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# OUR TURN

## DON'T THINK IT! DON'T SAY IT! DON'T WRITE IT! DON'T READ IT!

by Terry Sweeney  
NVN Steering Committee Member

This is a response to the letter to the editor by Harry DeLise in the March 1992 issue of the NVN. DeLise stated his reaction to the decision made by the NVN staff to reject an ad request from the NAMBLA organization. Mr. DeLise's position seems well thought out and was very well presented. As the NVN steering committee member who brought the censorship issue to our meeting for discussion, I feel compelled to respond to his comments.

My sense is there are few who would argue the case Mr. DeLise presents against the NAMBLA organization. As a matter of fact he probably finds a great deal of support in his position as a social worker in the area of child abuse and neglect. However, the fact that there is support for an opposing view of the NAMBLA organization does not eliminate the need for access to information used to become better informed.

Mr. DeLise is the fortunate person in this instance having information available to read as well as having an opportunity for him to hear NAMBLA members personally explain their position. As a result of censoring the NAMBLA ad, the NVN has denied its readership access to the same kind of information that DeLise used to form his position toward NAMBLA.

I acknowledge the concern expressed regarding this organization; I nevertheless cannot, in good conscience, respect a decision to censor this information. Without access to information to

educate ourselves, we are nothing.

Finally, I believe the NVN has a responsibility to its readership and to the community to print NAMBLA's ad. I would regret the loss of support from any of our readership as a result of this issue. Yet, it's a risk I would be willing to take and one I would encourage the NVN to take as well. Censorship is not the answer to the NAMBLA concerns. Access to information, on the other hand, will assist each of us in forming our own opinions and concerns regarding NAMBLA.

### STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE



PC. PATTY AND BIG DADDY

### Letters To The Editor



New Voice of Nebraska,

I wanted to let you know how much the River City Mixed Chorus appreciated the wonderful article that appeared in your March edition. It is gratifying to see a review of the Winter Concert in our community's magazine.

Your support of the chorus is very important to us. Especially as we continue to improve and grow in size as well as in quality. The *New Voice* is helping get the word out that the River City Mixed Chorus is a group for the Lesbian and Gay community to experience. We look forward to sharing our music with even more new faces at our May 23 "Pride Concert." Thanks again for all of your support.

Toni Pastory, President, RCMC

Dear Lee

Hi, how is things goen with you. I hope OK. I am doen ok hear. I no that you no that I am still in prison I will Jan in June 3, 1997. you no that I am gay & I am proud of my self what I would like you to do for me if it is ok with you can you finde a single man that is gay & would like to have a relashup with me because wen I get out of this place so I do not have to come back to this place again. if you find anyone for me hear is my address.

Lynn Geier, #38824  
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Lincoln, NE 68542-2800

If you do finde someone that wants to write to me I would like to Thank you Very much. I would like you to get the age close to me I will be 31 in march.  
Your friend,  
Lynn Geier



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GET IT T.W.O.-GETHER

Letter to the Editor & our Community:

As a part of this community, I feel that we are being cheated, used, and misrepresented. Maybe everyone out there doesn't agree with me, but I feel there are more who do agree than not.

I am talking about the two titles that T.W.O. holds for our community. Over the years that they have held these titles there has been little change. Ask most of their Title holders or other people within our community and all have the same bad feelings about their club.

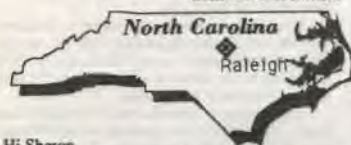
There are very few times during the year that you ever hear they do anything for our community. And when you do hear from them they are so disorganized, no one wants anything to do with them. They want all of the recognition but none of the responsibility or any of the work that goes with any function.

They attend or represent very few of the functions within our community and give little or no support for their own title holders. It's no wonder that they have such a hard time in finding people to run for the titles they hold.

It's not the titles themselves, it's the disorganization no one wants to be affiliated with. If they are the images that represent our community, state, and nation then we are all in a very sad state. These titles should be used for the community, not for their organization.

If they have any pride at all for our community, they should give up these titles and let some other organization use them the way they should be used... and at least give us back our own pride.

Concerned in Omaha



Hi Sharon,

I'm originally from Central City and have lived in North Carolina for over two decades. Have sold my business and hopefully when I get my house sold I'm moving back to Nebraska to work on a MSW at UNO. I've made a couple of trips to Omaha in the last two years and have been very pleased with the "family" life. I've had a couple of conversations with Reverend Mathew Howard of MCC and feel he is a "definite plus" for Omaha. I'm greatly enjoying my subscription

to the *New Voice of Nebraska*. It is very professionally done and you all should be very proud!

Enough about me! My reason for writing is the enclosed article. Can you imagine - A Baptist Church! In Jesse Helms' home town!!!

I felt you would like to include part or all of this article in your next issue.

Sincerely,  
Your N.C. (Jesse Watch) correspondent,  
Jim

P.S. On weekends for a good cause and a little excitement we like to get up a few carloads and ride up and down Interstate 85 and do sit-ins at the Cracker Barrel Restaurants. Wish I had a video to send!

## Gay union gets Pullen's blessing by Donna Seese

By a vote of nearly 2-1, the congregation of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church has chosen to permit a service blessing the union of two homosexual men.

The church's decision defies a resolution by the Southern Baptist Convention condemning Pullen for condoning "the gross perversion and unquestioned sin" of homosexuality. Pullen could be ousted from the convention for its decision.

"We are just trying to be faithful to what God would have us be," said the Reverend M. Mahn Siler Jr., pastor of Pullen.

In a ballot addressing four issues, the congregation showed overwhelming support - 94 percent - for welcoming homosexuals to full membership, but weaker backing - 64 percent - for offering a service to bless the union. The vote also favored opening the church to anyone, and establishing a document that would include a ceremony for a same-sex union along with its historical, biblical, and theological background.

The secret vote was taken by mail, and 531 of the 750 ballots sent out were returned. Although more than a third of those voting opposed the ceremony, church members said they do not expect the decision to create a permanent rift in the congregation.

The church first faced the question of whether to bless a gay union in September, when Kevin Turner, 27, went to Siler and asked him to perform a ceremony blessing his relationship with Steven Churchill, 23. Siler took it to the deacons, who opened the issue to the entire congregation.

"It has been a very intense time," Siler said

in an interview. "The issue is very emotional and has required deep soul-searching. This church has honored diversity for years and years. We have a tradition of being willing to address difficult issues."

The ceremony, which has not been scheduled, would not be a wedding with the legal rights and responsibilities that marriage confers. But it would be a public promise of mutual love and monogamy.

The Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee has denounced Pullen, but Pullen members expressed little concern over the convention's actions.

Traditionally, Baptist churches are autonomous and democratic. Individual congregations make their own decisions, rather than following policy set down by central leadership.

"The Southern Baptist Convention should not be allowed to tell local churches what to do," said Michael Vlar, youth minister at Pullen.

Opposition has also come from closer to home. While the congregation prayed and sang hymns inside the church, the cars parked outside were papered with fliers condemning homosexuality and offering lengthy interpretations of the Bible's stand on sex, marriage, lust, and hell. Church leaders removed the fliers before the service ended.

Siler said he has received many negative calls and letters.

"It indicates to me the fear of homosexuality that's in our society and in us all," he said. "But it makes me understand what a homosexual deals with all the time. It's a taste of the kind of condemnation they face."

The News & Observer, Raleigh, N.C.



## WELCOME ABOARD!

dear sharon and all other worthy (and the rest) people!!

i just noticed that i'm named as staff for this glorious stupendous wonderful magazine. this moment is better than my first orgasm! well-maybe a close second. i hope my writing continues to please and be adequate. thanx a million!!!!

yours... cheri

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HELP SUPPORT YOUR GAY DOCTOR

To whom it may concern:

I am Gay American, thirty-three years old, and I have been accepted to attend Southeastern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine entering class for 1992. I was the founder and first volunteer director for both the Gay and Lesbian Community Hotline of Greater Miami and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Greater Miami. During this time, I held my current employment position as Director of Test Banking Services at Miami-Dade Community College Medical Center Campus, a program which I developed into national recognition. Most importantly, I have also spent the past four years researching the relationships between syphilis and AIDS. A partial summary of my research results were published in 1990.

I will use my medical education to establish a primary care practice addressing the daily health concerns of the Lesbian and Gay community in an accessible, affordable, and personable manner. I will also use my future position to sponsor community centers, hotlines, and educational grants for others. With my past experience, personal commitment, and future education, I will have a unique opportunity to facilitate the community's growth and development. A key obstacle to my success is the enormous financial debt I will acquire while becoming a doctor.

My current employment, while allowing me ample time for community work and research, has not permitted me to establish any significant savings for my education. Medical school, including tuition and living expenses, will cost approximately \$30,000 per year. If I accept the standard loans to pay for this education, the principal after four years will be about \$120,000, nearly two thirds of which will accrue compounded interest during the academic process. Even with loan consolidation and a twenty-five year re-plan, my liability will be \$2,000 per month when I begin to practice medicine. These loans will force me to increase patient fees, which in turn will reduce my accessibility.

My ability to affordably, personally attend to my community, and ability to provide personal attention for this reason I am seeking other sources of financial assistance.

I am writing to ask if you know of any organizations or individuals that would support my goals by offering me financial assistance towards my educational expenses. I am specifically seeking scholarships, grants, or low/no interest loans. Should you know of any such sources, would you please send me their name and address, or forward a copy of my letter to them? I appreciate your time and assistance.

Senator Tim Hall  
District 7  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Senator Hall,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for sponsoring LB 1270. As a matter of equity before the people and the laws of this state, I urge you to continue to support the bill in its entirety, including the protection of our residents who may now be discriminated against because of their sexual orientation.

I am the mother of two children, reared in the same home, by the same parents, educated in the same schools (Bellevue and Papillion Public Schools), sharing many of the same friends and activities (including music, church, scouts, and academic clubs). Both are college educated, employed, and productive citizens of their communities. However, one is heterosexual and the other is gay.

In 1988, my husband and I joined the Omaha chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. PFLAG is an international support group of over 200 chapters whose purpose is to support and educate parents and family members of gay and lesbian children. Now, as a mother, healthcare professional, teacher, and president of the local chapter, I also work with the community to help others learn more about our friends and families. Homosexuality is not a topic that is easily or often discussed or understood by most people.

In a recent report by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, it has been reported that over 30% of all teen suicides are committed by gay and lesbian youth. Gay and lesbian children are ridiculed at school, thrown out of their homes, and finally driven to survive on the street. All of this because of hatred, ignorance, and bigotry. Homophobia (the irrational fear of homosexuals or of being perceived to be homosexual) is, in my opinion, the leading cause of gay youth suicide. Can we afford to continue losing so many of our children?

It enrages me as a mother to think that with my own two wonderful children, one will have all rights and privileges granted to her as an American citizen and resident of Nebraska, while our son faces discrimination and the denial of his basic human rights and dignity because of his sexual orientation. He may be harassed, beaten, and refused housing, employment, education, and public accommodations for something over which he had no choice. I fear for my children and all children who are labeled "socially unacceptable."

Again, let me express my deep appreciation for your efforts on behalf of all of our citizens by sponsoring LB 1270. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you or your staff in the future.  
Sincerely,  
Kathleen England, President.

## HOT PARTS by Jim Chandler

### Mr. Leather Colorado 1991

Recently a friend of mine presented me with a very intriguing question. He asked me what I considered to be a man's sexiest body part. This opened the discussion up to a lot of interesting possibilities.

Some men have very masculine feet, or 'Pile Driver' legs. There are others with large low-hanging balls, a huge cock, a hard round butt, or a tight (and talented) ass. Moving up, there is a small waist, 'washboard' abs, big firm pees, or a V'd back with wide muscular shoulders. And who could miss great arms with big biceps or those 'horseshoe' triceps, nice forearms, and strong hands? There are also those men who have a great face, beautiful smile, deep eyes, and magnificent hair.

There are probably a lot of other body parts which could be considered very sexy, and each person probably has a favorite or two.

But what do I consider the sexiest? It appears to differ from man to man, and many times it appeared to be a combination of several attributes. Then it hit me: none of the great features I've listed above are what makes a man sexy. The sexiest body part has got to be his mind.

Especially in leathersex the mind, and imagination, are what sets a man apart as desirable, sexy, and fun to 'play' with. I have seen men who looked like they stepped out of a *Colt* magazine, and yet since they didn't have anything 'between their ears' they were dull. Other guys, who on the surface appeared to be very average, because of their imagination and creativity have brought back fond memories long after the playing was over.

What fun is a fantasy trip with someone who doesn't have an imagination? What fun is a 'bottom' who isn't willing to expand his experiences and try something new? Or a top who doesn't know how to play with his bottom? It all boils down to the old adage, "it's not what you have, but how you use it." This even goes beyond body parts: many times the best sex I've had wasn't in bed (in fact most times it wasn't), and on several occasions I've put on clothes (usually leather or some sort of uniform) before having sex. This is all using our sexiest body part - our very creative mind - to expand and build upon our sexual experience to elevate it to a new level. So, to all my sexy buddies out there, keep using it, and have fun.



"Happy  
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# FEATURES

## HEALING HERBS & THE HEALTH FOOD

### GOURMET

by Darrell Cole

As spring approaches and we leave winter behind we often find ourselves with a touch of 'Spring Fever', as some call it. How do we deal with these late winter blahs?

To help relieve some of the feelings that accompany seasonal change and adjustment, three of my favorites are anise, fennel, and cumin. Anise alone is a good aid to digestion and breaks up mucous in bronchitis, colds, and flu. It would be especially good after a bout of pneumocystis.

Cumin is great for gas. It is also very good for the small intestine and digestion. It always goes into my beans.

Fennel is a beautiful plant which likes poor dry soils. It grows all over California, especially in San Francisco. Wherever I am in that city I munch the seeds; it grows everywhere as a weed. The Chinese herbalists use fennel as a pick-me-up (tonic) and to help mucous conditions. I have found this claim to be true and find some way to use a little almost every day.

The best use I have of these three — anise, cumin, and fennel — is to get rid of the 'blues.' Mix equal parts of these seeds and chew just a pinch or two around noon time or in the evening. This won't find your soul-mate for you, but it will make the time until then more tolerable. Anyone who has a noontime slump or an evening slump will feel better and happier after munching a pinch or two of the seed mix. Try it — you'll like it. Keep a jar of seeds at work.

Cloves and allspice are general tonics and

will increase your energy level. This is especially useful during illness when the energy level is usually low. It will also give you 'drive' when you have a hard day's work to do. I use these quite regularly. These are very good herbal spices for convalescents.

Then last, but definitely not least, is garlic. Sophisticated snobs turn their noses up at garlic and suffer colds and flus along with their snobbery. This common vegetable-herb-spice is one of the major medicinal herbs of the world. The literature is extensive and in many languages. As an intimate friend has remarked, "Nowadays a healthy man smells of garlic and tastes a bit Italian."

A PWA would do well to eat a clove (not a whole bulb) two to six times a day between meals. Eat a bite or two of food to keep it from burning the stomach but eat that garlic. After 3 weeks of this, one may stink a bit but it is better to stink for a few months than rot away. Just plain ordinary garlic — no fancy stuff, no dried stuff, no elephant garlic, no de-scented stuff — use the real McCoy.

My own diet has a clove a day somewhere in it: in the salad, in the soup, in the beans, in the sauces, etc., etc. Everywhere except the dessert. Absolutely every herbal book spends several pages on the medicinal use of garlic. Get with it, folks, it's the best herbal for AIDS in ten thousand years. Always chop it fine and throw it into the cook pot or wok last. Too much cooking ruins it. Parsley is an excellent herbal also. Its leaves

contain many 'vitamins.' Almost all herbals mention it. M. Tierra cites its uses in removing gallstones and kidney stones and in treating liver-gall bladder ailments like hepatitis and Candida. It is a regular part of my treatment of Candida.

Eating parsley along with garlic kills the smell of garlic on your breath. The combination is good herbalism also.

Watercress is a good herbal companion for parsley and garlic. With these three, your salad becomes a fine treatment for an exhausted liver. Just throw these herbs into the pot and keep well. My soups are green with them. My omelets are green too; they have more greens in two scrambled eggs than Wendys has in its whole salad bar. Do it up, dazzle your friends. Become a healthy gourmet.

Some Don't's. For people who have a history of high fevers or who sunburn easily or who get oral herpes, NEVER eat any of these as they will give you a herp/cold sore: GINGER, CINNAMON, CARDAMOM, MUSTARD, GINSENG.

For people who have a history of alcoholism, hepatitis, Candida albicans, NEVER use vinegar, lemon or citrus of any kind, peanut butter, dill, and salad or cooking oil (except sesame oil is OK).

For people with KS or who have taken a lot of chemical medicine or have chronic hepatitis, NEVER use muskmelon, seaweed, or crab meat.

A last piece of advice: You will be tomorrow what you put in your mouth today. If you use these spices you are likely to feel good and happy because your last meal was nutritious and delicious.

*Darrell Cole, Omaha activist for Gay & Lesbian issues, student of Religious Science International, and a person living with AIDS, is active as a public educator for AIDS concerns.*

### Healthful Recipes

Some recipes are in order for the novice.

**Guacamole.** Mash up an avocado. Add six fresh herbs - any six will do - including onion, garlic, and cayenne. Serve on rye crackers or with corn chips. Sometimes some health food store mayonnaise is nice.

