbians are treated versus gay men?

Mr. R.-One of the problems is that Judaism did not regard women as equal until just recently. Also, it's a very family oriented culture and there is a great deal of pressure in Jewish society for both men and women to marry and have children. I'm afraid there's still a belief that a woman who hasn't married by the time she's thirty has had an awful disaster happen to her. It's more accepted for men not to marry. Other than that, I don't think there's a lot of difference in the way gay men and women are treated. However, most of the gay women I know have separated themselves from the church and identified themselves more as being lesbian and more with their career rather than being a Jew.

However, one thing the Jewish tradition does offer is that unlike many of the fundamental Christian religions we have a very prescribed way of evaluating what is right for our generation. We have a system where you actually have rabbis who sit down and look at both sides of an issue. They pull in all the resources and all the materials they can find and make the decisions on what they see as being appropriate for their people at that time.

That can change over time and it does.

That's part of the reason that three movements exist now. You know, the orthodox movement in the 1800's had an outgrowth known as the conservative movement because they had a great number of rabbis who sat down, looked at the material, and said, "is this right for our times or do we need to develop new ideas for our people?"

At the very end of the last century we saw the same thing with the reform movement as they said "you know we need to modernize our observances and our understanding of the law."

S-So the stereotype of Jews being tightly bound by laws set down in Leviticus is in error.

Mr. R.-Very much in error. I think there is a real conception of the Jew as being foreign, almost un-American, because we have stuck to some ancient traditions. For some, especially for the orthodox Jew, that might be true. A great many of them are still "shomer shabbat" or "observing the sabbath." This means they follow all the dietary laws and they don't drive their car or turn on their ovens on Saturday because that's against the rules. But now most people realize that those laws are guidelines that give you peace for one day of the week.

Most of us, especially reform, just don't worry about those rules so its really inherent that most Jews are more forward thinking than their Christian counterparts. In fact, we tend to be bleeding heart liberals.

As a matter of fact, I'd be very surprised to find anyone other than a very orthodox Jew or an hassidic Jew (they're our variety of modern fundamentalists) who would condemn someone for being gay. Now of course that's sort of done at arm's length. You support the idea of someone's right to be but it's different when it's your own child. Even though it's at arm's length we do recognize each individual's right to live as he or she chooses. For both gay men and women I think there's an underlying wish by their families that they weren't gay; that they'd marry and have children; but there is still a tolerance for gays. The Jewish faith says these are our brothers and our sisters so we just can't turn them off.

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I should add that most Jews are much more likely to be aligned with social causes than with religious causes. Very few of us genuinely believe that in order for us to be good people we need to follow certain religious laws or edicts. We just live our lives. Judaism's focus is not on some future life but rather on the life you're here to live today. We preach very consistently for our children and even for our adults that you have to lead the life that's fulfilling for you. You need to get out of life what will make you the best person. So our culture is focused much more on individuals. Our religion is often ignored if it doesn't agree with the social needs. For us, we're much more cultural than religious.

-Sharon V.

The Christian Gay Maundy Thursday

As Christians, many of us are observing the Lenten tradition in preparation for celebration of Easter, observing the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

For the first time in many years the Christian calendar and the Jewish calendar of religious observations coincide. The Jewish Passover begins on April 1st. We must remember that the Jewish day ends at sundown rather than at midnight. For the Jew, April 1st begins at sundown on Thursday, March 31st.

The eight days of Passover is a celebration of the passing of the angle of death over the households of the Hebrew families that had sacrificed an animal to God and placed its blood on their door posts. The Hebrews were slaves in Egypt and God caused various plagues to be caused. The final plague was death to the first born of each household that did not have the blood of a sacrifice on the door post.

On the Thursday night preceding the death of Christ, He and His disciples gathered in an upper room to celebrate Passover. It was on this night that Jesus was betrayed and turned over to be crucified. It was at this time that Christ instituted what we now observe as communion.

Following the death of Christ on Friday, He arose on Sunday morning demonstrating how the Angel of Death can be caused to pass over each of us based on the sacrificial blood of Christ. Not a single Hebrew that was spared lived beyond his/her expectancy. Christ is alive yet today!

We have heard AIDS referred to as a Gay Plague. How we wish that we could have the angel of death pass over those of us that have been diagnosed with ARC or AIDS; however, this cannot be done with sacrificial blood. The shed blood of Christ was that of sacrificial blood.

The account of the Passover is found in the Old Testament as Moses led the people to freedom. Throughout the Old Testament we have accounts of the wrath of God as He caused plagues and allowed defeat for those that were "against His will." In the accounts that I find, God's wrath was swift and never included innocents. Even the destruction by the great flood took forty days (a short time compared to the time it takes to die of AIDS.) If God's wrath (AIDS) could be diverted by conversion to Christianity, church growth would be overwhelming. Yes, Christian Gays do die from AIDS; they pass from this existence into a different existence which they can anticipate with joy. The journey to that point will not be easy, but I know that my Redeemer liveth and so shall I, no matter how I die.

With the writing of this article I conclude my writing of this feature for the magazine. I sincerely hope that someone else will take on the responsibility of providing a Christian Gay perspective to the publication. The effort to maintain a sense of community among gay men and lesbians is much like a marathon race. The race has not been won, but the time has come for me to pass the baton to someone else or allow it to rest. Know that God will be with you - if you allow.

