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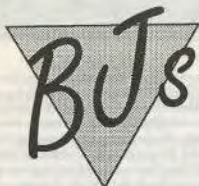
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From time to time we've told you how proud we are of *The New Voice of Nebraska* and the progress we've made over recent years. We are proud to announce another step on that road, which is possible thanks to your on-going support.

The New Voice is the proud owner of its very own computer. In September we learned of a late model used Macintosh for sale at a reasonable price, so we took the plunge. No, I stand corrected. Our bank balance took a plunge. We took a step forward and now own a Macintosh SE, complete with dot matrix printer and our first software.

The computer currently lives in the editor's home, but eventually will be joined by other equipment and will need an office all its own. However, it is the first step toward *The New Voice of Nebraska* becoming a permanent part of the non-profit business community. (Just for the record, we are incorporated as a non-profit collective and donations are not tax deductible.) Buying a used computer is a lot like buying a used car. It's only after you get it home that you find out why the other person was selling it. Such was our experience. As a matter of fact, we were able to use the Mac to produce the October issue only because of the generous and highly competent folks at Heath/Zenith. Tim Christensen expanded our RAM memory and then went back on his own time to work out a couple glitches we'd encountered. So, if you're in the market for a Mac or have one that needs some work, you might check out the folks at Heath/Zenith.

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PARENTS-FLAG NEBRASKA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

by Sharon Van Butsel

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Cornhusker Chapter, invited over 150 members and friends to help them celebrate their 10th birthday on September 13 at the First Unitarian Church in Lincoln.

The evening's events were emceed by Parents-Flag member, Alan Hansen, who took time to read and read letters of congratulations from state dignitaries ranging from Governor Ben Nelson and Senator Bob Kerry to the mayor of Lincoln and several state senators. Alan then called on members of the audience to read cards describing highlights of Parents-Flag's first 10 years including the formation of chapters in Omaha and Kearney.

The first of three special recognition awards were given to Phoebe Francis who has done the monthly mailings for the last several years. Jean Durgin-Clinchard was then recognized for her 8 years of unfailing service to Parents-FLAG. The final award went to Helen and Wendell Bratt. Helen and Wendell are a distinguished gray-haired couple who look like they should be hosting an afternoon tea at the local retirement center. Instead, these two are sharp witted, committed crusaders for a cause that was not thrust upon them because a beloved child was gay or lesbian. Instead, they became aware of the issues surrounding gays and lesbians through their work with the United Methodist Church. In the early 1980's the church began to address the issue of human sexuality through workshops on "Human Identity and Relationships". Wendell agreed to chauffeur his wife and two others to a conference in Denver one snowy Valentine's Day in 1981 and ended up staying and sitting in on a workshop on "Myths and Stereotypes". As she accepted Parents-Flag's award, Helen recalled how they were an hour into the workshop when she realized that most of the people in the room with them

were gay and lesbian. She told how the love and warmth they felt from these people was the spark that began their 10 year involvement with the gay and lesbian community. One person at that conference spoke of a new support group just formed nationally for the parents and friends of lesbians and gays. When Helen asked how to get in touch with that group back in Lincoln she learned that no such group existed in all of Nebraska. She came back to Lincoln with a dream of forming such a group in Nebraska. On September 9, 1981, the first meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays in Nebraska took place in the home of Helen and Wendell Bratt, where the group continued to meet for many years. Helen concluded telling the audience to look around. "From that small beginning, look where you are today. You are our dream come true."

Jean Durgin-Clinchard, president of Parents-Flag, Cornhusker Chapter, called on Parents-Flag members to remember that they, too, had come out of the closet and that they would not be going back. Parents-Flag would continue to be present, be visible, and be loudly heard. Lois Hansen, unable to address the group in person because of severe laryngitis, shared her dreams for the future as she addressed a letter to the audience calling for continued unity, continued work for equal justice and equal rights, but most importantly, continued efforts to make the schools a safe place for gay and lesbian youths to grow and mature. She called upon the schools to set an example for the community at large by creating atmospheres of acceptance, free from discrimination, for all students.

The program closed with poetry readings on "Acts of Omission" as George Wolf and Barbara DiBernard from the Department of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln presented works of gay and lesbian authors which are all too frequently omitted from literature courses in both high school and college. The evening ended with a celebration of life and love and dancing to the music of Amethyst.

The *New Voice* salutes Parents-Flag, Cornhusker Chapter, on ten years of hard work and accomplishment and wishes you the best there is in the years to come.

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"IRON MAN" GEORGE STOPS HOUSTON'S PITTYPAT IN TUG OF WAR FINALS

Progressive Park was the scene for the Imperial Court of Nebraska's annual Labor Day Picnic and the final matches for the pyramid and tug of war competitions which began with the Memorial Day Gay Games.

Eleven teams took to the field in the tug of war single elimination tournament, which rank amateurs faced seasoned semi-professionals. Some teams failed to live up to their names (Power Play was overpowered in the very first match) and some teams were obviously unprepared for the physical demands, bruises, rope burns, and strained muscles. The event was totally free from discrimination as men and women joined together on teams and competed as did Caucasians and people of color. Athletes competed with couch potatoes, leather men teamed up with female impersonators, and the ropeburns appeared on sides, breasts, shoulders, faces, etc., etc.

The final match-ups came to a showdown between local athletes and a hastily thrown-together team anchored by a lovely "lady" known as PittyPat Magnolia Sugarbaker who posed for the camera and fanned herself in between matches. When the dust cleared, the winning team was the returning champion from the Gay Games, anchored by George who was joined by Jerry, Wes, Ron, and Scott. Taking second place was the

Apollo's +1 team anchored by PittyPat, joined by Phil, Frank, and two unidentified teammates. The third place team was the Nuffers, anchored by Pat and captained by ICON's own Athena III. Tami, joined by her consort, Kymm, Steve, and Randy.

Jerry W. was also a big winner in the finals of the pyramid competition as his returning champions walked away with 1st place. Joining together to take first place were Ron, George, Jerry, Rick, Toni, John M., Gerald, Mike, Wess, and Fred. The second place team included Tami, Kymm, Lynne, Deb, Dec, Tracy, Mike, Lisa, Bobbie, and Charla. The third place team included Linda, Nikki, Kathy, Cindy, Jodi, Lisa, Linda, Sandy, Pam, and Virge.

MR. GAY NEBRASKA

On Saturday, October 12, the Two-Wheelers of Omaha, M.C. will host the Mr. Gay Nebraska 1992 contest at the Ramada Inn Airport Omaha. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and the contest starts at 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00. Tickets can be obtained from a T.W.O. member or at the door.

Contestants must be at least 21 years of age and have been a resident of Nebraska for at least six months. Applications and full rules for contestants may be obtained by either writing to T.W.O., P.O. Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103, or they can be found at any local gay drinking establishment throughout Nebraska. Entertainment will be supplied by Only With Love (O.W.L.) a Des Moines group that has worked with T.W.O. on several occasions. For more information contact T.W.O. or any member.

MEATPACKERS' SHOW AT THE MAX RAISES \$5,024.64

The Labor Day Show at The MAX raised by the Omaha Meatpackers and the Packettes over \$5,000 for the ICON-PWA Emergency Assistance Fund. Ballet and ballads and the Mouseketeers entertained the crowd. Hosting were Miss Flowers and Miss Katrina Kain.

The Meatpackers produce this show annually with all production costs (this year over \$300) coming from their treasury. So every penny, nickel, and hundred donated by the community goes directly to the Emergency Assistance Fund.

A show like this takes a community effort, and the Meatpackers and Packettes would like to thank the following: The MAX and its owners and staff; Katrina Kain, Rod and David for the auction items; Bill B. for the set design; Larry D. for mixing and as the DJ.; Steve K., Marty, Payton, and Randy for helping with hair; Jim G. and Dorice Orr for dresses; Lisa for working the spotlight; you, the community who came and supported the function so very generously; and, of course, their fellow Meatpackers and Packettes for giving of themselves.

