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THE NEW VOICE--SIX YEARS OLD AND STILL GROWING

The New Voice of Nebraska Magazine begins its seventh year of publication with the March 1990 issue. Many have thought our magazine would not survive our various "growing pains," but we have, and hopefully will continue.

There are many things which we do not have. One is an official historian. I have had the joy of having been associated with the magazine since almost its conception and first printing in March 1983.

I cannot call the "growing pains" highlights in our history. Many of my memories were and are painful and restrictive in the growth process. The most painful aspect of these memories is that the source of much pain

originated from within the gay/lesbian community.

An exception to this was a legal action brought by another publication with the words New Voice in their name. We won in court, but we had legal fees to pay.

Another incident was caused when a group of lesbians demanded that we print a letter rebuffing the magazine. To print it as presented would have taken about 10 pages of the magazine. The group refused to allow any editing, and nothing was printed. What followed was a lot of "bad mouthing" of the publication.

Another meeting was very well attended by a number of people whom I had never seen before nor since that objected to our running a double page ad for a local bath house. None offered to bring in ads to replace the revenue lost.

We have had an advertiser that had to be taken to court to collect for ads placed in good faith. We have had smaller accounts that had to be "written off." We have had to move the operation to Omaha and had changes in Editor and staff.

Jerry Peck

However, on the other side, we have the joy of knowing that there have been exceptionally good issues. When the staff of The New Voice was presented to the I.C.O.N. court at coronation there was a standing ovation. Cheers have greeted us at pride parades. Individuals have come up to me at I.C.O.N. picnics to compliment us. Fund raisers have been successful.

Yes, we are six full years old and still growing. You can be a part of our future success. We need writers, reporters, ad salespeople in Lincoln and Omaha, artists, photographers, typists, etc. Contact a member of the steering committee. Let us work together during our 7th year.

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Letters to the Editor

February 8, 1990

Editors:

I subscribed to and faithfully read the New Voice of Nebraska for over two years, allowing my subscription to expire in November 1989. I have decided that I should explain why I am no longer a subscriber.

Before I air my gripes, please understand that I definitely feel there is a place for NVN in Nebraska. Our gay and lesbian community needs the media forum which NVN attempts to provide. I have a lot of difficulty relating to much of what I read in NVN, however.

I am a 39 year old lesbian with a graduate degree in economics and a strong feminist consciousness. I was in a heterosexual marriage to a military officer for 15 years and have been denied custody of my two teenage children. I am currently recovering from the damage inflicted on me by the institutional church, in general, and more specifically, fundamentalist Christianity. My lover and I have lived together for four years, and own a home, two cars, investments, and furniture jointly. We are the exceptions among wimmin, I guess, with a combined income of over \$80,000 annually. I am fortunate to have a job paying 100% of what men in the same salary grade earn. We live in southwest Omaha, and sometimes feel we are the only lesbians between 72nd Street and Lincoln.

So what are my gripes? After 6.5 years of living in Omaha I have yet to locate a visible wimmin's community. Lincoln, less than half the size of Omaha, has an active wimmin's community. Why not Omaha? Or have I just missed it somewhere? I felt maybe

that reading NVN would help me discover the community, but the lesbians writing there are so male-identified that their articles could just as easily be written by men. The political consciousness of these writers seems to be centered around AIDS issues, which are of paramount importance, but not the only issues faced by our community--particularly the lesbian portion of it. What happened to the February 1990 issue focusing on wimmin? As I understand it, the editor decided the focus should be on "people" issues instead. I can pick up any newspaper and read about "people" issues. Unfortunately most "people" issues are male issues dominated by patriarchal thinking. I feel NVN has discriminated against wimmin by this decision.

I have also been very offended by the constant religious overtones of so many articles in NVN. Many of the gay and lesbian community have severed what ties they had with the traditional church. Many lesbians are discovering their roots in witchcraft and goddess worship. Why not present that side of spirituality as well. Since I no longer believe in God, I find it hard to stomach the constant references to church and religion.

The relationships described in NVN have caused me to wonder if Omaha gay men and lesbians (particularly the lesbians) are modeling their lives after heterosexual institutions. My lover and I reject straight terminology such as "spouse" and ceremonies such as "holy unions." The straight community does so much damage through homophobia and ignorance, and we turn around and embrace their models of marriage through our words and actions. I am fully convinced of the power of words and the need to take care with their use. My lover is my lover and my friend. We share a life together for as long as it keeps working, but we are in no way married, and, so long as marriage remains a patriarchal institution, will not pretend to be by having a ceremony or calling each other spouse.

Lest you think I'm just a closeted dyke living out in Millard, I do support our community. I'm at the Max at least once a month and used to go to the Chesterfield. I attend the annual wimmin's riverboat cruise, attend concerts by the River City Mixed Chorus, and will attend other events I find interesting. I would attend more things if they weren't all downtown. Sometimes a forty mile round-trip isn't

worth it for a couple of drinks and shouted conversations.

So what am I asking for? Perhaps this, but I'm not sure: a magazine that pays attention to the needs of lesbians, explores more of gay culture than drag shows and leather nights, and a forum for political expression. I'm not sure what I want and need can exist in Omaha...with the general lack of feminist understanding among lesbians here. Of course, I know I should be willing to step forward and make those changes myself, gently educating those wanting to learn, but in many ways I'm just beginning to learn myself and I'm in need of being taught. I used to look to NVN for some teaching but have been disappointed in the lack of content and have moved on to other things.

Thank you for sticking with me and reading this. I'll continue to read NVN at the library and might subscribe again in the future if I see some sensitivity to wimmin. In the meantime, I'm glad Omaha has a gay community and the New Voice of Nebraska. It would be a shame if we had nothing.

Sincerely,

(Name withheld by request)

IN THE YOUNG

Don Smith

The older man stands in the door.

If you go out he follows you and the wind blows your

hair and his hair and...

look, a field of grass and this is what is there: dry grass, warm air and gnats, and your fear.

Go out

under the sky which is like the tail of some huge male bird

spread out blue and many colors, in feathers.

The bird steps and dances.

See its beak and its black eyes -- its fear also

the bird can see -- --

Brown body rushing at you.

You don't move ... looking down ...

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EAGLE



Dear Editor,

I have been the lover of a man with AIDS for almost 4 years. Harry J. Dilise's article in the February 1990 issue was excellent.

I'm writing to express my opinions on the current treatment agents for HIV.

AZT the doctors say will "prolong life." My lover has been on AZT for about 2.5 years. It has prolonged his "life." It has also prolonged his illness which has prolonged the misery, anxiety, and suffering that we both endure. I don't know how.

AZT doesn't cure. I encourage those infected with HIV to ask the doctor to be honest about what AZT will allow the quality of their life to be like.

What I've seen is my lover and others with AIDS come to the point where they no longer participate in life except to struggle to get the energy to get to the clinic so the doctors can observe their decline, document their decline, and treat symptomatic physical problems with another pill.

AZT is not the answer to AIDS. I know, I've been here, and I've watched. Please talk with those patients that have been on AZT for long periods before starting on this therapy. There are other choices: Holistic, pentamidine therapy, and others are around if sought out.

At this point my lover can't walk, may lose his sight, has thought disorder, has lost considerable weight, endures pain physically and emotionally every day. The doctors have him taking 30-40 different pills a day.

This is the "prolonged life" that AZT will give you. It's your choice, please ask many questions. Please realize what you and your loved ones will have to endure if you choose to take AZT. If I turn HIV positive I would not take AZT.

Sincerely,
(Name withheld by request)

IN MY OPINION

Well! I guess it's time to hear from another part of our gay community. We've heard from the lesbians, the PWA's. We've heard from different organizations (e.g. MCC, RCMC, ICON, etc.). Now it's time to hear from an individual who presents himself as part of another, smaller group. A group which could be a strong, productive group if individual egos and attitudes could be laid aside. Unfortunately, some members of this group insist on being "stars" (a big flaming ball of gas!) instead of being part of a much brighter "constellation."

I'm referring to female impersonators, or "drag queens" as we're most often known. I personally don't know any "drag queens", but I do know a lot of impersonators! Myself included. And, since this is the 90's, I think it's time to raise my voice.

Five years ago I was introduced to female impersonation and found it intriguing as well as a way to involve myself in the community. Back then the impersonators were more united, and even though I wasn't "pretty" at the time, I had lots of energy and a desire to be of service to our community.

With the help of Laura Lee and Dietra Snow I got my start at The Run. With time I've improved and found, instead of congratulations or encouragement, jealousy and animosity from other impersonators—the so-called "stars" of Omaha.

Now, 5 years later, things are worse than ever. I'm well known in the community, and have lent myself to many projects and events to benefit our community. But the egos, the jealousy, and the bickering over "who's got the bigger crown" is just sickening. Maybe it's time to have "Drag-AID '90" with the proceeds going to help build better attitudes!?