**Salad Dressing.** Start with enough yogurt or mayonnaise. Add 8 herbs including garlic and tarragon. Put in one sixteenth teaspoon of honey. Stir well and pour over salad or raw vegetables. Dip raw cauliflower in it.

**Happiness Balls.** Start with tahini, ground sesame seeds (this is great for the liver, headaches, Candida albicans, and a must for an ex-alcoholic). Add a shake or two of Angostura bitters. Add some honey. This is basic. After these you can go wild: cloves, allspice, mint, vanilla, orange flavoring, carob, almond flavoring, anise, coconut - one, two, or more at a time.

Stir it all up and add enough coconut to make it in little balls and put it on a fancy platter for the party. Have your guests eat one when they come through the door and watch the

happiness infect people. This is so good you can eat it for lunch every day. All the ingredients mentioned have herbal properties that chase the blues and are good for the blood. Also, this will help get rid of the low grade fever that accompanies ARC and Candida and AIDS and herpes of the mouth.

**Beat the Heat Candy.** This is good for taking down fevers and keeping cool on a hot day.

Put some honey, the same amount of carob powder, 1/8 teaspoon of real vanilla, 1/4 teaspoon ordinary or bitter almond flavoring, and a sprinkle of cayenne in a bowl. Stir and taste it. Likely as not, you will eat several spoonfuls. Then, on different days, try different spices on top of these - orange flavoring, peppermint, spearmint, wintergreen. All of these are cooling flavors and the mix is delicious. These will also help get rid of the blues too.

Caution: do not eat in the evening because these will cause insomnia. Overuse will also make you orgasm too quick.

#### BOOKS ON HERBS

M. Grieve. *A Modern Herbal.* Dover Publications, Inc., 180 Varick Street, New York, NY 10014.

Michael Tierra. *The Way of Herbs.* Washington Square Press, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020.

Albert Leung. *Chinese Herbal Remedies.* Universal Books, 381 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016.

*A Barefoot Doctor's Manual.* Madrona Publishers, 2116 Western Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121.

Henry C. Lu. *Chinese System of Food Cures.* Sterling Publishing Co., 2 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016. (This is a new book, a very excellent book by one of my favorite authors on the medicinal uses of food.)



# FEATURES

## Rick L. Prichard

June 25th, 1962 -

February 26th, 1992

Rick was born in Omaha and spent his last days there also. In his preteen and early teen years Rick was active in boxing and ballroom dancing. He received a number of trophies for all of his efforts.

In 1979, Rick met Tom Geist at the Metropolitan Community Church and became close friends. They lived together six years in Omaha, three years in Los Angeles, and about a year and a half in Kearney, Nebraska. In order for Rick to receive better medical treatment and be around family, he moved back to Omaha for the last year and a half of his life. Though not always together, Rick and Tom remained close.

Rick held a number of jobs including, work at the former Gas Lamp restaurant, Ross's Steak House, The Sidewalk Café, Pamida, U.S. Optical, Redd Tag Disc Jockeys, as a movie extra in Los Angeles, and a few minor jobs. Rick was always a good and hard worker.

And although Rick was somewhat on the shy/quiet side, he made friends easily. His genuineness and good looks won people over. Most people will remember Rick for his Sun Worshiping... he loved to get a tan and did so with little effort. Very often during the early spring and late fall you could see Rick out trying to catch a few more rays. To Rick, "the worst day of suntanning was better than the best day at work."

Rick also will be known for crocheting. He enjoyed sitting for hour after hour making someone a bedspread or lap blanket. He was also fond of clowns, stuffed ones, figurines, pictures, etc. For a time in Omaha, Rick would dress up as a clown for kids' birthday parties. He also enjoyed magic tricks which he combined with his clown act.

In his last days, Rick's family and friends were very supportive. Rick's fear of rejection was unfounded. He spoke of the many people he spent quality time with, in his support group, at MCC, at the bars, and at his brother and sister-in-

law's place where he lived. There are too many people that Rick enjoyed as friends to be listed here. And although many, many of his friends did not get the word about the funeral because of time constraints, nearly 250 people came to the funeral service.

Less than a week before Rick died, he asked Tom to give the eulogy for the funeral. He wanted it to be positive and upbeat. One main point he wished stressed was that if you love someone, you let them know this now while they are still alive, not while they are in their coffin.

Rick's body was buried at the West Lawn Memorial Park in an area with other family members.



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## OUR BATTLE PLAN AGAINST BIGOTRY

by Perl Jude Radecl

This year will certainly prove to be one of the most explosive years for lesbian and gay civil rights organizing. And if we capitalize on the opportunities and challenges 1992 holds, we could move our civil rights agenda far forward.

This is a year for electoral change, a time to make our voices count at the ballot box. A year to elect more openly gay and lesbian officials. A year to replace the bigots who vote with Jesse Helms and William Dannemeyer. A year to elect a president who will respond to our needs and concerns.

This is the year in which the U.S. government releases its first 12 months of hate crimes data, and begins the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This is the year Congress intervenes to force the U.S. military to rescind its homophobic policy.

This is the year for you to become involved and help our movement fight AIDS and homophobia, and increase our visibility.

The staff at the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has developed a 10-point action plan to help guide our movement forward. It's a scheme to take advantage of opportunities when they arise, yet continue the long range planning and cultivation of other ideas and projects.

**Don't Let the Right "Take America Back."** We must keep the NEA free of anti-gay censorship amendments and assist state and local arts advocates. We must counter Far Right organizing through grassroots coalitions, and support local gay groups facing civil rights repeal battles.

**Counter Hate Crimes.** NGLTF will publish its annual report on anti-gay violence and victimization, sponsor an anti-violence roundtable at our Creating Change conference, and produce a hate crimes organizing manual for activists. The bashing must stop.

**Make gay and lesbian voices heard in the 1992 presidential elections.** Gay and Lesbian Voters Organized in Coalition for the Elections (VOICE '92) will coordinate demonstrations, delegate caucuses, press conferences, and other activities at and before the political conventions. NGLTF will also survey candidates, prepare background papers, testify at platform hearings, and meet with campaign officials.

**Expand the Civil Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men and Our Families.** We must have hearings and sign up sponsors for Congressional Resolution H.Res. 271 and S.Res. 236 urging President Bush to repeal the U.S. military's discriminatory policy. We must push the Cracker Barrel "family style" restaurant chain to stop firing gay employees and institute a non-discriminatory employment policy. We must demand our representatives cosponsor the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Act. NGLTF will defend the District of Columbia's Domestic Partnership ordinance on Capitol Hill and produce a gay/lesbian families organizing manual.



**Advocate for AIDS/Health care.** The U.S. government's response to AIDS continues to be characterized by indifference, stigmatization, lack of leadership, and the hugging of "AIDS babies." NGLTF will support legislative and government agency action through the National Organizations Responding to AIDS Coalition, assist in the planning of the 1992 International AIDS Conference, and help organize AIDS media activists.

**Put Out Fires and Respond to Crises.** The Jeffrey Dahmer nightmare. Another gay bar drive-by shooting. Police beatings. "Abnormal Behavior" laws. Gay Scouts booted out. "Governor Vetoes Bill" headlines. It seems every week brings a new set of calls for action. We must be flexible to respond.

**Attend 5th Annual Creating Change Conference.** NGLTF's 1992 Creating Change Conference - the preeminent gathering of gay and lesbian activists - will be held in Los Angeles, November 11-15. Make sure you're there.

**Organize Toward the 1993 March on Washington.** We want one million gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in the nation's capital in Washington, D.C., April 1993. NGLTF will assist in the organizing and planning for the event. Mark your calendars now.

**Remember Membership Equals Clout.** Are you an active member of the movement? What are you waiting for? NGLTF and other groups are committed to expanding our membership bases and unleashing our membership resources to assist activists around the country.

**Build a More Diverse and Inclusive Movement.** We will work with gay and lesbian students, people of color, and other groups to increase media visibility, ensure greater involvement, and promote different components of our community.

You can be part of our plan to move our agenda forward. Vote. Demonstrate. Write to your elected officials. Come to NGLTF's Annual Creating Change Conference. Join NGLTF and your local lesbian/gay or AIDS advocacy organization and fight the forces of prejudice. The year is ours for the taking.

## RICK

by RJ

It's late evening now, as I sit here in the park overlooking the Missouri. Sitting here and reflecting back. It's a very warm, sunny afternoon. I have just come from Rick's services. I'm thinking back through time. Robbie and Rick were real close friends. Now both are gone.

I only knew Rick for only a short time of his life, it seems. I met Rick through MCC, and through Robbie. Rick was a quiet sort, never said much.

As I stood there by Rick, at the Chapel, I noticed they dressed him in his favorite clothes, a western shirt and blue jeans. Shirt open at the neck, a leather necklace around his neck. I saw Rick many times so dressed. That was Rick.

And as I sat there listening to the service, to the eulogy, to the memories, it became apparent that Rick loved life and lived it to the fullest.

I couldn't help but think back to the morning: Reverend Anne Marie Aita gave the sermon that morning at Northside Christian. The theme was 'deviation'. About how humans have the tendency of excluding those who are 'different' from their circles. That people with AIDS are the new lepers of our time. How so many with AIDS die alone. As I looked around this little chapel, with so many people there from both sides of the street, I thought how fortunate Rick was to have lived with love in so many of those circles without being shunted to the outside as so many are.

As memories drifted back, especially when it was pointed out that Rick loved to sunbathe, I remembered a couple of summers ago, how a bunch of us would go skinny-dipping out to Bare-Assed Beach. How Rick, being fair skinned and light haired, would burn to a lobster red. It had to hurt, but Rick just shrugged it aside and went back for more. By summer's end, Rick would be as brown as a hickory nut.

I remembered last summer, when it became known to me that Rick was a PWA and his time was drawing to a close. Robbie and Rick used to carpool to work. Well, Rick, who was working at the optical company at the time, didn't have any wheels, and Robbie's car was down. I helped them out the week Robbie was getting his wheels fixed. I remember one evening in particular, taking them home. Rick was on AZT, which is highly toxic. It was really hurting his legs. Rick said he was going off AZT. There was so much physical and mental anguish; as Rick said, "I wish I could just die and get it over with."

As I sat in this little chapel and listened to others reflect on Rick's life, here this kid was, only 29, and look how much living he packed in those 29 years! And one wonders just what Rick would have done in the next 30 if only he had the opportunity. Now, God only knows.

Yes, as Reverend Howard read the scripture passages from Ecclesiastes, there is indeed a time to live and a time to die. Rick did live life to the fullest, but why should one so young, have to die so young, with only half the slate filled? What have humans done to themselves? Surely, even God weeps, to see His flowers struck down so early in the season, by this blight on Humankind.

God be with you Rick, and may God speed you on your new journey.



## Human Rights CAMPAIGN FUND

### BOY SCOUTS' DISCRIMINATION ASSAILED

The Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay advocacy organization, has endorsed a national boycott of the United Way because of the organization's financial support for the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts expel gay teens and adult volunteers from their programs and are engaged in controversy over their discriminatory policies.

"United Way funding is an endorsement of the Boy Scouts' policy of discrimination, a policy that represents a clear and present danger to gay teens involved in Scouting programs," said Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of HRCF. "We hope to increase public awareness of the Boy Scouts' misguided policy and to encourage the Scouts to accept the traditional values of tolerance and diversity."

McFeeley noted that the Girl Scouts of America, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and other national organizations serving our country's youth do not discriminate against participants because of their sexual identity. "The Boy Scouts alone believe that their membership should exclude people simply because of their sexual orientation. This is bigotry, pure and simple."

The Campaign Fund's goal for the boycott is to insure that United Way enforce its stated non-discrimination policy for all charitable recipients. A resolution supporting a boycott of the United Way was adopted on by the Campaign Fund's Board of Directors.

"Government studies indicate that because of societal discrimination, gay youth are more likely to be forced into homelessness, substance abuse, prostitution, and suicide. By rejecting gay teens from their programs, the Boy Scouts of America undermine the very values they claim to cherish and threaten the health and safety of young Americans who are gay," McFeeley stated.

HRCF recommends that current United Way recipient organizations which do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, including AIDS service providing organizations in many cities, publicly identify themselves so that they may receive direct donations.

"We are also asking the United Way to furnish each contributor a list of organizations to which they donate, and to include a statement as to whether any group of people are excluded from participation in the organization," McFeeley stated.

### 8 ARTISTS WIN FELLOWSHIPS

Eight performance artists have been awarded \$1,000 fellowships by the National Fund for Lesbian and Gay Artists, a project of Highways Performance Space. Fellowship winners are: Luis Alfaro, Ken Choy, Mario Gardner, and Colette Jackson of Los Angeles, Susan Finque of Seattle, Caroline Goelzer of Minneapolis, Anita Loomis of Chicago, and Tracy Rhoades of Monterey.

Fellowships were awarded to emerging performance artists who openly identify as a lesbian or gay man, and whose work explores aspects of lesbian and gay experience. An independent panel of lesbian and gay men familiar with the field met in Los Angeles and reviewed 76 applications before coming to their decisions.

The panel included David Mendoza (Washington, DC, and Seattle), Jewelle Gomez (New York City), Kate Bornstein (San Francisco), Charles Wilmoth (San Diego), Roland Palencia (Los Angeles), and Michelle T. Clinton (Los Angeles). (Clinton was unable to attend the panel meeting.) The panel process was facilitated by Highways administrator Jordan Peimer.

"We were thrilled with the whole process," stated Miller. "It helped to enrich and broaden the discussion of Queer performance art in this country."

The Fund isn't only about awarding fellowships, but about widening the scope of our community of artists and reacting a sense of diverse lesbian and gay artistic expression and identity. The panel was excited to see so much work from all over the country, even though it meant many deserving artists were unable to be funded."



### "COMING OUT" AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

James Patterson, like many other college students, "came out" to friends, faculty and schoolmates on National Coming Out Day last fall. But his title as Student Government Association President at Northeastern U. made him uniquely visible. "Coming out was not a singular event - it's an ongoing process," he said. "I reached a point where I was sick of lying to everybody." The response from Northeastern's student body and the SGA organization has been "really positive," Paterson said. He added that "a few jaws dropped" when he told certain administrators. Paterson said being gay has brought him closer to certain issues that affect Northeastern's 15,000 undergraduate students. "If anything, the fact that I'm gay should forward my organization - both allowing people to see that a lot of their generalizations and misconceptions are not true..." he said.

Shay Studley, *The Northeastern News*  
Northeastern University

### VOTE in the Nebraska Primary, May 12

### DOLLARS AND SENSE

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# FEATURES



Until August, 1987, little had been done to bring together, in a social situation, older men with homosexual interests. An older gay or bisexual had to find his own entertainment, perhaps resulting in one or two choices - going to the bars (which is uncomfortable for many older men) or sitting home and watching television night after night.

**ALL THAT CHANGED WITH PRIME TIMERS.** Starting in Boston, Woody Baldwin founded an organization that is dedicated to making life just as exciting for middle-aged and older gays as it is for the younger ones. There are now eleven chapters in the United States and Canada with others soon to be formed.

Activities may include dining out or pot luck dinners, theater outings, discussion groups, bowling, card games, sexually-oriented parties, trips, picnics, camping, etc. A general meeting is held monthly for socializing, enjoying light refreshments, and listening to a program on an interesting and relevant subject. A monthly

newsletter tells of upcoming events, and a roster lists all members who choose to be listed, giving their special interests. This is to encourage one-on-one meetings to supplement the club activities.

Privacy and anonymity are studiously protected to the extent the member wishes. Dues are kept as low as possible, usually \$15 to \$20 annually; this money covers postage, printing, and other overhead costs. Each event is financially self-supporting.

Prime Timers is looking for persons to start new chapters. They have prepared a manual to ease the start-up process. The rewards to the founder of the chapter are great as he sees the happiness that membership brings to peoples' lives; and he'll benefit also from an enlarged circle of friends and contacts.

If you or an acquaintance of yours is interested in starting a chapter in your community (or another community), please call (512) 282-2861 or write to: PRIME TIMERS, INTERNATIONAL, P.O. Box 436, Manchaca, TX 78652.

## CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE SLATED FOR LOS ANGELES

Gay, lesbian, and bisexual activists from around the country will gather this November 13-15 in Los Angeles, California, for the 5th Annual

Creating Change conference of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute. More than 1,000 activists attended last year's conference, making Creating Change the country's largest skills-building and strategizing event for the gay and lesbian community.

This year's three-day event will include more than 80 workshops plus cultural events, networking sessions, exhibitors, and challenging speakers. Workshop topics include Direct Action, Cultivating Major Donors, Organizing Against the Far Right, Media Activism, and much more. Several series of workshops will focus on arts and culture, fundraising, international activism, and skills building for people of color.

A Campus Institute will be held on Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day. People of Color and Diversity Training Institutes will be held

Thursday, November 12. The Creating Change conference will begin Friday morning, November 13, and run through Sunday afternoon, November 15.

"Creating Change brings together some of the most skilled and experienced members of our movement," said Catherine Carter, NGLTF conference coordinator. "There is nothing like spending three days with scores of gay and lesbian activists from around the country. We urge you to plan now to attend the conference."

Creating Change will be held at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton, 5711 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. For registration information contact NGLTF, 1734 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 332-6483, TTY (202) 332-6219, Attention: Catherine Carter.

## THE CONNECTION

"For years I've heard the same lament from my friends," said Gary Stephens, founder and President of World Wide Communications, the Centerport, New York, operator of The Connection. "They travel regularly, on business or pleasure. They ask, 'How do I find bars, restaurants, and accommodations where I'm going?' Now, with the new computer technology we developed for The Connection, lesbians and gays can find out what they need to know quickly and inexpensively."

