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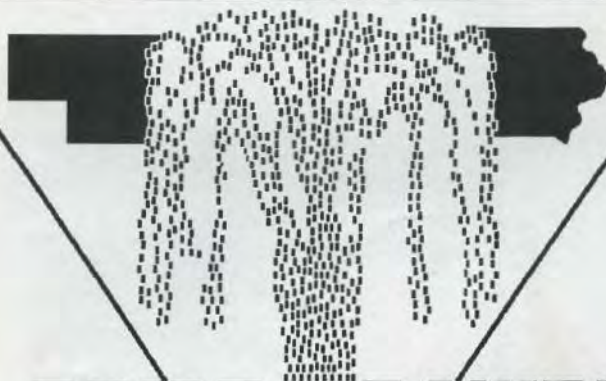
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PRIDE

COMES IN MANY FORMS

by Sharon Van Butsel

It's June! It's Pride Month! Soon all those people who are truly proud will be gathering in Turner Park, making signs, and marching down Douglas Street, chanting slogans and waving at the passing motorists.....Whoops! I think there's something wrong with that sentence.

"All those people who are truly proud will be....." In my personal opinion, the word ALL makes that sentence unacceptable. Not ALL the proud gay, lesbian, and bi people will be marching in the parade. Far from it. SOME of the proud people will be marching, there are many others who express their pride in quieter ways.

I have seen Pride demonstrated in many different ways. Some are so simple that they are almost overlooked — like the couple who had a party to celebrate their 15th anniversary together. They invited their gay and lesbian friends, but they also invited their family. So this party included a gray haired mother, who went around and introduced herself to her son's friends and thanked them for coming. It also included 2 married, non-gay couples and a delightful baby along with the typical assortment of gays, non-gays, lesbians, and others. Was this Pride? Of course it was!

On another day, my co-workers and I decided we needed to celebrate having survived some difficult times at work. So we decided to go out after work but my non-gay friends could not decide which bar to go to. I finally suggested The MAX. They loved the idea! So I let Wayne know we'd be coming down after work one day and then nine straight women and one lesbian spent a relaxed couple of hours enjoying happy hour at the MAX. Was I proud?

You bet! Especially when my friends all wanted to come back again.

In this issue you'll find an interview that I did with Les at his request. He wanted to be sure that the community knows he is living with AIDS. Last summer, Wayne stood on stage at the MAX and shared his HIV status. Brian is studying to be licensed as an MCC minister and pastoring a new church in Sioux City, despite recurrent trips to the hospital. Is that pride? Yes, of a very special sort.

Carol and her friends wanted a 50's/60's dance that all the baby-boomers could enjoy so she wrote an article for *The New Voice* asking the bar owners to consider it. The dance was held May 15 at the Metro. Is that pride? Of course!

Paul went to The Triangle Bar in redneck South Omaha with members of his family. When he started performing as Sammi Bennett, he went back to the Triangle and started putting on Drag Shows. He's now the show director for the Triangle, where he stands on stage in front of a crowd that's 50% straight and 50% gay and lesbian and sings love songs to Joey, the man he loves. Is that Pride? You bet it is!

Emerson and Tim are active members of the Live and Let Live Alcoholics Anonymous Group. They chose to share a little bit of their experience and invited the community to the AA Heartland Roundup held Memorial Day Weekend. Is that Pride? It surely is!

Pride comes in many shapes and sizes. Some very personal and private, some public, and some downright flamboyant, but all very real. Whatever form Pride takes in your life, I congratulate you.



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Letters to the Editor

HOW DARE THEY!

Dear Editor,

This letter is written in reference to an article in the "Diversion" section of *The Daily Nebraskan* on 04-23-92. As one of the individuals photographed at the Panic Bar on Sunday, 04-19-92, I feel I need to express my views to the gay community.

My lover and I were both assured that the photographs taken of us in leather would be used in conjunction with the numerous other photos taken of other patrons and staff. We stressed that the leather community is only a small portion of the gay community in Lincoln.

Pictures of couples dancing, playing pool, sitting at tables having conversations, and staff working were not printed. Pictures of drag queens and my lover and I in leather seemed to dominate, along with an article on "Club Kids", shown dancing at The Metro. Certainly this is not representative of the gay community as a whole.

I know doctors, lawyers, UNL professors, teachers, social workers, counselors, and computer programmers who are also gay but generally remain hidden in the "closet" due to the "straight" society's idea of what is proper. Generally, as people in the gay community know, if you were to walk into the average gay bar, you would not notice any difference from any other bar, except men with men and women with women.

Although Omaha does have a wider variety of gay bars, Lincoln, of course, doesn't. The straight community has various types of bars, but Lincoln only has the Panic Bar. I thank Kelly for that one place, and apologize to her, because had we known the article would be presented in that fashion, we would not have consented to having our pictures taken.

Also, the Panic Bar has sponsored many successful fundraising events for AIDS, the Friendship Home, and P.A.L.S., to name a few. We have a large gay population in both Lincoln and Nebraska, and as a member of that community, I have written *The Daily Nebraskan* to express my views on the article with the hope that it would be rewritten, so that the straight community could look objectively at what gay people in Lincoln have done for Lincoln and for our society as a whole.

As it is now, the article would have been more appropriately entitled "Diversion Within the Gay Community."

With this in mind, I would also like to take the opportunity to say that my lover and I are beginning to organize a leather club in Lincoln, the Star City Links. Look for further information in the *New Voice* or at the Panic. Hopefully in the future the leather community in Lincoln will be represented in its correct perspective.

Thank you,
Verdell Bohling



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE ON NAMBLA

Dear Editor(s) of NVN,

I just heard that you printed my article titled *Let's talk about life and choice* (NVN, March '92, p. 8). I am glad editors like you still value a diversity of opinions. However, I had to go to the library to actually see my article in print and in doing so I noticed in a back issue that NVN refused an ad from the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA). Pardon me for asking, but why?

Perhaps I am in love with arguments and ideas too much which causes me to be very defensive of freedom of expression, but I am not alone. I recently wrote an article for the *Sound* newspaper about Omahans For Decency and 2 Live Crew defying freedom of expression while criticizing the fact the group has a sick attitude about women and sex. The article should appear in the May 1992 issue.

First, I disagree with NAMBLA. Society values sexual purity in children and youth. Sexual activity is also a real health hazard. (Please note: Although I favor contraceptive information in sex education courses for high school students, I actively opposed a contraceptive kit containing the devices. There is a difference between information and saying which brands to buy or who is selling what.)

I understand why the Gay and Lesbian community would stiff-arm NAMBLA. Who wants to chase away moderates who may agree with Gay Rights? But to be honest, I think the gay and lesbian community has been hurt more by some of the actions of ACT-UP and Queer Nation than by NAMBLA. Such groups are fueled by anger and rage. To acknowledge those groups while ignoring NAMBLA is wrong.

Every good successful large social movement attracts extremists which often helps the larger movement look mainstream if critics recognize that the radicals are a small minority. The environmentalists have the "legalize hemp" crowd, Earth Firsters, and the Sea Sheppard. The peace movement has the Socialist Workers Party and the Plowshares. The Republicans have David Duke. The Gay Rights movement has Queer Nation and NAMBLA. Critics will often use such radicals to paint an entire movement, but this does not make a valid argument nor does it allow the critic to throw out all the arguments and issues a movement brings into the public conscience.

Radical extreme groups provide a good barometer of whether a society is free or oppressed. If the radicals disappear, then we know our rights are in danger. This is why civil rights activists defend groups like the Klan and the neo-Nazi's on issues of freedom of expression and freedom of association. Perhaps the Gay and Lesbian community feels it is the barometer, but I think the Gay rights movement has moved mainstream enough that NAMBLA is now the barometer.

As I tried to stop fascist activity in Omaha, I could not help but notice that NAMBLA was used as an excuse to be homophobic and to brand all homosexuals as child molesters. Needless to say, this tactic worked because public hysteria overtook reason and few tried to counter this attack. Why do the fascists hate NAMBLA? For the same reason Nazi Germany killed the homosexuals. Because democracy started in ancient Greece where men loved boys. The whole attack carried this symbolism, yet few noticed this symbolism. This makes NAMBLA a very good barometer of whether society is free or oppressed.

NAMBLA is also one of the most non-judgmental, progressive, self-critical, and benign radical groups in existence at least according to what information I have been able to find. Although they seek to repeal age of consent laws, they oppose children being forced or coerced into having sex. They are basically a support group for benevolent pedophiles who don't want to be portrayed as monsters. That may sound too radical for most people but compared to organizations which advocate anything from "hate your neighbor" to a revolutionary violent overthrow of the U.S. Government, NAMBLA only makes a good shocking headline to help publishers sell newspapers and that is all.

Finally, I think the Gay and Lesbian community is a bit insensitive to gay youth. A teenage gay boy is not going to turn to his classmate and say, "Hey, I'm gay." He would likely get beaten up. Kids can be very cruel. Such gay boys will attempt to approach gay men or homosexual pedophiles. This is far more epidemic in rural areas where there are no support groups for gay youth. The problem is compounded by the fact that males reach their sexual peak at age 18, which casts age of consent laws under sexism. I really don't know much about this other than what I have heard. My sexual orientation prefers I had my arms around a woman. (Now, if only heterosexual women would stop going out with abusive men.) This aspect really needs more

commentary from gay men who would know more about this and not a person like me who is (do I have this right?) a "breeder"(!).

Freedom of expression is an important right we should not give up so easily. Radicals are idealists whose ideas are more shocking than practical. I understand NVN's concern, but even the *Utne Reader* has more controversial ads such as one claiming to make homosexuals straight and another offering home remedies for self-induced abortions. Heck, the National Rifle Association gets its ads on television defending the sale of assault rifles!

Radicals are in abundance. If people have problems with what radicals say, I strongly encourage them to take the argument to the person doing the talking. We should not be afraid of radicals. After all, they are almost always outnumbered by their critics. So please, don't try to censor the radicals; try to persuade them and change their mind because freedom of expression is far too important to dispose with.

Most Sincerely,
Andrew Sullivan



AND MORE ON NAMBLA

Dear NVN,

I am sorry. I tried to restrain myself, but Harry J. DeLise, M.S.W.'s definition of consent (NVN, March '92, p. 2) can't go unchallenged. To say that "consent implies an understanding of the circumstances of each option and the consequences of choosing one option over the others" is the most absurd thing I have ever heard. If there was truth to this then 90% of premarital sex is not by consent and perhaps as much as 20% of marital sex is not by consent!

Many adults don't think of such consequences! That is why, for the most part, there are 40,000 people a year dropping dead from AIDS and why 1.6 million abortions are performed every year. In addition, people kill themselves when a relationship breaks up.

However, the younger you are, the harder it is to deal with the consequences of sex. Also, the more involved the sexual activity is, the consequences and the difficulty in dealing with them increases. This applies to all sexual relationships and provides good arguments for celibacy, monogamy, limiting and postponing sex, which many people, including the young, don't do. Odd, though that these arguments are accepted as criticism of NAMBLA, but if these arguments are used against Planned Parenthood, people scoff. I have been ridiculed for making such arguments but now it seems those arguments are embraced for the purpose of censorship.

Sincerely,
Andrew Sullivan

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BEWARE!

Dear New Voice Staff:

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am the Rev. Mother Mary Regina and I belong to a humble little parish in Hoboken, New Jersey. I am writing to warn you! It has come to my attention that five men in your fair city are planning to masquerade as nuns and do a fundraiser for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt which will be in Omaha in December.

The show is called *Nonsense*. It's a zany musical comedy about five nuns affectionately referred to as "The Little Sisters of Hoboken" who are themselves hosting a fundraiser. The performance dates are July 24th through August 2nd and will be performed at the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, The MAX, and Creighton University Interim Performing Arts Center. I'll have to fill you in with more details in my next letter.

The show is being produced by Empty S Productions, directed by Thomas Bertino, musical direction by Garrett McDonald-Burton, and choreographed by Lisa Clute. The cast includes Steven Nichols, Bill Bohannon, Michael Taylor-Stewart, Timothy Renner, and Bill Burch.

Although I do hope their endeavors are well received, I only pray that you will look upon these talented individuals as performers and not as actual nuns. And please... no penguin jokes!

Faithfully Yours,
Rev. Mother Mary Regina

THANK YOU!

Dear Editor and Staff of The New Voice:

We would like to express a big thank you to everyone in the community that helped support ANGLE's fundraising events this past year. Without the help of numerous volunteers and the owners, managers, and staff of The Chesterfield, DC's, The Diamond, Gilligan's, and The MAX, we would not be able to fund this year's Pride Week activities.

A special thank you goes to Bob Ewing, owner of Printing Plus, for his donation of flyers for many of the food events, and International Minute Press in Bellevue for their donation of the flyers for the variety show at The MAX. Our thanks go out to all the performers in the variety show, *The Stars Come Out For Pride*, and we're glad to know so many talented people that are willing to give of their time and energy.

We appreciate the support we received from many ANGLE members and feel very proud of ANGLE's accomplishments this year. As we come together as lesbians, gay men, and sensitive others working together towards one goal, we have found out we can achieve so much more for our community as a unified organization.

Hope to see all of you at the fantastic events planned for Pride Week 1992, June 14-21!

Sincerely,
Brandon Shukis and Stan Brown

UNCLE!

Sharon,

Today, as I read the copy of *The New Voice* that I picked up at one of the clubs in town, I found myself turning back to Michelle's letter to the editor (NVN, May '92, p. 1).

For the past two years I've been strapped for money and would pick up a copy of *The New Voice* on the few occasions I would go out and about. I had promised myself that when I had the extra money to spare I would subscribe to *The New Voice*. Well, I've had the money to spare for two months now and still find myself getting copies at clubs. It becomes a habit. However, Michelle's letter gave me the boot-in-the-rear I needed so enclosed you'll find my check of \$19.⁹⁹ for a one year subscription to *The New Voice*.

To you and the staff of *The New Voice*: keep up the great work! I read it from cover-to-cover every month. Thanx for "carrying" me for the past two years.

Carol

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FEELINGS OF A TRANSGENDERIST

Part 2

by Cheryl Westman

Mom tried to discourage me from borrowing her clothes. She was ingenious, but I was diligent. They were in the house and I found what I needed. She would have had to become a nudist to slow me down.

By age ten or eleven I could read. One day while looking through mom's drawers for something nice to borrow I found that everything I liked best was gone from the second drawer and in its place was a note. The note was to the effect that if I wanted to wear her things I would have to pay a certain amount each week out of my allowance. Instead of a deterrent, this note was enlightenment to me. I had never dreamed that I could exchange money for silks and laces.

The fabulous Sears catalog had been filled with dreams of beautiful clothes since I was able to open the cover. Within about a month of my revelation I was able to gather enough courage and money to catch mom at the breakfast table alone one morning to show her and ask her to buy me a pretty pastel green half slip with a lace hem. Her response was that I should think about it some more and if I really wanted it she would have to talk to my dad about it and the doctor.