Truthfully, what is desperately needed is for all of us impersonators to put aside our petty differences, and stand united. We've done a lot separately. But look at what it's cost us. Just take a moment to think of what we could accomplish if we worked together!

And to the rest of the community--next time you're watching a "drag queen" take a look at the person BEHIND the make-up. Ask yourself: "Is this person doing something for the COMMUNITY, or for themselves?" you just might be surprised at what you find.

Outspokenly,
Erica DeVain
A.K.A. Scott Schmidt

T.W.O. ANNOUNCES PLANS

The Two-Wheelers of Omaha, MC have announced plans for their 1990 run. They will be hosting an outdoor function at The Nauga Ranch in Western Iowa on June 8-10, 1990. Details are still being finalized. Watch for additional information or write the club at:

Two-Wheelers of Omaha, MC
P.O. Box 3216
Omaha, NE 68103

The titles Mr. Leather Nebraska and Ms. Leather Nebraska have been registered by the Two-Wheelers of Omaha. A combination contest is being planned. The Mr. Gay Nebraska 1991 contest will be held on Saturday, October 13.

The T.W.O. welcomed Jerry McG. and Brent C. as new members at their January meeting. A reminder to all associates -- renewals are now due.

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To My Public:

A number of admirers have repeatedly asked why I don't write for The New Voice. The magazine has had some very fine articles by new writers. I, therefore, know that there is a lot of untapped talent out there, and my writing is primarily an ego trip that I need to take. You have a had a couple of months without anything by me. That's enough.

Whenever I tell someone that I have had 132 articles printed in The New Voice, their question is always, "What do you write about?" Well, I write about what I think I know about and what I hope will be of interest to our readers.

My first article appeared in the third issue of the magazine, which will soon have a 7-year history. Just think how rich I'd be if this were a paid position. All I get is great satisfaction in what I consider a job fairly well done.

For some who don't pay attention to who writes the articles, or have not read every issue, let me introduce myself. And to those who have wondered if I had died, let me give you assurance that I am still alive. This is just a friendly update — perhaps too personal, but I'm a personable type fellow.

If published, this article will appear in March, two years after my bout with PCP which led to diagnosis of full-blown AIDS. Brothers and sisters, it has been two years of intensified education for me, much more than graduate study in seminary.

I am a 50-year-old man, now living at Mercy Care Center. Most of the residents are 20-30 years older than myself and most are very confused. This is where the age difference doesn't make any difference. My hands shake too much to write at any length, but I haven't given up. It just takes longer, and my articles will not be in manuscript format any more. (Good luck, Editor!)

There are others here who are younger than myself; however, they don't engage in conversation. They primarily make groans and moans.

I have a private room and bath. I was able to bring in my recliner, TV, radio, and my statue of David without the fig leaf. I am hoping to get a phone. It isn't home, but without a significant other, what more do I need? I let someone else worry about the 10-12 different medications per day and three meals per day.

I have time to make worthless medical determinations. Did you know that the weaker I

get, the larger my scrotum (ball sack) becomes, and the more the penis retracts. The end result is that when I sit and go potty, I urinate into my testicles. I don't claim to know the feminine experience, and I don't want to. All but one of my toenails has fallen off. Now, could you have lived without those revelations?

Thanks for letting me chat! You are my public, and I love you each and every one.

Jerry Peck

Dear Editor:

It's easy to remain aloof to some of the homophobia going on in the world. After all, we're here in the "placid" Midwest. Right?

Wrong!

I was shocked to be driving in mid-town Omaha last month, when I spotted "(NAME) IS A FAGGOT" spray-painted on a garage, with an arrow towards the appropriate house. What made it worse was that I personally know the homeowner to whom the reference was made.

I was seething all day at work. That evening, I called my friend and asked what happened. He said apparently someone spray-painted the garage, along with his car, his front door, and his s.o.'s car. He didn't know who, although he had some theories.

The cause of the vandalism is less important than the fact that it happened. I understand the police were called, but could do little. It really wasn't a news story (not that my friend would want the publicity, anyway). So these pages are probably the only place to "ventilate" about the event.

I am now a bit more aware, a bit more tuned in to this sort of event and that it can, indeed, happen here in Omaha.

Gary

STEERING COMMITTEE VACANCY. The New Voice of Nebraska currently has an available seat on the Steering Committee. If you are energetic, dedicated, and willing to work, we would like to hear from you. If interested in this position, contact any member of the Steering Committee or attend our regularly scheduled meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 4 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 420 South 24th Street.

ARE YOU BREAKING THE LAW?

The February 7, 1990, World-Herald had an article that should be of interest to everyone. This article was on a bill, LB 1243, introduced in the Nebraska Legislature. The bill would remove practically all the statutes of limitations on the following crimes: child abuse, sexual assault, kidnapping, prostitution, debauchery of a minor, offenses involving obscene materials, crimes resulting from cult acts, offenses involving controlled substances, and any attempts to commit any of the aforementioned offenses.

The sponsors of the bill are Senators Schmit, Jerome Warner of Waverly, Dan Lynch of Omaha, and Dennis Baack of Kimball. According to Sen. Schmit, under the bill, the five-year statute of limitations in child sexual assault cases would not begin until the "date of discovery of the damage resulting from the offense." To me this would mean if a person committed one of these crimes, they could be arrested at any time during the rest of their lives. The statute of limitations would start once the police received information that a crime had been committed. The current (law) statute of limitations starts on the day the offense was committed. This bill also has a retroactive clause in it. This means that any crime in the past can be charged against you. Passage of this bill scares the hell out of me.

If you have ever committed one of these crimes, then you too have reason for concern. Penalties for having sex with minors are getting more severe every year. Remember this, the next time a teenager is interested in you.

Name withheld by request.

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Features

TELLING GAY STORIES: THE TRUTH CAN SET US FREE

Chuck Forester

Ann Landers doesn't usually tell her readers off. That's why it came as a surprise to see the two recent columns where she came down firmly against readers who attacked the idea of gay marriages. One subtle writer from Wisconsin had put the case for bigotry rather bluntly: "Those faggots should go back in the closet where they belong." Ann's response was right on target, stating her shock at the "viciousness and intolerance" of those opposed to legitimizing gay relationships.

Mixed in with the anti-gay sentiments Ann printed were letters of support, many from heterosexuals who knew a gay man or a lesbian. One father wrote that he had two sons, one straight and one gay. Both deserved the same rights, he said. His response should not have surprised me, because it only confirmed a point that pollsters discovered some time ago: Support for gay rights is greatest among those who know a gay person.

Unfortunately, most heterosexuals know only what they learn from the mass media. We're an abstract entity, not people with hopes, dreams and lives.

Until we tell the public who we are, they have little to go on. With the exception of a few accurate depictions of gay diversity seen on little watched P.B.S. documentaries, the majority of heterosexuals have little else.

One reason why Barney Frank's recent problems generated such interest in the mainstream press is because he is a living, breathing homosexual who is willing to talk about his personal life. Of course, some of the media used his story to bash gays, but many publications -- including *Newsweek* -- used

Barney to teach readers a great deal about the pressures of being gay in a homophobic society. Barney has shared a very real-life story with Americans. He has been honest about it, and that's news because people want to know about us.

While few of us will have the impact of Barney Frank, all of us can make a difference. Too often we are shy about sharing our personal stories with friends, family and coworkers. They, in turn, are reticent, fearful of offending by asking questions. In some cases family and friends don't know enough about gay people to begin framing the questions they might have. Still they want to know who we are.

I know from experience the kind of questions they have. When did you discover you were gay? Have you ever faced discrimination? How do you meet other gay people? How did your parents react? Do you enjoy being gay?

All of us should start answering those questions for the heterosexuals we know. The more we talk about being gay, the more our neighbors, friends and families will understand the need to combat homophobia and bigotry. Our answers will give them information, the kind of information that can replace the stereotypical views of gays and lesbians with a more honest view of who we are. Just as important, our answers can forge new allies in the fight for equality.

Some of you will say, "I don't have anything new to add. My stories aren't interesting." Don't believe it. Even if you convey the fact that your life is more like your straight friend's life than different from it, that's important information. It needs to be told.

And it is best told to people you know.

From my personal experience working as an up-front gay man in generally non-gay environments, I know that unless I begin the discussion, the information never gets exchanged. It is time we start telling non-gay Americans about who we are. In the process we enrich our lives and theirs.

Our stories are often very interesting. First of all, each of us lived part of our life as two people: as the private, fearful gay man or lesbian and as the apparently straight colleague or friend or child. Second of all, we have been forced to think long and honestly about who we are. As a result, we have some experience in differentiating between what we'd like to believe about ourselves and the truth.