GILLIGAN'S BOWLERS TAKE SECOND

Congratulations to Rich, Elyse, Tom, and Darrell of the Gilligan's Bowling Team. They took second out of 55 teams at the Show Me Classic held over Labor Day weekend in St. Louis. Once again, congratulations.



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KEARNEY NEWS from *The Empty Closet*

Affairs Under New Ownership

The Affairs Bar in Grand Island has a new owner. Like the last owner, the new owner's first name is Bob. Bob What, you say??? Well, how about stopping down to Affairs and finding out for yourself. There are a few new things to look forward to with the change of ownership. The hours for the bar are now 1 am to 1 am everyday except Sunday. Sunday's hours will be 4pm to 1 am. And the new Bob tells the Empty Closet that the drink prices will be lower. Other changes are in the planning stages, too, so stop in and be a part of it. The Empty Closet would also like to wish Bob B. best of luck and a big Thanks for running the only gay bar around. Best wishes to the new Bob for the future.

1 + 1 Party Being Planned

The Empty Closet began on December 6, 1990. We are now looking forward to our first year anniversary which will be held on Saturday, December 7, 1991, which is one year and one day after we started. We plan to have a dinner, show, and dance. The cost will be \$12 per person for the entire evening or \$5 for just the dance. The celebration will be held in Kearney but the exact location has not yet been determined. Proceeds will go to continue funding the Empty Closet. All persons supportive of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals are welcome to attend.

Kearney Women's Group Needs You

The Empty Closet has several requests to put together a woman's discussion group for the tri-cities area. Reasons given for the requests include the thought that women and men just don't look at things in the same way and that some women are more comfortable in a group with just women. We are looking for a woman who would be comfortable facilitating such a group every other week in one of the three cities. That person needs to make a minimum of a three month commitment. She need not be a professional but should be a caring person that can work well with others. The person should have some roots in the community. The Empty Closet will set up a meeting place and some material to help run the group and advertise. The rest is up to you!

We also are looking for women to take part in such a discussion group. The Empty Closet gets many calls from women new to the area who are looking for friends, for someone to talk to, someone to hang out with. Call the Empty Closet if you can help.

Empty Closet Welcomes New Groups in Tri-City Area

On September 8 a meeting was held to determine the possibility of forming a second gay/lesbian organization in the Tri-City area. People met to discuss their views of the needs of the Tri-City gay and lesbian community as well as the possible structure of a new organization.

The Empty Closet welcomes all new gay and

lesbian groups to the tri-cities. Our "family" will never be able to agree 100% on everything, nor do we have to do so. There is room for many groups to serve the lesbian/gay/bisexual community. We appreciate the people who are taking the time and initiative to bring another outlet to our "family".

KEARNEY P-FLAG

Kearney P-Flag originated as an outstate arm of the Lincoln Cornhusker group of parents-and-friends. We are now fully independent and self-supporting, affiliated with National P-Flag, and serving the western half of the state, with members coming from as far as the ranch counties.

Contact is possible with leaders at any time through support phone numbers: call Kathy at (308) 995-5490, or Reenie at (308) 237-3870. Meetings are monthly, on the third Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at **St. Luke's Episcopal Church** (note correct location), Second Ave. at 23 Street, using the SW basement door off the south parking lot.

Our membership is richly varied: men and women, fathers, mothers, and just friends. We include health-care professionals, education professionals, UNK people, a variety of religious faiths. Members of Kearney's "Empty Closet" family regularly meet with us. Resource materials are filmed and exchanged; news and views get a lively airing. There is a full spectrum of commitment, from action-oriented spokespeople to studious observers. The six of us in Kearney are ready to welcome those from greater Nebraska who are in need of support.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Businesses That Make Sense With Our Community
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The Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE) and *The New Voice of Nebraska* feel that it is important to know businesses who deal fairly with lesbians and gay people, both as employees and customers. Businesses that respond, as well as those who do not, are speaking loudly and clearly to you!

The Questions

1. Do you welcome lesbians and gay people as customers?
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ELAINE TOWNSEND APPEARS IN LINCOLN

By Cheri Bovaard

saturday, august 24, was not one of my better days. after loading a truckload of garbage for a friend, dropping a queen size bed on my foot, and dealing with a bunch of angry straight people, i was ready to blow up the world, thank the goddess for cute dykes with guitars. if it weren't for elaine townsend, we all wouldn't be here today.

a.p.l.w. or the association for the preservation of the 'l' word was responsible for bringing townsend to lincoln, specifically, the unitarian church at 63rd and a streets, to perform.

the woman was amazing! not only did she change my mood from hellish to heavenly (a feat in itself) in less than five minutes, she sang and played her acoustic-electric better than any woman, or man, that i've heard.

elaine, not living in berkely, california, was born in columbia, s.c., on july 25, 29 years ago. she's a leo, and admits to being proud and arrogant, with good reason.

included in a career that has spanned more than a decade, she has opened for k.d. lang, the indigo girls, and now is a headliner herself with a recent album to her credit.

at the concert in lincoln, i could see why she's been so successful. townsend stands only about 5'5", and she's not very large, but when she opens her mouth to sing, she produces a big, powerful, throaty voice, that took over the room and filled it up.

that voice, combined with blue/grey bedroom eyes and dimples that could kill, held the audience until the concert was over. the songs themselves, in a country/folk/bluegrass style, were sincere and heartfelt. whether it was a love song, triumph song, or a song about attitude, they communicated to the audience on a level that was real. the accompaniment, too, was fantastic. townsend plays her guitar like a child with a best friend.

and she even has a sense of humor, "the best thing about being a songwriter," explained townsend, "is that you can get your revenge publicly."

although townsend's only been performing professionally for 12 years, she started early in life. "i'm the one," she said, "that gathered up all the kids in the neighborhood to perform in front of our parents. i think i charged a nickel back then."



Elaine Townsend

townsend is definitely worth more than a nickel these days. she's just finishing a 24 city tour, including the michigan women's music festival, even with all the luck of her tour, townsend emphasizes that her career isn't all roses.

"i'm happy, but sometimes i have to make adjustments...take gigs that i don't want to take. this is a cutthroat, for profit business."

townsend is not only hoping, but planning, to make it big, during the concert, she quipped, "i don't wanna open for k.d. lang, i want to be k.d. lang." townsend hopes to be picked up by Warner records or a similar label in the near future.

townsend's childhood plans of being a professional hippy didn't come through, and we can be glad of that. she is a strong woman with a powerful voice. i strongly recommend her music. townsend's tape, "heartbreaker blues" is available through ladyslipper records.

BLUE BARN THEATRE PRESENTS EVENING OF PLAYS ABOUT AIDS

The Blue Barn Theatre on south 13th street has opened its 1991-92 season with THE SYNDROME, an evening of short plays about the AIDS crisis. Since we first became aware of this virus, many of our most beloved theatrical artists have died. The entertainment world has been hit especially hard. At the Blue Barn we feel the need to enhance the efforts of other Omaha organizations who are actively battling this disease. Since we are not doctors or the press, people not looked to for answers or facts, we are able to focus our energies another way. Many people look at the numbers of those infected and which sectors of society they represent and refuse to see past that. We are producing an evening of theatre which shows that these people with AIDS, their families and friends, are worthy of compassion and sympathy. We want our audiences to realize that those infected any suffering are human beings who are loved, respected and have dignity.

The Blue Barn Theatre is located at 1258 South 13th Street, 1/2 block north of the Bohemian Cafe. Performances run through October 13, Thursdays - Sundays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Call 345-1576 for reservations and information. There will be a benefit performance for the Nebraska AIDS Project on October 9th at 8 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$10 and reservations must be made through the NAIP office at 345-6367.