I had already surrendered to dad. The thought of involving a doctor was terrifying. I had visions of sterile stone structures surrounded by high fences and cold tile floors where I would be locked up. I wasn't willing to face my nightmare of mental health facilities and professionals of the 50's. I quailed and never talked to her about my feelings till recently. This was not an end, but rather a beginning. By the following Mothers Day I was buying the beautiful things I wanted for "mom" as I told the sales ladies. I had another new baby brother by now and hence my own room in the basement that dad had fixed up years earlier for my Grandma Christensen. I spent plenty of time studying and reading in my room because I could lock the door and feminize myself. My grades were good and when I was that little girl I felt good, but also guilty and dishonest.

I had from the earliest times been "turned on" by the feelings and looks of swingy skirts, silky underwear and blouses, in a sensuous way. I had been having erections for some time, but really had never even figured out masturbation.

My first opportunity for sex was a real blunder. My good friend Teddy's mother worked days and his dad had passed away a few years earlier. One day after school we played at his house and decided to try masturbation. He had an older brother and cousin and I suppose he must have picked up on what "jacking-off" was from listening to them or their friends. He got one of his mother's bras out and we both stripped and lay down on his living room floor and tried to jack off. He held the bra and was able to get it up and off. I lay a few feet from him and don't remember if I got it up, but I was unable to get it off. What I do remember is thinking I would much rather be a girl wearing that pretty thing than being a boy trying to do something so disgusting.

That episode was the beginning of sex for me. I mastered self-sex in private. Or had I mastered me? I was able to do it but found it to be much more pleasurable for me if I could dress en fem

and fantasize about being a girl. I learned the first law of physics early. "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." I was able to generate tremendous highs that were followed by an intense feeling of guilt, but that is the American way. Sex is supposed to result in guilt.

By age twelve mom got me a sex guide. Looking back, it was a sorry attempt by the author if judged by today's standards. It didn't even show pictures of my greatest interest. Girls. I wanted to know what the fairer sex was like.

After reading that book I knew one new word, menstruation. I still wasn't sure how male and female plumbing worked to start a baby. The book did talk about masturbation and said it was alright, but I knew it was a terrible sin. I'm not sure, but I don't believe the words or ideas of homosexuality or transvestism were even mentioned. I was sure I was "Queer" and the only one. Maybe I was just stupid, but I was learning more in the locker room than from books.

The locker room was not my idea of fun. It generated more guilt for me. Was I really different or not? I tried to act like the guys. Even in the shower, but I felt even more guilt as I wanted to look at the penises of the boys. I was afraid I was homo and feeling guilty just for looking.

It was funny though, I'll never forget one of my friends had one that was always bent at a sharp right turn right in the middle. At that time I was even considering being an organ donor. Maybe Steve could use a straight one. In the seventh grade I was faking illness so that I wouldn't have to go to school on gym days. I didn't have to go to the locker room.

Approaching the tender age of thirteen and the beginning of puberty I was confused, filled with guilt, and convinced that I was the only one like me. Maybe I was normal for the age.

VARIETIES OF THE LEATHER EXPERIENCE

by Jim Chandler

Mr. Leather Colorado 1991

There are some members of the leather community who put down the men who are into leather just because they like the look, feel, or smell of leather. This isn't really fair to those leathermen, because one of the greatest aspects of our subculture is our acceptance of the great varieties within our society. We are free to explore our inner feelings of what turns us on, or what turns on our buddies, and build upon them. If the 'turn-on' is the look and feel of leather to someone, that's great! They don't have to live a full leather lifestyle to be a leatherman.

There are some guys who really get off on servicing another hot leatherman, others who like to lay back and just get serviced. If both are into this trip, that's great. Some men are into dirty talk and verbal humiliation, others are into giving it, good. There are others into bondage, S&M, and physical torture. There are hot men into briefs, boots, uniforms, jocks, hats, latex, rubber,

Spandex®, and others into feet, pees, legs, pits, arms, backs, hung men, and other parts of the body. There are men into different body types including 'bears' with hair and beards, and 'surfer types' who are smooth, hairless, or shaven.

This is part of the beauty of our leather society, as long as it is safe and both buddies are into it (or the group is) then there is nothing wrong with the scene. There is no reason to be ashamed of your fetish, it's part of what makes you unique. If you're in a leather bar and someone walks up to you and says he thinks your feet are 'hot', and that he would really like to service them, the proper response is of flattery in his appreciation, even if you may not necessarily be into that trip. On the other hand, if the same thing happened in another 'vanilla' type bar the response could be to consider that individual 'weird' or 'strange', which is not necessarily the case. This appears to be one of the reasons the leather society is growing at such a rapid rate, the open ability to express ourselves without judgment.

I find it very difficult to put down the lighter members of our society who are just now beginning to recognize the turn-ons available to them. No matter how limited or somewhat different they may seem. More than once I have played with someone and later found out that there was something they would have liked to do, but were afraid to ask, not knowing that their fantasy may have been a fun scene for me too. So, don't hesitate to express yourself and expand on your leathersex experience.



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NATIONAL NEWS

FOR LOVE AND JUSTICE A WALK AGAINST HATE

The longest Pride Parade ever will take place on June 7, 1992, when hundreds of people including lesbians, gay men, bisexual people, friends, families, and allies, will begin a 150-mile, two-week walk from Eugene to Portland, Oregon.

"For Love and Justice - A Walk Against Hate" is the name of this extraordinary event.



Caravans from all over the region will converge in Eugene for the beginning of the walk. We will walk through the Willamette Valley, passing through Corvallis, Salem, and Oregon City, arriving in Portland for the Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade on June 20. We will sponsor evening

programs and daytime rallies in the local communities which will feature locally and nationally known speakers and entertainers.

This effort is in response to the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) attack on the lesbian and gay community in Oregon. The OCA, an extremist right-wing organization, is attempting to pass both local and statewide initiatives that severely threaten our civil rights. The OCA's statewide "Abnormal Behaviors" Initiative would change the Oregon constitution to classify homosexuality in the same category as pedophilia, and states that the Oregon educational system must teach that homosexuality is "abnormal, wrong, unnatural, and perverse."

MUSIC STARS COME OUT

In a monumental show of support for gay men and lesbians, rock legends Lou Reed, Debbie Harry, and David Byrne will join other Sire Records superstars on a history-making compact disk compilation.

Charter subscribers to *Out*, the new national gay/lesbian magazine launching in June, will receive *Get Out* from Sire, a 17-track CD featuring luminaries like kd lang, Morrissey, Erasure, Marc Almond, Primal Scream, Danielle Dax, and John Westley Harding.

"At a challenging time for gay men and lesbians, Sire felt we should express our solidarity any way we could," explained general manager Howard Klein. "Naturally, our music offers the most effective means for us to communicate

that."

Book of Love's Ted Ottaviano agreed. "It's time for more of us to use our visibility to transmit positive messages to gay men and lesbians," he said. "For so long, gay people have been a community under siege. Our gay audience should know they share our vocal support."

According to Klein, each artist selected a track with resonance, in its own way, especially for *OUT* readers. Some, like Erasure's *Waiting for Sex*, have not been previously released in the U.S.; others, like John Wesley Harding's *When the Sun Comes Out* have been rerecorded especially for *GET OUT*; still others, like Tom Tom Club's *Love Wave*, offer previews of upcoming albums.

OUT magazine will have exclusive distribution rights for the CD, which comes free with a three-issue subscription to *OUT*. "We're incredibly proud that Sire chose to do this project with us. The time is clearly right for it - and for the magazine," said the magazine's editor in chief and president, Michael Goff.

Fans can obtain the CD by calling *OUT*'s information line, 1-800-876-1199, and leaving their name and address. They will be sent a bill for \$11.95, and the CD will be mailed, when released this summer, to all paid *OUT* subscribers. With a special "Gay Pride Premiere" issue, *OUT* debuts in June as the first national general-interest magazine for gay men and lesbians. From its New York City headquarters, *OUT* covers culture, current affairs, and people as well as interests from fitness to finance to fashion.

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NATIONAL NEWS

HOMOPHOBIA GREASES ALABAMA POLITICS

by Chaz Shane Roberts

Southern style homophobia and election-year politics have combined to make the granting of a charter to the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association a controversy that now involves every branch of Alabama government.

The governor, the legislature, and now the attorney general have all joined forces against the Auburn student group.

In a statement issued March 19, Attorney General Jimmy Evans stated, "Public money cannot be used to incite, promote, or advocate conduct which is in violation of Alabama criminal law.

"It is our opinion that an organization that professes to be (composed) of homosexuals and/or lesbians may not receive state funding or use state supported facilities to foster or promote those illegal, sexually deviate activities," the opinion read.

The opinion was issued at the request of state Rep. Mark Gaines, R-Homewood and state Rep. Perry Hooper, R-Montgomery, who also, on Feb. 26, co-sponsored a resolution calling on Auburn University's trustees to revoke the charter of the AGLA. The House of Representatives adopted the resolution by 64-3 vote. Gaines and Hooper are also considering congressional races.

In an exchange quoted in the Feb. 27 *Birmingham News* between Hooper and state Rep.

Alvin Holmes, D-Montgomery, the only vocal opponent of the resolution, Hooper is quoted as saying, "I'm not doing this out of political expediency, I'm doing it because it's a moral issue." To which Holmes replied, "No you're not. You're doing this thing to help you politically."

Later quotes of Gaines and Hooper express homophobia and play on stereotypes and myths about gays and lesbians - that gays and lesbians are primarily sexual creatures who recruit and seduce young people.

In the March 20 *Montgomery Advertiser*, in response to Evans' opinion, Gaines said, "I applaud and commend Attorney General Evans for joining in this strong stand... We do not seek to invade anyone's bedroom... we merely seek to keep them in the bedroom and out of public-funded facilities."

While Hooper says he does not seek to discriminate against homosexuals, he goes on to say, "But who in their right mind would put them in any position within our educational system where they might become role models of the young? I say... can anything destroy the possibility of happiness for a young person more than turning him or her away from traditional marriage and family life to the dismal sewers of sodomy and lesbianism?"

-Alabama Forum

NATIONAL LOBBY DAYS

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in June will launch its sixth annual National Lobby Days for lesbian and gay civil rights. Held during the entire month, National Lobby Days are designed to encourage, empower, and coordinate a grassroots lobbying front aimed at the U.S. Congress.

During National Lobby Days, activists and organizations lobby their federal legislators by hosting letter-writing parties and arranging district-based office visits with members of Congress. Individuals send post cards, visit their legislators, and write letters on issues of concern to the lesbian and gay community.

"NGLTF's goal is to provide up-to-date Congressional information to activists around the country which can then be used to advance our federal gay rights agenda," said NGLTF Deputy Director of Public Policy Peri Jude Redecic.

NGLTF initiated the annual National Lobby Days program following the historic 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. NGLTF helped organize more than 800 activists for two days of Congressional lobbying preceding the march. For more information about National Lobby Days, call Peri Jude Redecic at (202) 332-6483.

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NATIONAL NEWS

LAMBDA FILES SUIT AGAINST ARRL

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a complaint in the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities against the American Radio Relay League for rejecting an advertisement submitted by the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC), an organization for lesbian and gay ham radio operators and supporters. The complaint alleges that the League's refusal to print the gay club's ad violates Connecticut's recently enacted gay rights law.

The League, headquartered in Connecticut, is a national organization of ham radio operators which publishes a monthly magazine called *QST* devoted to ham radio issues and features classified advertisements of independent ham radio clubs and networks.

For more than six years, LARC has repeatedly submitted an ad containing basic membership information for publication in *QST*. After accepting LARC's first submission and publishing it for one month in late 1985, editors of *QST* suddenly discontinued the advertisement. Since then, they have rejected numerous submissions by LARC, stating that LARC's proposed advertisement is unacceptable for publication.

In December 1991, *QST* rejected LARC's request to publish the following copy which was accompanied by the club's address and phone number: "LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB international for gay and lesbian hams." According to ARRL and *QST* officials, the gay group's

ad was rejected for representing a "special interest group," despite the fact that *QST* continues to publish the ads of ham radio operator clubs with memberships ranging from Jehovah's Witnesses to atheists to followers of Ayn Rand.

WESTERN EXPOSURE

Coming to San Francisco? Finally, the nation's lesbian, gay, and bisexual community can have the opportunity to experience "gay San Francisco and the Bay Area" from an insider's perspective. Through Western Exposure's exciting new program, participants can live with lesbians and gays for one week and enjoy a close-up view of the San Francisco Bay Area's gay mecca.

Western Exposure (we) is a new, women-owned, feminist-identified organization. Lucy Aghadjian and Barbara Reiner, the founders of Western Exposure, developed the idea while working with international student exchange programs which focus on creating a greater understanding between cultures by providing a home for the "exchange student" with a "host family" in the community.

The student has an opportunity to experience a new culture from a less anonymous perspective and both the visitor and the host are encouraged to learn from each other. Lucy and Barbara are ready to extend this opportunity to the lesbian, gay, and bisexual population. They believe that in addition to being great fun and an easy way to meet people, living with lesbian, gay, and bisexual hosts can provide greater understanding.

Barbara and Lucy hope to get Western Exposure off to a great start by beginning their first program during Gay Pride Week, June 21st through June 28th. There will be two other programs during the summer weeks of July 18th - July 25th and August 8th - August 15th. Program cost is \$525, plus transportation for one week.

we will provide participants with:

- * 7 nights accommodations with San Francisco Bay Area lesbians & gays (singles and couple can be accommodated).

- * 7 breakfasts/2 dinners

- * 1 event (i.e. theater, music, etc.)

- * Calendar of lesbian and gay events

- * Guide to lesbian and gay services

In the future, we hope to provide scholarships for those unable to participate because of program costs. Presently, we will do their best to accommodate people with disabilities and other special needs. You can reach the offices of Western Exposure by calling (510) 869-4395.

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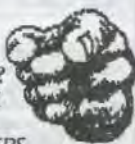
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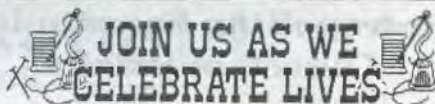


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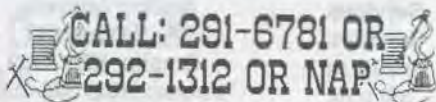
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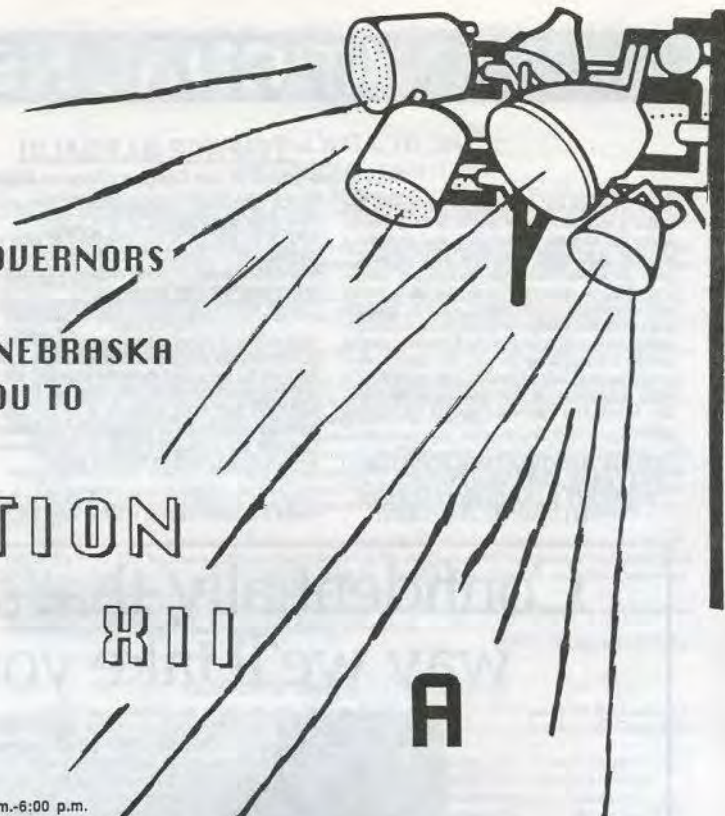
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Saturday, June 20,	Hospitality Suite Ramada Inn Airport,	Noon-5 p.m.
Saturday, June 20,	Voting Ramada Inn Airport, No Charge	5:30 p.m.-7:45
Saturday, June 20,	Coronation XII, "A Night of Animation" Ramada Inn Airport, \$15.00 per ticket	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 20,	Hospitality Suite After Coronation until 3:00 a.m.	
Sunday, June 21,	Victory Brunch Ramada Inn Airport, \$9.00 per ticket	11:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 21,	Pride Parade 30th & Douglas,	4:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 21,	Victory Show The Max, \$3.00 at door	9:30 p.m.