Whether we like it or not, gay men and lesbians are hot news today. After years of effort and struggle, the issues of importance to the lesbian and gay community are now on the national agenda. Decisions that affect our future are going to be made in the next several years. If we want those decisions to be positive, we have to tell the world more about ourselves. We have to provide the evidence that gays and lesbians are everywhere.

Some may resist, but most people who know you want to hear your story. We can make the world we share with others a little less tense and a lot more honest by telling the stories of our lives. It is an important part of building the better place that all of us want to leave for the next generation of lesbians and gay men.

EARLY SATURDAY

Don Smith

Boy to go to a man in the morning to lie back and

let your eyes go back to feel slow to feel a warm hand slow down your chest....

The sun still low you walk out into the town.

New robins! People come out onto the sidewalk.

Good morning. Oh the morning.



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To the Dean of Students:

About two years ago you put me in a position which made it necessary for me to tell my mother that I was a lesbian. After two years I'm still angry that you forced me to come out to my mother and I am still suffering from reverberations. I believe in accountability, and I think that you need to know what you did.

Two years ago I was scared to death. Only seven months previously, I had realized that I was attracted to women. I had only been able to identify myself as a lesbian for a little under two months. I had three people that I could talk to, two of whom were 3000 miles away, the other, my dorm mother, not a peer. Because of being gay, I had lost my best friend - before I had come to terms with it myself. I was terrified of telling any more of my friends for fear that I would lose them, too.

I knew that I couldn't continue lying about who I was 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I knew that the only way I was going to survive was to find some peers. I knew that there was a gay youth group in the next town and I knew that I had to get to it. Oh, I was terrified of going, but I was more scared of not going. I was so desperate I would have done anything to get there. I did do anything to get there. I came out to the school counselor, my dorm mother, the director of independent study, my advisor, and finally, when you told me that it was necessary, my mother. All to make it possible for me to do what I needed to do to survive, interact with my peer group.

When I told my mother, I wasn't ready to tell her. I couldn't tell her with pride. I couldn't tell her I was happy about it or with my life. I didn't have any gay friends to ask how they had told their parents. When she asked, "How do you know that? You're too young to know that." I didn't have the self confidence to say I knew because I knew who I was. I didn't have the savvy to ask how she knew she was straight. And I didn't have friends to comfort me afterwards.

My mother wasn't ready to hear that I was a lesbian. My mother and I had never gotten along very well. The only reason my mother knows what's going on in my life is not because she asks, but because I repeatedly tell her about it in the futile hope that she will take an interest. I've given up hoping that she will approve.

For months my mother refused to deal with

Julie L. Baumler

my lesbianism. In fact I'm still not sure she has. But her reactions are now unimportant, I would have told her anyway. It's her reactions in the time period between when I told her and when I would have told her that I am concerned with, particularly the summer after I had graduated.

My mother insisted that I live with her until I turned eighteen, so I had to live with her until the end of August. She was very uncomfortable with my life. My mother has always been one of those people who want to know where her children are, how they got there, and who they are with for every five minute time block of the day. That summer, my mother not only didn't ask, she refused to listen when I told her and pretended I had never left when I got home. If it hadn't been so painful, it would have been funny to watch her try to tell me that I had gotten mail and phone calls without admitting that I had ever left the house. She did all this because she didn't want to know where I had been, who I had been with, or how I had gotten home. When she did know, she'd forget. Admittedly, my mother would have reacted badly regardless of when I had told her, but I think she could have reacted better if I could have told her I was a lesbian when I felt good about it and myself. In addition, her reaction would not have affected me as much if I had not had to live with her.

I hope now that you have some idea of the effects of your decision that I tell my mother of my activities had. I realize now that I had other options. I could have lied and told you that I had told her. I could have just told her I was going to a community center. I probably had some other options, but I wasn't that devious, and I was desperate to get to the gay youth group. If I could go back now, knowing what I do, I would have refused to allow you to make the decision to come out to my mother for me.

INTERESTED IN WHAT'S
HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF
LEATHER?

SEE:
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Jean Mortensen

About nineteen centuries ago, Caesar Augustus set a precedent. He decreed that all the world should be enrolled, mainly so he could get more tax money from more people. Once more, 1990 sees another such counting in America. The thing that makes this one different from previous countings is that it is now possible for gay and lesbian couples to identify their relationship as "unmarried partners".

More than that, it is important for us to accurately identify our relationships. People working on issues such as domestic partnership legislation could use such information to demonstrate the size of the segment of the population that legislation would affect. Also, many federal funding programs rely on census information in allocating funds for programs directed toward specific groups. The larger the group, the more likely it is that more money will be awarded.

In the age of AIDS, it is vital that the government realizes just how many of us there are who need AIDS research to continue. In recent years, federal health officials have been relying mainly on the forty-year-old Kinsey study to predict how many gay men might be infected with the AIDS virus. Numbers from four decades ago surely can't be very accurate.

Jeff Levi, former director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, predicts that there will be a gross under-reporting of our numbers because so many gays are concerned about confidentiality. Since the majority of gay people are hesitant to reveal their sexuality for anything having to do with the government, the number of gays reported by the census will probably be much smaller than the actual population. That could create problems for leaders of the gay rights movement who have to somehow prove to legislators that gay men and lesbians form a significant percentage of the population. Without big numbers, no one can prove that we exist, and same-sex couples can kiss goodbye any hopes for legal recognition and the accompanying benefits.

If our legislators don't see that there are, indeed, more of us "out there" than they ever had thought, they will continue to ignore us. That will directly result in no additional funding for AIDS, no rights for domestic partners, and no equal rights in terms of employment, insurance, housing, child custody, etc.

That, to me, is simply not acceptable, espe-

cially in the decade of the Gay Nineties. The gay rights movement is already twenty years old. We're ready to make bigger strides.

What can you do? Be counted. Answer the census questionnaire honestly and accurately. Identify yourself as gay or lesbian. If you're worried about confidentiality, remember that no one is going to show this census to your boss or your landlord or your mortgage or insurance company. If you're worried about your name being put on some blackball list in the government, well, all I can tell you is that I've been writing for this magazine under my real name for about four years now, and I have yet to notice any CIA agents tailing me. I've been a member of the Task Force, the National Gay Rights Activists, and P-FLAG for as least as many years. No one's even burned a cross in my yard or come after me with tar and feathers.

The category "unmarried partner" was created to reflect our changing society. An "unmarried partner" is defined as a person who "shares living quarters and who has a close personal relationship with Person 1" of the household.

The census bureau has made specific efforts to reach homeless people and racial and eth-

nic minorities in order for their numbers to be counted accurately. However, no outreach was done to the gay community -- or even the unmarried heterosexual couples -- to inform them of this new category which would significantly affect their numbers. It's as though the government doesn't care if we are undercounted, or maybe they'd prefer not to acknowledge our existence if they don't have to.

Reminds me of when Queen Victoria claimed that there was no such thing as a lesbian. We know better. Let's make sure our government knows better, too.

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To DADDY

Amy, Age 21

I hate you. Do you know that? I've always despised you. Fuck you for instilling terror in a six year old girl. Fuck you for molding me into a whore. I hate you for devouring me with your insatiable need for attention and affection. I hate your balding, greasy scalp. I stroked and massaged that scalp, so I could watch tv. Sitting on your lap earned play time. A kiss on the cheek led to a new toy if I was sweet, innocent, and virtuous enough. I went out after I shaved your neck. When I complained that it wasn't fair that my two brothers didn't have to perform for their privileges, you said that life isn't fair. I hate you for lying to me, demanding me to fill your miserable empty life and then blaming me for my habitual nightmares

I hate your rotten toenails. I want to bite them off and spit them in your face. You violated my space, and I remember everything Daddy. I remember your hissing in my ear while pinning me to the ground, your face brushing against mine, clenching me to your encompassing, tyrannical body and suffocating my own small body. Is that the way you like me, small, helpless and unable to move? I was so little and fragile, just the way little girls should be. Quick Daddy? Swallow me whole. Vanquish each palpitation from my innocent heart before I grow up.

I am much bigger now. You cannot pin me to the ground anymore. Our little physical game is over, but I still wake up screaming. Sometimes I feel paralyzed, and I despise you for that. We still play though Daddy. I still give you what you want. Your needs have changed, but I still know what they are. I am daddy's little girl. I still depend on you, and I deserve every cent that I get. I am tired, Daddy, tired of pretending. Someday it will be over, and then I will sleep.

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Community Calendar

WEEKLY EVENTS

4 **Sunday New Voice Steering Committee**, MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th, 4 pm. All interested parties welcome.

Benefit Show for Gay Volleyball Team featuring Leisa Durant, The Max, 1417 Jackson, 9:30 pm.

5 **Monday Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Governors Meeting**, The Max, 1417 Jackson, 6:30 pm.

6 **Tuesday ANGLE (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors)**, W. Dale Clark Library, 15th & Douglas, Meeting rooms 2 & 3, 7 pm.