Advertisers can post a 30-second "informational" and change it as regularly as needed. The advanced capabilities of The Connection's computers will also enable business owners to design a one-page promotion, store it on-line, and have it sent at the caller's request to a fax machine at no additional charge.

An important feature of The Connection will be its public health and community service information listings. Any non-profit organization will be able to post a 30-second informational message to explain its community-based services. There will be no charge for this type of listing.

Rates for The Connection are \$1.99 for the first minute and \$.99 for each additional minute connected. Charges will appear on the caller's telephone bill. A preferred rate program is being designed for introduction later in the year.

A special introductory advertiser's rate of \$99.95 for each annual listing on The Connection is available through May 1. That rate includes the 30-second "info-mercial" and one listing in the Laser Information service. After that, listings will cost \$299 annually.

A demonstration of The Connection's capabilities is now available to prospective advertisers and consumers by calling (516) 754-1468, extension 1000. There is no access charge for the demonstration other than normal long distance charges.

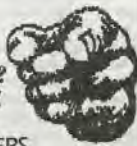
## RALLY FOR WOMEN'S LIVES

On April 5, there will be a rally in Omaha to coincide with the Washington, DC, March For Women's Lives. The rally will be at 2pm in Memorial Park. Why not invite 10 friends to join us? Families are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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## N.H. DEMONSTRATORS ATTACK BUSH ON AIDS, HAITI by Christine Gardner

Thousands of marchers protested President Bush's policies on Haitian refugees and AIDS funding in demonstrations and angry AIDS activist shattered a storefront window at Bush's state campaign headquarters.

More than over 2,000 Haitians and supporters who arrived in buses from Boston and New York marched a mile through downtown Manchester shortly after noon to Bush-Quayle campaign headquarters. The office was closed and no one was inside.

Several protesters carried a 10-foot-long cardboard sailboat to symbolize the plight of Haitian boat people.

The boat's hull read "Democracy's Disgrace" and "15,000 — Stop the Deportations." Protesters shouted, "George Bush, racist," "George Bush, no, democracy Yes," and other slogans.

Some 15,000 Haitians have been detained by the Coast Guard while trying to flee the strife-torn Caribbean nation aboard small boats.

Minutes later, a separate crowd of more than 600 protesters followed the same route, angrily denouncing Bush for not pushing for more AIDS funding and research.

"We're here to tell President Bush and all the presidential candidates that AIDS is a very deadly serious issue that cannot wait any longer," said Michael Petrelis, spokesperson for ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power), which organized the march.

When the crowd reached Bush headquarters, it pushed against the storefront window and shattered the glass. No other violence was reported in either march, and Petrelis said ACT-UP did not plan or condone the action.

Marchers at the front of the march held a black cloth banner reading, "Silence = Death." Other signs read, "Dump Bush" and "Health Care Is a Right."

## ACT UP NEEDS YOU QUEER AMERICA

ACT UP's Presidential Project, the only AIDS/gay group following the presidential campaign trail, is in desperate need of your help. The group is composed of a rag-tag band of activists crisscrossing the queer nation raising our issues in places like Manchester, N.H., Sioux Falls, S.D., Seattle, and your town.

While leaders of the other gay groups were visiting sunny southern California the last week in February, ACT UP was working in blustery Sioux Falls. Among their achievements there: the formation of ACT UP/SD; five zaps of the candidates; the rehiring of a restaurant employee fired for being HIV+; and a highly successful condom distribution at a local high school on the day of a crucial vote in the South Dakota legislature on the "Chastity Bill" (which would eliminate safe sex education statewide in the public schools). While the other groups were working on their tans, ACT UP was working on getting our issues into the news. In fact, during the final countdown to the South Dakota primary, gay and AIDS issues were the lead story three out of three days. Total cost for all of this activity: under \$1,000, less than the price of a first class plane ticket from Washington to San Diego.

But they need your help. Two of the four activists are on disability. The national gay groups have refused to provide them funding. The South Dakota trip was financed by a \$1,000 contribution from a 23-year-old lesbian who wishes to remain anonymous. The Presidential Project is raising our issues in the most unlikely of places, proving to the candidates that we truly are everywhere. This costs money. Your gift of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Rest assured that your donation will not go toward fancy hotel rooms or over-inflated salaries; in fact, not one members gets paid a dime. Your money will go directly toward getting our issues off the lips of the candidates, into the news and onto the minds of Americans everywhere.

Send your donations of cash, frequent flier award certificates, or in kind services to ACT UP Presidential Project, P.O. Box 34673, Martin Luther King Station, Washington, DC 20043-4673 or call (202) 328-AIDS to find out how you can help. If you don't have any cash, an offering of your living room floor and a peanut butter and jelly sandwich will be greatly appreciated. C'mon Queer America, let's put some unity in community.

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## BUSH CAMPAIGN HEAD MEETS WITH NGLTF FOR BRIEFING

by Lisa M. Keen

Officials with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force met February 13 with the head of President Bush's re-election campaign.

The meeting, which took place at Bush campaign headquarters in D.C., is believed to be the first between Gay leaders and the head of an incumbent Republican president's re-election campaign.

Urvashi Vaid, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said that she requested a meeting with Bush campaign director Robert Mosbacher and "senior campaign staff."

While she hoped for a one-hour meeting, she got 25 minutes, said Vaid, who was accompanied by NGLTF press spokesperson Robert Bray, lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic, and former NGLTF Executive Director Jeff Levi. Levi is currently a lobbyist with the AIDS Action Council.

Vaid said she briefed Mosbacher and his assistant, Diane Terpeluk, on several issues, and that she made four specific requests. She asked that President Bush:

- \* have a meeting with Gay leaders,
- \* appoint an openly Gay liaison to his re-election campaign,
- \* visit a Gay community-based AIDS service clinic in Dallas, Texas, and
- \* mention Gays and adult people with AIDS in his future speeches during the campaign.

Vaid and Bray both said they think the meeting went well and that Mosbacher seemed both interested in the issues and startled by information they presented concerning discrimination against Gays.

They also noted that Mosbacher, whose daughter is an open Lesbian who has been involved with a number of Gay organizations, assured them at the start of the meetings that he was not meeting with them "just to keep my daughter happy."

At the meeting, said Vaid, the five-member Gay contingent talked about the Gay civil rights bill in Congress, discrimination against Gays in the military, hate crimes, and other issues.

"One issue was around AIDS," said Vaid. "He asked quite sincerely whether there is a feeling that the president doesn't care."

"We said, 'Yes, there is that feeling,'" recalled Vaid. "...when President Bush talks about health care, he doesn't reference AIDS; and that when he does talk about AIDS, the context is always one of condemning AIDS activists... While it's really great that Barbara Bush visits AIDS clinics, it's really important for the President himself to go visit an AIDS organization."

"We said the President should talk about adult people with AIDS, not just AIDS babies," said Bray. "We also mentioned that, in his State of the Union address, he also left out the mention of sexual orientation when talking about hate crimes," even though he mentioned other categories of groups affected by such attacks.

Vaid said Mosbacher made no promises to respond to any of their specific requests but that

he had his assistant make notes on a number of points. She said he seemed "quite receptive" to the idea of having Bush visit an AIDS clinic in Dallas which is run by an openly Gay Republican man. On the other requests, she said, "he smiled - that's about all."

*The Washington Blade*

*Special Note: Remain on the forefront of these and other important issues by coming out and meeting Peri Jude Radecic in person. Peri is scheduled to appear in Omaha during Pride Week. Watch for further information from ANGLE, who is coordinating this year's activities.*

## BUCHANAN BASHES GAYS

by Lisa M. Keen

Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan has begun airing a television commercial that uses clips from a film documentary about black Gay men and the words "homosexuality, exploited children" to attack the Bush administration.

The Buchanan commercial, which has prompted startled reactions from political observers as well as the Bush-Quayle campaign, uses clips from Marlon Riggs' award-winning film *Tongues Untied* to accuse the Bush administration of supporting "pornographic and blasphemous art" through the National Endowment for the Arts.

The *Atlanta Constitution* newspaper described the Bush camp as "startled" over the airing of the *Tongues Untied* - based ad and "shocked" over its visual images. The paper said the spot begins with footage from *Tongues* "and shows men clad in leather dancing in the streets." The voice-over, reported the *Constitution*, says "This so-called art has glorified homosexuality, exploited children, and perverted the images of Jesus Christ."

Tom DiMaris, executive director of Frameline, which distributes Riggs' film, said yesterday that Buchanan's campaign used the clips without asking permission. He said he and the filmmaker were investigating whether the use violates federal law.

Michael Petrelis, head of the ACT UP Presidential Project, said yesterday that the ad makes clear Buchanan plans to "set Gays up as the Willie Horton" of the 1992 presidential campaign "and use homophobia to attack Bush." He accused the Bush campaign of the same thing last week after Bush supporter Arnold Schwarzenegger, an actor/body builder, referred to the Democratic candidates as a "bunch of girly men."

*The Washington Blade*

## DUKE GOES ON RECORD AGAINST GAYS

by Cheryl L. Coward

David Duke, the former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, flatly stated his opposition to Gays and Gay rights at a press conference where he announced his plans to run for president of the United States.

Duke was heckled by numerous protesters, including a number of Gays, as he announced his candidacy at the National Press Club. Duke is a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives who gained prominent national attention for his recent bids to the Louisiana governor seat and the U.S. Senate. Duke lost both races, but garnered significant political support from some white voters for his opposition to racial hiring quotas, affirmative action practices, and welfare benefits. His critics have accused him of espousing views that have racist underpinnings.

When a reporter at the press conference asked Duke if he would attempt to garner support from Lesbians and Gay men for his campaign, Duke firmly replied, "Nope, I will not."

In response to a question from Gregory King, press spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, Duke elaborated, saying he disapproves of the "lifestyle" Gays lead.

"Frankly I don't endorse the Gay lifestyle," said Duke. "I don't think that's good for the country. I don't think that's good for my children and I resent [homosexuality being] presented as a normal lifestyle for my people in the national media and to my children in the national media."

King pressed Duke about his views on Gays in the military.

"I think if they are openly homosexual I don't see how they should serve in an intimate situation among the same sex," answered Duke. "No, I don't think that they should be allowed to serve in the United States military."

*The Washington Blade*

## FUNDRAISING 900 NUMBER FOR GAY CANDIDATES

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund has become the nation's first organization to utilize new 900-number technology to raise funds for openly gay and lesbian candidates. The Victory Fund, a national donor network committed to financially supporting openly lesbian and gay candidates, is the first to become operational under recent Federal Elections Commission (FEC) approval of 900 numbers by political action committees and candidates.

The number (1-900-678-3863 or 1-900-67V-FUND) allows anyone from anywhere in the U.S. to call and contribute \$19.92 directly to five recommended candidates or to the Victory Fund itself. Callers hear a personal message from the candidate, plus updates on their respective campaigns.

"Empowering small donors to have a major financial impact on our candidates' races is the focus of the Victory Fund," said William Waybourn, executive director. "Because of our community's interest in races that occur around the country, we believe that the 900 number provides an instant boost to qualified candidates," he said.



## H.U.D. ENDS HOLD UP ON AIDS HOUSING MONEY

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will free up \$50 million in AIDS housing money that has been locked in the Department since October, 1991. HUD's action culminates a months-long face-off with AIDS activists over the department's foot-dragging in writing regulations for the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act. The action came on February 10, the same day as a meeting between high-level HUD officials and AIDS Action Council, the AIDS National Interfaith Network (ANIN), and the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts.

"HUD officials told us, 'Stop the letters and phone calls. You won,'" said AIDS Action Executive Director Daniel T. Bross. "This is great news for the many people with AIDS who call housing their biggest problem."

Robert Greenwald of AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts said, "People with AIDS have been frozen out of other HUD programs for years. Now we have a commitment from HUD not only to issue an 'interim rule' by June 1st, but to continue meeting with us on the AIDS housing crisis. We are cautiously optimistic that we will continue to have productive contacts with HUD."

The "interim rule" which will be published in the Federal Register, will function as a request for proposals for housing programs. HUD has promised to turn around applications it receives within thirty days, and to start disbursing funds by September 1992.

Ken South of ANIN said, "Our next step is to get money for this program restored in the FY 93 budget." The FY 93 budget proposed by the President eliminated all funding for AIDS housing. The AIDS Housing Opportunities Act, a component of the Cranston-Gonzalez Affordable Housing Act, passed in 1990. It aims to prevent homelessness among people with AIDS by supporting transitional and permanent community-based housing programs. HUD's stalling was reportedly due to its reluctance to set a precedent with a population-specific program.



## ASPIRIN SLOWS AIDS VIRUS GROWTH

1,000 milligrams of Aspirin per day is effective in retarding the growth of the HIV virus which causes AIDS, according to independent AIDS researcher Howard Armistead. Three regular aspirin tablets, 325 mg. each, taken at 8 hour intervals reduces the body's production of Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) by 80 to 90%. TNF is a co-factor in the production of the HIV virus due to its action in up-regulating or increasing virus production.

Although as little as one aspirin a day has an effect in reducing TNF and HIV growth, 1,000 to 1,500 milligrams of aspirin may be the preferential dosage to reduce side effects while achieving TNF reduction. Through a series of immunological reactions, TNF reduction and its subsequent effects on interleukin 2 and gamma and alpha interferon results in both an increase in T<sub>H</sub> blood cell count, T<sub>H</sub> blood cell percentage of leukocyte cell counts, and a partial restoration of the T<sub>H</sub>/T<sub>H</sub> ratio balance among immune blood cells.

As an immunological booster, aspirin increases the bodily production of interferon-gamma, interferon-alpha, and interleukin-2, and reduces the production of the cancer promoter prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub>. The first three of these four blood factors have all been mentioned as potential treatments for AIDS, with laboratory produced versions currently undergoing tests in HIV patients. The fourth, prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> is considered a significant promoter in the growth of many cancers.

Mr. Armistead discovered aspirin's positive effect while participating in The National Institute of Health's Multi-centered AIDS Cohort Study at UCLA. Mr. Armistead began taking aspirin in response to an article in the August 17th edition of *AIDS Treatment News* which questioned if aspirin had any effect on HIV disease. After experiencing a 57% increase in average T<sub>H</sub> cell counts and a 40.4% increase in average T<sub>H</sub>/T<sub>H</sub> cell count ratio, Mr. Armistead did intensive academic research at the University of Southern California Medical School Library where he connected the known scientific phenomena that aspirin reduces Tumor Necrosis Factor and Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> and the fact that Tumor Necrosis Factor is the immune factor that increases HIV virus production.

This report is the first known experimental evidence that has shown aspirin effective against HIV. Mr. Armistead plans to present a scientific paper detailing the experiment and the theory that supports it at the next International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands in July 1992. The author urges the medical community to undertake an immediate comprehensive study of the effects of aspirin and indomethacin on HIV progression.

## RAMBLING THOUGHTS FROM A PLWA

by Ron

I don't have an agenda for this article. Nor am I going to expel any profound knowledge about HIV/AIDS. I simply want to share with you some feeling that I am experiencing today, feelings that I have experienced many times before.

I become overwhelmed with sadness when a friend loses the battle with this terrible disease, as has happened in the past month. My sadness is always coupled with much anger and the unanswered question "why?"

To date, nine of my friends or acquaintances have succumbed to this disease, not to mention many others I knew in passing. Now, I know this is not a large number (although, for me, one is too many) when compared to the losses of those who have lived in larger cities such as New York, San Francisco, and the like; but this is Omaha, Nebraska, where many people still mistakenly believe that AIDS does not exist.

With my sadness and anger, my biggest emotional enemy - fear - comes to visit me. I truly hate him and what he signifies to me: wondering if I, too, will be another statistic and, if so, when? I must always chase him away quickly, as there is no room for him in my life today.

And again the same questions come to light each time I grieve the death of a friend. Can I do more for myself? Can I do more for others? Can I do more for the fight against AIDS?

And those answers will come, I know. They always do.

In the meantime, I say to myself and to all my HIV/AIDS challenged brothers and sisters: hang in there. Tomorrow's another day and maybe with it will come the cure. Maybe tomorrow we dance in the streets. And if not, at least let tomorrow give us the hope and strength we need to reach for the next tomorrow.

And remember, a lot of our strength and healing comes from just loving one another.

Thanks for being there.

## GAY PASTOR DIES

The Rev. Paul M. Abels, pastor of the Washington Square United Methodist Church in New York City and the nation's first openly gay pastor with a congregation in a major Christian denomination, has died of AIDS. He was 54.

## PROJECT PENTAMIDINE MOVES

Aerosol Pentamidine, a treatment that prevents pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) in HIV-positive individuals continues to be available for only \$59 per 300mg dose. (The U.S. product is priced between \$100 and \$149.50 per 300mg dose, which does not include the cost of administering the drug via a nebulizer in a clinic or doctor's office!)

Individuals, physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, and clinics are encouraged to contact us at our NEW address: Project Pentamidine, attn: Jack Erdmann, Director, 976 Vernal Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941-4445. Phone: (415) 388-2105. Fax: (415) 388-4745.



# 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 St Mary Lincoln 68502, 471-8065, Testing, counseling.

Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center, AIDS education to health care professionals. 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.

Nebr 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.

Nebr. 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., Gering, NE 69341, (308) 635-3866.

Veterans Admin Medical Center, 42 & Woolworth, Omaha, 346-8800; Dean Pierce, x 4119

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

## LEGAL

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

Nebr 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 Cecelia 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 & confidentiality before testing.