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NATIONAL NEWS

YOU ARE ILLEGAL!!!

This is the intent of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA)

OCA wants to add to Oregon's November 3rd ballot a measure which would classify homosexuality, sadism, masochism, and pedophilia together as all being "abnormal" and "perverse", and forbid the State from "promoting" homosexuality, i.e. remove all gay-positive literature and counseling from public schools, prohibit gays from discussing safe sex techniques in classrooms, and possibly prohibit the State from issuing drivers licenses to our people. The conservative group has until July 3 to collect just under 90,000 valid signatures to put the measure on the ballot. By March 31st they were nearing the halfway point.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY THAT SAFE, SANE AND CONSENSUAL PERVERTS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN CONSTITUTIONAL JEOPARDY!

The OCA is backed by major national "big bucks" right-wing organizations. IF SUCCESSFUL IN OREGON, the OCA has promised to take its campaign to Washington State, then to Idaho, and onward nationally, in its self-righteous attempt to exterminate our legal existence.

JOIN US IN THE OREGON FREEDOM FESTIVAL

This will be a 3-day celebration to raise half a million dollars and public consciousness about the need for basic civil rights for gays and lesbians, and practitioners of safe, sane and consensual s/m. This event promises to be Portland's premiere event and was all started by the Leather Community! Portland's small leather community has already raised \$3,000 by itself!

CONTACT: Jan Lyon, (503) 286-9968; or K.T. Chase and Susie Sheperd at (503) 286-1752.

Send your donation to: Campaign For A Hate Free Oregon, P.O.Box 3343, Portland, Oregon 97208.

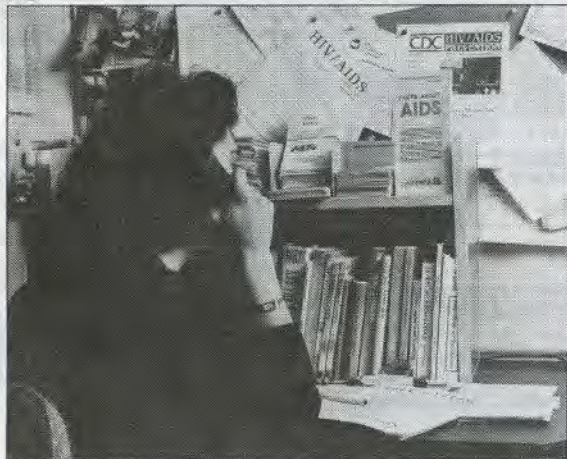
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H. ROSS PEROT: CANDIDATE PROFILE

As the identities of the Democratic and Republican nominees have become more apparent this spring, a groundswell of interest has developed in an unlikely candidate - Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot.

If Perot decides to throw his Stetson into the ring, what positions will he take on gay and lesbian rights? Will he support aggressive action to find a cure for AIDS?

So far, despite all the speculation, we know very little about Perot's stand on any issues. His rhetoric has been vague and uninformative. Few people have any idea what kind of President he would be.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has asked Perot to respond to its Candidate Questionnaire, but so far his campaign has not responded.

According to *The New York Times*, Perot told interviewer David Frost that he supported gay rights, and that he considered an individual's sexual orientation to be a matter of individual rights. The interview was broadcast recently on PBS.

But when asked by Rowland Evans how he stood on same-sex marriages, Perot replied, "I haven't spent a minute studying it." Pressed further, Perot said, "There's every little special interest group in the world around here that wants something, and I'd say you work your way down to some of those things when you have time."

Since he is not a politician, Perot has not had to wrestle with many of the public policy questions that professionals usually figure out before they run for office, especially the presidency. On one hand, this may make him open to new points of view. On the other, his lack of experience may make him particularly vulnerable to political pressures on the campaign trail and in office.

Perot's rhetoric shows that he is sensitive to diverse lifestyles. Echoing Paul Tsongas, Perot has called for Americans to work together for the common good. He told C-SPAN that he believed the differences between Americans were less significant than what we have in common.

Without a firm set of positions on pressing public issues, Perot has so far been able to portray himself as all things to all people. His anti-incumbent rhetoric tells voters what he won't do in office, but it gives little clue as to what he will do once he's elected.

Six months before the presidential election, Perot's vagueness is only mildly off-putting. Polls show him winning about 25% of the vote nationwide, but he has strong support in states like Texas, which both Clinton and Bush would need to win.

As the press and public begin to examine his views more carefully, voters may decide that the real Perot is less appealing than the candidate they first imagined he was. At that point, his support in the polls should decline, but to what level nobody is sure.

To combat this drop-off, some people are advising Perot to spend \$15 million in early TV advertising to frame voters' views before the attacks begin. But before he asks for the votes of millions of lesbian and gay Americans, Perot must show that he understands our concerns and deserves our support.

-HRCF Presidential Bulletin

BUSH, FALWELL TO GAYS: "NO SPECIAL RIGHTS"

George Bush's campaign has yet to answer the Human Rights Campaign Fund questionnaire, but many feel that he demonstrated his lack of commitment to equal rights in recent remarks to a group of evangelical leaders at the White House.

According to media reports, Bush told the evangelicals that he opposes extending special rights to homosexuals. The President was responding to criticisms that he had sent "mixed messages" to the religious right.

The group, which included Rev. Jerry Falwell, a long-time Bush supporter, and Bob Jones III, president of Bob Jones University, asked the President to re-emphasize his support for "family values."

Bush requested the April meeting, presumably to court the votes of right-wing conservatives in the fall.

The delegation told Bush that they hoped he would oppose domestic partners legislation recently passed by the DC City Council. A participant told him that they "don't want to see homosexuality become a protected lifestyle, treated the same way as race or religion."

Bush was reported to be in opposition to same sex marriages, according to Rev. Robert Dugan. Bush's campaign strategy has been to denounce the "homosexual agenda" when meeting with conservatives while sending lukewarm signals out to lesbians and gays through campaign surrogates.

This pattern repeated itself in April. One week before Bush met with Falwell, Jeb Bush told Larry King on CNN that the Bush/Quayle campaign would avoid and oppose anti-gay rhetoric in this year's election.

President Bush's opposition to the domestic partnership bill may be based upon a misunderstanding of the law. The legislation, which many fear will be overturned by Congress, gives unmarried adults who live together minimal insurance and tax benefits, but does not recognize same-sex marriages as Bush was told by the evangelicals.

It is expected that the law will benefit heterosexual as well as homosexual couples, in addition to dependent adults living in non-traditional family situations.

-HRCF Presidential Bulletin

GROUPS UNITE FOR ACTION

A day-long meeting co-hosted by the Human Rights Campaign Fund provided the forum for activists from a variety of lesbian and gay, AIDS, and women's organizations to coordinate their efforts for the 1992 presidential election.

The open meeting, held April 4th in Washington, DC, was called by HRCF, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, AIDS Action Council, and representatives of ACT-UP and Queer Nation.

The groups met to share information and develop strategies for affecting the presidential election. A portion of the meeting focused on events scheduled around the Democratic Convention in New York City, July 13-16, and the GOP Convention in Houston, August 17-20.

"The meeting showed that diverse queer and AIDS activist groups can effectively work together without attempting to homogenize each other's tactics and agendas," said Gary Jarvis of Queer Nation/Houston.

-HRCF Presidential Bulletin

COME OUT VOTING TARGETS REGISTRATION

A multi-organizational project has been formed to work on voter registration among gays and lesbians. Focusing on June to register voters, the group, named *Come Out Voting* began work in March to register voters across the country.

Gay and Lesbian Pride coordinators around the nation are being asked to provide assistance to local groups working to register voters.

-HRCF Presidential Bulletin



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STILL RIDING IN PRIDE

An Interview With Les by Sharon Van Butsel

As I think back on previous Pride Celebrations, a picture always comes to mind. Three years ago, as we made signs to carry and were busily lining up the marchers, I caught sight of a colorful figure joining the parade. It was Les, on his bicycle, with colored streamers trailing behind, protected from the sun by a rainbow colored umbrella. He had ridden through downtown Omaha to join the parade and he continued on to ride proudly along the parade route that day.

A few weeks ago, I encountered Les down at Gilligan's and he took me aside and told me that he wanted to write a story for *The New Voice* but didn't know how to get started. He wanted to tell the readers of *The New Voice* that he is a Person With AIDS and what it was like for him to be living with AIDS. This is Lester's story.

Sharon: Why did you want to do an article for the *New Voice*?

Les: I wanted to just get things out in the open so people wouldn't be wondering and talking behind my back.

Sharon: When did you find out were HIV+

Les: July, 1985 - right after I moved to Omaha.

Sharon: How did you find out?

Les: I used to donate blood through the American Red Cross and they sent me a certified letter.

Sharon: There wasn't any counseling — just a letter came in the mail?

Les: Well, yes, they did say if I had questions I could call this number and I talked to that guy for about an hour on the phone.

Sharon: When did you start not feeling well?

Les: Maybe a year and a half ago.

Sharon: What's your health situation now?

Les: It's full blown AIDS—I was in the hospital with pneumonia back in November.

Sharon: What's it like for you.

Les: It's sort of depressing. My energy level has dropped—I don't have near the energy I used to have.

Sharon: Do people treat you differently now?

Les: Not really.

Sharon: Are you working now?

Les: No, I'm not. I could but it would have to be a sit down job. I've broken my leg twice and I can't stand on my feet for long periods.

Sharon: Has your life changed?

Les: Yes. I have to go to the doctor all the time. I call the clinic if I have a problem and I go into clinic once a month if I'm doing well.

Sharon: So what do you do with your time.

Les: I sleep late, then I mope around the house. Now that it's getting nice I want to get back on my bicycle but I don't feel like it. I don't have the energy.

Sharon: Is that frustrating for you?

Les: Yeah, I used to be a big bicycle rider and now I see the bike just sitting there and it hurts. I was thinking about that today and it really hurts when I think I may never be able to get on the bike again.

Sharon: Do you get any help from NAP?

Les: Not really from NAP—If I need to talk to someone I talk to my mom or to my roommate Jerry.

Sharon: You said you're going through outpatient alcohol rehab?

Les: Yes, I had a DWI a couple years ago. I found out when I went to get my drivers license that I had to have an alcohol evaluation and outpatient treatment.

Sharon: How's that going?

Les: Pretty well, this is my last week.

Sharon: Any words of advice?

Les: Not really. But I do want to get the message across that just because I'm positive it doesn't mean my roommate is positive. He's negative and I don't want people jumping to conclusions.

Sharon: Are you going to be in the Pride Parade this year?

Les: I'm going to try to.

Sharon: We're going to try to have a truck or a flatbed so that if you or other PWA's didn't have the energy to walk the distance that you could still take part.

Les: That sounds good.

Sharon: Okay, looks like we covered it. Hope we'll see you at the Pride Parade.

Les: I'll try to be there.

CUT-OFF DATE FOR QUILT DISPLAY IS JULY 15

In a daily ritual at the NAMES Project, the mail is carefully sorted between letters and small packages. It's obvious from the careful wrapping and hand-written addresses what the packages contain: new panels to be added to the ever growing Quilt.

"It's a job you don't mind slowing down for, to make sure its done properly," notes Office Manager Susan Hall. "There is a real sense of privilege in accepting these."

The packages are taken each afternoon to the new panel check-in area where they are opened, logged-in, and sorted geographically. Once they have been checked for size, repairs, and sturdiness, they are matched with seven other panels from the same region of the country and sewn into one of the 12 foot by 12 foot sections that make up the modular sections of the Quilt (a 12' x 12').

As the July 15th panel cut-off date for the display in Washington, D.C., approaches, the number of small packages is increasing. What for the past year has been two or three new panels each day has grown to ten or twelve. And when shipments return from displays around the country there are always an average of forty to fifty new panels included.

"We expect the Quilt to have close to 20,000 panels by July," says Hall who remembers the first Quilt display in 1987 of 1,920 panels. "It's a ten-fold increase, but the horrifying thing is that it's only a fraction of those who have died."

Requests for panel making information are at an all time high and most callers want to be sure their panel is in Washington, D.C. For people concerned about finishing their panel by the cut-off date, there is an option.

"Bring it directly to Washington yourself," says Hall. "We'll have a special space for panels that are brought to the display so don't worry if you can't finish by July."

All panels received before the cut-off date will be sewn into a 12' x 12' Quilt section and included in the display map as well as the published List of Names for Washington.

-NAMESletter

MONKEY BLOOD INJECTIONS MAY EXPLAIN HIV

An Oxford University researcher has proposed that AIDS might have been introduced to humans as a result of malaria experiments conducted from 1922 into the 1950's, according to a report published in the British science journal *Nature*.

Dr. Charles Gilks, who is also associated with the Kenya Medical Research Institute, described published studies of experiments in which people were injected with fresh monkey and chimpanzee blood in an effort to see if malaria parasites that infect primates can also infect people.

While not yet proven, the hypothesis has proven provocative among AIDS researchers. It has been previously suggested that the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) originated in monkeys and chimpanzees. In fact SIV (Simian Immunodeficiency Virus) is so similar to HIV found in West Africa (HIV 2) that researchers studying the two viruses say they are unable to detect the difference.

One theory suggests that people in Africa became infected with the virus when they slaughtered the animals for food. Until now, however, no one had considered the possibility of direct injections of animal blood.

The studies described by Gilks involved 34 people who injected with blood from seventeen chimpanzees, and another 33 who received blood from this first group.

-The Lesbian & Gay NEWS-TELEGRAPH

NEW AIDS DEFINITION DELAYED BY CDC

San Francisco's AIDS Office informed HIV service providers that the Centers for Disease Control may delay implementation of the new AIDS case definition until July 1st.

The CDC's proposed new AIDS case definition and the process for developing the revision have been widely criticized by AIDS activist groups, HIV service providers, women's advocates, and HIV medical specialists. The CDC wants to add T-cell counts of less than 200 to the current list of opportunistic illnesses that qualify individuals for an AIDS diagnosis.