7 **Wednesday Fantasy '90 Planning Meeting**, The Max, 1417 Jackson, 6 pm.

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7 pm. Call 435-4688 for location.

9 **Friday Affirmation/Omaha**, 7 pm. Call 556-7701 for location.

10 **Saturday Submission Deadline!!** All articles, classifieds, art work, poetry, and letters must be received by this date for consideration for the April issue of the New Voice.

P.A.C.T. (People of All Colors Together), 7 pm. Call 341-4078 for information.

PURIM Costume Party sponsored by Mishpachot Chaverim, gay/lesbian Jews, 8:30-11:00 pm. Open to members of all gay religious groups. Phone 291-6781 for information.

11 **Sunday P-FLAG/Omaha**, First Methodist Church (Northeast Entrance), 69th & Cass, 7 pm.

Dignity, St. John's, Lower Level, Creighton Campus, Mass - 7 pm.

Female Strippers, Two shows, The Max, 1417 Jackson, Call 346-4110 for information.

12 **Monday AIDS Interfaith Network**, St. Cecelia's, 701 N 40th, Prayer Service, 7 pm.

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Milo Ball Student Center, 3rd Floor, Board Room, 7 pm. All students welcome!!

17 **Saturday Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

Gilligan's St. Patrick's Day Party, 1823 Leavenworth, 449-9147

18 **Sunday Affirmation/Lincoln**, Write for time and location: PO Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501.

Victims of Desire (male strippers), The Max, 1417 Jackson, 9:30 pm.

20 **Tuesday Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights**, Boardwalk, 20th & O, Lincoln, NE, 7 pm.

21 **Wednesday Metropolitan Club**, 7 pm. Call 449-9377 for information.

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln 7 pm. Call 435-4688 for location.

22 **Thursday Western Night at The Max**, Two step lessons, 6-8 pm; Short Country Show, 9 pm.

24 **Saturday P.A.C.T. (People of All Colors Together)**, 7 pm. Call 341-4078 for information.

25 **Sunday Dignity "Gathering"**. Call 895-2856 for information

Open the Door to the Gay 90's Benefit Show for ANGLE, featuring Gay/Lesbian composers, The Max, 1417 Jackson, 9 pm.

26 **Monday Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Network Healing Service**, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, UNL Campus, 13th & R, Lincoln, 7 pm.

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Milo Ball Student Center, 3rd Floor, Board Room, 7 pm. All students welcome!!

27 **Tuesday P-FLAG/Lincoln**, 7:30 pm. Call 435-4688 for location.

29 **Thursday Western Night at The Max**, Two step lessons, 6-8 pm.

APRIL

1 **Sunday River City Mixed Chorus Spring Concert, "Friendship Rings"**, with special guests the Des Moines Men's Chorus, Straus Performing Arts Center, UNO, 6:05 pm. For tickets call 341-0763.

Sunday

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

The Max
1415 Jackson
Show at 9:30 pm

Monday

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

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, 7 pm
Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church
1023 North 40th Street

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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

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

Friday

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

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

Women's Friday Afternoon Gathering
5 to 7 pm
(to foster networks and have fun)
The Club, 116 North 20th Street, Lincoln

Monthly Columns

GAYBRIEFS: HONK IF YOU MASTURBATE

When I was a closeted high school student in the 60's we boasted about the four F's: Find'em, Feel'em, Fuck'em, Forget'em. A sexist macho attitude I'm still ashamed of. If you wanted to be a "man" you had to show you were only interested in one thing, fucking a girl. Not love. Not relationships. Fucking girls. It was fucking that would prove you were a real guy. If you didn't do it, you at least had to talk about it. Masturbation, foreplay, sex for pleasure that didn't have as its aim intercourse, didn't do anything for your image. Who ever discussed any other kind of sex than intercourse when they were a teenager? Did you ever say that somebody beat you off great? You wouldn't dare! People who masturbated were weird. Faggots. Queers. It was a standard joke to say somebody "played with themselves." You would never admit that YOU masturbated. And today most sexual alternatives that don't have as their goal intercourse still are considered less than normal, "queer."

In a recent report from the Federal Centers for Disease Control we read that the number of reported AIDS cases in teenagers in the past two years has increased 40%. Not only are teens being infected, but they are being infected at an alarming rate. In New York, State health officials say that 1 in 1,000 babies born to 15-year olds test positive to HIV. 1 in 100 born to 19-year olds test positive. Of course this means their teenage mothers are infected. Other recent studies have brought to light the alarming rate of HIV infection on college campuses as well. And finally, just to help you project this into the future a bit, The Center for Population Options reports that each year one in six teenagers contracts a sexually transmitted disease. One in six! And these sexually active teens have an average of at least four different partners. The AIDS crisis hasn't bottomed out, and it isn't over yet. It's going to get worse as it spreads among teenagers, resources will become harder to find and the problem is people won't become aware until it's too late. These days it seems that sex isn't something people want to talk about, especially when it comes to talking to their children. The only talking teens are getting about sex is still the four F's. All people know right now is that sexually transmitted diseases are spreading like wild-fire. Of course it's not their children or teens. The only thing that isn't spreading is sexual

knowledge

What do we do? In response to the AIDS crisis Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston has urged Catholic parents to pull their kids out of AIDS and sex education classes because condoms are mentioned. He said the school district's classes on sexuality discussed sex and condoms in an "amoral" way. A combination of one part abstinence and two parts ignorance is what he offers. If we as a society continue to be afraid of discussing our own sexuality, we are about to have a rude awakening. People like Cardinal Law of Boston and Cardinal O'Connor of New York want students to think like we did twenty years ago, that nice people don't have sex, don't masturbate, don't do anything unsaintly or unmanly, and don't talk about it. Homosexuals, queers and perverts do these things. Political ultra-conservatives, the Church, pro-lifers, and the courts in various states seem to want you to think that there is only one way to have sex (heterosexual vaginal intercourse, if you're married and want to have children) and the end result is that people think every other kind of sexuality and sensuality is sick, forbidden, less than normal, queer. They say they want to protect our kids from the perversions of the sexual revolution that "went haywire." But really, unless we start to teach our children, and ourselves, that there are other ways to experience sensuality and sexuality, we may be heading for a real nightmare none of us can fix.

It's true what they say, there's more to sex than intercourse. Sure, we want to teach young people that they need to love and work on relationships. That's fine, but more importantly, if we are going to save our children from sexually transmitted diseases, we need to teach them that there's more to sex than intercourse by talking about what else there is, like masturbating alone or with friends, that there are role games, there's books to read, movies to watch, toys to buy and usually more places to explore on and in their own bodies than the local travel agency can offer for this weekend. We need to take more erotic trips than exotic ones. We need to teach them that condoms can protect you, but you don't always need them because there are lots of safe things to do without them. Sexual possibilities include, yes, abstinence, and condoms, and a whole bunch of other things that

LET'S TALK LEATHER

Dustin Logan

"Fantasy '90 -- A New Decade of Unity In Leather" will be July 20-21, 1990, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Cost for the weekend packets will be \$25.00 and will include tickets to the Registration Party, Outdoor Picnic, S/M Art Fair, and the show "Fantasy '90". Registration forms are available at your local bar.

At this time, there are over 15 title holders and guests confirmed to be here.

Profits from ticket sales for "Fantasy '90" will be divided between the University of Nebraska Medical Center Viral Syndrome Clinic and the National Leather Association.

Profits from t-shirt sales, the raffle, and tips given the night of the show will be divided between M.C.C. and the New Voice.

The next planning meeting for "Fantasy '90" will be Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. at The Max. If you would like to help, please attend. We need more men and womyn to help.

The International Ms. Leather '90 contest will be held April 5-7 at the California Club in San Francisco. For tickets or contestant information, call 916-446-3744 and leave a message. Someone will return your call within one week. From what I've heard, this is one weekend the womyn in leather don't want to miss. You may remember International Ms. Leather '89, Susie Shepherd from "Fantasy '89".

The 1990 International Mr. Leather contest will be in Chicago, Memorial Day weekend. Registration forms will be available in April. The cost for the weekend packet is \$65.00. More information next month.

Until next month. Play Happy, Play Safe, Play in Leather

are fun, exciting and good for you. Things they never thought of (and hopefully, things I still haven't thought of.) We have to stop backing down and being prudes. We have to remember to keep the sex in sexual revolution. It's time to talk.

Jim Roche is a minister, licensed therapist, professional member of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists and an instructor in religion and psychology at Mercy College in New York City.

FIRST GAY/LESBIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN NEBRASKA ESTABLISHED

A Scholarship fund for gay/lesbian high school and college students planning to enter a college or university in Nebraska has been established. The Rodney Allen Bell II Scholarship Fund for Gay and Lesbian Students was established January 16, 1990, as a private fund, with a seed grant of \$100. Once the fund reaches a viable point, students will be able to apply to a Scholarship Board for a scholarship. Possible criteria for selection to receive the scholarship could include: contributions to the gay/lesbian community, financial need, humanitarian qualities of the individual, and academic abilities.