-Jerry Peck

Editor's note: Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter; commemorating the Last Supper.

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Women in History

1975 - Margret Bush Wilson, a St. Louis lawyer, was elected chairperson of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

1948 - Frieda B. Hennock became the first female commissioner on the U.S. Federal Communications Commission.

MCC Notes

On February 13, Metropolitan Community Church hosted the annual valentine dance. Crepe paper fantasy and a variety of rock music transformed the sanctuary into a neighborhood social hall. Thirty-four people joined together to dance, talk, and sample the refreshments. "Fred" (a large helium balloon with arms, legs, big eye, and a wandering heart) was the hit of the evening as he floated across the dance floor with first one partner and then another.

MCC - Omaha is currently conducting Lenten family groups. These are small group experiences in which people share their thoughts, beliefs and prayers in a family-like atmosphere. These groups have been conducted annually for several years and always leave the participants with a close bond that lasts long after the group has ended.

We are also currently looking for a slogan for MCC - Omaha. We're trying to find the right phrase to describe the close, family atmosphere of love and worship that we find at MCC. If you're a member or attend regularly, please submit your ideas to the church office.

MCC-O is looking ahead to April when we will be sponsoring a talent search. If you have a talent you'd like to share with us, start practicing. Details will be in next month's New Voice.

We hope to see you at the church on March 12 when we'll be hosting a soup supper with fellowship time following. The price is right (\$3.00 for all you can eat) and the company congenial. We'll start service at 5:30 pm so plan to join us.

-Sharon V.

Lesbian Rap Group Begins

The Lesbian Rap Group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of every month at the Downtown Branch of the Omaha Public Library. The dates for March are the 14th and 28th at 7pm, downstairs in room 2. Come join us for some interesting discussions and the opportunity to meet other lesbians in the community. For more information call 345-5140.

-Shelley F.

Easter at MCC

Easter services at MCC - Omaha will begin with a traditional Seder Dinner and foot washing service on Maundy Thursday (March 31) at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday will feature a Tenebrae Service. This solemn remembrance of the crucifixion begins at 7:00 pm on April 1.

Members of the congregation will then participate in a 30 hour prayer vigil ending Easter morning.

Sunrise services will be held at Central Park Mall at 6:30 am with regular worship services at the church (420 S. 24th) at 10:20 am and 7:00 pm.

Come join us in worship at this most holy time of the year.

-Sharon V.

Women in History

1958 - Mary G. Roebling was the first woman governor of the American Stock Exchange and one of the first U.S. women bank presidents.

1972 - Alicia Weber became the first NBC camerawoman ever put on staff by a television network.

1970 - Bea Hines became the first black investigative reporter for the Miami Herald.

BOO Notes

Bars and Organizations of Omaha (BOO) is alive and well!! Representatives of 10 organizations meet monthly to share news of upcoming events and develop line of communication that reach to all areas of the Omaha gay and lesbian community.

Currently BOO is working on two major projects. First of all, the member organizations are reviewing and reaffirming the positive function BOO serves in bringing diverse organizations with a variety of purposes and memberships together in a cooperative spirit. How well this function is served is demonstrated at every meeting as men and women, dressed in business suits, leathers, faded jeans and cleric collars join together in a true spirit of comraderie.


The second major project facing BOO is to plan for 1988 Pride Week activities. Pride activities (June 17 through 26) will include ICON coronation, a dance, the Pride Parade and Rally and a memorial service for those who have died of AIDS. Your participation in and support of these events is essential.

If you are a representative of a group in the gay and lesbian community and not currently participating in BOO, we invite you to join us. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. Contact The New Voice for the current meeting location or for more information about BOO.

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Only tickets sold for the March 10 performance will benefit NAP. OWT has advised that all proceeds from that evening will go to NAP to further their efforts within the Omaha community. Support NAP, support your community!

by Larry Adams

Submission Deadline

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



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Midlands Thanksgiving

The Two-Wheelers of Omaha, MC and Cornhaulers L&L Club of Des Moines have released further information regarding their combined club run. The function will be held just east of Omaha the weekend of June 10-12, 1988.

The clubs are planning a full weekend, including opening ceremonies, a show, games, cocktail parties and awards. The food committee advises that there will be plenty of good food and drink.

The clubs intend to have applications for attendance available about the first of April. A donation of \$70 by May 10th has been established. Higher amounts will be required for applications received later than that date.

For those who cannot attend the full weekend, tickets will be available for the Saturday night dinner and show, including cocktails. A donation of \$25 has been set for these tickets.

For further information, contact a member of either club or write to the Two-Wheelers of Omaha at the address shown in the resource directory.

-Tom W.

Remember the Primary Elections!

The Nebraska Primary will be held May 10th. In order to vote in this important election, you must be registered by April 29th.

We can influence this election! Register now! Vote on May 10th!

AIDS-Testing Bill Killed

Lincoln (UP)-The Legislature's Judiciary Committee killed a bill that would have required couples getting married to be tested first for acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Legislative Bill 928, sponsored by Sate Sen. Chris Abboud of Ralston, was killed on a 5-to-1 vote after a public hearing on the measure. Sen. Carol Pirsch of Omaha voted against killing the bill.