The goal of the Blue Barn is to create theatre that challenges audiences to think and feel more deeply. We are not here to merely give an entertaining respite from today's problems. We're here to continue the theatre's historical importance; to provoke thought, action, and change.

Mr. Gay Nebraska, Oct. 12

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NEWS FROM NAP

The big event at the NAP office in August was the beginning of the renovation of the office space. NAP has secured the space next door to its office and is expanding so it will have twice as much space. The new walls are up and there is a smell of plaster in the air. Even though there is still a lot of finish work to be done (painting, carpeting, etc.), we are thankful that most of the really noisy work has been completed. Feel free to stop by and look around when you're in the neighborhood.

We are delighted to have two new practicum students this semester: Brian Vandewater and Ranae Smits. Brian is working toward a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Ranae will get her degree in Community Services from UNO. Brian will work closely with the case managers and Ranae will assist with volunteer coordination.

Having enough space to accommodate practicum students and volunteers is one of the reasons NAP needs additional office space. Unfortunately, the renovation was not complete when the new director, Gary George, arrived on September 16. So Gary had to join the rest of the staff in maneuvering around boxes and each other.

On August 17, the Red Cross coalition sponsored the SHOVE volleyball fund raiser. NAP's team, made up of staff, a board member, and two volunteers, won'teasily championship material, but we had lots of fun and are very appreciative of the participation of so many others from the Omaha and Lincoln communities. Over \$3,000 was raised for NAP's PWA emergency fund.

NAP had a display table at the Good Will Industries for one week in the middle of August. At the end of the month, we set up our display at the State Fair in Lincoln and are grateful to board members, other AIDS agencies' personnel, and volunteers for helping to staff that booth.

Members of the Blue Barn Theatre helped to carry the NAP banner in the Labor Day Parade and a board member and volunteer passed hotline cards out to the crowd along the parade route. This event gave NAP exposure to the 65,000 people attending the parade.

ICON fund raisers around Labor Day week ended raised \$1400 to help with NAP's operating expenses. NAP needs to raise another \$20,000 this fall to be able to break even at the end of the year.

Below are detailed statistics for the month.

Clients as of August 1	144
New clients	9
Clients deceased	1
Cases closed	6
Clients as of August 31	146

Services provided during August include:	
Advocacy	166
Transportation and Bus tickets	148
Shopping, cooking, sitting, etc.	89

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.

FANTASY '91 A WORLD IN LEATHER By Sharon Van Butsel

For the third year Omaha became the leather capital of the world for three short days as Dustin Logan, Bob Ewing, and the Leather Journal co-sponsored Fantasy '91. As usual, the list of dignitaries and titleholders went on for days. Men and women of the leather/m/m/fetish community came from all parts of the country to spend a weekend playing, performing, and raising money to benefit the local Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

This year's event was the smoothest, most professionally done, and the most fun of any Fantasy so far. There were old friends and delightful new ones. There were fantasies that were wonderfully erotic and those that were enchantingly creative and those that left you gasping at the strength and courage of the performer. There were workshops about political action and to help you learn about this fascinating community. There were displays of jewelry, erotica, artwork, and leather from big stores on the coasts and regional distributors. There was also a display from a local producer, BUTN BIZ, displaying well constructed and creative leather bracelets, wrist bands, suspenders, etc., along with a large assortment of buttons.

I will leave it to Dustin and Bob to produce their list of thank-you's. There were so many that I'd be sure to leave someone out. For me, the weekend was a kaleidoscope of black leather, silver studs, smiling faces, and warm, accepting people. Some of my personal favorites included D Cannon, International Mr. Leather '91, a towering man with shoulders at least 5 feet wide and coffee colored skin who carries a whip at his side. But when I spoke to him, his voice and manner were gentle, giving me his full attention even in a crowded room. Later, in a workshop, he passed his whip around so we could feel the buttery softness of the strands while he talked about the feel of those strands being gently trailed across a partner's skin.

I took delight in meeting Phil Reuben, International Mr. Deaf Leather '91, is well muscled with a ready smile as his fingers flash signs at those around him. He is quick to hug, patient with those of us who are deaf to sign language, and passes out printed statements telling of his determination to bring the deaf community into fuller

participation in all events.

Vance Reger, Mr. Southeast Drummer, plays classical music on his oboe and creates fantasies that use the unexpected and use laughter to draw the audience in. His expressive face and thick black beard can be childlike and innocent one moment, passionately powerful the next, and then playful and carefree. Vance cares about more than just his stage presence and stayed over after the Great Plains Drummer Contest to walk with three local people in the "leather contingent" of Omaha's 1991 Pride Parade.

Brian Dawson, International Mr. Leather '89, and Jeff Burnam, Mr. Floys Leather '89, sit close together, openly holding hands as sign of their commitment to each other. These two love each other openly and freely and talk about their relationship willingly. In workshops they talk about the need for sex to always be safe, sane, and consensual while they discuss ways to let your partner experience more complete and satisfying sensations. They talk about the use of the mind in satisfying sexual relationships and about how the anticipation of an event is part of the total enjoyment. Experiencing the open love and respect that these two enjoy leaves one with a renewed sense that lasting relationships are possible.

Let any of you think that there were no women at this event, let me mention that Shan Carr, International Ms. Leather '88, was one of the emcees and continues to be totally uninhibited and delightfully funny. Jolanne Tierney, Ms. Sacramento Leather '88/89 is just as sexy as ever, and there were some local women who took to the stage who you just may end up with one of those titles in the future.

Fantasy '92 will be in Dallas, Texas, and then Fantasy '93 will return to Omaha. I'd say you should mark your calendars now. They only get better.

SHOVE'S TOP MONEY EARNER IS MCC-O

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha walked away with the top money earner's award for 1991. The two MCC-O teams entered in the Six Hours of Volleyball Excitement Tournament held late in June raised over \$1000 for the event. Total earnings for the 17 teams were just over \$3000.

A special note of congratulations goes out to Jeff, Tim, and Chris, who each earned over \$200. Way to go MCC-O!

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IMPERIAL COURT NEWS

The sky was heavy with clouds and every weatherperson from far and wide forecasted torrential downpours for the afternoon, but no-o-o-ol! It was an Imperial Day! Labor Day 1991 brought 334 people out to celebrate and support this 50/50 fund raiser for NAP and the ICON-PWA Emergency Assistance Fund.

Thanks to all of you who supported the picnic, raffles, and auction by your attendance, participation, and contributions, \$1425 was donated to both organizations.

INCOME:

Cash Donations	\$ 270
Big Raffle	\$1,696
Little Raffle	\$533
Auction	\$320
Picnic Gate	\$2,350
TOTAL	\$5,169

EXPENSES: (park, beer, etc.) \$2,324
\$ Split between NAP & PWA \$2,846

Congratulations to our big raffle winners: Dean M. (the Chicago trip), Amy R. (the Red Lion package), and Gary W. (the Ramada Inn package).

Our new officers took their positions at the Sept. meeting. Don R., after serving the organization and community for several years, relinquished the gavel to Carla P., and Duane S. and Carla P. gave up their co-vice presidency to Connie H. Duane S. assumed the full time duties as treasurer, and Joe R. continues in his previous position as secretary.

Organizations need to be advised that we are now accepting grant requests for 1992. If your organization plans to make a financial request from ICON in 1992 for any reason (advertising, program funding, postage, etc.), we encourage you to do so in writing by December 1. We would like to know your requests now so that we can better plan our fund raising events and help to meet more of the community's needs. For more details, see the other announcement in this issue. You can also contact us by joining us at our Oct. meeting on the seventh at 6:30 p.m. at The MAX.