Charles Drew Health Center, 2201 N. 30, Omaha, 68111, (402) 453-1433.

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

Equilibria Medical Center, 544 S. 24, Omaha, 68102. Call (402) 345-2252.

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

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept., 2200 St Marys Ave, Lincoln, 68502. (402) 471-8065. Alternate test site available 2nd Tuesday.

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.

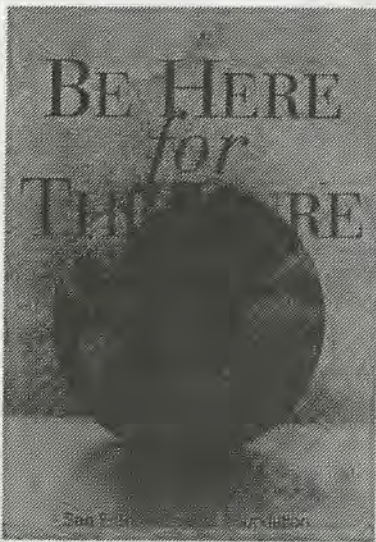
Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha. Individual counseling, support groups in confidential locations. (402) 342-4233.

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.

## HIV+ EARLY CARE CAMPAIGN



A hopeful image of the earth resting in a radiant gold setting is the icon for SFAF's innovative advertising campaign targeted at HIV positive people. The "Be Here for the Cure" campaign was launched in late January 1992. The multifaceted education campaign - the first of its kind in the nation - promotes early health care and treatment for all people who are infected with HIV. The San Francisco Department of Public Health estimates that 28,000 city residents are currently HIV positive.

Research indicates that the earlier people begin monitoring their health and receiving preventive treatments, the longer they can delay HIV disease symptoms and the longer they can live - perhaps until "the cure" is developed and the HIV pandemic finally comes to an end. The cure for HIV disease will most likely include a range of preventive and therapeutic treatments, rather than a single "magic bullet" to wipe out the infection.

The "Be Here for the Cure" ad is intended to motivate HIV positive people to seek health care immediately and/or to call one of the HIV hotlines for information or referrals.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, April 2-Friday, April 3**  
Films of Barbara Hammer, Lesbian Feminist,  
Ross Film Theater, Sheldon Gallery, Lincoln,  
UNL Campus, Info (402) 472-5353

**THURSDAY, April 2**  
SHOUT Meeting, "March on DC 93"  
Kearney, call for info

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

**FRIDAY, April 3**  
Metro's Six Month Anniversary Party,  
Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha

**SATURDAY, April 4**  
Gay/Lesbian Coalition 1st Saturday Event, 7-  
10pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln

**SUNDAY, April 5**  
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS !!

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

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 6:30pm  
Omaha, Call for location: 558-8121

Omaha Meatpackers Benefit Show at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

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

Bi-PALS (BiSexual People, Alternate Life  
Styles), Open to all sexes. Meet at the  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln. 7:30pm

**TUESDAY, April 7**  
Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, 6:30pm  
Call for info: (308)234-6500.

Beverly Barbo, Author of *The Walking Wounded*,  
UNO Milo Bail Student Cntr Ballroom, 7-9pm  
Presented by UNO Gay/Lesbian Student  
Organization (GLSO) and United Christian  
Ministries in Higher Education (UCMHE) No  
admission. The community is invited. Donations  
welcome. 558-8121 for more information.

A.N.G.L.E. Meeting, (Special Meeting Notice)  
immediately following Beverly Barbo's  
presentation ANGLE will meet at 9pm in Omaha  
Room, Milo Bail Student Center, UNO, Omaha

**WEDNESDAY, April 8**  
Affirmation Day, Univof Nebraska at Lincoln,  
Speakers include Jean Durgin-Clinchard

Lesbian, Gay, Multicultural Book Discussion  
Arbor Moon, 1448 E, Lincoln, 489-4634 7pm

Celebrate Stosh's 50th Birthday at The MAX,  
1417 Jackson, Omaha

**THURSDAY, April 9**  
Whomys Video Showing, Arbor Moon 1448  
"E", Lincoln, 7pm, For info: 489-4634

Paul Lekakis sings Live at the Metro,  
1516 Jones, Omaha

**FRIDAY, April 10**  
Deadline for articles, art work, advertising  
for the May issue of *The New Voice*

**SATURDAY, April 11**  
P-FLAG Youth Support Group for gay,  
lesbian, bi youth 13-21, Omaha, 291-6781

"Part of My World" by Sammi Bennett, 10pm,  
Triangle Bar, Polk and Railroad Ave. Send  
Sammi to Miss Gay Nebraska America.

**SUNDAY, April 12**  
Omaha Men (OMEN) meeting, 1:30pm.  
Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha 68103

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha,  
Dr. Cleve Evans speaks on "Older Gay  
Couples & Their Lifestyle" 1st Methodist,  
7020 Cass, West Entrance, 291-6781, 2pm

Those Hot Arizona Men Entertain at The  
MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

"A Night With Royalty 2" starring  
Miss America '89 Vickie Vincent,  
The Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha

**MONDAY, April 13**  
AIDS Interfaith Prayer/Healing Service, 7pm  
St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, 701 N. 40, Omaha

**TUESDAY, April 14**  
Free & Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster  
County Public Health Department, 5 - 7 p.m.  
The Panic, 18th & N Streets, Lincoln

**WEDNESDAY, April 15**  
Applications for Emperor, Empress, Athena  
of ICON must be postmarked by this date.

**THURSDAY, April 16**  
Seder Service and Kosher Potluck, 7pm,  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24, To sign up 345-2563

Carl Thomas, Adult Movie Star Performs at  
The Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha, 11pm

**FRIDAY, April 17**  
Good Friday Services, 7pm, MCC-Omaha,  
420 S. 24, 345-2563

Carl Thomas, Adult Movie Star Performs at  
The Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha, Appears  
during Happy Hour and again at 11pm

36 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins at Midnight and  
continues until 6am Sunday morning, MCC-  
Omaha, 420 S. 24, 345-2563

**SATURDAY, April 18**  
Feast of the Passover

Prayer Vigil Continues,  
MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th, 345-2563

**SUNDAY, April 19**  
EASTER SUNDAY Ecumenical Sunrise  
Services, Central Park Mall, Northeast Corner  
by Stone Steps, 6:30am

Easter Worship Services, 10:20 am,  
We've Outgrown Our Sanctuary So Easter  
Morning Services will be Held at Room 503,  
The Center Mall, 42nd & Center, 10:20 a.m.,  
MCC-Omaha. For More Info, Call 345-2563

Marilyn St. James performs with Omaha's  
Hottest at the MAX, 1417 Jackson, 9:30pm

**MONDAY, April 20**  
Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 6:30pm  
Omaha, Call for location: 558-8121

**TUESDAY, April 21**  
Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, 7:30pm  
Call for info: (308)234-6500.

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

March on Washington "DC93" Organizational  
Meeting, 7pm, Call for information 451-7987

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

**THURSDAY, April 23**  
Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business Mtg,  
Rm 342, Nebraska Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

**SATURDAY, April 25**  
P-FLAG Youth Support Group for gay,  
lesbian, bi youth 13 to 21, Omaha, 291-6781

River City Gender Alliance, For Cross Dress  
community. All welcome. No sexual  
encounters, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

Applications for Closet Ball must be  
postmarked by this date.

**SUNDAY, April 26**  
River City Mixed Chorus Mini-Concert, Lowe  
Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40, Omaha, 9:30am

Breakfast at the MAX, Hosted by ANGLE,  
All You Care to Eat \$5, 11:30am-1:30pm, The  
MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, Pride benefit

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

An Evening of Fun With Phoenix Fallentino  
and Sharon at The Chesterfield, 1921 St.  
Marys, Proceeds to MCC-Omaha and ICON

Jimmy James performs as Patsy Cline,  
The Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha

Tony, Chase, and the men of Male Order return  
to The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

**MONDAY, April 27**  
Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Network Service,  
St. Marks, UNL Campus, 13th & R, 7pm

**TUESDAY, April 28**  
P-FLAG-Lincoln Chapter, 7pm,  
Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', 435-4688, Youth  
meet in own session at same time

QUEER NATION Monthly Meeting, 8:30pm  
Call for information 451-7987



# REGIONAL NEWS

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church  
420 S. 24 Street, Omaha, 345-2563.  
Workshop 10:20am, Communion Service 7pm

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

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous for Gay/Lesbian, Open Meeting 12noon (308)234-6500

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

### MONDAY

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

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

### TUESDAY

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

SHOUT Support/Discussion Group, 7pm  
Kearney meetings (308) 234-6500

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 Information Line: 475-2437

SHOUT Support/Discussion Group, Meets in  
Grand Island/Hastings alternating  
Call: (308) 234-6500

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 7:30pm  
14 & R, Nebr Union, Women Resourc Center

### THURSDAY

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association, 8pm  
Rm 342, Nebr Union, UNL Campus, Lincoln

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

## ALMA AND CHACHI BEGIN NEW VENTURE/NEW HOURS

Alma and ChaChi have announced the opening of their new thrift store, The Thrift Inn, located just west of the Leavenworth Cafe. The Thrift Store will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You are all invited to stop by the store and see what treasures they have there.

The Chesterfield at 1921 St. Marys will now be open from 5p.m. to 1a.m., Monday through Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday they will be open from 3p.m. to 1a.m.

## IN THE TRENCHES OF SOUTH DAKOTA

By Stephen J. Smith

*D.C. activists Stephen J. Smith and Michael Petrelis have been following the presidential candidates to question them on AIDS and Gay issues. Here's a look at their activities in South Dakota.*

**Feb. 22, Saturday, 11:20 a.m.:** We're met at the Minneapolis airport by Tim Campbell, publisher of the *GLC Voice*, and his dog, Smitty. At his home we met Steve and Wayne from Seattle. The five of us set out for the five-hour drive to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Tim's car is packed with a Mac computer, a fax machine, and various other things that queers need to go away for four days of activism. What we really need is a U-Haul.

We arrive at the Sioux Falls home of Don, Larry, Dwayne, and Richard. There were no hotels available so we called the gay bar which put us in touch with Don, pastor of the Sioux Falls MCC, who offered to put us up. After dinner and showers, we go to the bar. I'm quite surprised. It's packed, the music is good, and the boys are hot, sporting fashion and good haircuts. Steve makes an announcement over the sound system. Bill Clinton is having a rally and we're going to disrupt it. We'll meet here tomorrow at 2 p.m.

**Sunday, 2 p.m.:** We drop by the bar to see who shows—two people. Better than I expected. One comes with us, the other is afraid and stays behind.

Clinton arrives at the airport and makes a short speech. Petrelis starts screaming, "When are you going to talk about AIDS? We want a cure for AIDS!" The rest of us chime in. Clinton is ready. After New Hampshire, he's boned up on the issue. He says he has a plan for AIDS, including the implementation of the National Commission recommendations. He says good stuff. We applaud, the crowd applauds.

Not only is this crowd of Clinton supporters not angry with us for screaming at him, they come over and ask us if we like what he has to say. I walk over to Clinton to thank him. As we shake hands, he says, "Once you've buried two or three friends as I have, you never forget it."

We split up to get into the Democratic debate that night. I don't bother going, since I figure they'll spot me a mile away. Security stops Petrelis, but Steve, Wayne, and Larry make it in. As the debate is ending they stand up and yell "What about AIDS?" The candidates ignore them.

**Monday, noon:** We hold a kiss-in at Harkin's office because he stinks on our issues and he won't cosponsor the Gay civil rights bill. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force gave him a 92 percent rating; the Human Rights Campaign Fund gave him an A. His staff constantly uses this against us.

ACT UP/South Dakota does its first condom distribution at a high school this afternoon. As usual, the kids love it, the administrators hate it. Later that evening, once again, we are the lead story on all three TV stations.

While waiting to be seated at Minerva's Restaurant, a couple comes up to us and says "Haven't we seen you on the news?" We laugh and say yes. It turns out they are members of Clinton's advance team. They laugh and say we've been on the news in South Dakota more than the candidates. One of them commends us on doing a fine job here and in New Hampshire.

We finally are seated, right next to Harkin's table! On the way over, we pass candidate Larry Agran's table. We go over in pairs and introduce ourselves. Agran is dining with Cynthia Strom, part of his South Dakota team, and her husband. Strom asks us for an ACT UP hat. We give her one and she puts it on. Agran also puts one on.

Once we're back at the table we start loudly criticizing Harkin for his anti-Gay stands. Larry, Wayne, and Steve had just zapped him three hours earlier at a rally about 50 miles outside of Sioux Falls. Harkin and his party get up and leave about halfway through their meal. As they file out, Petrelis chastises his guests for eating with such a homophobe. Later the whole bar cheers when the news report comes on about the condom distribution. Harkin is live on KDLT, everyone boos.

Later we drive to the *Argus Leader* to get the paper as it comes out. Petrelis is on the front page. It's a great article, right above the one that says the state legislature has approved a "chastity bill" which would require schools to teach abstinence rather than safe sex.

**Primary Day, 7:40 a.m.:** We get to the courthouse where Harkin will greet voters. Gaggles of news media are on hand. One of Harkin's token Gays is there, too. He tries to talk us into leaving Harkin alone. Once again, we hear about that Task Force rating.

Harkin arrives. He holds a press conference, amid shouts of "Why aren't you a cosponsor?" and "Why did you cut the Ryan White CARE Act by \$600 million?" He doesn't answer us. After the zap, we head to the Village Inn for breakfast. A construction worker stops by our table to introduce himself. He's seen us on the news. After we chat for several minutes, he tells us he supports what we're doing. He also says he was going to vote for Harkin, but now he's changed his mind.

South Dakota is wonderful. Not once have we experienced a shred of homophobia or hostility. Our voices were being heard. The voices of queers. The voices of people with AIDS.

ACT UP/South Dakota is off to a great start. Steve and Wayne are off to the Washington caucuses, and Michael and I are heading back to Maryland. Hopefully, we can raise enough money to carry on this very successful campaign. HRCF and NGLTF haven't given us any of their millions. As usual, while we are in the trenches scraping up a quarter to call Associated Press, faxing releases, tracking the candidates, pressing our questions, gaining visibility, the Gay leaders sit inside the beltway protecting their lavender incumbencies. I think it's time to call term limitations. Like Jerry Brown says, it's time to tear down the old system and build a new one. We're not getting money from the Gay groups, but we accept it from queer citizens. Just call (202) 328-AIDS. Unlike Brown, however, we accept contributions over \$100.

**REMEMBER, APPLICATIONS  
FOR EMPEROR, EMPRESS,  
ATHENA OF ICON MUST BE  
POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15.  
CLOSET BALL BY APRIL 25.**



# M E T

1516 Jones

Friday, April 3

6 Month Anniversary  
Celebration

Special Guest,  
Kathy Kline

Drink Specials

Surprises  
All Night Long



Sunday April 12

"A Night Of Royalty 2"

Vickie Vincent  
Miss Gay America 1989



Sunday April 26

Jimmy James

If you thought his Marylyn was great,  
this time he is **Patsy Cline!**

*Call for a table*



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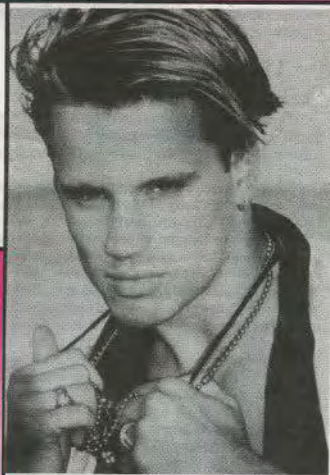
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Thursday, April 9

Paul Lekakis

sings

"Boom Boom Boom Let's Go Back To My Room"



Thursday and Friday April 16 & 17

Carl Thomas

You've seen him on tape and in print... now see him in the flesh at the METRO

*HOT...HOT...HOT...HOT...HOT...HOT...HOT...HOT*



# REGIONAL NEWS

## KANSAS CITY MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON GAY/LESBIAN CONCERNS COMPLETES REPORT

The Mayor's Commission on Lesbian and Gay Concerns presented a 127 page document to Mayor Emanuel Cleaver on January 8. Formed at the request of the mayor in late June, 1991, the Commission was charged with the task of reporting on the "economic, social, and cultural status of Lesbians and Gay men and to make recommendations based on these findings."

The report is entitled "Breaking the Cycle of Discrimination" and includes detailed recommendations to the Mayor, governmental bodies, the general community, and the gay and lesbian community. It puts forth the theory that there is a self-perpetuating cycle of invisibility and isolation for gay people which leads to stereotyping and bigotry resulting in discrimination and violence which encourages more invisibility and isolation. The report suggests that only through education and higher visibility will this cycle be broken. Of primary significance is the report's recommendation to the Mayor of the passage of an ordinance protecting lesbians and gays and those perceived to be lesbian and gay from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations."

The report includes a section of Religion and Spirituality which states that "the Commission heard testimony that 'It is religion that is the chief oppressor of homosexual persons.' There is enough evidence to make that a plausible claim. There can be no doubt that much of the organized opposition ...has come from individuals motivated by or spurred on by religious beliefs."

Complete copies of the commission report may be ordered through the city's duplicating department by calling (816) 274-2576. Copies are prepared to order at \$12.50 each. A summarized version of the report is available for \$2.50 through the Kansas City Human Rights Project, 4051 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111.

## LESBIAN IN YANKTON LOSES CUSTODY OF SONS

The South Dakota Supreme Court overturned an earlier decision which allowed Lisa Chicoine, a divorced lesbian, to have her sons for overnight visits.