AIDS Cases May Double Annually

Updated AIDS figures for Nebraska indicate that the state can expect its number of cases to double annually for at least the next two to three years. Dr. Paul Stoesz of the Nebraska Health Department said Thursday.

Nebraska recorded 28 cases in 1987, compared with 21 for the period from 1983 through 1986, bringing the total to 49.

The 1987 figure appears to be more than doubling in one year, but it is not, Dr. Stoesz said.

The Health Department recently changed the way it compiled its 1987 year-end figures to make them more current, he said.

The Health Department counted all 1987 cases reported to it, even though five of the cases have not yet been added to the national total kept by the federal Centers for Disease Control.

Had this approach been used a year ago, Nebraska's cumulative total of AIDS cases would have been 25 at the end of 1986, rather than 21, Dr. Stoesz said.

Four of Nebraska's 1986 cases were not added to the official tally until 1987, when they were counted by the Centers for Disease Control, he said.

According to the adjusted figures, Nebraska's AIDS cases nearly doubled from 25 at the end of 1986 to 49 at the end of 1987, Dr. Stoesz said.

"In high-prevalence areas of the country, doubling has slowed to about every 15 months," Dr. Stoesz said. Those are areas where the disease first was diagnosed and where educational and prevention efforts were started earlier.

It will be at least two or three more years, perhaps longer, before the doubling time in Nebraska will lengthen beyond about 12 months, Dr. Stoesz predicted.

It will take time for educational efforts aimed at risk reduction to have an effect, he said.

The disease's incubation period also causes a time lag in reporting cases, he said. The present cases are the "result of transmission that occurred two years or longer ago," Dr. Stoesz said.

Thirty-two deaths have occurred among the 49 Nebraskans diagnosed with AIDS since the first case was reported in 1983. Seventeen affected individuals are still alive.

The official count reflects only Nebraska residents. In addition, about 15 people have been treated in Nebraska for AIDS. These are people who have come to the state to be with their families or who are being treated at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's viral syndrome clinic.

-Omaha World-Herald

Here is a breakdown of Nebraska's 49 AIDS cases:

By sex: male-46; female-3

By race: white-41; black-5; Hispanic-2; Indian-1

By transmission: homosexual or bisexual men-35; intravenous drug users-3; both homosexual or bisexual and intravenous drug users-4; hemophiliacs-2; heterosexual-1; transfusions-3; undetermined-1 (person refused interview to determine how transmission occurred).

U.S. Olympics Drops Suit

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) filed and then withdrew a suit against San Francisco Arts and Athletics (SFAA), organizers of Gay Games I and II, to collect over \$280,000 in court costs and attorney fees accrued during the long court battle over use of the word "Olympics."

"The primary reason that they dropped the suit was that they realized their motion was made in error and there was a lot of force in the argument I filed," SFAA attorney Mary Dunlap told the San Francisco Sentinel. "There must have been a number of internal conflicts over this case."

-Out Front

Women in History

1942 - Anna Rosenberg Hoffman was the only woman Regional Director of War Manpower Commission and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower in FDR's administration.

1973 - Carmen Rosa Maymi became the highest ranking woman in the U.S. government serving as Director of the Woman's Bureau.

Absolutely The MAX

Everyone at the MAX would like to say congratulations to the new reigning Mis MAX, Miss Katrina Kane. Yes, on January 31st, the MAX held the 4th annual Miss MAX Pageant. To say the least, it was a spectacular event. The contestants were Miss Victoria Towne, Miss Jennifer Jett, Miss Dorian Drake, Miss Eve Sabastian and Miss Katrina Kane. All of the contestants pulled out all of the stops for this one! We saw in the swimwear competition everything from the 1940's to a petite 185# brunette. In the special costume competition we saw George Jetson's wife "Jane", to the crowd's favorite "Barbie" of Barbie and the Rockers. We here at the MAX were also very happy to host our very special guest (for the second appearance in Omaha) none other than Miss Gay Universe "Mahogany". As was the story before, she brought the standing room only crowd to

their 'tip-toes' in waves of applause. As we go to the talent competition of the evening, we were dazzled by some of the finest talent in the Midwest. Miss Victoria Towne came to the stage as the one and only, Carol Burnette. Victoria has become quite a contender in any pageant in the state. Her rendition of Ms. Burnette shows the Nebraska audience why. We will be seeing her in many stage productions to come. Miss Jennifer Jett was a theatrical inspiration as she brought to us "Nothing" (not her talent, that's the name of the song!) from the stage play and motion picture "A Chorus Line". Donned in her leg warmers and workout clothes, she took the audience by storm and took them through the emotions of a girl that has tried and succeeded to become an actress. A wonderful job grrrrr! One of the newest entertainers to the MAX was Miss Eve Sabastian. Eve took the 60's music and gave us a rendition of quite a unique political stand with her music that was far from the everyday "quotes" that we hear but was a

gentle and calm stance of rights and freedom. Eve showed us a style, a grace that is separate from the mainstream of entertainment and an audience favorite. I would like to personally say to Eve that I will be looking forward to seeing her in upcoming events. Miss Katrina Kane was to say the least - spectacular. Her confidence and professionalism showed through the entire pageant. We know that Katrina will represent the MAX in all of the style that is exclusively KATRINA! Watch for Katrina's first show as Miss MAX in the up-coming months, it will prove to be an event!