Gay/lesbian adolescent students face special risks which deter them from pursuing higher education. Statistics show that gay/lesbian adolescents are at a higher risk for suicide, depression, family disownment, homelessness, school difficulty, and financial insecurity once their sexual orientation is known. A scholarship fund would allow at-risk students to have the opportunity to attain a college education.

A scholarship fund allows for recognition that gay/lesbian people are indeed a true minority in every sense. It shows the pride of the gay

and lesbian community and shows that older gays and lesbians support their decision to pursue higher education. Ultimately, the scholarship fund rewards those individuals who can overcome discrimination through education.

The Rodney Allen Bell II Scholarship Fund for Gay and Lesbian Students needs the support of teachers, administrators, the citizens of Nebraska, and the gay/lesbian community throughout the United States. Persons who wish to act as administrators or advisors for the fund or donate money to keep the scholarship fund functional should write or send donations to: The Rodney Allen Bell II Scholarship Fund for Gay and Lesbian Students, P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503. All replies will be kept confidential.

ARE THERE EVENTS COMING UP
IN YOUR ORGANIZATION THAT
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Hi SWEETIES!

Princess Royal IX Vanessa Anderson [I thought I'd write and thank everyone for making my first function as Princess Royal a blast!!! Ice Chrystal Dreams (Snowball '90) was held at The Max on January 21. We had a large crowd, and they all enjoyed the show.

My thanks to my co-hosts Charley Wade and Dean Vanderpool. My emcees for the evening, Frank, Carla, and Peaches kept the show going and the night a lot less work for the old gal.

Congrats to our new Snow King, Dean Michon, and Queen, Dean (Mother) Vanderpool! Many thanks to a wonderful cast: Empress IX Felice Whitney, Liesa Durant, Forte, Roxy, Erika, Nicole Blake, Chrystyne, from Lincoln, Peaches La Rue, and a special thanks to someone I've watched grow up from braces to crowns and roses -- Miss Gay Everything Dorian Drake (oxoxox).

Again, thank you for one of the highlights of my 12 years of entertaining you in Omaha.

Till next time, Love and Kisses!

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Congratulations to Mz. Viktoria Towne, our new Miss Max, and to Pheobe Tate as her first alternate. Also, congratulations to all the contestants on a job well done.

The Max Staff

As your new Miss Max I would like to give a few quick thank you's to all of my fellow contestants; Pheobe Tate (my alternate), Jennifer Jett, and Anita Fay Blackwell; to my preceding Miss Max's, Muffy, Veronica, Katrina, and Gloria (I'll need your help to show me the way); Billy B. (Show Director); my friends from Lincoln, Des Moines, and Sioux City (especially Channel and Krystal) and to Nate for the past 2 years. They were wonderful, and I'll cherish them forever.

It's now my responsibility to inform you of what's happening at The Max.

On February 4th the UNO Gay and Lesbian Student Organization benefit was a great success. February 15 was "Just Say 'Moo'," a Miss Gay Nebraska USA Benefit starring Dorian Drake (MGN USA). February 16th was amateur strippers contest during happy hour. Congrats to the winners. February 18th was Chicago Meat Packers strip show. "I found the beef!!!" February 25-27 was Mardi Gras at The Max. Congrats to the winner of Widow Max and costume winners at Mardi Gras.

Upcoming events at The Max:

- March 4** Volleyball Benefit starring Liesa Durant
- March 9** Amateur Stripper Contest (Happy Hour), \$50 first place prize
- March 11** Female strippers (two shows)
- March 18** Male strippers (Victims of Desire)
- March 22** Western Night, 6-8pm Two-step lessons, 9pm short country show
- March 23** Amateur Stripper Contest (Happy Hour), \$50 first place prize
- March 25** ANGLE Benefit for Pride Week
- March 29** Western Night, 6-8pm Two-step lessons
- April 1** Foolish Follies by Omaha Meatpackers

Your faithful representative,
Mz. Viktoria Towne
Miss Max VI

GAY/LESBIAN JEWS CHOOSE "MISHPACHAT CHAVERIM"

Gary

The words "Mishpachat Chaverim", not easy to pronounce if you're not familiar with Hebrew, translate to "Family of Friends", the long-awaited name of Omaha's gay/lesbian Jewish organization.

At a Sabbath dinner/meeting on February 2, the members voted on the new name. In fact, one of the members refused to let the dessert course be served until a name was chosen! (That forced the issue!)

The March activity will be a Purim Costume Party, open to members of all Omaha-area gay/lesbian religious groups. The party will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 8:30 to 11:00. In addition to costumes, the evening will include a telling of the Story of Purim, pastries and candies, and traditional noise-makers.

A hint for non-Jews: a popular costume for the holiday is that of Queen Esther. For details about the Purim Costume Party, call 291-6781.

The April event is a traditional Passover Seder. Due to the complexity of a formal Seder, this event will be only for members and their guests.

For more information about Mishpachat Chaverim, phone 551-0510.

FANTASY '90
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Mother,

You always said I could tell you anything no matter what.

You asked me if I would, and I said yes.

When I tried to talk to you about being gay you were silent, a long pause on the other end of the telephone;

You wouldn't listen, saying only "I guess we can't solve that problem right now."

You always said I could tell you anything.

Now I understand what you meant.

I could tell you anything - that I was pregnant or that I'd been raped or abused...

"anything" didn't include me being gay.

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FIGHTING AIDS THE STEVE PIETERS STORY

The Reverend Steve Pieters sees his doctor every month and every month the same three letters go into his chart: N.E.D.—No Evidence of Disease.

"No Evidence of Disease"—despite the fact that in 1982 Steve Pieters was diagnosed with AIDS. It was no mistaken diagnosis. Rev. Pieters is HIV positive and has been desperately ill with hepatitis, PC pneumonia, Kaposi's sarcoma, and advanced lymphoma. He was one of 6 persons treated with an experimental anti-viral drug, Suramin, which has since been removed from the market because of the devastating side effects. Rev. Pieters was the only one of those six treated who is still alive.

In complete remission since 1985, Rev. Pieters attributes his recovery to his religious faith along with taking care of himself physically and emotionally. "Laughter Therapy" is one technique Rev. Pieters uses. When first diagnosed he called many of his friends over and they watched reruns of M*A*S*H and "I Love Lucy", actually forcing themselves to laugh. He also emphasizes the need for good nutrition, ample rest, vitamins, medications and exercise.

Rev. Steve Pieters will be in Omaha on April 7, 8, and 9 to share his story and the techniques he uses to stay healthy. On Saturday, April 7, Rev. Pieters will be conducting a workshop for those who are HIV challenged and concerned others at 4 pm at MCC-Omaha. For more information, call Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha at 345-2563. On Sunday, April 8, he will deliver the message at the morning service of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. On Monday, April 9, Rev. Pieters will speak at the AIDS Interfaith Network Prayer Service at St. Cecelia's Cathedral, 7:00 pm.

GAY/LESBIAN ALUMNI ANNOUNCE SPRING PLANS

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association, Inc. (UNL GALA)'s "Spring GALA Reunion" is being planned for April. It will include alumni/ae, students, faculty, and staff. The Reunion will be on the UNL campus and will be a historic celebration of our past, present, and future. Persons who are interested in helping with the event or participating should write: UNL GALA, Inc., P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, or call (402) 464-0371.

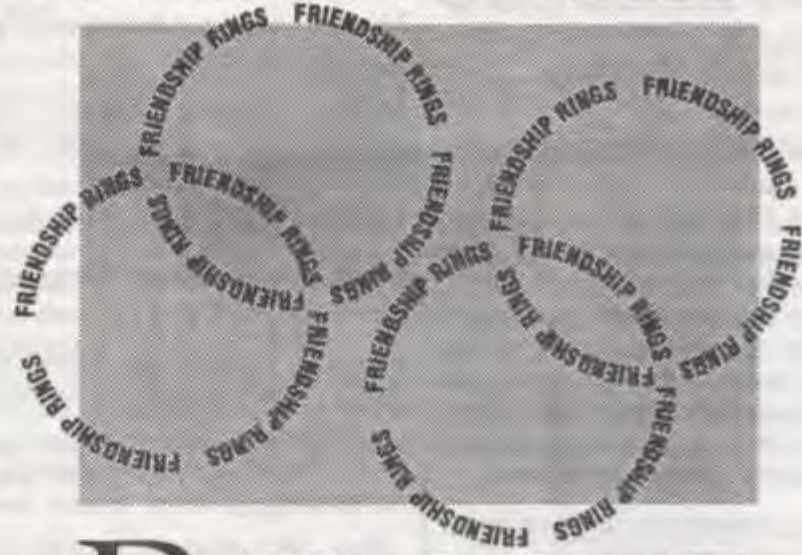
A "University of Nebraska-Lincoln Resource List for Gays, Lesbians, and Friends" will be published by UNL GALA. The resource list will provide information on access to social groups, support groups, health referrals, programming, and any group of interest to the gay/lesbian community. Groups who would like to be considered for the resource list should call (402) 464-0371.