Coming in November is our annual Food For Thought Show. This year's show is hosted by Phoebe Tate, Deb, and Jay. Be watching for details...Until next month, see you in Court!

NEWS FROM THE DIAMOND

If you missed the erotic art show at the Diamond during Fantasy Weekend, don't fret. Cindy purchased some of the works and will offer them at auction during the annual Spring NAP Benefit Art Auction.

Incidentally \$114 was taken in and donated to NAP on a raffle for a Biker statue. The lucky winner is probably still patting it every night with deep affection.

**MCC-O Yard Sale, Sat., Oct. 5, 9-4
4328 Chicago**

MIDNIGHT SPLASH

OLIS (Our Love Is Special) hosted their first riverboat ride for members and the community on the Belle of Brownville early (and it was EARLY) Labor Day!

The crowd began gathering at midnight, and it wasn't long before the boarding began. First went the D.J.—we were only slightly concerned that while loading, the speakers would roll off into the Missouri. Then came the goodies: chicken wings, potato salad, fruit trays, and veggie trays! By then we riders were ready to board.

Three hours on the Missouri with good music, good friends, and good food made a great way to celebrate the Labor Day holiday.

Thanks OLIS for sharing this special event with us. We're glad you're a part of our community, and we look forward to sharing more activities with you!

For more information about OLIS, check the resource directory in this magazine.

CHESTERFIELD BENEFIT

Tami and ChaChi teamed to present a dynamic benefit show which raised \$350 to help defray medical expenses for Diane Y. who was injured during warm up for a softball game.

Alma generously donated food and pitchers of beer for the event. Friends gathered early to show their support. Performers for the event included Joey Leigh, Carla H., Janet, Tami, Sammi Bennett, Carla P. and Sharon. Let's hear it for The Field and all its community-spirited patrons!



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MCC NEWS

by Carla

Yard Sale! Yard Sale! Yard Sale! Those are the words on the lips of MCCers as we begin October. You can join in our song by calling 356-9907 if you have items to donate, or if buying those treasures is more along your line, come on down to the Yard Sale Saturday, October 5 between 9 and 4 at 4328 Chicago. All support will be appreciated.

EXCEL of the Midlands is coming to Omaha October 11-13. Local MCCers will be hosting this Exercise in Christian Living at Camp Kitaki. For more details, contact the church office at 345-2563.

Also in October our Pastoral Search Committee will be putting out letters of inquiry to the available pastors in the Fellowship, and the Fund raising Committee begins to put its plans into action.

September was an exciting month as we first basked in the music of Rev. Delores Berry. Without a breather, we hosted our annual Ice Cream Social and Bake Sale and raised \$200 for NAP and ICON-PWA Emergency Assistance Fund.

The Building Search Committee continued its quest and brought before the Board of Directors the church at 22 & Leavenworth. A couple offers were exchanged, but no agreement was reached. Late in Sept. the congregation met to discuss where to go from there.

As a part of our usual fall festivities, we took an evening late in the month to fellowship with a hayrack ride and weiner roast. The night was complete with a bonfire and a sing-a-long.

We invite you to join us for church this Sunday. Our services are held at 420 S. 24 St. at 10:20 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. See you in church!

AIDS CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL
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CHORUS NOTES

by Stan Brown

The eighth season of the River City Mixed Chorus is off to a fantastic start as awe grow to 45 singing members and approximately 10 support members in our Friends Group. We added many new members, as well as former members, as a result of our auditions in August. If you are still interested in joining our Friends Group or Concert Volunteer Group, please contact Brandon, 556-8352. The Friends Group helps the Chorus by selling tickets, ushering, serving refreshments at our concerts, as well as serving on committees, helping with fund raisers, and other projects.

The Chorus is very proud to announce our board members and officers for this season. Toni Pastory, our first woman president, is very excited about leading the Chorus this season, and we know she'll do a great job! Other officers include vice-president—Roger Bennett; secretary—Gary E., and treasurer—Michael Rice. Our board members-at-large are Karen Jensen, Rich Ketter, and David B.

The River City Mixed Chorus is a member of GALA Choruses (the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses), an international alliance of over 100 men's, women's and mixed choruses, dedicated to providing leadership and inspiration to the lesbian and gay movement through excellence in the choral arts. GALA Choruses produces a chorus festival every three years. The Chorus will be attending the Festival this coming June 27-July 5 in Denver, Colorado. The Festivals are truly exhilarating for anyone who enjoys choral music and the opportunity to participate with over 3,000 lesbians, gay men, and sensitive others in workshops, concerts, and social gatherings. We look forward to our trip to Denver and will bring back excitement and new ideas to help the Chorus grow even stronger. The opportunity to share our pride in our chorus and community with others from around the world will be rewarding and beneficial to all of us.

UNITED WAY: MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

by Joseph A. Bonaiuto, Jr.

An early reminder to anybody who is currently employed in the state of Nebraska: Yes, that time of year is fast coming upon us, when our office secretary, or boss, will put the pinch on us for our contribution to the United Way. In some cases that offer is solicited with a pen in hand and "pink slip" in the other. Some are even told what they are expected to "give" out of the kindness of their hearts.

But this is not a pitch or a put down for United Way. This is just information for those of us who are "assisted" in signing on the dotted line of their pledge forms—to put some choice back in the situation.

There is a form that should also come with your pledge sheet that will allow you to direct your contribution. This form is a small piece of paper that can make a big difference. You have three options when pledging your United Way gift; the third option is the one you should concentrate on. This allows you to direct your pledge to an approved organization which does not appear on their regular list, like Planned Parenthood and the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP).

Yes, the Nebraska AIDS Project is an approved United Way organization. This means that you can take that "gift" and make sure that it goes in a positive direction for the community.

All you have to do is check the third option box, fill in your pledge amount, method of payment, and the name and address of the organization: Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105.

This will send your money to NAP through the United Way. Your boss will be happy (in most cases the only person to see your direction form) will be the person who collects them—the management is only concerned with the final tally of the whole company, and you will know that you are really making a difference.

If you are not in Nebraska, call those organizations to which you would like to contribute. They will be able to tell you if they qualify for United Way pledges. We do have a choice, and we can make a difference.

A.N.G.L.E. TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors) will recognize National Coming Out Day on October 11 by placing a display ad in the Omaha World Herald announcing National Coming Out Day. We want to let the community at large have an idea of the size of the gay/lesbian community and show the our support for NCO. The advertisement will be financed entirely by donations from members of the gay and lesbian community and the total number donating will be included in the ad. No names will be included but just a total number of persons donating. The size of the ad will be determined by the number of donations received. No donation is too small (nor too large). ANGLE would like to say that over 1000 individuals contributed toward the cost of the advertisement. If you would like to take part in this project or would like to make a donation, please call the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line at 558-5303.

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THE MAX by Gloria Revelle

I certainly hope that everyone has recovered from all the excitement that THE MAX has provided these past months. Our seventh anniversary weekend was quite a party. I promise next year, number eight will be even better. Our latest addition to Omaha's night life, Stosh's Saloon, is the best place in Omaha for real cowpokes to go and party. Stosh's Saloon is the only place in Omaha where you'll find live country entertainment.

Amanda Foxx recently moved back to the Midwest from L.A. where she worked in many capacities for LA CAGE. Working behind the scenes, Amanda learned a great deal of the art of female impersonation. On October 3, Amanda will bring her talents to the stage of THE MAX. Amanda will also have as her guests some of the finest Midwest entertainers. It's finally here, October 5 & 6 THE MAX gives Omaha, Stosh's Saloon, Country Music recording artist, J.T. will entertain on Sunday, so shine up your boots, dust off your hats and come on down. Monday, October 7, there is a full moon, and THE MAX celebrates with our first Full Moon Party, featuring Trash Disco. Thursday, October 7, Jennifer Jett will host a benefit as she travels to Dallas, Texas, to compete in the 25th annual Miss Gay America Pageant. THE MAX wishes Jennifer the best of luck, and we already know that she's a winner. The Bitch is back! Who? Bonnie Bitch. Sunday, October 13, Bonnie's new show is direct from Las Vegas, so don't miss it. Omaha couldn't get enough of them the first time so we're bringing them back. California Men return on Sunday, October 20. These are six of the hottest men you'll find anywhere. Our own Miss Max 7, Dorian Drake, will perform on Sunday, October 27. Dorian's shows are always the best in the Midwest and certainly worth a visit to THE MAX. You'll see why we're still the best.