Until next month,
-Velvet/Vince

Women in History

1974 - Juliana Wang became the first union woman to receive an Emmy Award for cinematography for the NBC "News Center 4" report on lesbianism.

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Suit Filed Against Omaha Firm

A Falls Church, VA., man has filed suit in federal court here, saying that an Omaha telemarketing firm fired him because he has an AIDS-related disease. The firing violated Virginia laws protecting the physically disabled, the suit says.

According to the Associated Press, Charles Crowley, 52, filed a suit that asks a federal judge to rule that AIDS is a handicap and to grant him \$430,000 in commissions and back pay and \$150,000 in damages and reinstatement.

The defendant is Idelman Telemarketing Inc. of Omaha.

Crowley, who became Idelman's director of marketing in May 1986, said in the suit that he was fired in July after he told his employer he had AIDS-related complex.

According to AP, Crowley also wants declared void and "unconscionable" a contract he said he was pressured to sign that bars his estate or heirs from receiving his annual commission if he dies before May 5.

In Omaha, Steve Idelman, the firm's chief executive officer, declined to comment about the case, as did his attorney, Richard Gordon of Omaha.

The telemarketing firm already had filed a petition in U.S. District Court in Omaha for a judgment declaring the contract valid.

The petition, filed Jan. 19, says Crowley notified the firm by telephone around July 1, 1987, of his "incapacity" and resigned via a personnel form July 7.

In the petition, the company says Crowley's attorney, Lynne Bernabel of Washington, D.C., said in a Jan 13, 1988 letter to Idelman Telemarketing that the contract signed May 4, 1987 was invalid.

The letter demanded immediate payment of commissions Crowley said were due and continuing payments on a monthly basis. The letter also asked full payment of Crowley's insurance premiums for 18 months, the petition said.

According to the suit filed here, Crowley told his employer April 22 that he had lymphoma and that it was fatal. Five days later, Crowley said he received the contract dated to cover his employment with the

firm from May 1987 to May 1988.

Idelman President Dale Broekemeier telephoned Crowley "on a number of occasions" asking if he had signed the contract, according to the lawsuit quoted by AP. Crowley said he signed the document May 4 because he was afraid he would lose his job.

No one at the company informed him that the provision affecting his commission had been inserted into the contract, according to the suit. Crowley said he discovered it by accident three months later.



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Compensation Bill Killed in Committee

Lincoln-A bill to require workers' compensation benefits for some employees who contract AIDS was killed in committee after running into opposition from employers, insurance companies and some senators.

The bill was intended to guarantee workers' compensation benefits to rescue personnel, paramedics, medical workers and others who might contract AIDS in the course of their work. If there were a question about where the virus had been contracted, it would be assumed to have occurred at work.

The bill would have required employers to pay for an employee AIDS test if the employee suspected work-related exposure.

State Sen. Bernice Labeledz of Omaha, co-sponsor with Sen. Jerry Chizek of Omaha of Legislative Bill 1069, said she was the only one on the seven-member Business and Labor Committee to vote against the successful kill motion.

Out of about 50,000 AIDS cases reported nationwide, six have been related to the work place, John Taylor, executive director of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, told committee members. Four of those could have been prevented by following the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's blood and body fluid rules, he said.

The other two resulted from needle sticks, Taylor said.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, a member of the Business and Labor Committee that held a hearing on the bill, said a more beneficial approach would be to require employers to provide safeguards such as gloves and face shields to their employees and then permit a claim to be filed if an AIDS case resulted anyway.

OSHA already has regulations for dealing with blood and body fluids, said Pam Carrier, who spoke against portions of the bill on behalf of the Nebraska Medical Association.

AIDS tests already are being paid for by employers of at-risk personnel, said Ms. Carrier and Yvonne Leung of the Nebraska Office of Risk Management. Ms. Leung said state government, which employs 228,000, would be the employer most affected by the law.

Ms. Leung said the state was neutral on the bill.

Opponents of the bill included representatives of insurance companies, the Nebraska Association of Commerce and Industry and the National Federation of Independent Businesses, whose members are small businesses.

Employees contracting AIDS in the course of their work would be protected under current worker's compensation laws, said Mark Afable a spokesman for the National Association of Independent Insurers, based in Des Plaines, Ill.

And because of the low risk of contracting AIDS at work while following blood and body fluid precautions, Afable said it would be wrong to assume that all at-risk employees with the virus had come into contact with AIDS at work.

Common Woman

The Common Woman provides Nebraska women with a safe place to meet other women for coffee, conversation and socialization. All sorts of women will find books, art work and discussion to meet their particular interests. For women in Omaha and in outlying areas, the Common Woman is well worth the trip to Lincoln. The Common Woman is located at 33rd and Apple in Lincoln. It is clean, well-lighted, well marked and easy to find.

March events include:

Friday, March 11, 8pm, "Poetry Reading" featuring Linnea Johnson, Patricia Dean and Joyletta Alice.

Tuesday, March 15, 7:30pm, "Women and \$\$\$". Roma Amundson will discuss financial planning for women in various living situations.

Tuesday, March 29, 7:30pm, "Feminism and Socialism", Andrea Baron will lead a discussion.