UNL GALA was established in April, 1989, for the social, educational, historical, cultural, and political needs of the UNL gay/lesbian community. A quarterly newsletter,

"The GALA Nebraskan" is published which examines issues, lists activities, and serves as an organ for alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and students.

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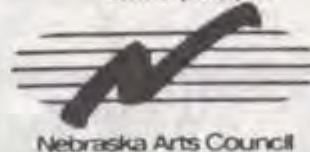
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The River City Mixed Chorus 1989-90 season is made possible with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council.

NEWS FROM THE MONARCHS

Joe, Felice, and Carla Congratulations, Dean and Dean, on being crowned Snowball King and Queen. Thanks for your participation! Vanessa, Charlie, and Dean -- thanks for all your hard work on Snowball. Here's the itemized report on Snowball that we promised:

DOOR:	\$298.00
RAFFLE:	95.00
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TOTAL INCOME:	403.00
EXPENSES:	48.31
TOTAL PROCEEDS:	\$355.69

Receipts from this show go into the general fund to finance advertising, mailing supplies, informational brochures, etc.

Coronation dates have been set! Mark your calendars for June 8, 9, and 10. The festivities will begin with the Out of Towners' Show at the Ramada Inn on Friday. Coronation itself will be held at The Warehouse on Saturday. Sunday will feature the Victory Show at The Max. Watch for details to follow concerning times and costs!

Congratulations, Viktoria Towne, on being named Miss Max VI. We look forward to working with you.

We hope you caught all the Mardi Gras excitement. Thanks to all the individuals and organizations that helped make Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday such fun. Next month, we'll have a report for you on the proceeds from that.

The Court is always looking for new performers: singers, dancers, impersonators, etc. If you have talents you'd like to share with the community, contact one of the Monarchs or anyone on the Board of Governors. We need set designers and poster makers, too!

Be watching: Closet Ball is coming soon!

Are you interested in more involvement in The Imperial Court of Nebraska? Come join us and find out what The Court is all about. We meet the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at The Max. There are openings on the Board of Governors. Here's an excellent opportunity for you to act on behalf of Nebraska's lesbian and gay community. Contact a Monarch or one of the current Board of Governors members for details and an application.

Until next month, we encourage you to support those in the community who support the community.

P.S.: It's not too soon to be thinking about running for Emperor, Empress, or Athena.

MCC HEADLINES

MCC is pleased to announce the coming of two special guests to Omaha. The first, Rev. Steve Pieters, an AIDS survivor, will be here April 7, 8, and 9.

While in Omaha, Pieters will be conducting a workshop on Saturday, April 7, for those who are HIV challenged. Sunday he will be speaking at the MCC Morning Worship Service, and on Monday, he'll speak at the AIDS Interfaith Network Service at St. Cecelia's.

Our second guest is a long-time favorite with the congregation: Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey. She'll be coming to Omaha in the fall: September 28-30, to be exact. We hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities to join us and enjoy what our special guests have to offer Omaha!

Added to our regular meetings (Gay/Lesbian Support Group, Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal, and Worship Services,) MCCer's took time in February to celebrate Valentine's Day with a party and dance. Everyone reported having a good time!

The Social Committee also reinstated the Game/Movie Nights on each Saturday night when no other activities were scheduled. Robbie entertained us again with the MCC Version of "The Lovers'/Couples' Game." What fun! These Saturday night activities start at 7:30 p.m. and are open to everyone. For more details, contact the Church office.

Following our participation of an information booth at the ICON celebration of Mardi Gras, MCCers gathered on February 28 for a special Ash Wednesday Service.

About mid-February, the congregation joined for a Congregational Meeting. At that time they filled two positions on the Board of Directors. Also elected was the Lay Delegate to the General Confer-

ence of the UFMCC. The next formal meeting of the membership will be in the fall.

Our ranks grew following the membership classes conducted mid-month by Rev. Howard. To our new members, I extend a hearty WELCOME. We are glad to have you join the membership of MCCO.

Over a dozen MCCer's joined us at The Chesterfield for our monthly night out at the bar. March 2 we'll be heading for The Diamond about 10:00 and the first Friday in April, we'll be at The Max.

Until next month, that's it! See you in church.

MISHPACHAT CHAVERIM TO SPONSOR PURIM COSTUME PARTY MARCH 10.

SEE PAGE 11.



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Questionnaire Instructions

Step 3 - Describe yourself by circling the word **me** beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one **me** under each category. Circle more than one **me** if appropriate.

Step 4 - Describe your ideal match by circling the word **veto**, **no**, **ok** or **yes** beside *each and every* item (including those by which you circled **me**) to indicate to what extent you would want that item to be true of your match. Circle *exactly one* of these responses per item, as described below:

Circle **yes** if you *prefer* that description to be true of your match. This is a vote *for* a trait—not a guarantee.

Circle **ok** if you *don't care* one way or the other. This is an *abstention*—no vote either way. Lines left blank are counted as **ok**.

Circle **no** if you *prefer* that description *not* to be true of your match. This is a vote *against*—not a disqualification. Treat it as a "maybe."

Circle **veto** if you want *no matches* with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other desirable qualities. This is a *disqualification* and is not affected by category rank. Treat it as an absolute "no." We recommend that you circle between 10 and 20 vetoes to restrict age, race, residence, and other important traits of your matches.

Note: The use of vetoes restricts the number of members qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many vetoes you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially, in which case you will receive credit for the remaining matches. You can use the credit to alter your questionnaire and/or reorder matches anytime.

Step 5 - Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on the less important items won't override those on the more important items, you must indicate which categories are important to you. Using the blank to the left of each category heading, either . . .

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, or . . .

Put a check mark beside the *five* most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. **Noes** and **yeses** have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled **no**. However, vetoes are exclusive regardless of category rank.

"FRIENDSHIP RINGS!" AT APRIL CONCERT

Gary

Omaha's River City Mixed Chorus presents a musical event on Sunday, April 1, at 6:05 p.m. It's their Spring Concert, "Friendship Rings", at the Strauss Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Special guests for the evening will be the Des Moines Men's Chorus. Both the chorus and audience had a great time last year welcoming Des Moines to Omaha, and this year's performance will be equally fun.

The highlight of the concert will be a medley from the Broadway smash hit, "Phantom of the Opera." Other songs include "Let the River Run," "The Rose," and "Exsultate Justi" from the motion picture "Empire of the Sun."

Tickets for the RCMC concert are available at the performance, from any Chorus member, or by calling 341-0763.

Many of the Des Moines singers will be arriving the night before, and some will be staying over Sunday night. Please help the Chorus members make the Des Moines men

feel welcome and enjoy Omaha's night spots.

If you can't attend the Omaha concert, the show will be repeated in Des Moines on Saturday evening, April 7. A car-load of supporters from Omaha would be great.

Auditions for the Chorus will be held Monday, April 9, and Monday, April 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you love to sing, you're encouraged to join this fun group that has been making music for 5 1/2 years. Non-singing "Friends" members are also needed to get involved with the Chorus. Call 341-0763 for information about joining RCMC in any capacity.

Both singers and non-singers alike had a great time at the RCMC Pre-Valentine's Day Party following rehearsal on February 12. There were goodies for everyone, and all the members exchanged Valentines (plus, in certain cases, some extra "goodies.") Also in February, the Chorus hosted its popular Quiche Dinner. Lots of friends from the community stopped by and enjoyed both the food and the "singing valentines."

A number of Chorus members participated in the ICON Mardi Gras at The Max — another great event for the community. And, coming up in March, the RCMC will be sending singers to be a part of the ANGLE Benefit Show March 25 at The Max. Don't miss it! It's just a week before the Spring Concert, so Chorus members will be fired up!

Congratulations to Roger B. for being elected to the RCMC Board of Directors. Board members do a lot of hard work, and it's great to have the Board back up to full strength.

And special thanks to Connie P. for helping with choreography and movement in our Holiday and Spring Concerts. The Chorus appreciates the time she's taking to help with the "on-stage look." (Now, was that the LEFT or RIGHT foot.....?)

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The Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns gathering was held January 27. A good showing, with seven people there. One person came from Plattsmouth, and another from the Des Moines area. One person was a minister, and it was good to see clergy there, joining us in discussion.

It was an informal gathering, with many topics covered, among them: prayer, healing, various Bible translations and their worth. Closing with prayer, the group decided on King Fong's for supper. As it turned out, this is an excellent place for Chinese food. The prices are right, the food excellent, and there is plenty of it.