Circuit Judge Jay Tapken of Yankton originally awarded custody of the two children to the father, Michael Chicoine, in 1989.

But Tapken's ruling did allow the mother to have the boys, now ages 4 and 5, every other weekend, three weeks in the summer, and on designated holidays. Tapken also specified no unrelated females or homosexual males could be in Lisa's home when her children were there.

According to the Associated Press, the Chicoines divorced after she had several "non-discreet" lesbian affairs. He then appealed to the SD Supreme Court, arguing that the "children's development will be harmed by the continued exposure to Lisa's homosexual lifestyle."

Reprinted from *The Progress Tribune*

## KC PROFESSIONALS FORM GROUP TO NETWORK AND FUNDRAISE

A new group for professionals has formed in Kansas City. APT (Alternate Professionals Together) was formed for the purpose of professional networking, social contacts, and community fundraising efforts. The non-profit group hopes to raise funds for causes within the Gay/Lesbian community but also for wider community concerns, such as the Red Cross and the Mayors Christmas Tree Fund, in the name of the Gay/Lesbian community.

APT hopes to involve people who may not otherwise be involved in the political and social arena of the community because they feel their lives are more widely defined beyond their sexual identity. Monthly meetings are open to Gay and Lesbian professionals, either degreed or non-degreed. The membership fee is \$100.

Those interested in the group can write: Alternate Professionals Together (APT), 10308 Metcalf - Suite 128, Overland Park, KS 66212-1804.

Reprinted from *Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph*

## PHOENIX BOOKS IN KC

Phoenix Books, Kansas City's largest Women's Book Store, has moved to a larger, less expensive location. They are now located at 317 Westport Road, the former location of Westport Video. Next time you're in Kansas City, check them out for books and jewelry.

Reprinted from *Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph*

## KGLE MEETS ACLU

By Donna Stanger

Saturday, February 1st, Kansans for Gay and Lesbian Equality (KGLLE) representatives from Newton, Topeka, and Wichita met with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Kansas chapter at Washburn University to garner the ACLU's support for the newly formed KGLE, and it's main purposes: repealing same-sex consensual adult sodomy laws, and providing equal opportunity in all facets of life to the Gay and Lesbian people of Kansas.

The meeting proved to be a productive one with many beneficial ideas offered. Ideas included trying to pass such legislation in conjunction with an entire revamp of the state's sodomy statutes. There were also strategies for lobbying with particular legislators who might be persuaded to help pass favorable new legislation, tips on how, and when, to call for a vote on such controversial legislation during an election year.

If you would like to become part of KGLE, call (913)354-1319 in the Topeka area or (316)265-4488 in the Wichita area. KGLE invites you to become involved.

Reprinted from *Signals*.

## MCC OF CEDAR RAPIDS SEXUALITY PROGRAM

Author of "I Had Sex With the Presbyterians and It Was Awful!", Sylvia Thorson Smith, will appear at Church of New Hope MCC in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Ms. Smith, lecturer for Sociology and Religion Studies at Grinnell College and for Women's Studies at Wichita State, will participate in an all day sexuality program. Ms. Smith is co-author of the controversial Sexuality Report for the Presbyterian Church.

Reprinted from *AccessLine*

## ARAMIS IS SIOUX CITY'S MISS 3 CHEERS '92

"We were more relaxed this year, like we didn't care who won. There was a closeness—a bond that's hard to explain." That was how Aramis described the atmosphere after she was crowned Miss 3 Cheers '92 at the Sioux City pageant held January 11. "I'd like to take this year to promote the bar and strive to build better relationships within the community," said Aramis. "My one goal is to start a coalition here in Sioux City."

Other competitors for Miss 3 Cheers '92 included Jessica, August, Celeste, and Amber. Celeste was named Princess.

Miss Porsche kicked things off that evening with her "nurse Karen" comedy skit. Miss Vanilla was MC. Special guests from Omaha judged contestants in 5 categories: male interview, contemporary sportswear, presentation, talent, and evening wear.

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## RAINBOW AWARDS IN KC

More than 400 people attended Kansas City's first Rainbow Awards ceremony January 26 at the Grenada Theater, according to organizers. The awards recognize "unsung heroes" in the community for their time and talents. They plan to produce an even larger show next year and may add a new category for national Lesbian and Gay organizations.

Winners are: Outstanding Achievement — Gay/Lesbian Pride/Picnic (GALA92/GLSN); Best Male Bartender — Eric Threat (The Other Side); Best Female Bartender — Tawny (Sara B's); Best DJ — BJ the DJ (Edge); Best Business — Phoenix Books; Best Organization — Good Samaritan Project; Best Columnist — Chuck Sauls (Pitch); Best Publication — Alternate News; Education Award — Condom Crusaders (GLSN); Humanitarian Award — Rev. John Barbonne (MCC-KC); Lifetime Achievement — Stephen J. Walker; Best Actor — Mark Manning; Best Actress — Missy Koonce; Best Civic Leader — Mayor Emanuel Cleaver; Best Local Personality — KC Trollops; Best Male Vocalist — Heartland Men's Chorus; Best Female Vocalist — Roz Smith; Best Female Impersonator — Sandy Kaye; Entertainer of the Year — Sandy Kaye; Best Gay Bar/Lesbian Bar — The Edge/Tootsies; Gay Man of the Year — Jon Barnett; Lesbian of the Year — Linda May.

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## KGRA REPORT

The Kansas Gay Rodeo Association (KGRA) is continuing with preparations for both rodeos it is involved with - The Great Plains Regional Rodeo (GPRR) - in Oklahoma City on Memorial Day weekend, and GPRR - Wichita, on July 31, August 1 & 2. The planning for both rodeos is well advanced.

At its regular February meeting, the KGRA membership scheduled its annual Shindig party and fundraiser for Saturday and Sunday, June 13 & 14, during Wichita's Pride Celebration. This is the first year that it is being held in conjunction with that annual event.

For more information about Gay Rodeo or KGRA, write to KGRA at PO Box 16703, Wichita, KS 67216 or call (316)682-5494.

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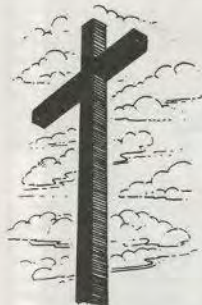
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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

During the month of February the Nebraska AIDS Project had a visitor from AID Greater Des Moines, a newly organized AIDS Service Organization that serves a five country area in and around Des Moines. Kirk Bragg was hired as the organization's first case manager last fall. Sue Dolphin, Project Coordinator of the Primary Care Center at Broadlawn Medical Center accompanied Kirk on the NAP visit.

Patrick and Judith enjoyed networking, and sharing valuable social work experiences. It was nice to make a connection, and to know where to turn to locate services in Central Iowa. Good luck to our colleagues in Iowa.

NAP also contracted with The Nebraska Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation to provide clerical support for a 90 day trial period with the possibility of extension. The Chapter office is being housed at NAP for the duration of this three month period.

The National Hemophilia Foundation is dedicated to the treatment and the cure of hemophilia, related bleeding disorders and complications of those disorders or their treatment, including HIV infection, as well as to improving the quality of all those affected through the promotion and support of research, education, and other services.

NAP is happy to be working more closely with the Nebraska Chapter of NHF, and hopefully coordinate our HIV education efforts as well as serving the sector of the hemophilia community directly challenged by HIV.

The NAP staff is very pleased to now have a Volunteer Coordinator. Rodney Shuey will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. coordinating practical support volunteers and PWA events.

Rodney's abilities and previous work experience make him well qualified to manage the Omaha volunteer activities. In addition, this will allow Patrick and Judith more time to devote to their case management duties. Welcome to NAP, Rodney, we're glad you're here.

Suzie Miller Schoen is the NAP case manager for persons in Lincoln and surrounding areas who are HIV+ or are living with AIDS.

Suzie provides information and referrals, coordinates volunteer programs and educational events. If you are in the Lincoln area and are in need of support services, Suzie can be reached by calling (402) 474-4243.

NAP Case Management Census	Feb. 1992
Open Cases as of 2/1/92	168
New Cases	7
Clients Deceased	1
Clients moved from state (case closed)	1
Open Cases as of 2/29/92	173
Client Services Provided in February, 1992	
Advocacy	167
Transportation	154
Shopping, Cooking, etc.	133

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

If you would like to volunteer, call the Nebraska AIDS Project for an application.

## P-FLAG OMAHA NEWS

Last spring we had the privilege of beginning a support group for youth who may be questioning their own sexuality, that of a friend, or just having questions about a subject so few of us are able to discuss openly and without judgment. Part of this came about as the result of several members who have attended a series of workshops on lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth held during late February in Des Moines the last three years. While our steps can be measured in inches to date, it is exciting to see what progress we have made with the schools, in the community, and in our own lives.

Many parents who come to or contact PFLAG have learned of their child's sexuality after he or she has left home to establish a career, family, and home of their own. While the youth support group may help adolescents sort out their feelings and relationships, PFLAG is a safe and welcoming place for parents to meet and talk about their families and friends. During our March meeting, Neva lead a discussion about some of the library resources that folks have found most helpful in their searching and studying about issues of sexuality. We have a small but good collection of books, pamphlets, videos, and cassettes to share with families and friends. Reading and discussion, during monthly meetings or over the helpline phone, can be part of one's personal growth and awareness of diversity in our families and communities. Many of us can only imagine the bewilderment or frustration and stress that may have been a part of our young person's late adolescent years. We cannot relate to the ideas of successful, long term gay, lesbian or bisexual relationships because we see few role models. Partners and individuals are often "closeted" and not well known or discussed out of "the family." Cleve Evans, a professor of Psychology and Human Sexuality at Bellevue College will be talking about older gay couples and their lives at our April 12th meeting (2 p.m., First Methodist Church, Classroom under Meade Chapel). Join us! Bring a parent and/or friend — for more information, call 291-6781.

## DAVE HUSTAK IN THE FLESH

By Blake

The photographic images of Dave Hustak are designed to "stir something up" in the mind of the viewer. "From what people think about my work, that's what tells you they are like, what society has taught them about stereotypes and body image," Hustak said in an interview to promote his one man show *In the Flesh* at the Antiquarium April 4-30.

Hustak's work utilizes the human form as a composition of shape, and is not intended to be sexual. "A penis is no different than a hand," Hustak stated, "it's what we do with the image in our mind that makes it sexual. Hustak's work has been called controversial and political, however Hustak does not see his work as a political statement. "My photographs are not political to me," he said. "The viewer can see it anyway he or she wants to. But in our society, it is political because we are so uncomfortable with the human body. People struggling with their sexuality have a hard time with my work." Hustak uses the human form for his work because the "possibilities are endless."

He said that the human body can be manipulated and posed, whereas a bowl of fruit, for example, cannot. "My work is an interaction between the model and the artist," Hustak said. "The emotional connection effects the outcome."

Hustak does not think of himself as a gay artist, but as an artist who happens to be gay, although many heterosexual artists are afraid to do what he does because there is a label attached. Hustak's philosophy is to be open and not to back down, which shows in the bold images of his work.

*In the Flesh*, photographic images by Dave Hustak, April 4-30, 1992, at the Antiquarium. Opening reception is Saturday, April 4, 7-11 pm.





# LOCAL NEWS

## A NEW ANGLE ON PRIDE UPDATE!

Have you made your plans to attend A NEW ANGLE ON PRIDE, Friday, June 19, at Ramada Inn Airport, Abbott Drive & Locust. That evening three of Omaha's largest gay/lesbian organizations collaborate for one event-- the Second Annual Recognition Banquet of A.N.G.L.E.—Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors; a special free concert for the community by the River City Mixed Chorus; and the Imperial Court of Nebraska's Out-of-Towners' Show.

You'll experience three big events—unified for the first time! Here's the schedule:

6:00 p.m. Social Hour (cash bar)

7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner

8:00 p.m. A.N.G.L.E. Recognition Ceremony with featured speaker Ms. Peri Jude Radecic

9:15 p.m. River City Mixed Chorus GALA Festival Concert

10:00 p.m. Imperial Court of Nebraska's Out-of-Towners' Show

The evening begins with a social hour, where you can meet your friends and make new ones. Following that, enjoy a delicious buffet dinner. Then, the Second Annual A.N.G.L.E. Recognition Ceremony, honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to the gay and lesbian community. Following the ceremony, the featured speaker will be Ms. Peri Jude Radecic, Legislative Assistant for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C.

RCMC will perform the music set they'll be taking to the International GALA Chorus Festival in Denver. Seventy-five mixed, women's and men's choruses from around the world will be attending the Festival, and RCMC will be representing Nebraska! Experience this exciting performance by the music ambassadors of Omaha's gay and lesbian community!

One of the oldest organizations in our community ICON will be kicking off its Pride Week Activities by welcoming participating Courts from Texas, Iowa, and Colorado, to name a few. Come and see your local celebrities mingle with some of the best from out of town.

Don't miss this first-time triple-header event in Omaha! Mark Friday, June 19, on your calendar now. Single-price tickets for the entire evening at \$15 per person are available by phoning the A.N.G.L.E. Information and Referral Line at (402) 558-5303. Or you may attend the evening's RCMC Concert absolutely free; phone 558-5303 for information. Join in the effort to demonstrate what a proud, strong, and powerful community we are! For more information about A NEW ANGLE ON PRIDE, phone the Information Line or write A.N.G.L.E., P.O.Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131.

## IOWA PRIDE PLANS '92

By Dave Hays

Iowa's 1992 Lesbian and Gay Pride activities will expand to a month of special events in at least four cities. With a statewide theme of "Pride in the Heartland" and activities planned for each weekend in June, it is hoped more people throughout Iowa and the Midwest will participate. Individuals, organizations, and musical groups from Iowa and neighboring states are being invited to participate in a Des Moines parade on Saturday, June 6, to kick off Iowa's Pride in The Heartland Month. A downtown parade route is being planned and possibilities are being explored for a block party or festival. For the first time a statewide panel of judges will review parade entries and offer awards in three categories: walking or marching units, entries on wheels (motorized or non-motorized), and "Most Original or Unique Costume/Apparel." Saturday, June 13, a "homecoming" picnic will be held in the Waterloo area of northeast Iowa. Former Iowans are invited to join in a reunion with friends from across Iowa. Major events are being outlined for Dubuque and Iowa City on the remaining weekends in June. In addition, activities are expected to be held in other Iowa cities during the month.

## LIVE FROM THE METRO

By Jesse Conyers

Well, considering this is my first column, I should introduce myself. My name is Jesse Conyers and I am the new show director of the Metro. My goal is to have excitingly diverse shows at the Metro. In the upcoming months you will see a wide variety of quality entertainers take to our stage. Shows will vary from nationally acclaimed female impersonators and hot male strippers to live bands and singers. There is an enormous amount of talent in this country and we would like to tap into it and bring as much of that talent as we can to our stage.

If you have any suggestions for shows, feel free to talk to me, or drop your idea into our new suggestion box.

Did you hear the story about the country singer, the drag queen, and the male stripper? Well, they were at the Metro on March 12th, and they were called "Live From Nashville." It was an exciting show filled with a mix of comedy, live music, and near-naked men!

Our first big party in April is our six month anniversary party on Friday, April 3. There will be drink specials, guest entertainment, and many more surprises.

Be prepared to party hard, for this will be a bash to remember! We have had six great months and there's no stopping us now!

On Thursday, April 9, will be Paul Lekakis. He is a live singer. His biggest hit is "Boom, Boom, Boom, Let's Go Back To My Room." You will recognize his other hits when you hear them.

Be sure to check our "A Night of Royalty 2" with Miss America 1989, Vickie Vincent, on Sunday, April 12. She is the second Miss America in two months to grace our stage. I'm sure she won't be the last, either!

If you like porno stars, you must come down on Thursday and Friday, April 16 and 17. Direct from San Antonio is Carl Thomas, star of numerous adult movies and magazines. He'll perform at 11 p.m. on Thursday night and then again for Friday Happy Hour and again at 11 p.m. Check out his picture when you enter our bar.

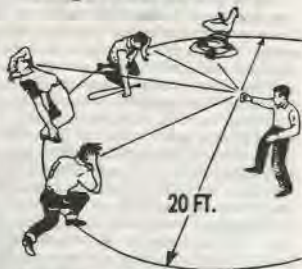
Sunday, April 26, Jimmy James will be back for an encore performance. This time, instead of Marilyn Monroe, he'll be doing Patsy Cline live. He has performed on every talk show nationwide, and has amazed audiences around the world.

Rumor has it there may be a Miss Metro Contest in the spring/summer. Stay tuned for details.

Well, till next month, remember, support our community and support all our bars. Without your support, we are nothing.

Peace, J.C.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## A.N.G.L.E.'S INFORMATION AND REFERRAL LINE CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY: A Week In The Life Of A Phone-Line Answerer

by Carla P.

Wednesday, April 1992, the A.N.G.L.E. Information and Referral Line celebrated its first year in operation. To thank those who helped with the line—those who initiated its beginning, as well as those who worked through community organization or who donated privately to fund the line and publicize the line and those who answered calls—a private reception is being held Friday, April 3, in Gilligan's back room. During that time the committee now overseeing the line will review the accomplishments of the year and their goals for 1992. Meanwhile, I thought you might enjoy a taste of what it is like to take the calls for a week. This particular week came about mid-January 1992. (Oh, yeah! I've changed all the names, but I left the inquiries and comments just as they came to me.)