-Sharon V.

Lincoln - Where Are You?

The New Voice needs help from the Lincoln community. At this time we have no one on our steering committee from Lincoln or any other Nebraska City outside of Omaha. We especially need contact persons in Lincoln who would be willing to let us know what's happening in the capitol city. We need reporters for events there and we need writers. If you are interested, contact The New Voice.

Lincoln Hospitality

I recently made my first trip to Lincoln, and I can assure you it will not be my last! We originally planned on bar hopping, but after such a warm reception at 'Cherchez la Femme' we just couldn't manage to tear ourselves away! I met more women in one night than I had in 2 years in Omaha, and a friendly crowd there. The DJ was one of the best I've heard. Jaimie did an excellent job of mixing that night. I haven't heard a better DJ since the last time I was at "The Paris Dance" in Chicago. I didn't get the bartender's name, but I'd like to say that she was also very nice to us, even when we requested a drink she'd never heard of. Thanks for a great time, Lincoln.

-Shelley F.

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Omahans Told to Fight to Stem AIDS Tide

By Mary McGrath,
World Herald Medical Writer
& Larry Adams, The New Voice

New Yorker Judith Peabody told a luncheon audience of Omahans: "It's an honor to take care of a person with AIDS."

Mrs. Peabody, who has been involved as an AIDS volunteer and fund-raiser since 1985, and Paul A. Kawata, president of the Washington-based National AIDS Network, were in Omaha to assist the Nebraska AIDS Project.

Each called on Omahans to generate leadership that will enable the community and the state to curb the spread of AIDS and to reach out to those with the fatal disorder.

'Lessons in Courage'

Helping people with AIDS and their loved ones is fulfilling and at the same time demanding, said Mrs. Peabody, who told how she became involved primarily because of friends whose lives were affected by AIDS.

The rewards, she said, come in "lessons of courage," deep friendships and caring.

A trained therapist who previously worked with drug programs and in prisons, Mrs. Peabody related how she has been associated with four different AIDS projects, but has found her favorite in the Gay Men's Health Crisis Center.

She is now co-chairman of its Drop-In Care Partners, a group for people who take the responsibility for care of individuals with AIDS.

Her involvement goes beyond the group to providing one-on-one support for friends with AIDS and their loved ones who are caring for them.

Those who volunteer for this work find they are on call 24 hours a day, she said. The progress of AIDS is a roller coaster of highs and lows.

"The AIDS virus does not discriminate," Mrs. Peabody told the 90 people at the luncheon at Highland Country Club. "You must understand the universality of AIDS."

Those stricken are someone's sisters and brothers, nieces and nephews, mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, she said.

Mrs. Peabody, who has been cited by Vanity Fair magazine

for her AIDS work, told those at the luncheon she was "encouraged to see you here to share the caring, the sadness and the hope" that is entwined in the battle against AIDS.

Numbers Doubling

Kawata, who travels about 15 out of every 30 days on AIDS-related projects, said he has found that the Midwest - Omaha included - still does not see that AIDS is a problem.

"I ask you: How many have to die in Omaha before AIDS is a problem you feel you have to address?" he asked.

AIDS numbers have been doubling yearly in Nebraska, and may continue to do so for another five or 10 years, he said.

"By then you would have thousands of cases," Kawata said.

A total of 49 AIDS cases had been reported in Nebraska between 1983 and the end of 1987.

Omaha has a time advantage that larger cities on both coasts did not have, he continued.

There still is time for effective education to curtail the spread of AIDS, he said, and there is time to develop programs to assist those with AIDS.

Leaders must step forward from all segments of the Omaha community to meet the challenge of AIDS., he said.

PWA's and partners were invited to attend the luncheon at no cost. After the luncheon Mrs. Peabody and Mr. Kawata took a tour of the UN Medical Center's Viral Syndrome Clinic and paid a brief visit to a PWA who was currently hospitalized.

The day was topped by a cocktail party to thank Judith and Paul for their help in assisting the Nebraska AIDS Project raise funds. Those attending were AIDS program leaders and volunteers as well as PWA's/Partners. Both were given striped Nebraska sweatshirts and both promised to come back at a future date. Approximately \$7,000.00 was raised for Nebraska AIDS Project.

Women in History

1958 - Janet Hart was appointed to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

1966 - Constance Baker Motley was the first black woman elected to the New York State Senate and the first woman borough president of Manhattan.

Alix Dobkin

On January 29th we attended the Alix Dobkin Concert at the Common Woman Bookstore in Lincoln. The show opened with a comedienne who was just excellent! Her stage name is Ellen Wyze and she hails from our own Lincoln. She entertained us with a wide variety of subjects from lesbian stories to politics. I haven't laughed so hard in a long time, I can't wait to see her again! Alix gave her usual great performance with songs both old and new. She even included a couple songs from her Jewish heritage, which were very lovely. Alix told us a story about the first lesbian music tour of Europe back in the 70's. She also sang a song about the tour. Thanks to the Common Woman for providing us with such top entertainment.

-Shelley F.

VD in GI

Valentine's Day Eve (Saturday) found an overflow crowd at Chancy's Bar in Grand Island. The Gala Event was by invitation (reportedly over 150 invitations were mailed). Those wearing red received a ticket for a free drink. When I arrived at 10pm every booth, table and bar stool was taken. Standing, I gave up trying to smoke a cigarette because of the crush of the crowd.