AIDS groups, however, have slammed the CDC for proposing a definition change that ignores the medical impact of HIV on women. Advocacy groups have been pressuring the CDC to add a range of opportunistic diseases to the AIDS definition, particularly HIV-related gynecological disorders.

According to San Francisco's Office of AIDS and Federal sources, the CDC may delay implementation of the definition to hold a public meeting on the criticisms and issues surrounding the case definition and to give local health jurisdictions more time to prepare for any changes in the definition.

-ADVANCE

AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

AIDS Educ Project, UNL G/L Resource Cntr,
Rm 342, Neb Union, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644

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

Community Prescription Service, AIDS Info,
medicine, supplies by mail, 1-800-677-4323.

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

Grand Island/Hall Co. Health Dept.,
105 E. 1st, Grand Island, (308) 381-5175.

HAIRCARES, Hairdressers helping PWA's,
1-800-HAIRCARES, Omaha: Judy 333-3329.

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872.

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept 2200 StMary
Lincoln 68502, 471-8065, Testing, counseling.

Neb AIDS Educ/Training Center, UNMC,
600 S 42, Omaha, 68198, (402) 559-6681.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,
Omaha 68105, 342-4233 or (statewide) (800)
782-AIDS [2437] AIDS Hotline, HIV testing,
practical support, counseling, AIDS awareness.

Neb Dept of Health, 3423 2nd Ave, Kearney
68847, Call Sharon (308) 234-8709.

NE Dept of Health, Craft St. Office Bldg, 200
So. Silber, NorthPlatte 69101 (308) 535-8133.

Neb. Regional Hemophilia Center, UNMC,
600 S. 42nd St., Omaha, (402) 559-4227.

People of Color Consortium Against AIDS
2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, (402) 341-8471.

Scottsbluff Co. Health Dept., County Admin.
Bldg., Gerling, NE 69341, (308) 635-3866.

Veterans Admn Medical Center, 42 & Wool-
worth, Omaha. 346-8800: Dean Pierce, x 4119

Viral Syndrome Clinic, Univ. of NE Medical
Center, 600 S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6202.

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Mowbray, Chapin, & Walker, P.C., 201 N.
8th, Ste 242, Lincoln 68508, 476-3882: Jim.

Neb Bar Assoc, 635 S 14, Lincoln, 475-7091

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, Box 81455,
Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091.

PASTORAL CARE

AIDS Interfaith Network, 100 N 62, Omaha
Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery) 7pm.
Service: 2nd Mon, St Cecelias 40th & Webster.

AIDS Interfaith Network, 215 Centennial
Mall So., Rm 411, Lincoln 68508, 474-3017,
Services: 7pm, 4th Mon, St Marks, 14th & R.

HIV TESTING*

* We urge you to inquire about anonymity
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Charles Drew Health Center,
2201 N. 30, Omaha, 68111, (402) 453-1433.

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

Equillbria Medical Center, 544 S. 24,
Omaha, (402) 345-2252.

Grand Island-Hall County Health Dept.,
105 East 1st St., Grand Island,
Mary: (308) 381-5175.

HIV testing & Counseling, 5-7pm on 2nd
Tuesday, The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln.

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept., 2200 St
Marys Ave, Lincoln, 68502. (402) 471-8065.

Native American Community Development
Corp., 2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-8471.

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

Nebraska Association of Farm Workers,
4939 S. 24th, Omaha, 68107, (402) 734-4100.

Nebraska Department of Health, Norfolk
Regional Center, Administration Building #16,
(402) 370-3395.

Nemaha County Health Department,
1824 N St., Auburn, 68305. (402) 274-4549.

COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support
Group, Meets 3rd Tuesday, (308) 381-5175.

Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group,
1st Tues at 6:30pm, 3rd Tues at 7:30pm,
(308) 234-6500 or Sharon (308) 234-8709.

Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,
Omaha. Individual counseling, support groups
in confidential locations. (402) 342-4233.

North Platte Area Support Group
Call: (308) 535-8133.

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

Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support
Group, Scottsbluff. Call (308) 635-3606.

HOW TO MAKE A PANEL

To make a memorial panel of your own for
the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt,
just follow the seven simple steps outlined
below.

1. **Design the panel.** Include the name of
the friend or loved one you are memorializing.
Feel free to include additional information,
such as the dates of birth and death, and a
hometime.

2. **Choose your materials.** Remember that
the Quilt is folded and unfolded many times, so
durability is crucial. A medium-weight, non-
stretch fabric such as cotton works best. The
finished panel must be 3 feet by 6 feet (90cm
x 180cm), so when you cut the fabric leave an
extra 2-3 inches on each side for a hem.

3. **To construct your panel you might want**
to use some of the following techniques:

Applique: Sew fabric letters and small
mementos onto background fabric. Do not use
glue; it won't last.

Paint: Brush on textile paint or color fast
dye, or use an indelible ink pen. No "puffy"
paint, it's too sticky.

Stencil: Trace your design onto the fabric
with a pencil, lift the stencil, then use a brush to
apply textile paint.

Collage: A variety of materials can be
added to panels, but please make sure they
won't tear the fabric (avoid glass and sequins
for this reason) and please avoid very bulky
objects.

Photos: The best way to include photos or
letters is to photocopy them onto iron-on trans-
fers, iron them onto 100% cotton fabric, and
sew that fabric to the panel. You may also put

the photo in clear plastic vinyl and sew it to the
panel (off-center so that it avoids the fold).

4. **Please take time to write a one or two
page letter about the person you've remem-
bered.** The letter might include your relation-
ship to him/her, how he or she would like to be
remembered, and maybe a favorite memory. If
you can, send us a photograph with the letter for
our archives.

5. **Please fill out a card** and make sure you
include the following information:

- * the person's full name if it isn't on the
panel (optional);
- * Your name, address, & phone number;
- * Your relationship to the person you've
made the panel for;
- * the names and addresses of others who
may have helped make the panel;
- * cities you would like to see your panel
displayed in.

6. **If you can, please make a financial
contribution to help pay for the cost of adding
your panel to the Quilt.** The NAMES Project
depends on the support of panel makers to help
us preserve the Quilt and keep it on display.
Gifts of \$100 or more will be acknowledged in
our annual Friends of the Quilt donor roll as
"Panel Sponsors."

7. **Pack everything carefully,** and send it
to: The NAMES Project, 2362 Market Street,
San Francisco, CA 94114. For more informa-
tion you may phone us at (415) 863-5511 or fax
us at (415) 863-0708. Please note: Once sub-
mitted, all panels become the sole property of
the NAMES Project Foundation.

-ADVANCE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, June 1

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

BIPALS (BiSexual People/Alt LifeStyle) All
sexes, Cornerstone, 640 N 16, Lincoln 7:30pm

TUESDAY, June 2

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

A.N.G.L.E. Mtg, 7pm, UNO Religious Center,
101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha

THURSDAY, June 4

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business Mtg
Room 342, Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

SATURDAY, June 6

Garage Sale for NAP, 556 S. 35, Omaha,
10am-6pm Donations welcome, 344-2757

Charley's Birthday Party, Followed by Dance
Competition, 9pm, D.C.'s, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

Gay/Lesbian Coalition 1st Saturday Event, 7-
10pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln,

SUNDAY, June 7

Garage Sale, 556 S. 35, Omaha, 10am-6pm
Proceeds to Nebraska AIDS Project

Cut-a-thon, Benefits Nebr AIDS Proj, Capitol
Hill, 3339 "L." & 2819 S. 125 Ave., Omaha

New Voice Steering Committee, 1pm,
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th. All are welcome

Hawaiian Luau/Pig Roast, Benefit for RCMC,
Gilligans, 1823 Leavenworth, Omaha, 4pm

Lutherans Concerned, 7-8:30pm, KountzeMem
2650 Farnam, Omaha, 345-4080 or 453-7137.

"First Class Male" featuring Kevin Andrews,
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

MONDAY, June 8

AIDS Interfaith Prayer/Healing Service, 7pm
St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, 701 N. 40, Omaha

TUESDAY, June 9

Free/Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster
CoPublic Health, 5-7pm The Panic, Lincoln

WEDNESDAY, June 10

Deadline for the July Issue of *The New Voice*

FRIDAY, June 12

Deadline for Logo/posters for Quilt Display

SATURDAY, June 13

CELEBRATE GAY/LESBIAN/BI PRIDE
FOR DETAILS, SEE SPECIAL SECTION

MCC-Omaha Picnic, 4-8pm, Hanscom Park

River City Gender Alliance, All welcome.
Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

P-FLAG Youth Grp, For gay, lesbian, youth
questioning sexuality, 13-21. Omaha 291-6781

SUNDAY, June 14

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

Pride Celebration: Interfaith Service, 3pm,
Reception hosted by P-FLAG-Omaha

ICON "Stepping Down" Show

The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

TUESDAY, June 16

DC'93 Nebraska Contingency Planning Mtg,
7:30p.m., Omaha, call for location: 451-7987

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

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

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights Board Mtg,
St. Marks, 13th & R, Lincoln, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, June 17

Nebr Quilt Display Meeting, 7:30pm, 1st Meth
Fellowship Hall, 7020 Cass, Omaha

THURSDAY, June 18

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

FRIDAY, June 19

Pride Celebration: "A New Angle On Pride":
7pm ANGLE Recognition Dinner
9:15pm River City Mixed Chorus Free Concert
10pm ICON "Out of Towners" Show"
Ramada Inn Airport, Omaha

SATURDAY, June 20

Pride Celebration: ICON Coronation:
Ramada Inn Airport, Omaha
Protocol 12noon-5pm,
Voting: 5:45 - 7:45
Coronation of Reign XII: 8pm

SUNDAY, June 21

Pride Celebration: ICON "Victory Brunch",
11am, Ramada Inn Airport, Omaha

GAY/LESBIAN/BI PRIDE PARADE, Omaha
Assemble: Turner Park, 31 & Farnam, 3pm
Community Picnic, 5pm, Turner Park, Omaha
MCC-Omaha Vesper Service, 7pm, Turner Pk

ICON "Victory Show", 9:30pm, The MAX,
1417 Jackson, Omaha

Lincoln Pride Week Begins with Monica
Grant & Amethyst at The Panic, 200 S. 18th

MONDAY, June 22

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith St Marks 13 & R 7pm

TUESDAY, June 23

P-FLAG-Lincoln, 7pm, "Gay Pride/Focus on
Fathers", Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', 435-
4688. Separate Youth Group meets same time

QUEER NATION Omaha, 8:30pm, 451-7987

FRIDAY, June 26

Great Plains Drummer "Pre-Contest Party",
9pm, D.C.'s, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

SATURDAY, June 27

Citizens for Equal Protection, Community
Meeting 3p.m., MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24

P-FLAG Youth Grp, For gay, lesbian, youth
questioning sexuality, 13-21. Omaha 291-6781

Great Plains Drummer Contest, 9pm,
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

SUNDAY, June 28

Parents-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal
2304 2nd Ave, Call (308) 237-3870, 3pm

Jennifer Jett, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church, 420 S. 24,
Omaha, Worship 10:20am, 7pm

Omaha Frontrunners, 10am. Various Sites

Grand Island AA, Open 12n (308)234-8610

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

SHOUT, 7pm, Kearney (308) 234-8248,

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Lambda Plush Overeaters Anonymous
Mtg, 7:30pm, 3622 N. 90th, Omaha

SHOUT, Meets in Grand Island/Hastings
alternating, Call: (308) 234-8248

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 7:30pm
14 & R, Nebr Union, Women Resource Cntr

THURSDAY

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Assoc, 8pm,
Room 342, Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln

FRIDAY

Lincoln Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Open
Mtg, 1st Plymouth Cong, 20 & D, 438-5214

Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:15pm,
Open Mtg Pella Luth, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

SATURDAY

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

Kearney Alcoholics Anonymous Group, Open
Mtg 12noon, (308)236-8610.

CALENDAR FOR PRIDE ACTIVITIES 1992

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Metropolitan Community Church - Omaha Family Picnic, 4-8 pm
Hanscom Park - 32nd and Center

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Interfaith Worship Service, Message: Rev Matthew Howard, 3 pm
Fellowship Reception following service
First Central Congregational Church - 36th & Harney

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

"A New Angle on Pride" Dinner/Concert/Show CoSponsors - ANGLE, RCMC and ICON

ANGLE Community Recognition Dinner

Social Hour - 6 pm Dinner - 7 pm Community Recognition Awards - 8 pm
Speaker: Peri Jude Radecic - National Gay Lesbian Task Force Legislative Director

River City Mixed Chorus Gala Festival Concert, 9:15 pm

Imperial Court of Nebraska Out of Town Show, 10 pm

Pre-Registration Required - \$15

Contact ANGLE, RCMC, or ICON Members or call 558-5303

Ramada Inn - Airport 2002 E Locust St

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

"A Night of Animation"

Imperial Court of Nebraska - Coronation XII

Voting - 5:30 to 7:45 pm Coronation - 8 pm

Ramada Inn - Airport; Tickets - \$15, Available at Door

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Imperial Court of Nebraska Victory Brunch, 11 am

Ramada Inn - Airport; Tickets - \$9, Available at motel Friday, June 19

Gay, Lesbian and Bi Pride Parade

Assembly at Turner Park - 31st and Farnam, 3 pm

Route - See Map; Step-Off, 4 pm

Pride Rally, following Parade

Center of Turner Park, Speaker: Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF

Community Picnic, 5-8 pm

Enjoy a Picnic With Your Friends - Turner Park

Food and Soda Available - Reasonable Prices

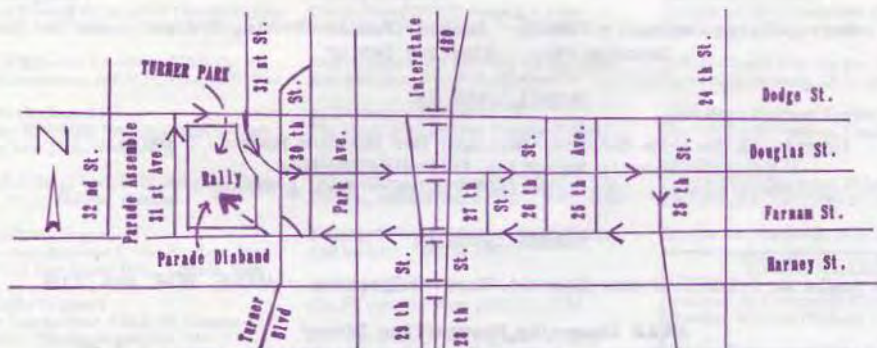
Vesper Service, 7 pm

Sponsored by MCC - Omaha Message: Rev Matthew Howard, Turner Park

Imperial Court of Nebraska Victory Show, 9:30 pm

The MAX, 1417 Jackson, \$3 at door

P A R A D E R O U T E



ROUTE DESCRIPTION: 1.2 Miles

North on 31 st Avenue to Dodge Street, East on Dodge to Douglas Street, East on Douglas to 25 th Street, South on 25 th to Farnam Street, West on Farnam to Turner Park, Disband parade in the park (Vehicles return to 31 st Avenue), Assemble in center of park for rally.