The holidays are fast approaching, and we've got quite the winter line-up for you. Coming in December, The Barbie Awards. It's not the Oscars, the Emmy's or the Tony's, but it's in Omaha, for your favorite entertainers—brought to you by High Heel Productions. Watch for it. We're still the one. We're THE MAX.



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CABARET IN BOYLESQUE By Cheryl Bavaard

if you were looking for something to do last september 4-6, hopefully, you decided on the "cabaret in boylesque" by sheza mann productions. if you didn't, you sure missed out.

the "cabaret", at the clayton house hotel in lincoln, was a funny, light, upbeat, complex, sarcastic piece of theatre, if i've ever seen one. it was wonderful... with a cast of men of various ages, shapes & sizes, "cabaret" treated the audience to german seduction, a romp in the hay, getting married, the life of a waitress, and more, in roughly two hours.

standouts in the cast were james channing, best dancing; janelle heart for most umph, and sheza mann for best lipsync. freida lae, autumn summers, mykal martin, angel jackson, and kristyns dawn also deserve honorable mention for a job well done. the surrealistic set, a black backdrop and larger than life figures designed by sheza mann and c.m. zuby, added to the zest... for an entertaining, fast moving, comical evening, i strongly recommend the "cabaret in boylesque".

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DISCRIMINATION — ARE YOU A VICTIM?

Did you know that it is currently legal in the city of Omaha to discriminate against someone because of their perceived or actual sexual orientation.

Citizens for Equal Protection is a grassroots political organization working to gain equal rights for gays and lesbians.

An important part of this fight is collecting information on instances of violence, discrimination, harassment, or intimidation. Citizens for Equal Protection is working to compile these statistics.

If you have any information to share with us (specific details will be kept confidential unless permission is given otherwise), please call the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line at (402) 558-5303. Leave your name, your phone number, and a message that you have been discriminated against, and someone will return your call. If you would like more information on the organization or would like to assist in the effort, call the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line.

Remember! Requests for funding from the Imperial Court of Nebraska need to be submitted by December 1, 1991

THE MAX RECOGNIZES COMMUNITY WOMEN

In an evening billed as Leather and Lace and with the upstairs bar set aside just for women, Thursday, Aug. 29, The MAX recognized four local women for their contributions to the community.

General Manager Wayne T., on behalf of the owners, staff, and community, made presentations of plaques to Alma K. for her ongoing support of the women's community through her business and fund raising efforts; to Rusty for her fund raising and business efforts on behalf of community women; to Sharon V. for her work with The New Voice of Nebraska, MCC-O, ANGLE, ICON, the Meatpackers, and many fund raising efforts; and Carla P. for her work with ICON, MCC-O, ANGLE, the Meatpackers, and many fund raising efforts.

The MAX promises more events "Just for Women." Be watching for details! Until then, remember: We are ABSOLUTELY THEM AX!

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PARTY WITH THE "TEMPRESS" By Sammi

The clock is about to hit 10:00 p.m. showtime on the eerie night of October 13th. This haunting event will be happening at the Triangle Bar (Polk and Railroad Ave) where the "Tempress" will entertain you with her magical illusions and friends.

Starring your favorite ghouls — Veronica O'Rourke, Tami (Athena III), Margo Monroe, Jennifer Jett, Nicole Blake, Amanda Fox, Beverly Taylor, and others. Along with myself, your "Tempress", Sammi Bennett, and my special creation, "Wild Thing".

Come out of your coffins or the bushes and venture down to this Halloween special, where you're invited to join the fun and feel free to dress as your favorite ghouls or ghoulette. This is going to be a fun show but we are also showing the community that unity is forming in the Gay and Straight/Bi-Sexual community.

We've got a lot of entertainment planned, so don't let midnight hit and be caught in your coffin. The "Tempress" will spellbound you on October 13th.

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HATE CRIMES SERIES BEGINNS

by T. Sweeney

Although anti-gay violence is a long-standing problem, in recent years it has become increasingly widespread. As lesbians and gay people have become more visible and organized, making major strides toward equality and freedom, such increased visibility also has triggered a violent backlash, as stated in a current fact sheet produced and distributed by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute.

The extent of this violent response can be documented around the world in every area of one's life, ranging from victimization in the home to HIV related attacks. Attacks against lesbian and gay people occur in a context of pervasive violence against Jews, people of color and women. The absolute bad news is that these kinds of violations against persons and property are on the rise. The substantiation of this fact was recently reported in a annual report from the NGLTF Policy Institute "Anti-Gay/Lesbian Violence, Victimization and Defamation."

The report clearly identifies that for a number of years, crimes directed at lesbian and gay people were either unreported (for fear of further victimization) or were lost in other categories of reportable crimes. It can not, however, solely attribute the sharp and consistent rise in reported crimes to the fact that victims of hate crimes are simply no longer allowing these crimes to go unreported. Now, through the efforts of our organized communities, federal, state and local law enforcement, and social agencies are being better educated about bias violence of all types, including anti-gay and lesbian violence. It is also noted that victims are finding supportive encouragement and assistance in seeing these crimes reported and are pursuing prosecution in the courts.

Locally, the state of Nebraska does not remain immune to this plague. Across the state agencies are recording more and more of these kinds of crimes. Recent occurrences in Omaha have prompted a visible response and call to action by concerned citizens, asking people to stand up and speak out against bias violence - especially gay-bashing.

H.A.H.C. (pronounced "hack", Homosexuals Against Hate Crimes) recently sponsored a hastily put-together information rally in front of the Run bar. (an area where a number of hate motivated attacks on lesbian and gay people have occurred) H.A.H.C. members John Dorrance and Maggie Zenger explained their concern and outlined the organizations purpose. H.A.H.C. in cooperation with other community based organizations, will be collecting data about anti-gay and lesbian crimes in the Omaha area and have hopes to reach out to other communities in the state. Sadly, it is this kind of "proof" that our elected officials and law/policy-makers require to hear our case and to assist in producing protective legislation and educational programs. If you are a victim of a hate crime or are witness to a hate crime please contact H.A.H.C. through the ANGLE information line 558-5303, the information you have is an important tool in getting legislation passed and assistance programs initiated both locally and nationally. In response to this national crisis the *New Voice*, in cooperation with H.A.H.C. Citizens for Equal Protection (CEP) and the NGLTF, will publish a four-part series dealing with anti-gay

and lesbian violence. The information presented in this series is primarily taken from a publication by the NGLTF, Lance Bradley and Tamar Hosansky, consultants and Kevin Berrill, Editor. The text is interspersed with first-person accounts, many of them by victims taken from recorded conversations or counselor's notes, with some editing.

The booklet is dedicated to all gay and lesbian people who have ever been victimized because of who they are and how they love. We, at the *New Voice*, wish to dedicate this series to our readership. We ask that each of you take a step in eliminating anti-gay and lesbian violence, by knowing what to do if you become a victim of a hate crime and perhaps more importantly, knowing how to stay safe.

DEALING WITH VIOLENCE A Guide For Gay & Lesbian People Edited by T. Sweeney

Part one of this series is Gay/Lesbian People: Power and Violence. If you are a victim of a hate crime or a witness to a hate crime, please contact H.A.H.C. through the ANGLE information line at 558-5303.