I finally invited myself to squeeze into a booth with a charming young man from Kearney. We talked & danced and edged our way from booth to dance floor and back. To give you some idea of how crowded it was - it wasn't until after midnight that I was able to determine he had nice buns. Now I know two men from Kearney and both are named Dave and they both have a nice set of buns. I wonder if it comes from riding a John Deere?

-JP

Women in History

1869 - Arabella "Belle" Mansfield at Mount Pleasant, Iowa became the first woman admitted to the bar in the United States.

1853 - Antionette L. Brown was ordained in the Congregational church in South Butler, New York, making her the first woman minister in the United States.

New Strain of AIDS

Newark, NJ (AP)—A second AIDS virus that was discovered 2 1/2 years ago in West Africa and later spread to Europe has now been discovered for the first time in a U.S. patient.

The researchers at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey said it was the first time the virus had been seen in the Western Hemisphere.

The virus is called HIV-2, for human immunodeficiency virus, type 2. That distinguishes it from the original AIDS virus, or HIV-1.

Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, who discovered HIV-2 and was one of the discoverers of the original AIDS virus, has said that HIV-2 causes AIDS. But Max Essex of Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., has maintained that the virus does not cause illness.

Not all people who carry the original AIDS virus contract the deadly disease.

Officials at the New Jersey university said the patient in whom HIV-2 was found has indeed developed AIDS as a result of the infection.

The officials would not release the identity or location of the patient and would not say when the diagnosis was made.

Gail Lloyd of the government's Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta confirmed that the New Jersey case was the first case of HIV-2 diagnosed in the Western Hemisphere.

The university said in a prepared statement that investigations had found no evidence that the patient had spread the HIV-2 virus to anybody else in the country.

Kirk Petersen, a spokesman for the New Jersey university's hospital, declined to reveal any more details about the diagnosis and said further questions would be answered at a press conference.

Last June at the international AIDS conference in Washington, researchers predicted that the virus would soon arrive in the United States, but they said it would not herald a second AIDS epidemic.

"It's not a cause of great concern from the public's point of view," Dr. James Curran, head of the AIDS program at the Centers for Disease Control,

said. "But it will be a problem for scientists trying to develop vaccines and treatments."

"The disease is a subset of the current disease. The same people who are at risk of AIDS now will be at risk from this virus. We don't anticipate it creating any other risk groups or causing a different kind of disease."

Montagnier said in June that he had an unconfirmed report of a case of HIV-2 infection in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

A screening test for HIV-2 has been developed and is awaiting approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Dr. Curran said.

HIV-2, like HIV-1, is thought to be transmitted through sexual contact, blood transfusions and contaminated hypodermic needles.

Montagnier said in June that HIV-2 had been detected in 100 people in France, West Germany and Great Britain. He said some of them had AIDS.

In some countries in West Africa, researchers have found 17 percent of the population infected with HIV-2

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Breach of Confidentiality

Orlando-National Gay Rights Advocates has filed suit against a Florida physician for breaching a patient's medical confidentiality when the patient tested positive for HIV antibodies. The patient, James Krautz, charges that Dr. Herminio Orizondo told Krautz's employer his test results without permission. As a result of the disclosure, Krautz was fired from his job as a surgical technician with Humana Hospital Lucerne.

Benjamin Schatz, director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, said, "The doctor not only violated our client's rights, but also harmed efforts to slow the spread of AIDS. When physicians breach their patient's confidentiality, it directly discourages people from approaching their doctors for AIDS-related counseling, testing or treatment."

NGRA's suit is seeking damages, interest and court costs. NGRA has also filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services against Krautz's former employer.

Anti-Gay Psychologist

Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) has accused anti-gay psychologist Paul Cameron of having an "obsessive preoccupation with homosexuality" and has informed Cameron in a letter that he does not wish to associate himself with the controversial psychologist's views.

Dannemeyer, who is himself a vocal opponent of gay rights, charged Cameron with taking credit for helping to write several AIDS-related bills that Dannemeyer introduced into the House of Representatives last year.

"As you know, there is no truth to that claim," wrote Dannemeyer. The congressman also asked Cameron to stop using his name in connection with fundraising literature associated with Cameron's Family Research Institute.

The Jan. 22 letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Washington Blade, indicates Dannemeyer has broken ranks with some of his New Right allies who are strong backers of Cameron.

Cameron has said gays suffer from a psychological disorder and has called for tattooing the faces of people who test positive for the AIDS antibody. He moved his office and home from Lincoln, Neb., to Gaithersburg, Md., in December.

Cameron did not return a reporter's call as of the Blade deadline time. Cameron told The Washington Times that Dannemeyer's office had paid him \$2000 to write and revise five bills dealing with AIDS. Cameron told the Times he was on Dannemeyer's payroll from three weeks to a month and that he provided Dannemeyer with "the best information on AIDS."

Dannemeyer's press secretary Paul Mero confirmed that Dannemeyer sent Cameron the letter but declined to discuss its contents.