- A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T S -

Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors (ANGLE) gratefully acknowledges and with deep appreciation wishes to THANK the following for their contributions to support Gay Lesbian and Bi Pride Celebration 1992 activities:

DONATIONS - The Imperial Court of Nebraska
 Metropolitan Community Church - Omaha
 The New Voice
 Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - Omaha

Planning Fund Raisers - Brandon, Dave, Marshall, Steve, and Stan

Hosting Fund Raisers - The Chesterfield, The Diamond Bar, D.C.'s, Gilligan's Pub, and The MAX

Attending Fund Raisers - Numerous community members from Iowa and Nebraska

ANGLE also wishes to thank: the Planning Committee chaired by Dan; the Subcommittee chairs Becky, Brandon, Carla, Dave, Pat, Russell, Sharon, and Steve; Sandy and Sharon for opening their home to our guest speaker, and the many members of the community for their support in planning and carrying out the activities held for Gay Lesbian and Bi Pride Celebration 1992. A special thanks to The Imperial Court of Nebraska and Duane, The River City Mixed Chorus and Toni, and Becky from ANGLE for planning the Friday event, "A New Angle on Pride".

Finally, ANGLE wishes to thank The New Voice for agreeing to include these pages in the center of this issue.

JUNE 13 - 21
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

PRIDE CELEBRATION



PRIDE = POWER
1992

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P R I D E E Q U A L S P O W E R

Please join us in saying "Thank You" to those persons and organizations you, the members of the community, nominated in ANGLE's second annual recognition program. You nominated these persons and organizations for their accomplishments and major contributions towards betterment of the community's reputation, image, and success. Those listed below will be honored at a Recognition Dinner on Friday, June 19 at the Ramada Inn - Airport (Details Inside). Be a part of the Recognition Dinner celebration and add your congratulations first hand. This year's nominees are:

PERSONAL

Dick Brown
John Coe
Neva Cozine
Steve Jackson
Sandy Kershaw
Sharon McCartney
Amy Marie Meek
Dean Michon
Paul Peterson
Pat Phalen
Rick Shever
Scott Swanson
Terry Sweeney
Sharon Van Butsel

PROFESSIONAL

Ken Carlson - Gilligan's Pub
Bob Ewing - Printing Plus
Rev Matthew Howard - MCC
Alma Kanan & Chachi -
The Chesterfield
Don Moran & Bruce Barnard -
The MAX
Dee Moritz - School Counselor
Cherry Witham - School
Counselor

ORGANIZATIONAL

EAGLE - Omaha
Gay Lesbian Youth
Support Group -
Burke High
The Imperial Court
of Nebraska
The New Voice
River City Gender
Alliance
River City Mixed
Chorus
SHOUT (Formerly
Empty Closet)

CELEBRATE YOUR PRIDE

with the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON)
and ANGLE as we join together to bring you
"A New Angle on Pride" June 19,
Then join us as we celebrate our pride with
Coronation XII,
the Pride Parade & the Victory Show.

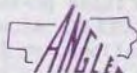


**Metropolitan Community
Church of Omaha**
420 S. 24th St.
Services Every Sunday
10:20 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
345-2563

Rev. Matthew L. Howard, Pastor

558-5303

Gay/Lesbian Information Line



Sponsored by A.N.G.L.E.
Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors
Staffed by Community Volunteers



Parents FLAG/Omaha

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123
(402) 291-6781



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LOCAL NEWS

SHANA STONE IS MISS CLOSET BALL '92

The Imperial Court of Nebraska's Closet Ball competition, held at the MAX on May 3, was one of the closest contests ever. Shana Stone, sponsored by Marty Larson (Muffy Rosenberg), was named Miss Closet Ball 1992, edging out First Runner Up, Monica West sponsored by Dietra Snow, and Second Runner Up, Quince Valentine, sponsored by Joel Cason (Amanda Foxx). Rounding out the pageant were contestants Marcia Bryant, sponsored by Tim Brooks, Jazmun Starr sponsored by Mark Withrow (Viktoria Towne), and Tahja Blaque sponsored by Felice Whitney.

The competition, produced by Miss Closet Ball 1991, Kymber Leigh, introduced 6 newcomers who first appeared before the judges in their male "walk-on." Sponsors then had exactly 60 minutes to transform them into lovely ladies for the talent competition. Judges included actor-director, Howard Swain, Jr.; Miss Gay Nehr USA 1990, Dorian Drake; Dancer and Choreographer, Elaine Ellis; Top Dance Instructor in the Arthur Murray Studios, Mr. Dean Michon; and Head Judge, Miss Gay Nebraska 91, Jennifer Jett.

In talent competition Shana Stone paid tribute to Retro taking the audience back to the '60's as she performed "What is Love" going into "Groove in the Heart". She was accompanied by Chad and Zachary as caged go-go dance boys. Shana's victory marks the third year that Marty Larson has sponsored the winner of Closet Ball.

P-FLAG NOW IN WICHITA

The most recent issue of *SIGNALS*, the publication of the Wichita Gay/Lesbian Alliance, Inc., announced that Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is now meeting in Wichita, Kansas. Parents FLAG meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7pm at the YWCA, 350 N. Market in downtown Wichita. If you have parents or other relatives in the Wichita area who could benefit from this support, encourage them to write: P.O. Box 686, Wichita, Kansas 67201-0686 or call (316) 687-4666.

BOWLERS PLACE WELL IN KC TOURNEY

Several area bowlers traveled to Kansas City this spring to take part in the Kansas City MAKIT Tournament. Thirteen bowlers placed in the top 20 in various events.

The Ernie's Book Store Team, including Rick N., Scott R., Dwight W., and Joe K. took 5th in the Team competition.

Bill B. and Ron W. placed in the top 20 in the Singles competition.

The Doubles competition saw Joe K. and Rick N. take third place, Charley W. and Kevin G. take fourth place, Tom C. and Daryl K. take fifth place, and Elyese M. and Bill B. take sixth place.

In the All Events, Rick N. took 11th, Scott R. took 15th, Rich P. took 16th, and Bill B. took 19th.

Great Bowling!

CHORUS NOTES

by David Brady

Wow! Another concert has gone by already! Our Pride concert was a lot of fun.

Thank you to all who attended. We appreciate your support.

Thank you, also, to our directors, John Bennett and Jonathan Cole, for all your hard work and dedication.

We are now in preparation for our performance at the GALA festival in Denver. GALA is the Gay and Lesbian Associations of Chorus, with over 100 member choruses across the United States, Canada, and Europe.

GALA produces a festival every three years, and all member choruses are invited to attend. This is the fourth festival, and it runs from June 28 through July 4.

River City Mixed chorus performs on July 2. The music we are taking was selected from our past three concerts. It includes "Hold Strong Together" from our Pride '91 concert and "I Am What I Am."

Before we leave for GALA, we have some events scheduled in Omaha.

On Sunday, June 7, Gilligan's Pub is hosting a fund raising event for us—a pig roast and luau.

On Sunday, June 14, we perform during the Pride Week Interfaith Service at First Central Congregational United Church of Christ.

Friday, June 19, we perform at the recognition banquet, "A New Angle on Pride" at the Airport Ramada Inn.



1019 South 10th Street
Omaha, NE 68108
344-3103

*Plenty of Free Parking - North Entrance

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH
**CHARLEY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
AND DANCE COMPETITION!**
PRIZES/AWARDS
in Two Step, Waltz & Line Dance

FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH
**GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER
PRELIMINARY PARTY**
MEET ALL THE CONTESTANTS & JUDGES
From The Midwest!

**COMING
IN
JULY!**

DC's 1st
**ANNIVERSARY
PARTY**
July 5th

Also
**XMAS
in
JULY SHOW!**

NIGHTLY SPECIALS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HAPPY HOUR	Jack Daniels \$1.25	Hot Damn Schnapps 75¢	Jagermeister \$1.25	Cowboy Cock suckers \$1.25	Bacardi \$1.25	Bloody Mary's \$1.25
All Day	Beer Bust 8pm-1am	Margaritas \$1.25	Cactus Juice 75¢	Draws 75¢	Schnapps Shots \$1.00	Beer Bust 1pm-4pm

HAPPY HOUR - 7 DAYS A WEEK

LOCAL NEWS

GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER CONTEST RETURNS TO OMAHA JUNE 26 & 27



The 1992 Great Plains Mr. Drummer Contest will be held on June 26 & 27 in Omaha, Nebraska, sponsored again this year by Fantasy Productions.

Woody Bebout of St. Louis was crowned 1991 Mr. Great Plains Drummer right here in Omaha. He went on from here to capture the title of Mr. International Drummer. This year's contest could easily produce another international winner. Local contests have been held here in Omaha, in St. Louis, and Kansas City, Missouri, and Des Moines, Iowa and have brought another great crop of men to compete for the title. The contest is also open to any men from North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, or Kansas.

Contestants will be judged by a panel of 7 judges in Contest Interview, Jockstrap, Image/Personality, and presentation of his Fantasy. The winner of this year's contest will be our

region's representative to the International Mr. Drummer Contest and will receive round trip airfare and accommodations to the contest which will be held in San Francisco, California, in September.

On Friday, June 26, there will be a "Meet the Contestants" Party at D.C.'s (1019 South 10th Street) from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with the introduction of the judges and contestants at 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 27, the contest will be held at The MAX (1417 Jackson). Door to the contest open at 8:00 p.m. and the contest is scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m.

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 at any of the following: Des Moines—The Blazing Saddle, Kansas City—The Dixie Belle, St. Louis—Nites II, Wichita—The Barracks, Omaha—D.C.'s or The MAX. Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$12.00.

Previous Great Plains Drummers include 1988 - Walter Thompson III, St. Louis, 1989 - Dustin Logan, Omaha, 1990 - Vance Reger - Memphis, 1991 - Woody Bebout, St. Louis.

Don't miss this year's contest to see whose name is added to the list of Great Plains Drummers. Also, don't forget, FANTASY 92 will be held in Dallas, Texas, August 14 - 16. For more information, contact Dustin Logan or Bob Ewing (Fantasy Productions).

NIH NEEDS RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS

Do You Have Gay or Lesbian Children, Grandchildren, Aunts, Uncles, Brothers, Sisters, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, Parents or Other Relatives?

If so, we'd like you to participate in a family study of Biological Determinants of Human Sexuality, to determine whether the development of sexual orientation is influenced by heredity. To participate, you need to be at least 18 years old and have two or more adult gay or lesbian relatives. We are especially interested in: 1) those in which there are three or more gay men or lesbians; 2) those in which both of the parents and the paternal grandfather of a gay person are available for participation. You will be interviewed in private by a gay-positive researcher, and will give a blood sample. Your identity and participation in the project will be strictly confidential. Travel expenses and per diem will be paid by the National Institutes of Health. If you think that your family might qualify for this study and are interested in volunteering, please contact: Dr. Dean Hamer, NIH Blvd., Rm 4A13, Bethesda, MD 20892; Phone (please call collect) (301) 402-2709.

Reprinted from P-FLAG Cornhusker Chapter Newsletter

PRIDE PICNIC TO WELCOME BACK FORMER IOWANS

Iowa's month-long Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration will include a homecoming picnic to reunite former Iowans with their friends and families. Sponsored by ACCESS in Northeast Iowa, the event will be held in Cedar Bend Park five miles north of Waverly on Saturday, June 13. The shelter area at the end of the park road has been reserved from 1 p.m. until sunset. A complete picnic meal will be served around 5 p.m. The picnic is free, but donations will be accepted. Ice will be provided. Each person is encouraged to bring beverages on his or her own.

This will be a family-style reunion picnic and lesbians, gays and bisexuals are invited to bring their parents, children or other relatives, as well as friends. Lawn and table games will be available and more are welcome. A special invitation is extended to people who have moved from Iowa to surrounding states. The event was set for the second weekend of June to avoid conflicts with major Pride Week celebrations being held across the Midwest on the last two weekends.

Waverly is located on highways U.S. 218 and IA 3 fifteen miles north of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area. Cedar Bend Park is located five miles north of Waverly on 12th St. NW (county road T-77). The park can also be reached from the north of Waverly by turning east of U.S. 218 onto county road C-33 to T-77. Directional signs and festive markers will be posted.

Pride Month in Iowa begins with a march, rally, and related activities in Des Moines on the weekend of June 6. Events throughout the month will also be held in Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Iowa City, Ames, Dubuque, and the Quad Cities.

For more information on the homecoming picnic, contact ACCESS, P.O. Box 1682, Waterloo, IA 50704 or call (319) 232-6805. For a schedule of Pride events across Iowa, call the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center in Des Moines at (515) 277-1454.

NATIONAL SOFTBALL

As July 4 approaches, plans for Atlanta's Army Classic VIII are underway. In its eight year, the nationally known Gay and Lesbian softball tournament is expecting more than forty teams to participate this year. The planning committee consists of twenty members, with dozens of assistants and workers, all dedicated to the success of the Classic. Mark Taylor, in his third year as tournament director, is excited. "Past years have always been a huge success, but Classic VIII promises to be the best ever." Interested teams should contact Mark Taylor at (404) 873-5070. Tournament dates are July 2-5. Cut-off for registration is June 15.

Vote Carla

(Alrac of Sasnak)

EMPEROR XII

Goals: (In abbreviated form)

1. Use our diversity
2. Serve community
3. Build unity across greater community
4. Use all community resources
5. Strengthen support
6. Build bridges within the community
7. Have a fun and memorable year!

Voting is free at the Ramada Inn Airport from 5:30-7:45 on Sat., June 20

Panic

- kicks off -

Gay Pride '92 Week

**Celebrate Pride
Week With Us!**

**Sunday, June 21st
8:00 pm**

- with special guests -

AMETHYST

- and -

MONICA GRANT

Singer • Songwriter • Comedienne



Monica Grant

*Has Appeared With
Nationally Known
Celebrities at
Festivals & Concerts
Accross the Nation!*

AMETHYST

Local Favorites

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PANIC
200 S. 18th Street**

**\$4 advanced
\$5 at the door**

**HURRY... SEATING IS LIMITED
For more info. call 435-8764**



LOCAL NEWS

Due to our recent agreement to purchase the Church at 819 S. 22nd

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA



Announces

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

SUN., JULY 5, 10:20 A.M.

Closing Service

For Church Building
at 420 S. 24th St.

SUN., JULY 12, 10:20 A.M.

Opening Service

For Church Building
at 819 S. 22nd St.

SEPTEMBER

Dedication Service

Date To Be Announced

COMING SOON



July 1, 8 a.m.

Closing Date

July 1, 1 p.m.

Cleaning Starts
Everyone welcome!

July 2

Painting Day

Call for time!

345-2563

July 3, 6, 9

Moving Days

Call for time!

AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL HAS LARGE TURNOUT

by RJ

It was a warm spring Saturday evening, going on to 7:30. From all around Omaha, Council Bluffs, Lincoln, out-state Nebraska, out-state Iowa, Missouri, Kansas—they came. People from the whole spectrum of humanity. Grandparents, parents, relatives, brothers, sisters, lovers, life-partners. There were clergy, laity, caregivers, PWAs, survivors. People from every strata of society, it seems, were there, gathering at St. Cecilia's Cathedral.

To hold that many people, the back of the nave was used for the services. Because of the wind factor, the people were to gather in the chancel for the lighting of the tree.