Sunday—I retrieved my first message at 1:15 p.m. The caller was Al. He was moving here soon and wanted to know if there were any realtors in town and if there was a gay newspaper. He left his number in Indiana and after two attempts to get him, I left a message telling him about the New Voice and telling him that we had no gay realtors listed—sorry! Then I gave Bob a call. No one was at the number the first time I tried, but when I did reach him, I found out he was new to Omaha and he wanted to know where he could go to meet people. I asked him if he wanted a list of the bars and when he replied yes, I went through all seven. We talked awhile longer and I told him about the chorus (that wasn't this thing), the bowling league (well, maybe), ICON (definitely not), Frontrunners (hummnnnn!), and for now, that gave him all he needed. Melvin was my next caller. He wanted to know how to "become a fag." I circled PRANK on our call report form.

Later that evening I again took the messages off the line. James had called twice. I tried returning the call but never got him. Millie called "for her brother" who was "watching the guys undress in the locker room." There was lots of giggling in the background, and while I thought about whether or not to return the call I listened to the next message. The same giggling appeared in the background, but this time it was Tammy

calling for her brother Ted (she left no number). I opted not to return the first call. James has another message on the line. This time I caught him in. He'd lived in Omaha years ago, and wondered if the old bars were still around: The Diamond, The Hollywood, Etc. I answered his questions and ran through the list of bars currently. He thanked me for calling, and that ended my first day on the phone line.

Monday—Alicia from New York was calling to find out what Kerry's record was here in Nebraska with regards to Gay/Lesbian issues. I referred her to Citizen's for Equal Protection. My second call that day was from the Black Hills Resource Center. They wanted to know if they could list the A.N.G.L.E. Information and Referral Line in their regional resource directory. I quickly responded "Yes!"

My next check on the line wasn't til after 10 p.m., so I waited until the next day to return the call to Frank Willis, who had conveniently left both his work number and his home number.

Tuesday—I tried Frank's home number first, but there was no response. When I called the work number, Frank was not there at the moment. He was "checking out his weapon." Humnnnn! I waited 15 minutes and called Frank again. Frank was a detective with an unlisted work number and an unlisted home phone number. He had not called us. I apologized and circled PRANK on the report form. Sheila had called inquiring about therapists. During her first call she gave me wrong numbers, so she called a second time. I reached her and gave her the names of three therapists from the list. She said thanks and that was it.

Later when I again checked for messages, two hang-ups were what I first got. Then there was a message from Paul. He was visiting in town and wanted to know what and where the bars were. We talked awhile and then he took down the list of seven.

Wednesday—I checked in at 7:30 a.m. Tony was calling long-distance wondering where he could get counseling information. I caught him as he was headed out for work and suggested

three counselors to him. No more messages now.

About 10 a.m. I checked for calls again. A PRANK call awaited me: "Get out of town!" It was followed by a call from Kelly. He enjoyed cross-dressing and wondered where he could find someone to talk to. I referred him to the River City Gender Alliance and I suggested that a Gay and Lesbian Support Group met at MCC-Omaha. He was surprised to find an organized group here in Nebraska.

Thursday—A hang-up followed by a caller (who didn't leave a number) looking for a gay motel started this day. My only real call came from Priscilla, who left a message to be relayed to Citizen's for Equal Protection, regarding the NE Civil Rights Bill of 1992 that was introduced the previous day.

Friday—Hang-up! Hang-up! Hang-up! Followed by No calls! No calls! No calls!

Saturday—Only one call came my way. That came from Melanie. She was visiting friends in town and they wanted to know if women were welcome in all the bars in town and what percentage of women they would find in the bars. I ran through the list of seven and gave my impression based on my visits to each. She thanked me, and I told them to have a good time.

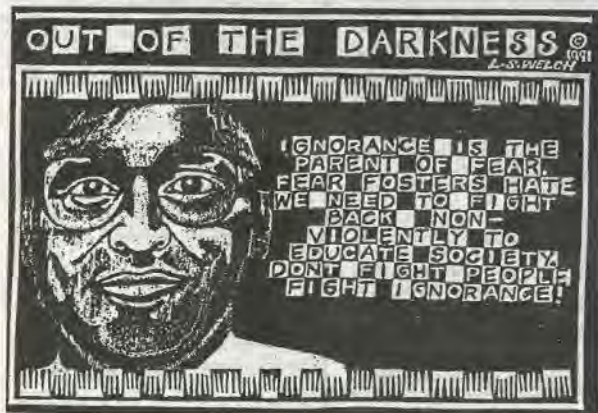
My week as an answerer of the phone line had ended. I felt pretty good about it. I had been able to answer the questions asked, and the callers were grateful for the information. My prank calls had been minimal and relatively harmless. That was a relief!

### HIV TEST SITE IN NORFOLK

A free HIV test site located in Administration Building #16 at the Norfolk Regional Center is staffed by Shelley Konopasek with the Nebraska Health Department. To make an appointment, all 370-3395, leave a first name, a nickname, or a false first name. No proof of identification will be required. Results are strictly confidential, so there are no repercussions with health insurance because of the test. A syphilis test can be done at the same time. However, if a syphilis test is performed, name and address will be required.

### BEVERLY BARBO AT UNO

The UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Organization (GLSO), and United Christian Ministries in Higher Education (UCMHE) welcomes Beverly Barbo, Tuesday, April 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. Barbo—author, lecturer, and advocate—has traveled extensively telling her story and that of her son Tim and his lover, Tom. She relates the acceptance and love of Tim through the pain, agony, tears, joy and triumphs in fighting the AIDS virus, and bringing a family closer together. She also relates the troubles faced by many gay persons in everyday life. "She was outstanding, and her remarks and personal story will have lasting positive social effects....[Her was an]...important message for our students and the academic and social strength of UNK," said Dr. Hal Bertilson, Dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences, University of Nebraska at Kearney. Barbo will appear at the UNO Milo Bail Student Center in the Ballroom, second floor. There is no admission, and the community is invited to attend. We do, however, wish to ask those of you who can and would like to contribute, to do so. GLSO has no operating funds and is relying basically on UCMHE for the cost of Barbo's appearance. Contact Steve Jackson at 558-8121 for more information. We encourage you to come out and support Barbo and GLSO at this event.





# LOCAL NEWS



## KEARNEY BREAKS ICE WITH JSAT CONFERENCE

By RJ

Over 40 people gathered at the Campus Lutheran Center in Kearney to discuss issues of inclusion — namely, sexual orientation in the community, in the family, and in the church.

This event was sponsored by JSAT (Joint Strategy and Action Team) to help those in middle Nebraska to be more open in thought, more honest in thought, and more accepting of lifestyles that may be different than their own.

Ruth Kruse, well known in PFLAG, introduced the keynote speaker for the morning, Shirley Deethardt. Ms. Deethardt, a teacher in Human Development, spoke about Human Sexuality, about the influence that puts one where they are today; about gender, how we relate to gender; birth order in families, how this influences children as they grow into adults; and how adults express their identity.

Jean Durgin-Clinchard, a member of the Unitarian Church in Lincoln, talked about family obstacles to inclusion. Ms. Durgin-Clinchard told everyone to reflect on the 19 year old who comes out to his parents. The audience broke up in groups of three to discuss this scene. Overall, we discovered later, a majority of parents couldn't cope with this scene. Neither could a number of pastors.

After a break, 14 panelists took the floor. These panelists came from all walks of life. Both Christian and Jewish religious leaders were there. P-FLAG, parents, gays and lesbians, young, old, in between. One was a "recovering Lutheran," well versed in psychiatry. Still another was from the Nazarene church.

Social justice was discussed. All in all a good panel discussion. Many issues were "laid out on the table" and openly and honestly discussed.

## PANTHEON OF LEATHER AWARDS, LOS ANGELES

by Amy Marie Meek

Rain. Rain. And more rain. Yep, that's what I like to do. Go all the way to Los Angeles in February so that it can rain. They had the worst rains in twenty years, just because I was there. Anyway, I made my way to the City of Angels for the 1992 Pantheon of Leather Awards.

This particular ceremony is sponsored by *The Leather Journal*. It is very similar to a reader's choice contest, but there's a twist. This contest honors those members of the leather community that have done their part in raising awareness, promoting education, and providing outreach to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Queer, Straight, and whatever else they want to call themselves communities.

People were nominated from all over the country and then a panel of judges selected the winners. From the midwest region, we were thrilled with having three of the seven nominees being from Omaha, Nebraska. Mind you, Omaha isn't exactly the leather mecca of the world, but we must be doing something right. The nominees were Mr. Dustin Logan, Mr. Bob Ewing, and your's truly. Though a gentleman from Chicago took home the Midwestern Regional award, we were still honored to have been nominated.

Oh, there were other awards, as well. Along with the other regional awards, several special categories were announced. And the winners were: Woman of the Year - Pat Califia; Man of the Year - Jim Richards; Business of the Year - Mr. S Leathers; Reader's Choice, Female - Ruth Marks; Reader's Choice, Male - Clive Platman; and the Forbearer award went to Gayle Rubin.

A fun time was surely had by all including the entertainment for the evening, Romanovsky and Phillips, who enlightened us with their own special flavor of wit and wisdom. That concludes another leather event byline. Remember, play safe, sane, and consensual, or don't play at all!

## FRONT RUNNERS HEALTH FORUM A SUCCESS

The first Health forum for Frontrunners/walkers proved a big hit. Over 25 club members attended. Ralph Potter and Carrie Pinkham provided instruction on nutrition and exercise. Pinkham discussed the importance of a balanced diet. "No food in and of itself is bad for you," she said. "The medical profession is stressing the pyramid approach to nutrition, with meats and dairy products at the top of the pyramid meaning less quantities of these items. Balance is the key, and Twinkies are definitely out," she added. Potter continued discussion with exercise tips, pointing out benefits of aerobic vs. anaerobic exercise. "If your goal is weight loss, then you want to exercise at least 30-60 minutes at less than full capacity," Potter said. He explained in order to get maximum benefit from your workouts, you should exercise a minimum of 20 minutes, three or four times per week.

By now, it was noon. Time to nourish the physical being and let the spiritual being mull over the morning events.

At the end of noon break a review of available books, booklets, pamphlets, tapes, etc. was made. Where to be able to obtain this information was also discussed. PFLAG is a good source. The Arbor Moon bookstore at the Gathering Place in Lincoln is a good source. Many books can be ordered as well from Walden Books.

After the review of source material, Reverend Matthew Howard, MCC-Omaha, an affiliate church of UFMCC, gave a review of scriptures that seem to deal with homosexuality, and how those scriptures are used to bash gay and lesbian people. UFMCC is, first and foremost, a Christian Church with a gay/lesbian outreach to gay/lesbian "abused" children of God. Children who have been verbally bashed and, in many instances, kicked out of their own denominations, who are seeking a safe haven to be what they are, who they are, and to be one with their God again.

Rev. Howard talked about how homosexuality didn't exist, per se, in the ancient texts and scriptures. That only in the 1800's was it identified as such. How this came about was not through scripture, nor through theology, but through the social stances of the time. Rev. Howard told how Greek Dualism and Roman Stoicism contributed to this thought on homosexuality and that homosexuality is a sin against humanity. As the Judaic and Christian society were top heavy with male dominance, as they were patriarchal in concept, this also contributed to much negativism against homosexuals. Contributing to the paranoia of homosexuals was the main social context of the time, which formed the behavioral patterns of the

church. Scripture actually played a non-existent role.

It was discussed how so many people believe that one sunny summer day, the Bible just appeared, in its entirety, completely written in the King James Version and meant only for heterosexual, blue-eyed, fair skinned Anglo-Saxons who lived a pure life (with no sexual pleasure at all, heaven forbid!).

Rev. Howard pointed out three major items to keep in mind when reading scripture: Context, Consistency, and the Character of God. Reading through scripture and not keeping the 3 C's in mind is not doing justice to the Word of God.

Rev. Howard opened the floor to questions, and in doing so, even more showed he was very knowledgeable on his subject matter. Rev. Howard was warmly thanked for his presentation and the feel of the audience was positive. One clergy person remarked to Rev. Howard that this person had never before heard such a good presentation on the subject matter.

At the conclusion of the day's activities, people present were asked to join in a circle. *Love, Love, Love* was sung.

Then many tired people wended their way back home: back to Omaha, Lincoln, numerous small towns, and Kearney. Hopefully, the closet door has been opened a little further to let in more light. Hopefully, gay and lesbian people will be seen more clearly for what they are, who they are. That gay/lesbian people are also God's children, that gays and lesbians, too, have a right to God's love and grace. That gays and lesbians are also created by God, in God's love. And that, as children of God, gays and lesbians have every right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



# LOCAL NEWS

## NEBRASKA CIVIL RIGHTS ACT CONSIDERED

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Stan Mommaerts said he quit a job because his manager hurled both object and verbal abuse at him. The Lincoln man said his manager wasn't upset at his job performance, but was angry because he is gay. When Mommaerts decided to file a complaint with the state Equal Opportunity commission, staff members told him they would not help because the job discrimination was based on his sexual orientation. Mommaerts told the Judiciary Committee Feb. 19. In Mommaerts's younger days, people closed doors of opportunity to him because he is Catholic, he said. With homosexuality, he said, it's a different story. "In the matter of sexual orientation, there is no choice," Mommaerts said. Mommaerts supported a bill that would make such discrimination a misdemeanor crime and allow complaints to be filed with EOC. LB 1270, sponsored by Omaha Sens. Tim Hall and Ernie Chambers, would prohibit discrimination based on age, disability, family status, marital status, or sexual orientation in housing, employment, education and public accommodations. Current law already bans discrimination based on color, gender race, national origin or religion. Hall also offered an amendment which would exempt religious and denomi-

national institutions from LB 1270, called the Nebraska Civil Rights Act of 1992. While the bill is designed to offer protection against discrimination to many groups, most of the testimony centered on civil rights for gays. Lois Hansen speaking for the Lincoln Unitarian Social Action Committee, said one of her children is subject to "cruel jokes, social rejection, and discrimination by otherwise reasonable citizens" because of his sexual orientation. "A society which treats people unequally diminishes itself," said Hansen.

Some opponents of the bill said that while it expands rights of some groups, it limits citizen's religious rights. If a landlord has religious convictions that find homosexuality immoral, the landlord would be a criminal by following these convictions and denying a gay person housing, said Wade Pitman, a University of Nebraska Law School student. Freedom of religion is guaranteed in the U.S. and state constitution, he said. "You're sending a signal that sexual orientation is superior to freedom of religion," Pitman said. Other bill opponents objected to extending rights to homosexuals on moral grounds. Guyla Mills of Lincoln said the bill would have government "sanctioning" homosexuality and that gays

"are in bondage to sin." Physical and personality characteristics can legitimately play a role in hiring decisions, Mills said. For example, Mills said, she wouldn't expect a health club to hire her because of her weight and other companies might not hire her because of her personality. "There are reasons why I don't want homosexuals to represent my company," she said. Mike Wooten of Lincoln said gays "want special and preferred rights to support their abominable lifestyle." "They want to force their lifestyle on decent human being." Bill Alford of Omaha said the bill is a "killer" to small business who deal with frivolous discrimination claims filed with the EOC. He said several discrimination claims filed against his business were determined to be unfounded. He said he had to provide the EOC with "bushel baskets" of information and that the claims cost him thousands of dollars. The EOC said the bill would result in about 120 more complaint filings each year with increased expenses of about \$35,000 each year for the agency.

*Editor's Note: LB1270 did not make it out of committee but the general reaction was considered positive and groundwork was laid for a future bill.*

## SEMINAR TRILOGY IS A HIT! by R.J.

Again, the United Church of Christ has taken the lead as the Family Life Center of Countryside Community Church presented, not one but three seminars on succeeding Sunday evenings. Each seminar of the trilogy entitled "Conspiracy of Silence" was attended by 50+ people. The first evening featured the film *The Los Altos Story* and talks by Dr. Robert Penn, epidemiologist; Gary George, director of NAP; and Paul Wilson, owner and administrator of South Park Care Center in KC. Wilson told the audience that many nursing homes refuse AIDS patients on one pretext or another, and there is a great need to educate staff, residents, relatives of residents, etc.

"What Does It Mean?" was the title of the second seminar. This seminar featured Dr. Susan Swindells, AIDS specialist at UNO Medical Center; Rev. Frank Reisinger, pastor of Lord of Love Lutheran Church, who spoke on the spirituality side of the topic; Dennis and Laurie Heavey, members of LLL Church shared their experiences as parents with HIV/AIDS; Sister Norita, President/CEO of Mercy Midlands, parent corporation of the one nursing home facility in Omaha that does accept and care for AIDS patients.

The trilogy ended with the Red Cross film *Safe Sex, Responsible Sex, and Abstaining From Sex*, a film designed for teenagers. Mr. Wes Perry from UNMC led the informal program. Holly Boulware, the mother of an 11 year old hemophiliac, told what it is like to care for a child with AIDS.

This trilogy was dynamite! We need to give Countryside Community Church—its Family Life Center, the participants—a standing ovation for breaking the "Conspiracy of Silence" and putting on not just one, but three seminars in a row dealing outright and honestly with AIDS—the deadly killer that shows no mercy, that strikes at all people, not caring about gender, money, sexual orientation, race—not caring who it strikes; it strikes out at ALL humans.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEBRASKA DISPLAY OF NAMES PROJECT QUILT GETS INITIAL APPROVAL

We have received tentative approval for our plans to display part of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt here in Omaha in early December, 1992. While we have chairpersons in place for the major committees — Logistics, Ceremonies, Fundraising, Panel Making, Outreach, Education, Media, Finance/Merchandise and Volunteers, there is a need for many other folks with time, energy, ideas, and caring to share the work load.