On Saturday evening, MCC held their first "Game Night." At first, Sharon was a little worried about the turnout. But people began drifting in and the crowd swelled to a total of 17. At one table a hot game of Pitch was in full swing, at another were shrieks, curses, and vile dismemberment threats, as a group enjoyed "Aggravation." Much laughter was at another table as the group enjoyed "Phase Ten", especially when Sharon forgot to lay down three fours. At the end of the table, all was quiet, with just the rattle of pages, as "Scrabble" players turned to dictionaries, to see if a string of letters would make a word that was legit. But the age-old question in "Scrabble" was not to be answered, and that is, "What in Hell do you do with a 'Q'?"

At ten, the group broke up. It was a good evening of fellowship, and even the group

R.J. playing "Aggravation" left with their arms around each other.

The clean-up people soon had the old church spic and span, so Rev. Howard wouldn't see the mess we made, and soon all was ready for church in the morning.

Sunday morning came and at 9:00, Virg was calling us into our Bible study, all two of us, besides Virg. We are studying the letters of James, and how he discusses love and lust, wagging tongues, blazing forests, ships on a raging sea, all kinds of good things. Bet you didn't know so much was in James, did you?

Church was at 10:30, and a good crowd turned out for church. Rev. Howard gave his usual good sermon, which was enjoyed by all.

At 7 o'clock, Sunday evening, Dignity held their gathering with five present. From the six audio tape series, "Ministry and Homosexual People", which is presented by Sr. Jeannine Grumick and Fr. Robert Nugent, both known for their highly positive and supporting work with gay men and lesbians. One of the tapes, "Theology and Homosexuality," was played with a discussion following. It was a very informative tape.

So, yes, Mabel, there is an alternative here in Omaha to the bar scene. And this weekend once again proves it. Seek and you shall find.

For De Sade

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank some special people for some very special assistance. On Sunday, February 4, I was privileged to sponsor a benefit effort for the Gay/Lesbian Student Organization. With my co-hostess Heidi, President of G.L.S.O., we had a fabulous, and successful, evening at The Max.

Our final tally came to just over \$500.00. Heidi and I would especially like to thank Dean M. for generously donating back his winnings from the 50-50 raffle.

A big thanks to Dorian Drake for her help -- the raffle wouldn't have been nearly as successful without your help. Thanks, Puss!

My personal thank you to Billy Bohannon, Show Director at The Max -- my rock of sanity in all the neurotic times putting our show together.

Heidi, bless you girlfriend. If not for the officers of G.L.S.O. so many of the "little" things would have slipped through the cracks. Greg, Steve, and especially Geoffrey were my salvation on many occasions during the evening.

To our "cast of thousands," a heart-felt thanks for your performance, spontaneity, and cooperation. In a group effort like this we depend so much on others and each of you came through with the best. Thanks!

This was a project which meant a great deal to me. During campaigning for Empress last year, I promised to give of myself however I could to reach out to my gay brothers and sisters on our college campuses. At the time, I was unaware of the existence of G.L.S.O.; a common problem for many in our community. But then I met Greg, the Vice President, and through him, Heidi.

In our discussions I found out that, though money was a problem, the bigger one was letting people know they existed. I promised to do what I could -- and even though I was forced to step down from the throne, I'd given my word, and I believe in the worthiness of G.L.S.O.'s ideas.

My only wish is that I could do more. But, if we can accomplish as much as this with only a limited amount of people, think how much more we can all achieve with a united effort.

I'm very proud of our accomplishments with "Skool Daze", and happy to have had the opportunity to be associated with such an effort. One more vote of thanks to Erica DeVain for her help with M.C.ing -- and to our audience for your generous support.

Until next time -- love and lipstick!



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National Spotlight

LESBIAN/GAY AMERICAN LEGION POST

Alexander Hamilton American Legion Post 448 in San Francisco, California, is the only predominantly Gay/Lesbian Post of the American Legion. Deceased Gay activist, Leonard Matlovich, was a member of the Alexander Hamilton Post, and was photographed in his American Legion uniform at his famous gravestone with its inscription "They gave me a medal for killing two men and a dishonorable discharge for loving one!"

The Alexander Hamilton Post takes part in Gay/Lesbian activities on both state and national levels. The members of the post participated in the Gay March on Washington and were present at ceremonies which placed a wreath in honor of dead lesbian and gay veterans at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The Post marches in many parades in San Francisco, proudly carrying the Rainbow Flag along with the U.S. Flag, the California Flag, and the M.L.A. Flag. The Alexander Hamilton Post provided the Color Guard for the Gay Games in San Francisco and will be participating in the '90 Vancouver Games.

Currently the Alexander Hamilton Post is attempting to increase its membership, thereby increasing their representation at American Legion functions and increasing their ability to impact this conservative organization. Eligible veterans can support the Alexander Hamilton Post by:

- 1) becoming a member of the American Legion in the Alexander Hamilton Post, even if they do not live in the San Francisco area, or
- 2) by transferring membership from another American Legion Post. The veteran would still be entitled to participate in all activities of their current, local Post, but the increased

membership would allow the Alexander Hamilton Post to have a stronger voice and encourage more specific attention to the special needs of Lesbian and Gay Veterans.

For those not eligible for membership in the American Legion, the Alexander Hamilton Post offers membership in their support group, the Alexander Hamilton Veterans Association, which entitles the member to share in all activities of the Post except voting and holding office.

If you would like more information on becoming a member of the Alexander Hamilton American Legion Post 448, you may write them at Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 128, San Francisco, CA. 94102; or call (415) 431-1413.

TWA ANTI-GAY

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed a lawsuit against Trans World Airlines, Inc. on behalf of a gay man prohibited by TWA from using his Frequent Flier bonus miles to travel with his lover. Under the terms of TWA's program, enrolled members may use their bonus awards for themselves or for certain family members. Relatives as distant as a cousin are eligible but not gay and lesbian domestic partners.

Join the battle for spouse rights! Write to D. Joseph Corr, President, TWA, 100 S. Bedford Rd., Mount Disco, NY. 10049, or call (914) 242-3000.

SENATORS PASS AIDS ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL

Discrimination against people with AIDS will be prohibited under a bill that received 41-0 final approval Feb. 15

LB 465 sponsored by Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, lets people with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome file civil suits if they feel they have been discriminated against when trying to obtain a job, housing, education or access to public facilities. Gov. Kay Orr must sign the bill before it becomes law.

A Chambers amendment allows exceptions for AIDS victims that pose a direct public health threat or are unable to work at a job.

from Unicameral Update, February 16, 1990.

AIDS

Counseling — Antibody Testing — Information
is available in Omaha by calling:

Douglas County Health Department

402/444-7214

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

For other testing sites call:

Grand Island — Hall County	308/381-5175
Lincoln — Lancaster County	402/471-8065
North Platte	308/534-6780 ext. 134
Scottsbluff	308/635-3866

BARS CLUBS & LOUNGES

Omaha

The Chesterfield, 1951 St. Mary's Avenue
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street 342-9595
Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth 449-9147
The Max, 1417 Jackson 346-4110
The Run, 1715 Leavenworth 449-8703

Lincoln

The Boardwalk, 20th and O Streets 474-9741
The Club, 116 North 20th Street 474-5692
Panic, 200 South 18th Street 435-8764

Grand Island

Chasins, 4th and Walnut 308/382-0236

AIDS News

I'M ANGRY...

I'm angry because people keep trying to make me a patient or a victim instead of a Person with AIDS... I'm angry because there is this life-threatening disease cutting down young people in their prime... I'm angry because the President of the United States keeps denying the importance of funding AIDS research and education... I'm angry because PWA's are discriminated against in housing, restaurants, and employment... I'm angry because hospital workers, who should know better, still insist on masks, gloves, and gowns just to enter a PWA's room... I'm angry because mothers in Queens refuse to be educated and retreat instead into emotional responses... I'm angry because Mother Theresa thinks PWA's can be sent to camps and treated like lepers... I'm angry because the media keep referring to AIDS as "always fatal"... I'm angry because, at a time when they need them most, PWA's are rejected by society and their own families... I'm angry because people are still practicing compul-

Ken Meeks

sive/obsessive sex in parks and subway restrooms... I'm angry because insurance companies emphasize profits and death instead of emphasizing life... I'm angry because some religious people see AIDS as God's wrath instead of practicing the charity of human kindness... I'm angry because I don't know whether suburban teenage suicides are related to these young men finding out they're gay and what AIDS may mean to them... I'm angry because too many physicians are still making "shoot from the hip" diagnoses, whether AIDS or non-AIDS... I'm angry about the "them and us" mentality which suggests PWA's cannot participate in their own healing and living. **BUT IN SPITE OF ALL THAT, WE WILL SURVIVE!**

LINCOLN AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK

Sandy Vopalka

The Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Network was formed in June to provide spiritual support to all persons affected by HIV or AIDS in south-east Nebraska. Lincoln has started spiritual healing services on the 4th Monday of each month at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on the UNL campus, 13th & R streets, Lincoln at 7 pm. All are welcome! Dates are March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, and August 27, 1990.