Eric Schuermann sang very movingly "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" as a prelude for the service. The River City Mixed Chorus followed with "Let's Begin Again."

Mr. Tim Timmons gave the Welcome, followed by Mr. Ron Lamb, who gave the Call to Worship.

Following the Procession, Rev. Dana Bainbridge delivered the Opening Prayer. The first reading was from the Hebrew Scriptures. A response, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" was sung very touchingly, and was followed by a reading from the Christian Scriptures. The message was given by Rev. Matthew Howard, Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha.

The "Lighting of the Fire" and the "Prayers of the People" were led by Brother William Woeger. Michael and Craig, from MCC-O lit their candle lighters from the "Flame."

From the pews, people came forward to light their candles, one candle for each name of the list. Two hundred and seventeen candles.

When all the candles were lit, a procession of bell ringers, clergy, laity, and the people in the pews, wound their way, two by two, through the nave, and to the chancel, where they gathered to place their candles on the "Tree of Light" as the name of a loved one, whose candle they were holding, was read from the list.

My candle was for Harold. There were two Harolds listed. Mine was for the second. I never knew Harold, but a friend of mine, a native of Omaha, told me about a Harold from here in Omaha. Maybe it was this Harold whose candle I held.

And I couldn't help but think back to David, who was a lay leader in MCC-O when I first started attending. I took communion from David many times. And I remember the Sunday when David stood before the congregation and announced he was going off AZT because it was so toxic.

Remembering Rev. Jerry, who was so much Mr. New Voice, himself, who was so active in the community and in MCC, and who—though he had to sit on a stool—gave such a stirring sermon that one morning at MCC on Genesis. How I wish I had gotten that sermon on tape.

Memories of Rick. Those warm, carefree summer days on the beach. A young man who lived so much of life and was cut down so early in life, not even 30 yet.

Memories. Two hundred and seventeen memories. And that was all that was left of 217 living, breathing people with their hopes and their fears and their wide range of human emotions from all walks of life. How many more memories are to be left behind? How many more candles are to be lit for those memories left behind? When will it end?

The services were closed with the Jewish Kaddish, the Jewish "Prayers for the Dead," given by Bonnie Schweid from Temple Israel. Rev. Frank Reisinger gave the Blessing and Dismissal. This was followed by sharing the Sign of Peace by the people.

A most stirring and memorable evening. But so many lives snuffed out, and so early. When will it end?

CITIZENS FOR EQUAL PROTECTION

Anyone interested in becoming involved in a civil rights campaign for gays and lesbians is urged to attend a meeting Saturday June 29th at 3 PM. The meeting will be held at MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th St. Citizens for Equal Protection is a legislative action group working to promote civil rights for gays and lesbians through education, lobbying, and direct action. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide information on upcoming activities, answer questions, and encourage participation from the community. For more info, call the ANGLE info and referral line at 558-5303.

Vote Carla, Emperor XII, June 20

LOCAL NEWS

OMAHA CHAPTER OF PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS

by Kathy England

How appropriate to celebrate Mother's Day (and Fathers' Day this month) with other mothers and fathers at a PFLAG meeting. The second Sunday of the month is always special because it is a time for our "chosen family."

I remember a Mothers' Day not all that long ago when I didn't feel that there was much to celebrate or be proud of. We had just heard those special words from our son, "Mom, Dad, I'm GAY." The only thing I knew was that I loved Scott but feared for his emotional and physical well being, after all, this was the age of gay bashing and AIDS. A sense of guilt about what I had done or not done that "caused this to happen" was a very heavy load, one not easily shared with my husband or anyone. Along with the fear and guilt, I remember an overwhelming disappointment for him and us - career plans would be modified, dreams of a "normal loving relationship" and grandchildren were gone, our church would judge not support, and isolation from friends, family and co-workers would be a constant factor. How could any mother or father be happy with this news?

A year later we found Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and began to get acquainted with "the community." Dave and I attended a planning meeting for Pride Week at the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), BOO (Bar Owners and Organizations), and later ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian En-

deavors) was an experience and opportunity I will never forget. (Who says government has monopoly on "alphabet soup" jargon?) While reading affirmative books and talking with other parents was helpful, listening to stories and working side by side with gay, lesbian and bisexual folks was the best way to learn how wrong the old myths and stereotypes are. Sexual Orientation is not a "choice" and there is no "gay lifestyle" (I remember now that these two concepts were a part of my initial reaction to Scott's announcement). Like heterosexuals who just are what they are, homosexuals are what they are too - just like the song from *La Cage Aux Folles* - "I Am What I Am." After seeing that production at the Upstairs Theatre with an audience from the community, I borrowed some thoughts as the basis for my presentation at the first Interfaith Service in Pride Week 1989.

There have been many times over the past few years when our PFLAG meetings have been attended by just a handful of folks, when the newsletter deadline seemed too short, and the phone calls too long, the programs hard to plan, but I know how important this outreach was for me. I have become discouraged, realizing that there are hundreds, even thousands of parents in

Omaha who are experiencing the same pain and hurt that I did, and yet I don't know how to reach them and help them grow. There have been numerous declarations that it just isn't worth the time and energy. But when I reflect back on the first Mothers' and Fathers' Days and the tears that I shed, it seems so long long ago. I now look forward with great anticipation to the Pride Week activities, the trip to GALA in Denver with the River City Mixed Chorus, and the many hours and weeks of work ahead as we prepare for the display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial QUILT in December.

This Mothers' Day I thanked God for both of our children, for my life partner, for our friends and "chosen family." How rich our lives are because of all the wonderful people who have touched us. It seems so natural to end these special days with PFLAG.

June 14 is another opportunity to spend time together. In place of the regular meeting, PFLAG will host the reception following the Interfaith service at First Congregational Church at 36th and Harney. So, bring some of your favorite cookies, an open mind and heart, your pride and love, and join us at 3:00 p.m. for a very special afternoon with our "chosen family."

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LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

During the month of April, the Nebraska Aids Project held screening interviews for prospective volunteers. Following these interviews, NAP provided AIDS 101 Training and Practical Support Training. Eleven new PS volunteers were added to our list. These new volunteers have already begun providing transportation, shopping, cooking and cleaning for NAP clients. A big thank you is extended to these volunteers as well as our current volunteers. Without you, we would not be able to provide such supportive services to persons with HIV or AIDS. In 1991, the value of services donated by NAP volunteers was \$197,081. This figure is 50% higher than 1990. Because the demand for services has increased dramatically, NAP has had to rely on more and more volunteers to assist in many ways. NAP is very grateful for the generous donations of time and skills from more than 200 volunteers. On August 30, a volunteer appreciation picnic will be held at Eugene Mahoney State Park.

Creighton University students are forming a peer education project that will begin with the next school year. There are approximately 50-60 college students involved with a goal to educate fellow classmates about HIV and AIDS. during freshman orientation the peer educators will reach

all new incoming students regarding the risk of HIV. NAP may be asked to provide speakers, literature and resources to the Creighton group, as they are planning several events to be held at the campus. Hastings College has a program similar to what the Creighton students are hoping to establish. NAP has heard very wonderful things about this type of education and wishes the best of luck to both organizations. NAP has been getting support from other students in Nebraska, and we wanted to share some of the events that have been sponsored throughout the state.

Last December, the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) of Paxton, Neb. raised \$360 and collected toys and clothing for Christmas gifts for NAP clients. Then in April, the MYF sent NAP another \$175 for the PLWA (Persons Living With AIDS) Fund. Cindy Mindt is the Group's sponsor.

In February, the students at Crete High School raised \$200 for NAP at a dance.

In March, the Student Government Organization at Bellevue College decided to give all the proceeds from it's Casino Night to help fight AIDS in Nebraska. This very successful and fun event raised \$1,500.

Three student organizations from Creighton

Law School—the Latino Law Students Association, the Black Law Students Association and the Public Interest Law Forum—made room in their busy schedules to have a bake sale for NAP. They raised \$135 at this March event and have decided to have a garage sale June 6 to raise even more money. If you have items you can contribute to the garage sale, please call 344-2757 (Michone and Rufino Villareal). If you need to have your items picked up, that can be arranged.

It is indeed heartening to have student groups, like these, offer to raise funds so NAP can continue to serve people living with HIV/AIDS. The events also provide another forum at which information about the prevention of AIDS can be disseminated.

With another holiday during April, we receive another knock on the front door at NAP. Some Easter Bunnies brought baskets to be delivered to NAP clients. These are the same "bunnies" who have helped us out before with Valentine presents, Christmas stockings, and other fun summer treats. One client had a friend call NAP to tell us that the toys and candy inside the basket made his hospitalization a little bit easier. Thank you so much to the makers of the baskets and to those who helped deliver them. It sounds like they really help brighten someone's day.

NAP Case management Census: April, 1992
 Open cases as of 4/1/92: 184
 New cases: 9
 Clients deceased: 5
 Clients moved from state: 4
 Open cases as of 4/30/92: 184

Clients services provided in April, 1992:
 Advocacy: 190
 Transportation: 171
 Shopping, cooking, sitting, etc... 137

If you know someone who is HIV+ or has AIDS, feel free to refer them to the Nebraska AIDS Project. If you would like to volunteer, call the NAP office for an application.

TALKING TO P-FLAG

P-FLAG Cornhusker Chapter is now using an answering service so callers to 435-4688 will get a live voice when they call. During the hours that the line is staffed, callers will be asked to hold for a volunteer.

At other times, callers will be asked if they want to leave a message or if they can call back during the hours that are staffed: Sunday through Wednesday from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The national Hotline Phone Number for the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is now in operation. Callers from across the nation can be directed to the contact point nearest them by calling 1-800-4-FAMILY.

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LOCAL NEWS

MEN FACE CHARGES AFTER UNDERCOVER OPERATION

This article (a press release given out by the Kearney Police Department) was provided by a reader in Kearney. The local news paper in Kearney went beyond this press release to list the names, ages, and addresses of all 5 men, as well as to run an additional article when one of those charged was forced to take a leave of absence from his practice. The reader requests help in gathering information on entrapment by police.

On April 5, 1992, officers of the Kearney Police Department began an undercover operation in Harmon Park. Harmon Park was selected because of documented reports of assaults and sex offenses. Of particular concern to the department was a recent comment that there was an element of the community that targeted homosexual and bisexual persons for assault and possibly robbery.

As a result of reports and rumors, five police officers participated in this operation. The purpose of this group was to identify and subsequently arrest all persons who would engage in any type of illegal activity. The primary crimes that the officers were targeting were assaults, sexual assaults, indecent exposure, drug possession or sale, vandalism, thefts, alcohol violations, and disorderly conduct. A total of almost 1,000 manhours was devoted to this operation.

Because of the limited resources that the department has, this group of officers also assisted in the investigation of the Schall homicide, assisted in surveillance operations and assisted

the night shift when they were especially busy. They worked downtown Central Ave and Cottonmill Park. One night, the group watched liquor stores for possible procuring liquor for minors violation.

On May 2, the operation was concluded with the serving of three arrest warrants for 3rd degree sexual assault, one arrest warrant for public indecency, and one arrest warrant for 3rd degree sexual assault and public indecency. The names of those arrested will be released through the county attorney's office. Using covert surveillance techniques, this operation was responsible in the development of 24 cases. These cases included theft, drug violations, sex offenses, alcohol violations, and disorderly conduct. Not all these incidents occurred in or near Harmon Park.

In addition to the arrest warrants, immediate arrests were made of citations were issued for the following violations:

- Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Liquor
- Littering
- Procuring Alcoholic Liquor for Minors
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Alcoholic Liquor in Parks
- Disorderly Conduct
- Trapping
- Driving During Suspension

A total of 27 arrests were made. Arrests were not made in several incidents. One incident of assault is under consideration by the county attorney's office.

PLGC MEETS

by RJ

PLGC (Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns) held their monthly meeting the last Saturday of April. All gathered at the home of the PLGC Moderator. A great time of fellowship was enjoyed. More discussion was raised about the G/L religious groups joining together for meetings. Each group, of course, would keep their autonomy. Joining together would lend to greater strength in the overall communities. The meeting was closed with a brief prayer service. Participants of the meeting, picked up a pizza at the Wooden Apple, and was invited by one of the participant's new pad. It was a neat place with lots of room. Needless to say, great care was made not to initiate the new carpet with any spills or dropped pizza. Stay tuned to this network for next month's PLGC meeting. And please, please, more Presbyterians are needed for this group! This great group fights constantly for your freedom to be who you are. Won't you join in this struggle, and lend PLGC your strength and support. Join us for the June meeting!

CHRISTIANS NEEDED

Gay/Lesbian Christians' stories needed for a book *Gay and Lesbian Christian Experience*. There are others searching for God who need to hear. Please write as the spirit moves and share with those who need to know that God loves them as they are. Please send stories, typed or plainly written, (with a SASE if to be returned) to: Candace Chelwell, P.O. Box 1251, Decatur, GA 30031-1251 Please include name, phone number, and address. All names will be kept confidential. If requested, either first names, full names, or no name will be published. Submissions accepted until September 30, 1992.

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SDA PASTOR SPEAKS TO LINCOLN P-FLAG

Pastor Robert Bretsch of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Lincoln, served as "tour guide" for the March 30 meeting of P-FLAG Cornhusker Chapter in Lincoln. The Pastor described his travels from acknowledgement towards enlightenment concerning the gay and lesbian community within the church. Relating his early counseling experience, Pastor Bretsch spoke of his inability to recognize the issue of homosexuality in a troubled parishioner. Commenting that gays are gifts to the heterosexual world, the Pastor dealt with the faulty reliance on scripture as justification for discrimination and homophobia practiced by many denominations. He also noted the importance of an individual feeling whole as a single person, while stressing that another person (homosexual or heterosexual) should not be looked upon, or expected, to complete one's self.

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FLY RAINBOW FLAGS ON FLAG DAY JUNE 14

June 14 is Flag Day, when the USA flies the Stars & Stripes. Mark your calendars now and get ready to fly the rainbow flag as well. Let's show our pride in being part of the rainbow that makes up this country.

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LOCAL NEWS

APPROVAL RECEIVED FOR OMAHA QUILT DISPLAY "SEE THE QUILT AND UNDERSTAND"

by Kathy England

Wow! Time is flying and there is much work to be done before we host a display of the NAMES Memorial AIDS QUILT in December 1992. We have received the official approval from the national NAMES Project Foundation to continue our planning for a full day of educational activities on Friday the fourth of December and two days of open display on Saturday the fifth and Sunday the sixth. It is time to shift from broad concepts and dreams to specific activities and plans that can include YOU!

OPEN MEETING

"SEE THE QUILT AND UNDERSTAND"

WHAT: Details of the QUILT Display/OMAHA

WHEN: Wed., 17 June, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
7020 Cass St.

WHO: YOU and everyone who may be interested in this unique memorial that challenges us to KEEP THE LOVE ALIVE.

"How can I become involved?" There are many tasks, both large and small, ten committees with specific areas of responsibilities (see previous New Voice of Nebraska columns), and lots

of room for your time, energy and ideas. We can come TOGETHER IN PRIDE, remembering friends and our family members lost to AIDS, celebrating our positive responses to this epidemic, and planning for new opportunities to educate and serve our entire community.