Mero denied the letter was an attempt to modify Dannemeyer's perceived views on AIDS, which gay rights leaders and House Democrats have portrayed as extreme. Dannemeyer recently threatened to file a lawsuit against several newspapers over the publication of a memo allegedly written by a Republican consultant. The memo, which the consultant denied writing, called Dannemeyer a "live grenade" on AIDS issues and claimed he was "far too emotional to do any good."

In his letter to Cameron, Dannemeyer wrote, "...[W]hile I feel that your work, like the work of others, has a place in the AIDS debate, I am not comfortable with your obsessive preoccupation with homosexuality and do not wish to associate myself with your views."

-The Washington Blade

Slow Start for AZT Trial

Washington- A large scale clinical trial to determine if azidothymidine can help people who are infected with the HIV virus, but do not show any symptoms of AIDS, avoid developing the disease has been delayed because of lack of volunteer enrollment, administrative and bureaucratic tie-ups, lack of adequate staff, and obstinacy on the part of the drug's manufacturer, The New York Times reports. The study, allegedly considered a high priority by government officials in 1986 when it was first conceived, as of Dec. 18, 1987 has enrolled only 755 of

the 1562 patients needed at 19 medical centers to complete the project. Many people carrying the HIV virus are reluctant to enter the study - either because they fear the toxicity of AZT, which while it inhibits the reproduction of the virus has several serious side effects, such as suppression of bone marrow, which can result in anemia and other problems; or they fear they will not receive the drug in a random trial that distributes a placebo to some number of its participants. Cities such as San Francisco, with an appropriate patient population, had developed a design for such a trial by early 1987, but had neither the money nor the clinical trial expertise necessary for the project. In February 1987 the plan was turned over to the National Institutes of Health, funded by Congress to establish testing and study sites. After a new and more comprehensive trial was designed, AZT manufacturer Burroughs Wellcome at first refused to supply the drug. After the drug was finally released, additional bureaucratic problems followed, including the refusal of the NIH to supply centers with adequate staff, such as secretaries and nurses, to handle enrollment.

According to Dr. Paul Volberding, an AIDS physician at the San Francisco General Hospital and the University of California's medical school in San Francisco, who is a key figure in planning the trial, most of the "administrative glitches" have been surmounted; he expects to reach full enrollment by the summer of 1988. It will then take another three years for the study to provide meaningful data on the applicability of AZT to asymptomatic patients.



AIDS Vaccine Test Underway

The first test of an experimental vaccine against AIDS with human volunteers has begun but public release is still years away, at best.

The purpose of the study, which will involve 60 healthy seronegative gay men, is to determine if the vaccine is toxic, not to determine its efficacy.

The study is designed to assess safety and ability to produce an immune response and to determine proper dosage, said Anthony Fauci, director of Allergy and Infectious Disease, which will supervise the study in Bethesda, Md.

The volunteers have been described as having current and recent sexual behavior that is considered "low risk" for transmission of HIV. They must have had no possible exposure during the previous three months and must agree to observe safe sexual practices while participating in the study.

They will receive different doses of the vaccine and some will later receive a booster shot. There also will be a control group.

The vaccine, called VaxSyn HIV-1, is manufactured by MicroGeneSys, a biopharmaceutical firm in West Haven, Conn. It is the first approved by the Food and Drug Administration for studies in humans.

"At this stage, we are not attempting to determine whether the vaccine can actually protect people from HIV infection," said Fauci. "If we obtain good results from this study, we will expand our research. It is too early to predict whether this vaccine will undergo widespread efficacy trials, but we are quite hopeful."

The vaccine consists of the envelope protein derived from the genetic material of HIV. The technique was developed using techniques similar to those employed in the manufacture of other "recombinant" vaccines.

Preliminary research with the vaccine shows the serum of immunized animals can prevent HIV from infecting human T lymphocyte cells grown in a lab. It is thought that the vaccine blocks the part of the virus that recognizes and sticks to human T-cells.

The next phase would likely begin in 1990 and involve large populations.

Although education is a powerful tool for limiting AIDS transmission, public health officials agree that an effective vaccine will be the only way to halt the global epidemic.

Quilt Tour Finalized

The NAMES Project, the National Memorial to the tens of thousands of Americans lost to AIDS, has confirmed the schedule for its National tour beginning this spring. Arrival and departure dates are firm, and the specific display dates and times are being arranged by the individual host committees in each city.

"We are bringing the Quilt to 20 of the largest American cities beginning in April," said Cleve Jones, Executive Director of The NAMES Project. "The Country needs a mechanism for generating money and support for people with AIDS and their loved ones." Funds raised from the National tour will stay in the communities in which the Quilt is displayed to support local organizations providing direct services to people with AIDS and others facing the epidemic.

The Quilt began in the hearts and minds of the lesbian and gay community, yet embraces all people with AIDS and those affected by the epidemic. As we spread the Quilt in city after city, so we continue to spread the message of compassion and love for people with AIDS, and look once again within our own community nationwide for support and assistance in this immense undertaking.

If you would like to join the local team of NAMES Project volunteers in your area, please write to us, sending your name, address and telephone number. We will contact you shortly with specific information on whom to contact.

Please register your support and commitment by being one of the hundreds of volunteers that it will take in each of these cities, to successfully reach out to all America with this poignant visual symbol of the epidemic that continues to take its toll on our immediate and global communities.