There is no greater violation of our human and civil rights than violence or the threat of violence. Yet daily gay and lesbian Americans are harassed, threatened and attacked because of their sexual orientation. As our communities have grown and become more visible in recent years, and as fear and hatred associated with the AIDS epidemic has mounted, reports of anti-gay violence have increased dramatically.

A National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) study of anti-gay violence published in 1984 confirmed in plain numbers what many in our community have long understood: to be gay or lesbian in America is to live in the shadow of violence. More than one in five gay men and nearly one in ten lesbians reported that they had been physically assaulted. More than ninety percent had experienced some type of victimization - simply for being gay or lesbian.

Think of the first time you heard the words "queer," "faggot," "dyke," and "lezbie." These words are favorite taunts of children. We know they mean something horrible and strange long before they are associated with sexual orientation. For boys, these words imply "unmanly" behavior; for girls, "unfeminine" behavior. Do these words automatically lose their impact as we grow older and come out? Look in the mirror and say them out loud. How does it feel? Are they just words, or do they have significance all their own? As we grow up, these words are still used to hurt us and still evoke feelings of powerlessness and isolation. Those who grow up heterosexual may comfortably accept negative words and stereotypes about gay people. Those of us who are gay must struggle against the feeling that they might be true.

Lesbians are often stereotyped as being tough. The words "tomboy," "butch," "bulldoze" connote physical toughness, which has traditionally been viewed as a masculine trait. Most women, however, are denied the opportunity to experience

their own physical power. Girls are discouraged from being aggressive and assertive and are taught "never to fight." Lesbians are stigmatized for being "masculine," yet as women they are denied access to the power given to men.

The terms used to identify gay men as "sissy," "pussy," and "fairy," connote weakness. From an early age, men are taught that to be gay means being passive and ineffectual. Gay males who internalize these beliefs often grow up feeling vulnerable and isolated. Some respond to those feelings by avoiding traditional arenas of male endeavor, such as physically competitive sports.

Negative words and stereotypes are only part of the spectrum of oppression that gay and lesbian people experience, a spectrum that includes rejection by family and friends and discrimination in housing and jobs. The extreme end of the spectrum is physical violence - violence directed at us because of who we are. This is hard to think about. For most of us the possibility of violence reinforces our feelings of vulnerability as lesbian and gay people in the world. Look in the mirror and say out loud: "I AM A POWERFUL LESBIAN" or "I AM A POWERFUL GAY MAN." What images and feelings are evoked? Do the words fit together or do they seem mutually exclusive? Without realizing it, we may forget our own power and accept society's beliefs about us. Doing this exercise can remind us that these words belong together.

Anti-gay violence is a reality that we need to face. Maybe you or someone you know has been victimized. In any gathering of gay and lesbian people one hears stories of verbal abuse, harassment, and assault. To many in our society, this violence is a sport or a joke. For many gay people, anti-gay violence is often accepted as just one of the liabilities of living in a homophobic society. Thinking about the ever-present threat of violence is so frightening that many of us try to pretend it doesn't exist. We develop magical safety bubbles to protect ourselves:

"It can't happen to me"; "I live in a good neighborhood"; "I never go to the bars"; "I don't look gay." The problem with these safety bubbles is that they are based on misconceptions about crime.

"I was leaving my office late after attending a business meeting. They drove by, screamed 'Faggot!' and threw a brick at me. I have always hidden my gay life at work. How did they know I was gay?"

All of us make decisions about how to survive in this society - how open we want to be, and where and when we want to be. No matter what decision we make, all of us are vulnerable to anti-gay violence.

"I cut my hair and tried to look real tough so men would stop bothering me. On my way home, a group of men yelled, 'Hey, dyke!' as I walked by. I was terrified. I felt like no matter what, I just couldn't win."

In reality, our safety bubbles don't make us any safer. If we are to deal effectively with anti-gay violence, we need to get the facts about what is and how it occurs. Anti-gay violence is any violence directed against people because they are gay or lesbian, or perceived to be so. It is motivated by hatred of gay people, a hatred that pervades our society. Lesbians and gay men are also targeted for crimes because they are per-

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ceived to be vulnerable - unable to fight back and unwilling to risk exposure by reporting to the police. As with children and the elderly, lesbians and gay males are seen as an easy mark:

"I go after faggots because they're easy. No matter how much leather or how bulked up they are, they just crumple up and don't do shit when I rip them off."

In this society, women accompanied by men are often seen as protected. Women alone are perceived as helpless:

"My buddy and I would hang outside the dyke bar, and scream and spit at them as they walked in. Lousy perverts - we scared them to death."

Often violence against gay and lesbian people reflects more than one motive on the part of the perpetrator, and victims may not always know if their sexual orientation is a factor. Gay people who are also members of other oppressed groups may find it especially difficult to discern the reason for attacks against them. For example, lesbians who are harassed or assaulted may be singled out for being women or lesbians (or both). Similarly, gay and lesbian people of color may be victimized because of their race as well as their sexual orientation.

Of course gay and lesbian people are also victimized for reasons that are unrelated to their sexual orientation. We do, after all, live in a society in which crime is widespread. But whatever the motivation for violence against us, experiencing an attack can often increase our feelings of vulnerability.

Lesbians and gay males are victimized in a variety of ways that include verbal harassment, intimidation, vandalism, robbery, physical attacks, sexual assault, and murder. Such incidents can happen anywhere - on the street, in school, at the workplace, and even in the home.

Contrary to our stereotypes, those who attack lesbian and gay people can be anybody - men or women, gay or straight, young or old; they can be members of any social class, profession, race, or ethnic group. They may be total strangers, acquaintances, or loved ones.

Although violence against lesbian and gay males can occur anywhere and be perpetrated by anyone, some patterns appear to be especially prevalent and deserve special mention.

A common type of crime against gay men occurs when a perpetrator gains the victim's trust and access to his home. Sometimes he slips "knock-out drops" into the victim's drink, and then steals his belongings while he is unconscious. At other times, he assaults the victim.

"He came to take the Census, and we really hit it off. We had a lot in common. When he called wanting to see me again, I was delighted. He came over the next evening. We were having a wonderful time when suddenly he went crazy. He picked up an ashtray and began hitting me in the face, screaming: 'Faggot, I am going to kill you!'"

Especially in places where gay bars and organization do not exist, some gay people go to designated public areas - such as parks and

roadstops - to meet each other. Often these areas are isolated and dangerous, and those who visit them are particularly vulnerable to entrapment, robbery, assault, and murder. Because many of these individuals hide their sexual orientation, they are also vulnerable to blackmail.

As with heterosexuals, lesbian and gay people are sometimes victims of sexual assault, a form of violence still obscured by myths and misconceptions. Sexual assault is any forced sexual contact - including oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by an assailant's penis or fist, an object, or weapon. Such attacks are always acts of violence in which sex is used as a weapon; they are motivated by a need to control, humiliate, and hurt the victim. In many cases, lesbians and gay men are targeted for sexual assault as an expression of homophobia.

Just as with other crimes, sexual assaults are perpetrated by strangers or acquaintances. Victims can be women, children, or men.

"I always thought rape was something that only happened to women. I can't describe the pain and powerlessness I felt. I thought I was going to die. I thought it was never going to end. It feels like I'll never be in control again."

One pattern of attack against lesbians occurs when a man stalks two lovers, enters their home armed with a knife or gun, and ties up one of the women, forcing her to watch as he rapes her lover. This form of assault is intended to violate not only the woman who is raped, but also her lover and the relationship they share together.

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FEATURES

Most gay and lesbian people at some point have to cope with their families' response to their sexual orientation. We hope for a loving and accepting response, but not all of us get it. While many of us face disapproval, some of us are emotionally or physically abused by family members.