And don't forget the competition for a local logo and poster (details in the May issue of NVN); deadline for submission of copy is June 12. You still have time to create some artwork. Questions about the Contest and/or the meeting can be directed to the committee at 291-6781, 292-1312, or NAP at 342-4233.

We are preparing a brochure and presentation that we would like to share with you and your organization - community service groups such as Rotary, religious groups and work groups, youth educational and recreational groups such as Scouts, health care and other professional groups such as Nebraska Nurses Association or Omaha Education Association. Can you think of others? Let us know! Consider a program for your friends and colleagues and then discuss how you might become involved in your community through the Nebraska AIDS Project and the very special committee for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial QUILT display in Omaha on December 4, 5, and 6.

Won't you join us during this PRIDE WEEK and in December?

FAMILY PICNIC AND YOU'RE INVITED

by Carla

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will host a picnic for you and your family on Saturday, June 13, from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Hanscom Park.

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided and all the goodies to enjoy them will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish for sharing. The meal will be around 6:00 p.m.

There will be games for everyone, including a balloon toss, 3-legged races, etc. The fun will include prizes for all participants, regardless of their ages!

Bring lawn chairs, frisbees, boom boxes, blankets, and whatever else you need to have a leisurely afternoon and evening in the park. We hope we will see you there! Come and bring your family (old and young are welcome). Families of birth and families of "choice" are welcome.

WOMEN CAN WEAR PANTS

The City Council of Waterloo, Iowa removed from the books an ordinance written in 1941 which made it illegal for women to wear pants and men to wear dresses. The former indecent exposure and obscenity ordinance made it illegal to "appear on the street or publicly within the city when naked or in a dress not belonging to his or her sex." Under advice from assistant city attorney Sang-Ki Han, the council voted unanimously to repeal the law.

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NEWS FROM THE MAX

by Gloria Revelle

Summer is going to be hot this year and so is THE MAX. The line up of entertainments is second to none in the Midwest.

Every Thursday you can cool off with one of Wayne's tasty margaritas. They're just part of Fiesta Thursday at THE MAX. Every Thursday strawberry, peach and original margaritas are just \$1.00. Cuervo shots can be had for a mere \$1.50 and we now feature Mini-Coronas. Of course, you get all the free chips and salsa you can handle. You can find it at only one place, THE MAX.

THE MAX was happy to host ICON's Closet Ball 1992. Congratulations to Shana Stone who won with quite a DEE-LIGHTful talent. All six of this year's contestants did a terrific job and you can see them again as Gloria Revelle and THE MAX host Fresh Fish 4 later this summer.

This is coronation season when our community bids farewell to our former monarchs and votes to choose our new ones. The eleventh reign ends with their final show on Sunday, June 14. Empress Mae, Emperor Gerald and Athena I ammi say good-bye with the help of Omaha's finest variety of entertainment.

THE MAX is also the place where our community welcomes our new monarchs on Sunday, June 21. Reign XII of ICON celebrates with a victory show featuring our own local talent and many out-of-town guests.



Kevin

Sunday, June 7 Kevin Andrews returns with an all new show with some hot new men. First Class Male has always been an Omaha favorite and with the new guys, the tradition continues. See our ad for a preview.

On Saturday, June 27, THE MAX turns to Leather as the site of the 1992 Great Plains Drummer Contest, sponsored by Fantasy Productions.

Miss Gay Nebraska America has a tradition of excellence in entertaining. This past year it reached a new high with Jennifer Jett. Jennifer's creativity has always shined and soared on the stage of THE MAX. On Sunday, June 28, Jennifer does it again with her final show as Miss Gay Nebraska. This time the sky's the limit so don't miss this terrific show.

With summer comes the opening of our Patio. THE MAX is the only club in the entire Midwest where you can relax, talk, and have a terrific time outside and still be in the hottest club anywhere.

Don't forget, Stosh's Saloon is open Friday and Saturday for the best in Country Music. Stop in and give it a try. Lisa and Mr. Max, Rick, are always on hand to show you the latest in country steppin'. Our Upstairs Bar is always open for a little quiet conversation, a current movie or a game of pool.

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UNL WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER Collective Disbanded and Advisory Board Dissolved

By Martha Metroka

On April 13, at a WRC Advisory Board Meeting, Marilyn Bugenhagen, the CAP director disbanded the WRC women's collective and dissolved the Advisory Board. This was done with the full knowledge, backing and authority of Dr. Griesen, vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs. Dr. Griesen said this was done to end a "gridlock" that had occurred because of infighting between the board and university-hired WRC coordinator, Judith Kriss. The collective which was composed of university students, was instructed to apply for student organization status if they wanted to exist as an independent entity on campus. A new Advisory Board will be appointed in the fall. Dr. Griesen told Marcy Metzger, a member of the dissolved board, that his decision regarding the WRC collective was non-negotiable. Judith Kriss was given independent, autonomous decision making power over the WRC.

After this action was taken, the collective left the WRC premises in protest, but then returned and continued to meet at the WRC with the intention of contesting the decisions made by Dr. Griesen's office. Collective alumni as well as current collective members have been meeting together and looking at the options open to the collective in regard to existing on campus as a viable feminist organization.

The original article appeared in the May 1992 issue of the *Woman's Journal-Advocate* and included interviews with Judith Kriss and Marilyn Bugenhagen. I would encourage you to read the entire article in WJA.

GREAT JOB!!

by Sammi Bennett

As show director of the Triangle Bar in Bellevue, I would like to say "A job well done!" If you missed the show on April 11, let me tell you, we had a party with a small crowd of 45 people. And what a line up! Amanda Foxx, Viktoria Towne, Toadie Lee Marvelous - Empress III, Jodi, and myself, Sammi Bennett. I thank all of you who came down and supported me as I get ready to run for Miss Gay Nebraska America. Also a very special thanks to Guy LaChance, who ran spotlights, and a heartfelt thank-you, with love, to Joseph, my lover, who has been a big fan and supporter. Without you, the performers would have been helpless in the dressing room. Also a very special thank you to Pepper.

Thank you again, community, for a wonderful year and hope to see all of you in August for our first show of the fall. See you at Coronation '92 this month. Also, come down and watch all the contestants run for Miss Gay Nebraska America in July. Congratulations to the New Miss Closet Ball '92. Have a fun year.

Love, Omaha's Hottest Redhead of the 90's,

Sammi Bennett

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WE HAVE A PLATFORM...

Well, Amy and Emerson went to Dallas and actually managed to get something accomplished. Amazing as it may sound, they went to another city and found enough time to stop playing and get some work done. There was a meeting of the National Steering Committee of which Amy is a member and we are proud to announce that Emerson and Blake are now delegates as well. The meeting convened to elect the National Co-Chairs of the March and to produce the action statement and platform stating why we have all decided to show up in D.C. for the weekend and march. The preamble to the list is enough to give you chills. Then there is the list of demands. This list not only deals with direct gay/lesbian issues, but issues of mankind and US citizens in general. The fifty-five demands range from the legalization of same-sex marriages to the end of anti-Semitism to restoration of the self-determination of all of the indigenous people of the world. The ideals are Utopian in nature, but must be expressed. Of the 1987 demands, only one was met, this was regarding the Karen Thompson/Sharon Kowalski case. This was one of many asked. Perhaps we shall only see one of the fifty-five realized this time around. Some may find this a very low success rate, but we do not. We will accomplish our goals one step at a time. If it takes two million people to gather to make the one step, then this is what we shall do. Time after time again we will challenge law makers to see the light of our plan. Time and time again we will be defeated. Time and time again we will gain ground. This will all be worth it. We must continue to face the possibility of defeat with the bravery of warriors. We are fighting in a sense, fighting for our rights to exist as equally protected and supported citizens of "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

**Vote Carla (Alrac of Sasnak)
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A YEAR IN REVIEW MCC SIOUX CITY

by Marty Ver Meer

Sharon has asked me a few times to write an article for the *New Voice*. Something about the MCC here in Sioux City. I, at first, had to try and find something to write about because there really wasn't anything to write about! Boy! Am I wrong!

First of all we are one year and three months old. Wow! That's an accomplishment. It's been a struggle, but we've made it. So much has happened since March 22, 1991 when we had our first Easter Service with Brian at the pulpit. Since then we've lost a few members and gained a few members. We lost John to AIDS and Brian spoke briefly at the funeral. We celebrated Thanksgiving Day at Aleta and Jean's. The food and the fellowship were wonderful. Brian called, after being in the hospital for what seemed an eternity. Then came Christmas Eve. We sang songs, read scriptures, and God was there.

Brian has been wonderful in spite of all the setbacks with his health, and in spite of all those setbacks, we have managed to stay a church. We have been blessed to have a host of guest speakers when Brian was unable to be with us. We enjoy them and are thankful for them. We miss Brian on those evenings and we pray for him. We pray for his continued good health and we pray that he will be with us for a long while.

So from the first Easter to the second Easter, I did have something to write about—even if it was a bunch of ramblings. We in Sioux City invite you to join us any Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. as we worship God in song and prayer and words.

I'm also proud to announce that we will be represented in the Omaha Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade June 21. I will be there with a banner designed by Connie.

Remember: We are Gay, We are Christians, and We are PROUD!
Love in Christ—Marty.

MCC-OMAHA NEWS by Carla

YES! YES! YES! It is true! MCC-Omaha has struck a deal with Grace Apostolic Church for the purchase of their church building at 819 S. 22nd St. Praise God!

We invite all of you to join us for worship on Sunday, July 12, in our new church home. The sanctuary easily holds 150 people, and since we packed in over 100 at our Easter Service in April, I figure 150 is a good goal for our first service in the "new to us" Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. Join us for worship and then take time to look over the grounds that came with the church. A social time will follow the service.

Negotiations on the building began last fall and then were discontinued until April. At that time the Board of Directors of MCC-O again made a bid on the building and land.

This bid was affirmed in the May Congregational Meeting; however, their bargainers had rejected our first bid, so the congregation voted to approve two additional bids for consideration. On May 14, the final deal was struck.

MCC-O will take possession of the property on July 1. On July 5 we will have a Closing Service for/at the church at 420 S. 24th. On July 12, we will have an Opening Service in the Church at 819 S. 24th. A formal Dedication Service is being planned for September. We invite you to join us for any of these special services, as well as our regular Sunday worship.

On Wed., May 13, over 30 MCCers honored Rev. Jan Kross with a Potluck Dinner and a special love offering. Rev. Kross will be moving to Kansas City at the end of the month to join the staff of clergy at MCC Greater Kansas City. We thanked her for her many years of service to MCC-Omaha and the gay and lesbian community here.

Rev. Howard, Rev. Kross, our student clergy, our lay delegate and members from MCC-O attended the Mid-Central District Conference of UFMCC in Billings, Montana, over Memorial Day weekend.

We hope you will be able to join us for the Family Picnic on June 13 (see related article). Following that in June we look forward to participating in the Pride Parade—check it out—we have a float in the making—and in Coronation XII activities. Then the last Saturday of June, we'll take one last day off for a trip to the Henry Dooley Zoo; in our "spare time" we'll start packing those boxes for the move. Join us on our trek to the zoo (call 345-2563 for details).

Until then though, I invite you will join us for either or both of our Sunday services (10:20 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.). For June, that's it from my pew! See you in church!

TRIVIA FROM LESBIAN HERSTORY

Did you know that the words to "American the Beautiful" were written by a lesbian.

The poet, Katherine Lee Bates, and her love, Katherine Coman, were both professors at Wellesley at the turn of the century.

Their relationship spanned 25 years. They were part of a wide circle of women couples who were among the great names of the era.

Katherine wrote the poem while traveling in the west and visiting Pikes Peak in Colorado.

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LOCAL NEWS

WICHITA PRIDE

Wichita, Kansas, will be celebrating Gay/Lesbian Pride from June 12 to June 21. The pride parade will be Saturday evening, June 20, with a festival following which includes speakers, music, games, vendors, food and drink. Tuesday, June 16, will feature the 4th Annual GALA Awards which recognize outstanding persons in various categories in the Gay/Lesbian Community. Final GALA balloting began in May and continues until just before the Pride Celebration.

In addition, a Humanitarian Award will be presented to an individual selected by the Wichita Gay And Lesbian Alliance board who has shown truly outstanding service to the community.

SIoux FALLS GAY? PARADE

New York City said 'no,' but Sioux Falls said 'parade away.' There's nothing a Gay person likes better than a good parade. For the first time the Gay and Lesbian Community was represented in Sioux Falls' St. Patrick's Day affair on March 17.

Six people (three were straight) boldly rode the MCC Church float downtown.

The idea of a Gay/Lesbian float was the brainstorm of Queer Nation SD founder Larry Schut.

"I was afraid we'd get heckled or stoned or shot. I kept expecting someone to come up and say we couldn't be in the parade," said Schut. "It was exciting and scary. I was hoping we'd have more people riding the float. It takes a lot of guts."

Reprinted from The Progress Tribune

DC's TAKES FIRST PLACE IN RIVER CITY BOWLING

After 33 weeks of bowling, DC's emerged victorious in the final standings. Ernie's Book Store took second place and Gilligan's took third.

Bud Dodson, bowling with the 11th place team, "Centerfolds," held on to the High Scratch Game for Men with a 269.

Darwyn Buechler, of the 6th place "Y' Knot DC's", was close on his heels with a 268, followed by Scott Rezek, of the second place Ernie's Book Store team, and Tony Orndorff, of the 19th place "Consistently Inconsistent" team, both with a 256.

Darwyn had the High Scratch Series for Men with a 701, followed by Dan Cooper, of the third place team, "Gilligan's," who scored a 676 and Les Erickson, of the first place "DC's" team, who had a 645.

Darwyn also had the high average for the year with a 196.1, again followed by Dan Cooper with a 183.5. Charley Wade had the third high men's average with a 179.9.

Elyse Mueller edged out Cheryl Christensen to take the High Scratch Game for Women with a 226 to Cheryl's 225. Marcia Keith had the third high game with a 215.

Elyse also had the High Scratch Series for Women with a 585. Marcia took second high series with a 512, followed by Cheryl with a 503.

Elyse, who bowls with third place "Gilligan's #2," also had the high women's average with a 167.9 while Cheryl and Marcia tied for second with 143.7 each. Marcia bowls with the next to

the last place team, "Consistently Inconsistent," and Cheryl bowls with the 17th place team, "Yosemite Sam's."

Gilligan's took both High Team Game (807) and High Team Series (2279).

The River City Bowling League will be back at the end of the summer. The officers for 1992-93 are: President - Elyse Mueller, Vice-President - Cheryl Christensen, and Secretary-Treasurer - Mike Shearer.

The complete final standings follow:

	Won	Lost
1. DC's	151	80
2. Ernie's Book Store	147	84
3. Gilligan's	144	87
4. Gilligan's 2	142	89
5. 6 Balls & A Old Bag	140	91
6. "Y" Knot DC's	134.5	96.5
7. Running Rebels	124	107
8. D.I.D.I.T.'S	120	111
9. The MAX	118	113
10. The Golden Girls	111.5	119.5
11. Centerfolds	111	120
12. DC's Tool	105	126
13. Ex Lover	103	128
14. Real Men	102	129
15. 3 + 1	101	130
16. Three Men & Little Lady	99	132
17. Yosemite Sam's	95	136
18. Metro Mixers	92	139
19. Consistently Inconsistent	88	143
20. Diamond D.J.'s	82	149

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OMAHA WORLD HERALD COLUMNIST REVIEWS JIMMY JAMES AT METRO

The following column by Tony Moton appeared in the April 28 issue of *The Omaha World Herald* and is reprinted with their permission. As a point of interest, when I called the *World Herald* to get permission to reprint this article, they didn't even hesitate when I said it was for a monthly magazine for the gay and lesbian community of Omaha. They just pointed out that I had to reprint the entire article and give credit to both author and the newspaper.