If you would like to be involved in the planning or leadership of future healing services, please notify Father Don Hanway (474-1979) at St. Mark's.

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

HIV Testing 7pm — 10pm Mondays and Thursdays

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GWM 27, 5'6", 140 lbs, brown, hazel, mustache. I am looking for friendship and maybe more. Write PO Box 5705, Lincoln, NE 68505.

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Reporters Needed--The New Voice is in need of reliable volunteer journalists to increase coverage of area events important to the Gay and Lesbian community. If you have basic journalistic skills and are available to cover one or two events a month, please contact Sharon Van Butsel, Editor, (556-9907) for an interview.

Open The Door to the Gay 90's! Benefit Show for ANGLE featuring material by Gay/Lesbian composers. Sunday, March 25, 9 pm, The Max, 1417 Jackson.

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You can meet me at Metropolitan Community Church on Sunday at 10:20 services or call me (Dan Wessling) at (712)-651-2156.

White Male, 21, wants to meet others around same age. Write: 210 S 24 St, Apt 28, Omaha, NE 68102.

Massage by a CNA. Private and discreet. For appointment, call 455-9827 and ask for House.

PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples. Practical ideas for developing satisfying, successful relationships. Interviews, news, and reviews in an 8-page monthly; peek-proof envelope. Mailing list never sold or rented. \$36/year; organizations \$49/year; overseas \$59/year (US funds only); sample issues for \$3. **PARTNERS**, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. **SPECIAL OFFER:** Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for free list, "Resources for Lesbian and Gay Couples."

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Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights

Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509
Advocacy/lobbies for Gay/Lesbian civil rights, educational presentations, newsletter, and cultural programs.

Imperial Court of Nebraska

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

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns

402/733-1360 Cleve

Midwest Transvestite-Transsexual Hotline

206/329-TVTS (8887)

LINCOLN

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

call 402/466-5214 AA Central Office for location

The Wimmie's Show

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UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association

mail: Room 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, 68588
402/472-5644 Rodney Bell II

Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events (CO-LAGE)

c/o University Program Council, Rm 200, Nebraska Union, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588
402/472-2454

Programming organization for cultural, social and educational needs of UNL's gay/lesbian community.

Women's Assistance Emergency Fund

Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Women's Journal-Advocate

Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Lesbian Support Group

Women's Res. Center, Rm 117, Nebraska Union
University of Lincoln-Lincoln, Lincoln NE 68588
402/472-2597

Informal weekly discussion group for lesbians

Lincoln Legion of Lesbians

Box 30317, Lincoln, NE 68503
Lesbian-feminist collective, newsletter, support, confidential referral, cultural and social programs.

New Directions Center

402/476-2802
Short term counseling, support groups, classes, workshops dealing with coming out, parenting and relationships. Sliding scale fee.

Open Door Ministry

402/474-3390
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UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association, Inc

PO Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503
402/464-0371
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Gay Men's Support Group

UNL Counseling Center, Rm 226, Administration Building, Lincoln, NE 68588,
402/472-3461
Vernon Williams-Director.
Confidential Support Group for gay men.

The New Voice of Nebraska

Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103
Monthly magazine for the Lesbian/Gay community.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center

UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588 402/472-5644
Nebraska Union, Rm 342 - Meetings (Mail Rm 222)
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Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.

P.O. Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131 402/558-1186
Meetings, information, & support for Lesbians/Gays

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504 402/435-4688
meets 4th Tuesday
Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103
402/331-5188 or 291-6781
meets 2nd Sunday

Mishpachot Chaverim

402/551-0510
Organization for Gay/Lesbian Jews. Meets monthly.

OMAHA

DIGNITY / Omaha

402/895-2856 or 402/341-1460
Mass 7pm 2nd Sunday monthly; St John's (lower level) on Creighton University Campus
Roman Catholic lesbians / gays & friends.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

402/345-9913 Weekly meeting on Friday at 8:15pm
Alcohol and AIDS issues group 7pm Thursdays, call Steve at 346-1556 or NAP 342-4233

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC)

mailing address: P.O. Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103
service at 420 South 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68103
Sunday worship at 10:20am and 7pm; 402/345-2563

Metropolitan Club

Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103 402/449-9377
Networking organization of business / professionals

River City Bowling League

402/345-5118 Scott OR 402/493-6118 Charlie

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club

PO Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103

River City Mixed Chorus

Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101 402/341-0763
Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/sensitive people

UNO Student Group

Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320
Heidi at 402/391-0694 / Wes or Rick at 402/558-1186
Lesbian and Gay student social/support group

Gay/Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics

402/346-0561
Support group for adults raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes

PACT (People of All Colors Together)

402/341-4078
A social / support group

EAGLE - Omaha

c/o Sharon McCartney, 1314 Douglas on the Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha, NE 68102

Information and Referral

Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131
402/342-4233 or 800/782-AIDS (2437) (statewide)
AIDS Hotline, HIV Testing, Support Groups, Practical Support, AIDS Awareness programs and literature.

Veteran's Administration Medical Center

42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, NE 68105
402/346-8800 - Dean Pierce (ext 4119)

Viral Syndrome Clinic

University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE
402/559-6202 Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith

Lincoln Cancer Center

64600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE 68510
402/483-1872 Barb Morton

American Red Cross

1701 "E" Street, Lincoln, NE 68501
402/471-7997
3838 Dewey Avenue, Omaha, NE 68131
402/341-2723 Confidential Testing.

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3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131
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Douglas County Health Department

4th Floor Civic Center, Omaha, NE 68102
402/444-7214

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

2200 St. Marys Avenue, Lincoln, NE
402/471-8065
Counseling and Support

Counseling and Support

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Aids Support Group
call 402/435-4688 for meeting locations in Lincoln
1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7 pm

Brother William Woeger

c/o Omaha Archdiocese
100 North 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

Open Door Ministry-Lincoln

402/474-3390 Fr. David

Omaha AIDS Interfaith Network

100 North 62nd Street, Omaha, NE 68132
402/558-3100, Ext. 43

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Network

Dr. Norman Leach, Room 411, 215 Centennial Mall
South, Lincoln, NE 68508
402/476-3391

Legal

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union
633 South 9th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508
402/476-8091 John Taylor
402/346-5025 - Omaha

Mowbray, Chapin & Walk, P.C.

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402/476-3882 Jim

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MARCH 11



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**U.S. SENATE PASSES FEDERAL HATE CRIME STATISTICS ACT;
LAWMAKERS REJECT ANTI-GAY HELMS AMENDMENT**

Washington, D.C., February 8, 1990...In an historic moment for the gay and lesbian community, the U.S. Senate today voted 92 to 4 to pass the Federal Hate Crime Statistics Act. Before voting for passage, Senate lawmakers rejected, by 77-19, a move by Senate Jesse Helms (R-NC) to attach a four-part anti-gay amendment to the bill.

The landslide vote marks the first time in the history of the Senate that the pervasive problem of anti-gay and lesbian violence has been addressed, the first time gay-positive legislation has passed the Senate, and the first time the gay and lesbian community has defeated Helms on an up-or-down, gay-related issue.

"Today the U.S. Senate sent a strong signal to the bigots and bashers in our country that violence against lesbians and gay men is as intolerable as violence against racial, religious and ethnic minorities," said Urvashi Vaid, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) executive director. "It marks the culmination of seven years of work by the Task Force to gain a political response to the enormous problem of anti-gay violence."

The bill requires the U.S. Department of Justice to "acquire data about certain crimes which manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity."

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**SENATE PASSES HATE CRIMES BILL
HELMS HANDED MAJOR DEFEAT
INCLUDES SEXUAL ORIENTATION FOR THE FIRST TIME**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 7, 1990) In a stunning setback for Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC), the U.S. Senate today overwhelmingly passed the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, including a provision requiring the Justice Department to collect statistics on anti-gay violence. Only three senators, William Armstrong (R-CO), Gordon Humphrey (R-WV), and Trent Lott (R-MS) voted with Helms to oppose the bill.

Lobbyists for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, called the Senate vote a major victory for the lesbian and gay community. "The Senate's vote sends an important message that violence against lesbians and gays will not be tolerated in our society," said Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Campaign Fund.

"This victory is a result of many people working for many years. The Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, People for the American Way and scores of civil rights and religious groups can take joint satisfaction in the Senate's decisive vote," McFeeley stated.

Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) led the fight for passage of the bill in the Senate. "Hate crimes against homosexuals are disgusting and outrageous," Hatch stated early in the debate. "We are not going to put up with hate crimes anymore," he continued.

Lesbian and gay activists expressed surprise at the strong

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