Just to give you a brief idea of what is yet to come, and how you might become a part of this very special display, a staff member of the national office will visit Omaha, perhaps sometime in April or early May. The steering committee and especially the logistics team will have the opportunity to walk through the selected facility and share ideas and concerns with this experienced display team member. Final approval will come after the site visit and will then signal a full speed ahead effort to complete the specific goals of each committee. Logistics will handle the details of shipping, storage, coordination of display and exhibitors, etc. Early plans will allow us to plan on approximately 170 12' by 12' blocks. There is a large area for agencies, support groups, education exhibits, etc. on site. Plans now call for a three day working period, to include one day (Friday) for informal education for school and professional groups, churches and social services, youth and minority organizations, etc., as well as volunteer training. Saturday and Sunday will be open displays with Ceremonies, Education activities and displays, Outreach, Panel Making and presentations, etc.

All this takes a great deal of money so our Fundraising folks are already hard at work thinking about events and ways to raise, not only awareness, but also funds for the QUILT and direct services to PLWAs through the sponsoring organization, the Nebraska AIDS Project. Media coverage plays a significant part in the success of our efforts and we are happy to have some professional folks on board to help with this part of our work.

The Education team is working on ways to share the message of the QUILT with a number of targeted groups such as medical professionals, schools, community groups such as churches and social action networks. They will be working with other committees such as Panel Making, Outreach and Volunteers in presentations and opportunities throughout the region (we are looking outside Omaha to include western Iowa and areas within about a 3 - 4 hour drive). Are there people or groups you think we should be in touch with?

Ceremonies will plan and carry out the formal opening and closing activities and any other presentations, readings of names, community choruses, etc.

As you can see, there is much to be done between now and early December, 1992. We hope to have our activities in full swing by late summer so the attention can be focused on the national display in Washington, D.C. in October and then swing back to our World AIDS Day activities and display in December. Some committees need folks able to make long term commitments, others will need people who can share a hour or two licking envelopes and separating zip codes, passing out flyers and posters, staffing a sales or information station, painting signs and banners, or .....whatever our creative folks think may help us and our communities focus on this opportunity. Want to know more? Able to share some time and ideas? Let us know what part you want to share with the NAP Memorial QUILT Display Committee by calling 291-6781 or picking up a volunteer form at the NAP office.

### BRUNCH PLANNED AT THE MAX BY A.N.G.L.E

Once again The MAX will host a fundraising brunch with one of the G/L organizations here in Omaha. Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 26.

The Brunch begins at 11:30 and will continue until 1:30. The price for all you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, a meat (to be decided later), coffee, and some miscellaneous goodies (fresh fruit and some freshly baked yummys) is \$5 per person. A cash bar will be available.

April 26 promises to be a beautiful day, and what better way is there to start it than to join with your friends and family in the G/L Community and help support an organization working for all of us. If you wish to make a donation regarding the Brunch, please call the A.N.G.L.E. Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 and ask that your message be referred to Dave. Or you can just deliver your donation to The MAX on April 26.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will go to help defray the expenses of Pride Week Activities coming up in June (see related articles in this issue), activities for National Coming Out Day in October, other pride and consciousness-raising activities, and general operating expenses.

## ARBOR MOON

The Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, located in the Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln, is now open Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. The Arbor Moon was created in order to help you create a nonsexist, multicultural environment. We offer you a place to browse, network, learn, grow, teach, heal, and create community. The Arbor Moon carries arts and crafts, videos, women's music, magazines, and book of all sorts.

### DC93

by Amy Marie Meek

How would you like to win a trip to DC in '93?

That's what you could do IF you buy a raffle ticket from one of the local salespeople. Better yet, buy a few. They are only \$1.00 each for a shot at a trip worth \$900.0. Now, that's a bargain! We are planning to sell at least 5,000 of these tickets to help make our DC93 dreams in Nebraska come true.

The proceeds from the tickets will be used for several different things. First, the prize trip itself will be paid for. Second, expenses such as delegate travel, advertising, printing, T-shirts, pins, etc. will be covered. Third and most importantly, we will raise money to create scholarships to the March. The Nebraska committee hopes to give at least five fully-funded trips to PLWA's and/or economically disadvantaged members of our community. That way, even those who could not afford to go have a chance to join the one million or more marchers in our civil rights celebration.

So, be sure to look for tickets being sold. We will soon have signs at those establishments selling tickets and buttons on individuals doing the same. Right now, you can see Gary West at Gilligan's, Dan or Ash at DC's, any member of QUEER NATION, or Amy and her bunch of leather folk. When someone approaches you to buy one, take a chance—you just might win.

You will also start seeing the March tickets available across the state as we travel to spread the word. Our first trip will be to Kearney on April 2. See Ya' there.

P.S. — only 50 weeks to go and counting!

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# LOCAL NEWS

## DAVE'S ADDRESS TO THE UNICAMERAL REGARDING LB 1270

Wednesday, Feb. 19, was quite a significant day for the Omaha Chapter of PFLAG. The Judiciary Committee of the NE State Legislature held a hearing on LB 1270, the NE Civil Rights Act of 1992, which adds sexual orientation as one of the classes protected from discrimination in housing, employment, education and public accommodation. Several members of the chapter were present. Sandy, Vince, Neva and I attended, as did some of our friends—Sharon, Terry S., Craig S., Rev. Matthew Howard, Dee M., Sean K., and Revs. Lowen Kruze and Nancy Brink. I hope I have remembered to list everyone.

The bill was introduced to the committee and the floor was opened for people to speak for or against LB 1270. Speeches were limited to fifteen minutes. I was one of the lucky ones who was allowed to address the committee. The pro testimony ended with Lowen and Nancy. What a magnificent way to bring the testimony to an end. They were splendid with their remarks. The following segment is a complete text of my remarks:

"I am the father of two young adults, raised in the same home by the same parents, educated in the same schools (Bellevue and Papillion Public Schools), sharing many of the same friends and activities, including music, church, scouts, and academic clubs. Both are college educated, employed by citizens of their communities. However, one is heterosexual and the other is gay.

"It troubles me as a father to think that of my two wonderful children, my daughter will have all the rights and privileges granted to her as an American citizen and resident of Nebraska, while our son faces discrimination and the denial of his basic human rights and dignity because of his sexual orientation. He may be harassed, beaten, refused housing, denied employment or be fired from a position he holds, turned down when seeking education, and prohibited from using public accommodations, all because of something which he had no choice over, his sexual orientation. I fear for my son and all children who are labeled 'socially unacceptable.'

"As a matter of equity, my son, as well as all Gay sons and Lesbian daughters of Nebraskans, deserve the same rights as our other children. These gay and lesbian children are law abiding, often tax-paying and voting citizens without guaranteed legal rights. I do not regard these rights to be anything more than what everyone else takes for granted and has already been guaranteed by the state's statutes.

"If there is a concern that granting my son his civil rights is an infringement upon someone else's rights, I would ask, 'Where do the rights of our Gay and Lesbian children end and where do the rights of someone else begin?' Why does my son have to live in fear because of his sexual orientation?"

"I served 24 years in the United States Air

Force, defending the rights of the people of this country and assisting those in other countries. Yet in this my own country and in Nebraska, now my home state, my son is not guaranteed his basic rights. As a nation we have just declared democracy's victory over communism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, yet my son would not be accorded his full civil rights as a citizen of Nebraska because he is Gay.

"How many Gays and Lesbians are possibly affected by the denial of their basic rights? It is estimated that one out of every ten members of our population is Lesbian or Gay, and at least one member out of every four families. To put this in perspective (and this is based solely on the statistics), two members of this committee could have a Gay or Lesbian member of their family. This includes brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and even parents.

"Members of the unicameral—as mothers, fathers, and grandparents, you can stop these injustices! Your positive vote will provide our state with the protection of basic human rights of all people. This bill will assure that my children, your children, are treated equally as they are, and not as some members of our society would have them be. Ladies and gentlemen of the Unicameral, would you want any less for your children?"

"My son is fine just the way he is; he just needs to be assured that his basic civil rights are fine also."

## PROFILING A P-FLAG MEETING

The place is Kearney, mid-sized town, midstate Nebraska. The hour is 3:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month. The location is the downstairs area of St. Luke's Episcopal church, the same area where appropriately, Kearney's AA's meet three times a week. Most informed people will be aware of the Episcopal church as a leader in challenging its memberships to welcome all of those who are outcasts from any society.

Around the tables, pushed together to create a single circle, are 19 people, then 20, then 21, as latecomers join in. Eight are members of the gay community, two of them are here for the first time. Most are gay men; one is a young woman and mother with her child. Most are young, although one gentleman older man—"gay all my life"—regularly comes because "I've found parents here." The parents, as you might expect, are couples, or just mothers, in their thirties, forties, fifties, and sixties.

As at every meeting, Kathy, our president, with her husband Ken always at her side, calls for each one of us to tell who we are and how we came to be with the group. Some are telling their stories for the dozenth time. Ken and Kathy are loving, faithful parents with a gay daughter. Another couple have twin sons, who are gay. Another has a gifted son who happens to be gay—as has another mother, and another. Then there are those groping for words to tell their story for the first time.

Feelings are stripped bare and laid on the table. There are tears. A handsome woman visiting for the second time says, "I've been on quite a journey," in the past month, tracing back her son's life from the moment of his sharing the truth. In that month she received 32 birthday cards, all from people she had told—and not one address. A pretty young mother has come with her son, who just told her this week—and told her also about P-FLAG. She weeps; she laughs. "I need this group. I'm glad you're here. You don't know how good this laughter feels."

And the gay people listen intently to the sharing of stories, to the news items brought, to the letters read aloud. Some have come out; some are trying to find courage. "Most of us love our parents too much to hurt them," says one. Or from Mike: "Sometimes it's okay to be here, and sometimes not. I'm getting tired of acting. Whatever you want me to be, I will be. I'm probably the most homophobic person I know; I'm afraid of myself." But here we love you, Mike. The most important value of our P-FLAG is its emphasis on the whole person, not the homosexuality of that person. For whenever gay people, or their spokespersons, emphasize their homosexuality and not the whole person, then they cease to educate; they alienate.

## NEWS FROM THE MAX

by Gloria Revelle

The weather may fool you, but the MAX will always come through. New for spring, we feature a Beer Bust every Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. Your first ice cold 16 ounce draw costs 2 bucks and every refill after that is only 50 cents. Visit our weekday hunk Michael for happy hour, Monday through Friday. Mike serves drinks with a smile and MAX style. We bid a fond farewell to D.J. Eddie B. Eddie's work time and dedication will be missed. Good Luck, Eddie! We welcome our new D.J. Harold. Don't forget, every weekend you can kick up your boots in Stosh's Saloon with music by Ed and drinks by Bill. The MAX has something no other club in the entire Midwest has: Mike and Disco 2000. Mike takes you where no other club dares—over the edge. Disco 2000 is the hottest music in New York & L.A. Mike has it, and he's taking it to The MAX every weekend.

Sunday, April 5, they're coming back. The one and only Omaha Meatpackers. Flowers and "the girls" take to the stage to benefit Omaha's Gay and Lesbian community. Joining them this year will be the Babes Behind Bars. Support your community and have fun—all in the same night.

Have you ever felt like you've reached the end of the line, the top of the hill, you've done it all, and done them all? Do you ever feel that you're as old as you're ever gonna get, huh? Well, then you know how Stosh is gonna feel on April 8 when we celebrate his 50th birthday. Come celebrate with an Omaha legend. There will be surprises and specials all night long.

Who has something hot with a Chippendale dancer, Colt model, *Playgirl* centerfold, and *Advocate Men* model? The MAX, that's who. Sunday, April 12, four of the hottest in the Southwest take to The MAX stage and do it all for you. They've been featured in *Playgirl's* Men of Arizona, *Playgirl* discoveries and centerfolds. They've been on the cover and centerfolds in *Advocate Men* and Colt calendars have featured two of them on their '91 and '92 covers. Don't miss the show. Sunday, April 19 is Easter Sunday, and Marilyn St. James will be at The MAX showin' off her Easter bonnet with Omaha's brightest stars. Sunday, April 26, Male Order returns: Tony, Chase, and company are always an Omaha favorite. Tony recently won the title Mr. Gay U.S.A. This will be another hot MAX night. You'll always find the hottest men in the country in one place—The MAX. As the weather heats up, it will have to catch up with the heat at The MAX. You will find the best prices, the hottest music, the highest quality entertainment, the friendliest people, and the greatest club anywhere at 1417 Jackson Street. WE'RE THE ORIGINAL. WE'RE THE MAX.



# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

After 26 weeks of bowling, D.C.'s is still in first place, but now only three games in front of 6 balls and a Old Bag who are now in second place. Gilligan's remains in third place but Gilligan's #2 has slipped to 5th place, having lost 4th place to Ernie's Book Store. Diamond D.J.'s has solidified their hold on the last place slot and are now 5 games behind the next team.

Bud Dodson's #269 is still Men's High Scratch Game, and Darwin Beuchler still has second high game with a 268. Tony Orndorff has the third high men's scratch game with a 256. Marcia Keith's 215 is still the Women's High Scratch Game, followed closely by Elyse Mueller with a 214. Elyse still holds the Women's High Scratch Series with a 529, followed by Cheryl Christensen with a 491, and Marcia Keith with a 487. Darwin Beuchler still holds the Men's High Scratch Series with a 701, followed by Dan Cooper with a 676, and Dan White with a 644. Darwin also holds the men's high average, though his average has dropped to a 197. Dan Cooper has the second high men's average with a 186.2 which Charley Wade has the third high average with a 179.8. Elyse Mueller has the high women's average with a 162.8, followed by Marcia Keith with a 143.5, and Cheryl Christensen with a 142.1.

Gilligan's holds the High Handicap Team Game (807) and the High Handicap Team Series (2279). Centerfolds (ranked 17th) have the second high team game with a 796 while Gilligan's #2 has the third high team game (791). 3 + 1 (tied for last place) has the second high handicap team

series with a 2215 and 6 balls & a Old Bag has the third high team series with a 2195.

High scorers during the 26th week of bowling were Mark Thiessen with a 236 and Mike Giennau with a 222. Dan White had a 598 series while Bud Dodson had a 578. Elyse Mueller had games of 202 and 181 and a 562 series. Mark Thiessen bowled 135 pins over his average and Joel Gaub bowled 121 pins over his average.

Complete standings after 21 weeks of bowling are:

	Won	Lost
1. DC's	118	64
2. 6 Balls & Old Bag	115	67
3. Gilligan's	114	68
4. Ernie's Book Store	111	71
5. Gilligan's #2	110	72
6. "Y" Knot DC's	107.5	74.5
7. Running Rebels	96	86
8. D.J.D.I.T.'s	95	87
9. The MAX	91	91
10. Ex Lover	87	95
11. Real Men	86	96
12. DC's Too!	86	96
13. The Golden Girls	84.5	97.5
14. 3 Men & Little Lady	83	99
15. Yosemite Sam's	81	101
16. Metro Mixers	75	107
17. Centerfolds	74	108
18. 3 + 1	71	111
19. Constantly Inconsistent	70	112
20. Diamond D.J.'s	65	117

## FRONTRUNNERS/WALKERS: THIS CLUBS FOR YOU

Clubs, clubs, clubs. There are running clubs, swimming clubs, knitting clubs, opera clubs, even Elvis clubs... the list goes on and on, but you get the picture, right?

These clubs may exist for different reasons, but they are all made up of individuals who share some sort of common interest or goal. A club provides a forum for members to express themselves and in return get something back from the club. Maybe it's in the form of personal training or self-improvement; maybe it's the opportunity to meet other people who share similar interests; or maybe it's something as silly as receiving a silly newsletter.

Whatever the reason for joining a club like the Omaha Frontrunners/walkers, whatever each individual expects out of the club, the club represents the sum of its members. Members can only receive as much as they put in. This could be in the form of volunteering for a special committee, attending meetings, or just plain expressing yourself at the weekly runs and walks.

The Omaha Frontrunners/walkers is now 75 strong. As we continue to grow, volunteering just a few minutes of your time each month can really make a difference. Attend the business meeting, write an article for our newsletter, or just participate in the club's runs/walks. You can make the difference. For more information on joining the Omaha Frontrunners/walkers, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: P.O. Box 4583, Omaha, NE 68104.

## EASTER CELEBRATIONS PLANNED AT MCC-OMAHA

by Carla P.

Palm Sunday Services at 10:20am and 7pm April 12 open the special time of celebration during this Easter season. Palm leaves will be distributed during service as we prepare for the triumphant coming of Jesus on Easter morning.

Thursday night MCC-O will host a Seder at the Church followed by a kosher potluck dinner. The Seder starts at 6:30pm. Call the church office at 345-2563 for more details or to get recipes for appropriate dishes.

The Good Friday Service is scheduled for 7pm. Later that evening a Prayer Vigil begins that extends all day Saturday and up until the Sunrise Service Sunday morning. Friends and members of MCC-O take turns throughout the 30 hours of the vigil lifting up prayers and praises.

At 5:30am in the NE corner of the Central Park Mall, MCC-O joins with other religious groups in the community to host an Easter Sunrise Service. Everyone is invited to come and participate. We meet on the stone steps across from the slide. Following this service, many go out for breakfast before departing to their respective churches for Easter Morning Services.