Patsy Cline Re-Created

By Tony Moton

Nothing—not even studious homework—could prepare me for the astonishing entertainer Jimmy James, the man who looks and sounds like various women.

James, performing his two-act tribute to great female entertainers Sunday at The Metro nightclub, 1516 Jones St., gives cross-dressing a good name.

"The only stigma with this is when people haven't seen my show," said the 32-year-old Texas native. "When they see it, they are blown away."

I was somewhat familiar with his reputation for his re-creation of Marilyn Monroe. At some point in the last couple of years, I can remember him appearing in "full drag" as Marilyn on one of the big TV talk shows. James has been on nearly all of them — Geraldo (twice), Sally (twice), Joan, and Phil.

Although I don't read the *National Enquirer*, I know the shock-news tabloid previously has featured him as Marilyn.

But Sunday night, James gave Marilyn a rest. He was scheduled to perform the first part of his act as country star Patsy Cline, who died at age 30 in a single-engine plane crash in 1963.

I decided to brush up on Miss Cline to see how closely James could portray the original. Although I didn't have immediate access to Miss Cline's concert footage, I listened intently to her recordings, watch the 1985 film "Sweet Dreams," starring Jessica Lange, and went over still photos and biographical material.

Did James disappoint?

Not at all.

James, whose theatrical interests emerged as a youngster putting on magic shows, was so good it was eerie.

"It's still kind of a magic show in a way," James said.

From head to toe, James breathed life back into Miss Cline. Most of the 250 patrons gazed at James with the incredulous looks usually reserved for the real thing. But knowing that she was a he made this act all the more stunning.

James dressed, looked, talked and sang like Miss Cline. If the back, country-style skirted outfit, wig, and makeup weren't enough, James' singing voice and vocal mannerisms were the top stan. Not one to lip sync, James did four songs as Miss Cline while making authentic-sounding small talk between numbers.

"I can't stay long in Omaha," said James in a drawl that bettered Miss Lange's version in the movie, "but I just want you to be in my sweetest of dreams. Sweet Dreams!"

James then drew a rousing ovation for his

rendition of "Sweet Dreams." He followed with "I Fall To Pieces" and "Crazy." The only flaw — and it was slight — was that James seemed breathless in between the numbers.

Explained James, "If you listen to Patsy, she never takes a breath when she's singing. That makes doing her real hard. It took me two years to learn Patsy."

After the Patsy Cline bit, James went offstage and the crowd was amused by master of ceremonies and road manager Bubba McNeely, who sings and does a fine job of heckling the audience. James returned about 15 minutes later as himself for the second half of the show: vocal impressions.

"If you don't recognize the voices, keep drinking and enjoy my makeup," James announced, earning huge laughs.

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- Women's Resource Center

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- SHOUT Support Group

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Des Moines:

- Blazing Saddle
- Brass Garden
- Club 508

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- Metropolitan Community Church
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Of course, if you find that your favorite place is always out of the magazine before you get there, you might consider subscribing. For only \$19 per year you can have *The New Voice* delivered directly to your door (in a plain, brown envelope, of course).

Looking like a shorter (he's 5 feet 4) and stouter version of a latter-day Boy George, James uncorked the likenesses of Eartha Kitt, Diana Ross, Cher, Billie Holiday, and Madonna. He then donned a wig and smoked a cigarette in a comic monologue as Bette Davis. He finished the night with a Barbra Streisand song.

"This is great, incredible," said 26-year-old Scott O'Hanlon of Omaha. "He was dead on. If you weren't here, you missed it."

James, who did his Monroe routine at the Metro in December, said he probably will do his Judy Garland impersonation during his next Omaha engagement, probably later this year.

The most difficult thing about touring — he's scheduled to appear in Sacramento, California, tonight — is that James works constantly in developing new voices and material. Late pop singer Karen Carpenter and late jazz singer Sarah Vaughn are two of his current challenges.

James, whose biographical material says that he was "quite introverted and considered himself androgynous" since he was very young, has couple of major prerequisites for selecting the voices and personalities he performs.

DAN WHO?

by Sharon Van Betsel

Once again, my face is somewhat red and I must offer my apologies. In my article last month about the Western Skag Drag show held at D.C.'s I stated that the hit of the evening was Dan WHITE decked out in sequins and long lashes as he did "Tangerine." The truth is that I don't even know Dan White. The person behind the sequins and long lashes was no other than Dan Johnson, owner and operator of D.C.'s.

My personal apologies to both of the Dan's.

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DC's 1019 S. 10th, 344-3103

The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595

Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth, 449-9147

The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110

The Run 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

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LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA By Phoenix Fallentino, Princess Royale XI

Greetings one and all! The final big month of the year has arrived—Coronation XII, June 19-21, Airport Ramada Inn: A Night of Animation! Plans have been finalized and we all anticipate a successful weekend. Don't forget to get your tickets early. Contact any Board Member or Monarch for further information.

So no one has an excuse to forget all the activities coming up, here's your list.

Friday, June 19 -----Airport Ramada Inn
6-7pm Cocktail and Social Hour
7-9pm ANGLE Recognition Dinner
9-9:30pm RCMC Free Concert
10pm ICON Out of Towners Show
Saturday, June 20-----Airport Ramada Inn
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8pm Coronation XII
Sunday, June 21-----Airport Ramada Inn
11am Victory Brunch
3pm Pride Parade
9:30pm Victory Show at The MAX

ICON expects a large turn out from out of town courts, so don't miss this week-end!!

ICON is pleased to announce this year's candidates. Tami is running for Athena IV, Phoenix Fallentino is running for Empress XII, and Carla Petersen and Steve Koeller for Emperor XII. Good luck to all the candidates. You'll be seeing a lot of them during the campaign month.

Take a moment out to visit with them. They are your future representatives. And don't forget to vote June 20, 5:30-7:45 p.m., at the Ramada Inn Airport.

May 10 was the introduction of candidates held at the MAX. Saturday, May 16, was ICON's annual Bar Tour for all the candidates. Everyone had a good time and thanks to all the bars for their participation in our Bar Tour. To all who came out to support the candidates, they all thank you.

June 14 will be ICON's Stepping Down Show, 9:30 p.m. at the MAX. The current reigning monarchs, Emperor Gerald, Empress Mae, and Athena, Tami, will say farewell to the community and state. Please show your support and thank the Monarchs for their service to the community this past year.

Just in case you need a few more reminders in June. Flag Day is June 14. Be proud of the USA and fly the red, white, & blue.

And don't forget Father's Day, June 21. Send out those Hallmarks.

ICON extends congratulations to the newly names Mr. Omaha Drummer, Emerson, named May 16th at D.C.'s.

ICON also gathered on May 16 for a potluck dinner from 3 - 6 p.m. It was a great social time and fun was had by all. The food was good, too!

Closet Ball was held May 3 and what a nite! For ICON it was a successful nite and for all of you it truly was an enjoyable and entertaining

nite! All the contestants were worthy of winner but only one can win.

Congrats to Shana Stone, our new Closet Ball Queen 1992 and to sponsor, Muffy Rosenberg. We also thank all the sponsors and contestants. Congratulations! You all were fabulous! I'm certainly glad I'm a tired old queen and don't have to come out of the closet. There was some tough competition. Fabulous!

Personally, I, along with everyone that night, was certainly impressed. Keep up the good work. Hope to see more of you at the ole make-up mirror!

ICON extends a big thank-you to Kymber Leigh for a great pageant and on her successful year as Closet Ball 1991. ICON was proud to have you represent us this past year and Best Wishes to you in your future. Thank you!

Warm weather is here to stay and that brings lots of outdoor activities. One of them is ICON's annual Memorial Day Picnic held at Progressive Park. A large turn out was there and a great time we had.

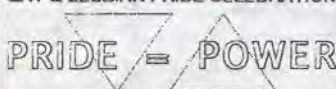
Once again, the hard work and commitment from all those involved with ICON proved successful. And you, the gay and lesbian community of Nebraska and Iowa, are always there to support ICON and our causes. ICON thanks you!

Well, that's all folks; next court meeting June 1, 6:00 p.m. at the MAX. See you in court!

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3 of the 11 entries in the Gay, Lesbian, & Bi PRIDE Celebration Logo contest

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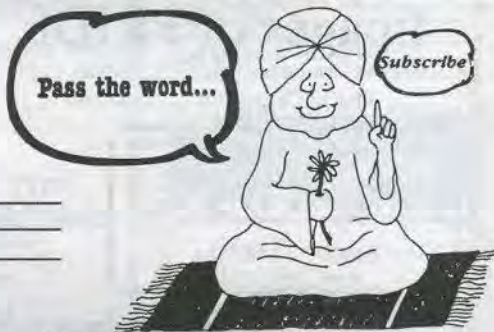
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A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors), Box 31375, Omaha, 68131. (402) 558-5303, Organization for Networking, consciousness raising, and PRIDE activities.

Citizens For Equal Protection, P.O. Box 55548, Omaha, 68155-0548, Legislative action group working for Human Rights ordinance.

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc of Gays and Lesbians of US WEST. Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha 68102.

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

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Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Mailing Address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103 Services held at 420 S. 24th St, Omaha, NE Sunday Worship Services: 10:20am, 7pm

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Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, (402) 733-1360: Cleve. Meets last Saturday Jan-Oct, 2nd Sat in Dec, No November meeting

River City Mixed Bowling League. For info 346-4110 [Scott] or 551-0322 [Charley]. Sundays Aug-May, 3pm, Sky Lanes, 42 & Center, Omaha

River City Gender Alliance, P.O. Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502 For all who enjoy cross-gender community. All orientations welcome. No sexual encounters. Meets monthly.

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

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc, Meetings, information, support for Lesbians & Gays (402) 451-5631 or 1-800-4-GAY-SDA.

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) M. C. Box 3216, Omaha 68103. Meets 1st Sun, 12noon, Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16th

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Org, Box 134, UNO, Omaha 68182. Not active at present.

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

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124-0712, Quarterly Magazine offers place for lesbian women's voices to be heard. \$5 for 4 issues.

Youth Support Group, sponsored by Parents & Friends of Lesbians/Gays Omaha Chapter. For gay, lesbian youth and those questioning sexuality issues, ages 13 to 21. Meets 2nd & 4th Saturdays, For Info: call 291-6781.

STATEWIDE

Alcoholics Anonymous, Grand Island, Open Meeting 12noon Sundays, (308)236-8610.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Kearney, Holds Open Meeting 12noon Saturdays, (308)236-8610.

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

DC in '93, Box 34463, Omaha 68134-0463, Org for Nebraska Contingency in 1993 March on Washington. Amy Marie Meek (402) 451-7987.

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68102 Social org for advancement of gay society, Business Meeting 1st Monday

Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects, 610 "J", Lincoln, (402) 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Outpatient chemical dependency treatment while affirming sexuality, Sliding Fee Scale

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Monthly magazine for Lesbian & Gay community. Deadline is 10th of the month for following month. Subscriptions \$19/year.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG)

*401 19th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St Luke's Episcopal. (308) 237-3870.

*Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504. (402) 435-4688. Meets 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" St. Groups for family of people with HIV, and Gay/Lesbian Youth Group meet same time & place.

*2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, 291-6781. Meets 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m., 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass Street.

Queer Nation, Box 34463, Omaha, NE 68134-0463, Grassroots militant organization working to increase visibility of Gay/Lesbian community. Contact Blake: (402) 451-7987.

SHOUT Gay & Lesbian Support Group Box 2381, Kearney 68848, (308) 234-8248, Meet Tuesdays in Kearney; Meets Wednesdays in GrandIsland, Hastings alternating.

THE MAX

Makes Temperatures Rise

June 7

First Class Male

Returns to make Omaha's
summer the hottest yet!

June 14

Reign XI of I.C.O.N comes
to an end with their finest
show yet

June 21

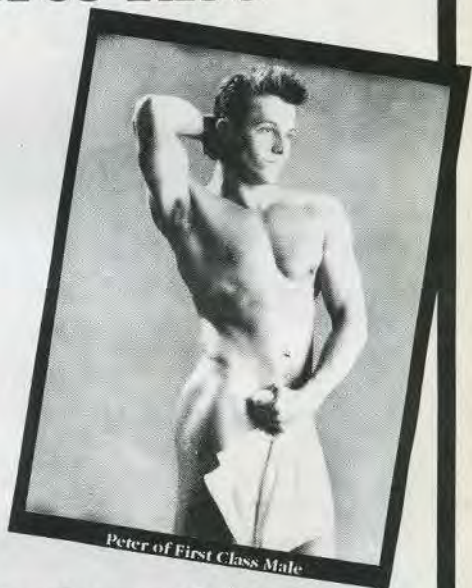
THE MAX welcomes Reign XII of
I.C.O.N. for their Victory Show

June 27

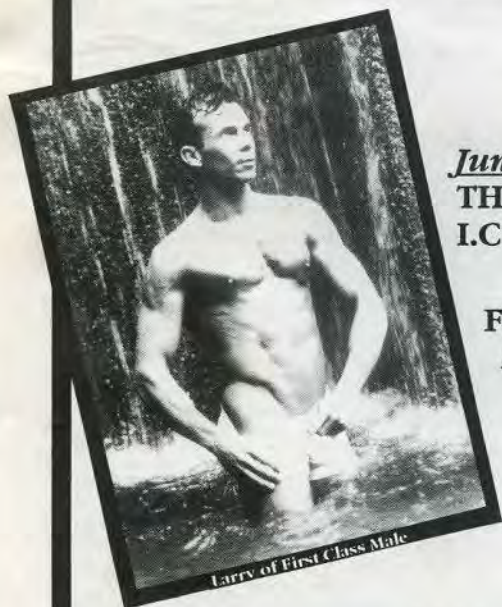
Fantasy Productions presents,
Mr. Great Plains Drummer
The hottest contest
with the hottest men

June 28

Jennifer Jett M.G.N.A
The hottest talent in the
Midwest in the hottest show



Peter of First Class Male



Larry of First Class Male



P. J. Morgan

PROCLAMATION

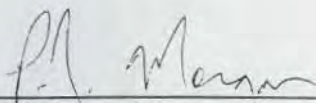
- Whereas*, discrimination in any form should not be tolerated and works to the detriment of our city; and,
- Whereas*, equal opportunity will maximize the contributions of all individuals toward the betterment of our city and society; and,
- Whereas*, we should all work together and continue to construct a truly pluralistic environment.

Now, Therefore, I, P. J. Morgan, Mayor of Omaha, do hereby proclaim June 13 - 21, 1992 as

UNDERSTANDING OUR DIFFERENCES, GAY AND LESBIAN AWARENESS WEEK

in Omaha.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Omaha to be affixed this 13th day of June, 1992.



P. J. Morgan, Mayor