"When I was fifteen I was really messed up. I couldn't figure things out. I told my father I thought I was gay. He went crazy. I couldn't believe it. He started screaming and throwing things. It's never been the same since. We were friends; now he won't come near me."

Lesbians and gay youth who are abused by their families are extremely vulnerable and isolated, and frequently have nowhere to turn for support and protection. Those who flee their homes are often revictimized on the street or by the system. When we grow up, many of us go on to build new families with friends and lovers. But as with some heterosexual relationships, some lesbian and gay relationships can become violent.

"I teach in a Catholic school. Jane and I have been living together for two years. No one knows we are lovers. No one can know that I'm with a woman. When she started hitting me I didn't know what to think. I didn't know what to do. I love her. I've been in the hospital twice now. She told me if I leave her, she'll tell the people at school I'm gay."

Lesbian and gay relationships exist without legal sanctions or societal support. There is a

commonality and bond between two people who share love and oppression. If this bond is violently smashed from within, the effects are overwhelming. The victim may feel that going to the police or seeking any kind of assistance is a betrayal of another gay person. For the victim who does try to get help there may be simply nowhere to turn. It is devastating to think that this love, which we go through so much in order to express, can turn to violence. The form of violence is difficult to accept because it happens among us, not to us. It can be painful to admit. However, if we sanction or deny the problem, we cannot address it.

The homophobia pervasive in this society affects everyone, even those who are there to protect us. In some cases, police officers act out their homophobia or are pressured to act out their homophobia of others by refusing us protection, by raiding gay establishments, or by taking part in acts of harassment, entrapment, verbal abuse, and assault. No matter what the crime, what the motivation, or who the attacker, violence against gay people is never deserved. No one should be victimized, no matter what they say, what they wear, where they go, or how they act. While many will tell us to retreat back into the closet, that is not the answer. The first step is to get correct information about how anti-gay violence occurs. Then we can evolve personal self-protection strategies and mobilize our power to make the world safer for all of us.

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THAT'S ALL, FOLKS

by Jean Mortensen

By the time you read this, I will have moved to Colorado, thus drawing to a close my nearly five-and-a-half-years' association with *The New Voice of Nebraska*.

I began writing articles for this publication in 1986. By 1987, I'd made it to the list of "other staff," and by the first of 1989, I was credited as "feature writer." I've seen the magazine change its location (from Lincoln to Omaha), its editor (four of them), and even its logo (a triangle replaced a circle in the banner across the top of the cover). Once my design for a Gay Pride Week logo appeared on the cover (1988). And once, even my photo graced the cover (but I'm not going to tell which one this time).

Writing for this publication has given me a good foundation in my area of greatest interest. Thanks to you all for the opportunity. As with many writers, the things I wrote about reflected the stages of my life's progression. During my stint here, I came out to my family, altered my religious system of beliefs, broke up with a lover and found a new one, moved to a new town, adopted another cat, and changed jobs several times. But you probably already knew all that if you've been a faithful reader.

Okay, now that I've tooted my own horn for a while, I want to thank the whole staff, all the various people over the years who took my envelopes from the mailbox and somehow got them into the proper form for the magazine. Also, I want to thank everyone who's ever told me they enjoyed reading an article I'd written. Heaven knows, I tried to cover a lot of different topics, everything from coming out, to dealing with Biblical interpretations, to news commentary, and even a lighter look at the gay and lesbian life. As for those of you who didn't enjoy them, well, now you won't have to listen to me spouting off from my soapbox anymore. You can take a tum at it. And maybe someday you'll get to read something else of mine that you will like.

Just because I'm ending my association with the *New Voice*, that doesn't mean I'm ending my association with writing. That's the only thing I've ever really wanted to do in life... write novels. So keep your eyes on the lesbian presses for a novel by a new author called Lauren Logan. (Yes, I write my fiction under a pen name so my mother won't have a cow.) I've got a manuscript, circulating now amongst the publishers, set in Omaha about a lesbian Lutheran minister (yes, I know that's a contradiction in terms), and I've just finished another about a nice 500-year-old lesbian vampire living (?) in Lincoln.

So now that I'm bowing out, somebody else can move in as a feature writer. And I strongly urge you folks to do that. Hey, it's a great way to vent your spleen or try to entertain or inform. If you've always wanted to see that article on alternative spirituality or witchcraft or communal living, then write it. There were certain topics I wished I could write about in order to interest more of our community, but I lacked the expertise in the area. If you've got knowledge to share, share it. The community and the *New Voice* will be richer for it.

The thing that's taking me away from Lincoln now is the fact that my lover is starting graduate school this fall at the University of Colorado in Boulder. That, and the fact that I've always wanted to live there so close to the Rocky Mountains. There are many people we will miss here, but we take with us lots of good memories.

I suppose all that's left to say now is so long, it's been good to know you.

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NATIONAL NEWS

USSR, FRANCE JOIN P-FLAG NETWORK

Parents in Russia and France will have support from the International Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays as a result of outreach efforts in Paris by P-FLAG National President Paulette Goodman and in Leningrad and Moscow by Program Director Laurie Coburn. This boosts the P-FLAG international network to eight countries in addition to the U.S. and Canada.

In Paris, Goodman met with 14 gay men and lesbians and one mother who is willing to serve as a P-FLAG contact. "There remains much work to be done, not only in the U.S., but internationally as well," said Goodman. "Gays and lesbians in France are mostly closeted and fearful. P-FLAG is prepared to provide information and strategies to concerned families to launch a French counterpart."

Coburn spoke at workshops and plenary sessions, and met privately with gays and lesbians and their parents. She took part in a condom distribution held in front of the Moscow City Hall and the first Soviet Gay and Lesbian Rights Demonstration, held on the steps of the Bolshoi Ballet.

"I was touched by the many Russian young people who clearly longed for affirmation from their parents and were hungry for help in coming out. Their expressions of love and gratitude for P-FLAG's presence at the symposium were almost overwhelming," said Coburn, who distributed P-

FLAG buttons and 300 copies of a Russian translation of the P-FLAG booklet *About Our Children*.

GAYS' BRAINS DIFFERENT??

A recent article in the *Omaha World-Herald* reported that Dr. Simon LeVay, a neuroscientist at the prestigious Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego, found that a segment of the hypothalamus no larger than a grain of sand—called INAH3—is only half as large in homosexual men as in heterosexual men.

That area of the brain is also smaller in women than in heterosexual men, leading Dr. LeVay to theorize that the size of the brain segment may govern the sexual preference of both men and women, with a large INAH3 leading to a preference for women and a smaller INAH3 leading to a preference for men.

While he cautioned that this discovery does not indicate a cause and effect relationship, he conceded that the findings are consistent with findings in other animal species. However, he noted that it may be some other biological phenomenon that causes both the preference for men and causes the INAH3 to shrink.

Scientists theorize that this finding may account for why male homosexuality is present in most human cultures no matter what the cultural constraints may be. It may, in fact, be a biologically determined phenomenon.

QUILT TO RETURN TO DC

The NAMES Project has announced plans to mount a nationwide campaign to bring the entire Quilt back to Washington, D.C. in October of 1992.

Executive Director David Lemos said, "People are tired of empty rhetoric from our government. The growth of the Quilt is a vivid reminder of the cost of inaction. Our panel makers, volunteers, and supporters want us to act. They want us to bring AIDS back to the front pages of the nation's newspapers."

The display, which has been set for Columbus Day weekend in 1992, will mark the first display of the entire Quilt since 1989 when many felt it would be the last such display due to its enormous size.

The October 9-11th weekend will mark five years since the inaugural display of the Quilt at the *March on Washington For Lesbian and Gay Rights* in 1987.