Our Easter Celebration will be held at 10:20am. Sunday, April 19. In order to accommodate the number of people worshipping with us on this Sunday, we will be holding services in Suite 503 of the Center Mall. Go to the fifth floor of the Center Mall and follow the signs and directions of church members. We invite each of you to join us in this time of celebration. Worship Services will also be held Sunday evening at 7pm at the church building at 420 South 24th. See you in church!

## MAY MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED BY AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK

Plans are underway to again conduct a Memorial Service for everyone who has died of AIDS in Nebraska. The service is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. During the service the name of each one who has died will be read and a candle will be lit in his/her memory. Last year over 200 attended the service. Watch for details in the May issue of the *New Voice*.

Your presence is requested to witness a celebration of the human form.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## MR. & MS LEATHER NEBRASKA '92

The Diamond Bar was filled to overflowing on March 1 with men and women in black leather and blue denim as spectators came to cheer their favorite contestants.

The 1992 Mr. & Ms. Leather Contest, sponsored by the Two Wheelers of Omaha, M.C., resulted in the naming of Ms. Amy Marie Meek as Ms. Leather Nebraska '92 and Emerson Briney as Mr. Leather Nebraska '92.

The contest included on stage interviews and presentation of fantasies which were as diverse and unique as the personalities of the three contestants, Ms. Amy Marie Meek, Emerson Briney, and Todd Nielsen.

Amy's fantasy was a whimsical representation of a 4th grade book report on "The Lesbian S & M Safety Manual". Todd danced and acted out the song "I'm Too Sexy," and Emerson enacted a training session with a talented master using wax and claspins.

The contestants were judged on their leather image, communication skills, and on a fantasy presentation.

Omaha judges Matthew Howard; Garrett Burton, the first Mr. Gay Nebraska; and the Chesterfield's own ChaChi were joined by Jean Bendick, Trail Boss of the Rocky Mountaineers, M.C.; Alan Potter, Mr. Leather Colorado, 1991; and Keri Heber, Ms. NLA Denver '92.

Congratulations to all the candidates!

## QNOTES by Dave

Well, boys and girls... We're here, we're QUEER and we are most definitely fabulous!! Yes, the Omaha chapter of QUEER NATION NEBRASKA is here. Our first meeting was Thursday, February 27th. We worked on a preliminary statement of purpose, decided on a plan of action, and ate chocolate chip cookies.

We decided that the purpose of QN-NE is to be a direct action, non-violent organization to promote Queer visibility, participate in the political process, and promote unity within the gay community. Our other purpose is to have fun. Seriously.

A few of the activities we have decided on for the next few months are a phone call/letter campaign targeting politicians, QUEER shopping, the Omaha pride parade, and working on the March On Washington in 1993. And by the time this goes to print, you should already have seen evidence of Queer Nation around the city (shhhhh!).

If you would like to become more active in the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community and more visible as the QUEERS we are, we invite you to become a member of QUEER NATION-NEBRASKA. We have a regular meeting time at 8:30 pm on the last Tuesday of every month. Please call Blake at 451-7987 for more information and location. BE FABULOUS.

## ICON HOSTS BLACK NIGHT AT THE MAX

Met by flashing barricades, police tape, hanging chains, and banners of black waving in the entryway and on stage, Omaha's Leather and Western Communities turned out in force for a new style of Black Night held at the MAX on March 8.

Black Night has traditionally been a rather informal event held on Monday night before Mardi Gras. This year the Imperial Court of Nebraska and the MAX tried a new approach that was definitely a crowd pleaser.

The evening was turned into a combination of Western and hard Rock numbers, interspersed between skillfully presented fantasies.

The evening also showed western dancing by line dancers from Stosh's Saloon and a feature dance by Lisa and Frank that left you wondering how people's feet could move that fast.

The highlight of the evening was definitely the fantasies which featured Mr. and Ms. Leather Nebraska, Emerson and Amy, along with Paul, Blake, Rick, and several other assistants. The fantasies were creative—some comic, some eerie, and some that had the audience holding their breath.

Our hats are off to the producers of Black Night (mainly Duane and his committee of Paul, Rick, Emerson, Amy, and Carla and, of course those royal family members and board members who showed up for two decorating sessions) for the skillful way they brought together leather, western, and female impersonation to make a top notch show.



# LOCAL NEWS

## KEARNEY NEWS: SPRING TO LIFE

On Feb. 26, I lost one of the closest friends I have had to death per AIDS. Although sad at Rick's loss I take comfort that he is out of pain. (His pain now, in another way, is ours.) Rick was not always able to focus on being the most positive person he could be, but he did realize the value of doing so. Taking this another step...there is little value in dwelling on the negatives of this life unless this will enhance the positive.

SHOUT (formerly The Empty Closet) continues in a positive manner. As leader of the group, I have found that accentuating positive and diminishing negative makes the job a lot easier. Instead of focusing on the half empty glass, we focus on the half full glass and our glass tends to run over. I bring this up because spring is a time of looking at what makes us grow. In the tri-city area there have been a number of people that continue to do this. They have offered their help and praise rather than their complaints. People like Kent, Larry, Vicki, John, Kathy, Greg, Steve, and others just continue to give of themselves. They are not just talking about what it takes to make a better world for "family members," they are doing it. They are the ones that are out in the trenches. It does little good for us to tell you of the people unwilling—not unable—to help out in some fashion. They will always look for ways to put others down for their efforts without getting involved themselves.

My hat is off to those in the tri-cities and beyond that are trying. We may not always agree

with everything the other does, but we respect the effort. Is it time you plant your seed into a G & L cause? Don't wait to be asked. If you don't know what you can do drop us a letter or call one of the nearest G & L groups. There are many types of groups from entertainment to emotional support. If you can commit two hours a week or month, do something for others while making yourself feel good. Your help is needed. Please get involved.

Meanwhile we continue on. Our "open" and "on-going" support group meetings are attended well. We continue to do presentations concerning "family" issues to schools and others. The areas I hope to increase, with others' help, are our women's support group, gay parents' group, and socials. Once again I would like to thank everybody that attends and supports our efforts. T.T.F.N.—Tom G.

## ICON PRESENTS CLOSET BALL AT THE MAX

On May 3, the finest aspiring male and female impersonators will take to the stage at The MAX to compete for the title of Miss Closet Ball 1992. This year's competition is hosted by Miss Closet Ball '91, Kymer Leigh. Contestants must not have appeared on stage in drag previously and must be sponsored by a recognized performer. Contestants will appear on stage in their normal gender attire. Then contestants will have 60 minutes for their sponsor to "make them over" completely, including make up, clothing, accessories, and all. They will then appear in their new persona and compete in a talent presentation. Applications are available in local bars. All applications must be returned to ICON with the \$10 entry fee and must be postmarked by April 25.

## CHORUS NOTES

by David Brady

On February 29, the River City Mixed Chorus hosted "The Prom You Never Went To" — a formal/semi-formal/casual/whatever dance at the Jackpot Bingo Hall. This was the annual fundraising event for the Chorus. Some of you may remember "Fruit Salad", last year's fundraiser.

We had a great time putting on the Prom. A thank you to all who attended. We hope you had fun. The Chorus, under the direction of Jonathan Cole and John Bennett, is well into rehearsal for our Gay Pride concert on Saturday, May 23 at Strauss Performing Arts Center. We also have an upcoming mini-performance at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, April 26, 9:30 a.m.

After all of our Omaha performances, we're off to the GALA Festival in Denver. RCMC is singing on Thursday, July 2. Welcome to all the new singing members of the Chorus: Ann, Dan, Jennifer, Liz, Michael, Pamela, and Sharrie.

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## A.N.G.L.E.'s 1992 RECOGNITION NOMINATION PROCESS

A.N.G.L.E. invites your participation in the second annual recognition of members of the gay/lesbian and gay/lesbian-sensitive community. The process continues as persons/organizations are nominated for their accomplishments and major contributions towards betterment of the community's reputation, image, and success.

The initial categories are personal, professional, and organizational. These categories will serve as preliminary guidelines in the nomination process. So that this process can continue, please complete a nomination form with the name of the nominee, a list of the activities and/or services performed within the community, how these activities and/or services benefited/affected the community, and why you would give the nominee special recognition. The only stipulation is that a nominee for a particular category should not have received special recognition in that category in the past three years.

The nominees will be recognized at a recognition banquet to be held Friday, June 19 (watch for further information). Special recognition will be given to those who have exemplified qualities such as giving unselfishly to community involvement and awareness, promoting strength of unity within diversity, and by establishing themselves as a positive role model.

The deadline for nominations is May 5, 1992. Please submit nomination forms to A.N.G.L.E., P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131. Forms will be available at numerous locations or call the A.N.G.L.E. Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 to find out more.

We encourage all serious nominations because we know that many have given of themselves and now is the time to say, "Thank You!"

## "SILENCE IS THE VOICE OF COMPLICITY"

Jean Durgin-Clinchard authored the lead article in a recent issue of the *SIEUC Report*. The article, entitled "Silence is the Voice of Complicity," was distributed across the country. If you would like to see a copy of this article, please write and send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: P-FLAG, P.O. Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504.

Why don't you include a note telling the folks at P-FLAG what a good job they're doing and thanking them for their on-going support. The Lincoln Chapter continues to grow. Their January meeting was the largest ever with 48 in attendance. Speaker for the evening, Judy Gibson of Child Guidance Center, spoke on *Family Secrets*. She commented that common sense recommendations are frequently lost in the context of the situation. She did not recommend that everything be told to all people all of the time. Rather, the person most affected should be the one to decide if, when, and to whom the truth is to be told. It is important to know what you want to tell. Think it through, consider the reactions you can expect. Plan and practice exactly what you want to say. Bounce this plan off 'safe' others, refine the plan, and practice (role play) with them. Anticipate your responses to their reactions. Get support for yourself wherever you can: friends, other family members. Gibson recommended a book on family relationships: *The Dance of Anger*.

## RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS BOARD APPLICATIONS

The River City Mixed Chorus is currently accepting nominations for their Board of Directors. The chorus is considering potential Board Members from individuals outside the chorus membership. We need individuals with skills in the following areas: Public Relations, Marketing, Accounting, Fundraising, Secretarial, and Grant Writing.

Past membership with the chorus is not necessary. What is important is a desire to help with your community chorus and volunteer your skills and time to enable us to continue to grow. Elections for the four terms that are available will be at our annual corporation meeting in early May. If you are interested, please contact Toni Pastory at 558-9900 and leave a message, as soon as possible.



## GO! SAMMI! GO!

by Sammi Bennett

First time you saw her, she was a bleached blonde "Bobby's Girl." Now, she's Nebraska's Hottest Redhead. No, I'm not Phoebe, Jennifer, or Muffy, but Sammi Bennett! Let me shock you again with another show stopping performance at the Triangle Bar (Polk and Railroad Ave.) on April 11. The show is to help send Omaha's Hottest Redhead to Miss Gay Nebraska, America. You've all supported me in the past. Now let me show you what I'm truly made of. Presenting Amanda Foxx, Jodi, Margo Monroe, Pepper, and Toadie Lee Marvelous (Empress III), and your hostess for the evening, Sammi Bennett. The fundraising show will start at 10 p.m. There will be free champagne as my toast to Omaha. Congrats to Omaha's Mr. Leather Nebraska, Emerson, and Ms. Leather Nebraska, Amy. I was very privileged to entertain at the Mr./Ms Leather contest. Also, to Mr. MAX '92. Looking forward to seeing your support at my fundraising show at the Triangle Bar, April 11, starting at 10 o'clock p.m. Come and be "Part of My World" as I get ready to run for Miss Gay Nebraska, America, and represent Omaha to the fullest in the 90's.

Omaha's Hottest Redhead, Sammi Bennett

## WHERE CAN I GET A COPY OF THE NEW VOICE?

We've listed many of the regular distribution points below. If your group or business would like to be included on our distribution list, please contact us.

### Omaha:

The Chesterfield  
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### Lincoln:

Arbor Moon  
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UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center  
Women's Resource Center

### Grand Island:

Support Group

### Hastings:

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### Kearney:

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### Des Moines:

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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).

## Bars & Restaurants

### Des Moines (A.C. 515)

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243-3965  
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The D & M 424 E Locust St.,  
243-9629

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The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys,  
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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  
Metro 1516 Jones, 342-2202  
The Run 1715 Leavenworth,  
449-8703

### Lincoln (A.C. 402)

Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764



## LINCOLN

Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln 68502. For hours, etc. call Wally at 476-7389 or 489-4634.

BIPALS (Bisexual People / Alternative Life Styles), P.O. Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501 Meets 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone, (upstairs) 640 N 16th. All sexes welcome.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous  
Call 438-5214 for information.

Gay Mens Support Group, Counseling Center, 1234 Admin Bldg, UNL, Lincoln 68508. 472-3461. Confidential support for gay men.

Lesbian Support Group, Womens Resource Center, Room 117, Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588. 472-2597, weekly discussion group.

Lincoln Leglon of Lesbians, 624 N. 25, 68509 Feminist collective, newsletter, support.

Nebraska Bookstore, 14th & R Steets, Lincoln, Alternative Lifestyle Section carries *The Advocate*

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

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

University Bookstore, 14th & R Streets, Lincoln, Gay Studies Section carries Books on G/L Life.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association, Rm 342 Neb Union, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644. Social/support for G/L Students, meets Thursdays 8pm

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, Rm 342 Nebr Union, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644 Social activities, info & referrals, support.

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

Womens Journal Advocate, P.O. Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501 Feminist Monthly Newspaper.

Youth Talkline (402) 473-7932, Friday & Saturday 7pm-Midnite. Emotional support, referrals, and AIDS info for callers Age 23 and under. Project of Coalition for G/L Civil Rights.

YWCA Counseling & Education Department, 476-2802. Information and Referral.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER RESOURCES? DO YOU KNOW OF ANY CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE? PLEASE WRITE TO THE NEW VOICE, PO BOX 3512, OMAHA, NE 68103

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP THIS LIST AS CURRENT AS POSSIBLE.

## OMAHA

Affirmation, 556-7701 Methodist G/L Issues.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Live & Let Live, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha. Open Meeting 8:15pm, Friday 345-9916.

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors), Box 31375, 68131. 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, Lesbians, Resource group US WEST. Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on Mall, 8th Flr, 68102.

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

Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line, A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., 558-5303.

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

HAIR CARES, Nat'l Foundation hair-dressers helping other hairdressers living with AIDS. 1-800-HAIRCARES Omaha, Judy 333-3329.

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.

Mishpach Chavirim, Social/support group for Jewish Gays/Lesbians, 551-0510: Gary.

Omaha Meatpackers, Leather/Levi Club with focus on AIDS fundraising. Call: 455-6876.

Omaha Men OMEN, Box 3706 Omaha 68103. Men interested in masculinity/masculine image. Meets 2nd Sunday.

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

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

Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, 733-1360: Cleve. Meets last Saturday January-October, 2nd Saturday December, No Nov. mtg.

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) Motorcycle Club, Box 3216, Omaha, 68103. Meets 1st Sunday, 12noon, Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16th.

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, Box 134, UNO, Omaha 68182. Steve: 558-8121.

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

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

## STATEWIDE

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

Coalition for Gay /Lesbian Civil Rights, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy group lobbies for G/L civil rights, has newsletter, socials. Business Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, St Marks, 13 & R; 1st Saturday 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 Meeck (402) 451-7987.

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

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

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

\*Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 435-4688. Meets 4th Tues., 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St. Group for family of people with HIV, and G/L Youth Group same time & place.

\*2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, 291-6781. Meets 2nd Sunday at 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 Meet Tuesdays in Kearney. Meets Wednesdays in Grand Island, Hastings alternating.



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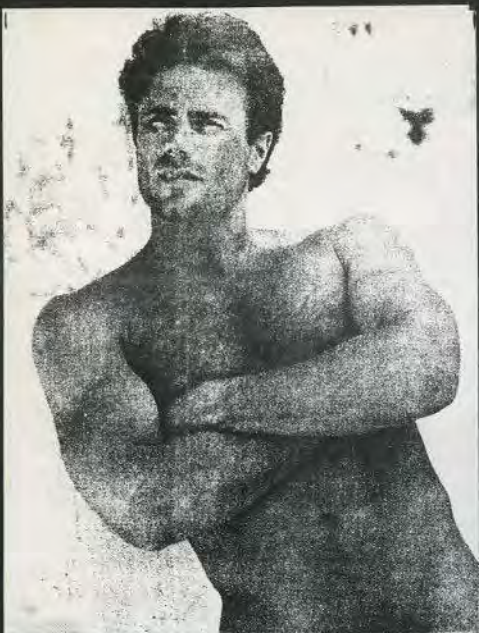
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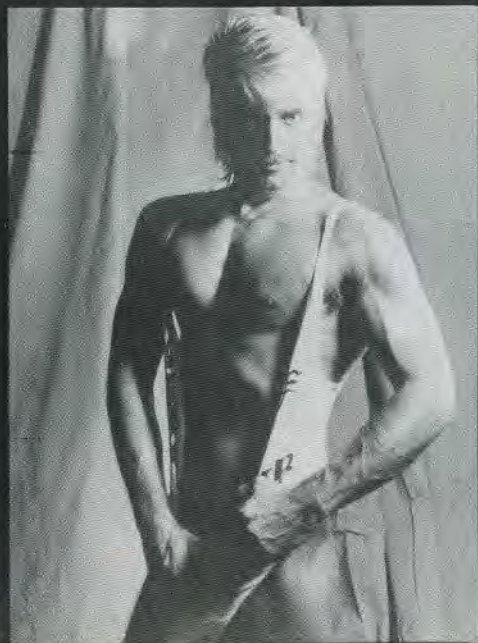
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