The NAMES Project
P. O. Box 14573
San Francisco, CA 94114

Tour Schedule

TOUR SCHEDULE

Los Angeles	April 5-11
San Diego	April 11-14
Phoenix	April 14-18
Denver	April 20-24
Kansas City	April 25-28
St. Louis	April 28-May 2
Dallas	May 3-6
Houston	May 6-10
New Orleans	May 10-16
Atlanta	May 25-31
Cleveland	June 1-6
Baltimore	June 6-13
Boston	June 15-20
New York	June 20-28
Philadelphia	June 28-July 4
Detroit	July 5-8
Chicago	July 8-12
Minneapolis	July 13-18
Seattle	July 22-26
Portland	July 26-31

Favor Federally Financed AIDS Research

Chicago-Eighty-one percent of respondents in a recent poll support government-sponsored research to find a cure for AIDS, Associated Press reports. The poll, conducted by SRI Gallup, also found that 6% of Americans personally knew someone with AIDS - a jump of 50% from a previous poll conducted in October 1986. Three out of four respondents said they knew AIDS is sexually transmitted, up from 61% in the 1986 poll. "It's pretty clear that AIDS is an important issue for all Americans," said poll supervisor Steven Steiber, "certainly as a news issue but also because it takes on a very personal meaning. Americans have become more enlightened and less fearful in terms of a reactionary response" to AIDS.



AIDS Info in Every Mailbox

The government will mail every USA household a pamphlet about AIDS in late June, it was recently announced.

The pamphlet is expected to cover AIDS transmission, the importance of abstinence or monogamy, and condom use.

The mass-mailing was announced by Assistant Health Secretary Robert E. Windom at an international AIDS conference in London.

Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, also at the conference, called AIDS the "No. 1 health problem on this planet."

Koop said he doubted a cure will ever be found or that a vaccine will be ready this century. But he has hopes for a drug to halt the progress of the virus within AIDS patients.

In a related development, a new study offers more evidence people with other sexually transmitted diseases are at increased risk of AIDS.

Findings reported in today's New England Journal of Medicine show a 5.2 percent AIDS infection rate among 4,028 patients at an inner-city clinic for sexually transmitted disease.

The research team from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said that's 18 times higher than the rate found in a study of military recruits.

-USA TODAY

HRCF Lauds AIDS Funding Request

Washington-The Human Rights Campaign Fund, responding to U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Otis R. Bowen's request for more than a billion dollars to fight AIDS in fiscal year 1989, announced that it is "heartened" by the move and notes that this "marks the first time the administration has signaled real interest in combatting AIDS."

"It is high time the Reagan administration recognized the serious nature of the AIDS crisis in this country," said Victor Basile, HRCF executive director. "What we need is an effort against AIDS on the scale of the Manhattan Project - massive amounts of money and technical expertise, directed to public education, drug research, and long term health care - on a scale suitable for a killer that has already claimed nearly 30,000 American lives in the decade we've known about it."

According to HRCF, the U.S. Congress has doubled the administration's AIDS funding proposals nearly every year since 1982. Said Basile, "We are counting on Congress to again raise the level of federal money to fight AIDS in fiscal 1989, over Dr. Bowen's requested amount. As the National Academy of Sciences projected, this country will need \$2 billion in 1991 to cope with the carnage of AIDS."

Court Overturns Homosexual Ban

San Francisco (AP) - The Army's ban on homosexuals was ruled unconstitutional Wednesday by a federal appeals court that said homosexuals are entitled to the same protection against discriminations as racial minorities.

"The discrimination faced by homosexuals in our society is plainly no less pernicious or intense than the discrimination faced by other groups" that are afforded protection from discrimination, said the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a 2-to-1 decision.

The ruling does not protect homosexual soldiers from exclusion for violating laws against certain sexual acts.

The court did not specifically apply the ruling to the other armed services, although they have similar policies. In addition, the ruling technically affects only nine Western states and Guam, but such decisions are used as a guide in similar cases.

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I recently encountered a young man that was willing to share the fact that he has a lover that has a great deal of money. The problem was that the young man wanted more sexual expression.

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I offered him material to read and he declined, saying that if his lover found any material (even The New Voice), his lover would accuse him of sleeping around.

This young man is indeed to be pitied, for it seems that

not only is he being kept in a financial manner, but being kept in the dark about something that could take his life. In our gay world it seems that it is good to either be celibate or in a monogamous relationship. Anything less than this is considered being a whore and evil. In the non-gay world a person the "scores" frequently is macho or lucky. In either world the monogamous relationship is best; however, we would have to bury our heads in the sand to think that "extra-relationshipal" sex does not occur. In the case I have just related it would seem that although this young man sought sex outside the relationship, he would rather die than admit the facts to the point of being caught with information about living.

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by Michael Calvert

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What about questions I don't know the answer to?
What if they disown me?
What if they never speak to me again?
What if they say "You deserve it"?
What if they say "Come home"?
What if they ask "Do you need anything"?
What if they ask "How long do you have to live"?
What if my father tries to hit me?
What if my mother goes into hysterics?
What do I do if they cry?
What if they hold me and support me?
What if they encourage me to help myself get better?
What if they demand that I call every day with a report?
What if they want me to swear not to tell anyone?
What if they blame each other or themselves?
What if they want me to pray to a god I don't know?
What if they love me anyway?



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