"In 1987 we had 26,000 Americans to remember," notes Lemos. "It's hard to imagine, but we are likely to have surpassed 200,000 dead when we unfold the Quilt next year."

For people interested in helping to organize the display, a National Training Conference for the Return to Washington is scheduled for this year on October 11-13.

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MARCH ON DC SET FOR APRIL '93

At a weekend planning meeting held at Chicago's Allerton Hotel on August 3rd and 4th, lesbian and gay leaders from 26 states, grassroots representatives, and over 50 local or regional groups including non-gay ones who support lesbian and gay rights, unanimously approved a March on Washington set for April 25, 1993.

In addition to representatives from non-gay organizations, were bisexual groups, leather groups, a visible and powerful people of color contingent, and great student representation.

Also present at the two day meeting were many leading figures in the struggle for Lesbian and Gay rights, including principles of the NAMES Project, Black and White Men Together, the National Organization for Women, National Coalition of Black Lesbian & Gays, Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, National Gay & Lesbian Law Association, Queer Nation, United States Gay Student Association, UFMCC, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, ACT UP, People's Anti-War Mobilization, and representatives from Florida to Alaska.

Fund raising donations and volunteers are needed; for more information contact the March on Washington Hotline at 1-800-832-2889 or write to the March on Washington at P.O. Box 14573, San Francisco, CA 94114.

LOTUS: BENEFITS TO GAY PARTNERS

CAMBRIDGE, MA - Lotus Development Corporation is offering employee benefits to partners of its homosexual employees in a move the computer software company said was the first of its kind for a major American company.

Richard Eckel, spokesman for the Cambridge based company, said Lotus agreed to the plan after two years of talks with workers.

It calls for homosexual employees and their live-in partners to sign contracts saying they have a long-term commitment. That qualifies them for the same benefits offered to married employees' spouses.

Benefits include medical and dental care, vision and hearing coverage, and bereavement leave.

Some organizations have domestic partner agreements that cover unmarried heterosexual couples.

But Lotus said its plan applies only to the partners and dependents of homosexual employees because while heterosexuals can marry, gay and lesbian couples can't.

The agreement also covers "qualified dependents" of homosexual couples, Lotus said.

BERKELEY HONORS NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

On June 18, 1991, the Berkeley (California) City Council approved an extended Domestic Partners Registration program expanding health care benefits to non city employees.

Councilmember Ann Chandler, who authored the ordinance, acknowledged gay and lesbian relationships by saying, "No one should be excluded from full membership in society on the basis of his or her sexual orientation."

The Berkeley ordinance is scheduled to go into effect on October 11, 1991 - National Coming Out Day.

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POETS' CORNER

FIRST PIECE

by Christopher Thomas

In the middle of the blackberry patch
the boys drew back their corked dreams
with sticky fingers, their groins
to the broken stones squirming.

It was a magnificent bed, four thick
and oval posts tended something phallic
above our heads, held the lamps we lit
so willingly to undress it all.

How I wish I could mold that dream
to my hand, rekindle the thick lavender
smell that settled between us
when mother and her laundry stomped
down the hall, and we clung to bulge

and thigh, vocal chord deep in what
we'd learned from strangers, legs
thumping softly on the floor, the world
turning on its back once more.

A WALK IN VOLUNTEER PARK

by Christopher Thomas

The dog needed walking,
I took him to the green-over
damped-shade, sprinkler
covered evening park
which was notorious,
but not near enough
to be better
than our summer-gray
cement-hot block.

The gentleman was standing
near the fountain looking
as though the park was his,
and I, a black-dog walker,
pretended not to notice
his quick smile,
or the dog's sudden
lumber-over interest.

He asked about the dog's
strange look, looking
near my belt...
He walked with us
too short a way
for much talk,
and too long with us
for comfort,
and too near
my defense mechanisms.

UNREQUITED LOVE

by Christopher Thomas

He tried whoring
and found only love.
It did not fit.
And so his luster
hung like cobwebs
in the attic closet
where he kept
his file of dirty pictures
and a jar of Vaseline -
and a gold-leaved Eagle
whose eyes
never left him.

WEB - for Sarah

by Christopher Thomas

Remember the band
in San Francisco,
the woman who brought
Hibiscus to the door?

Let's ponder the webs
of domesticity
the angels paint
on their most catholic toes:

let us discuss smiles
from old photos, the thin
smell of cigar moving
like a darkness

each time the lady
with the septic eyes
curled her arms around you.
Some days there is no escape;

it hides in the walls,
names its constant hunger
in all the boxes
piled like conquests
on the bottom of the basement floor.

Sometimes the round-eyed cat
sits up as though to announce it:
"You should always cover up
your messes," she tells me,
preening before the mirror.

DESCRIPTION OF MYSELF

I try to live life like a rapids -
rushing, spilling, splashing, singing,
touching all I can -
Leaping up to kiss the sky.
Wearing away the stones which are
confining me (or is it definition?).

I wear my heart on my lapel -
a decoration, an adornment.
A warning to those who fear.
"This is a woman who loves. She is angry.
She knows joy and despair
and revels in both."

I would not live a quiet life -
a pretty, pastel existence -
not even if I could.
The price I pay is justified -
You see, I am learning to fly.

-unsigned

AUTUMN JOURNEY

It is an autumn day.

I walk,
with you beside me,
for miles.
The ground gives slightly
beneath our feet
sending up a musty odor -
like sitting by a fire,
forest gone high summer green
to rust -
like lying together as the light fades
bodies barely touching.
It is the scent of warmth
and patience.

Sometimes you tell me stories
of your childhood
or of women in these woods long forgotten
Often we laugh at nothing.
The dog trots back occasionally
just to be sure of us.
Yes, we are her.
We are walking.

-unsigned

IMPLICATIONS FROM AN INCH OF AIR

by Christopher Thomas

We will speak no more
of the resolve that withers
at our nakedness
or waits its destruction
like a religious dream
chantered to fall less
than passions' bony home.

This world may well be
the dream of God
abruptly ending
as he stretches and yawns
before the eighth day:
the eighth dream
moving like wings
towards the long darkness.

We are strangers
at the entrance
of each other's thighs.
But we will speak no more of it.
Except that the beast
still squats in the cave
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ADS NEWS

SALK TO TEST AIDS VACCINE ON HIMSELF

Polio vaccine pioneer Jonas Salk says he will be the first uninfected person injected with his experimental AIDS vaccine.

Salk, who plans to inject himself before the end of the year, said he hopes to show that the vaccine is safe for the next group of uninfected volunteers who will receive it: celibate nuns and priests.

He based his vaccine on a deactivated version of the AIDS virus, much like the polio vaccine he developed in the 1950s. He hopes to help people infected with the AIDS virus as well as immunize uninfected people against the disease.

Salk, 76, said he injected himself with an influenza vaccine that he worked on in 1942 and also tried out his polio vaccine in 1952.

His approach uses the vaccine to boost the body's immune defenses after the AIDS virus has already become established. Traditionally, vaccines have been used solely to prevent an initial infection from occurring.

In a recent report in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, doctors from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research presented evidence that one such vaccine seemed to at least temporarily halt the loss of crucial white cells in people with AIDS infections.

Salk is directing a multinational effort to develop an AIDS vaccine at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, California. He received federal approval last year to begin large-scale testing of an experimental AIDS vaccine.

AIDS SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

A new AIDS support group which meets Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. began August 30. This is not an AIDS #101 course. This will be for persons living with HIV infection, ARC, and AIDS, family members and friends to come together and share.

This group does not try to take away from NAP's Wednesday night support groups but will add an alternative for those persons who cannot make it on Wednesdays.

In order to maintain privacy and confidentiality, call Butch at 345-4747 for location. Please be considerate and call before 10pm!

The group begins promptly at 7 p.m. and lasts until the group feels comfortable with departing. There may be an occasion to relocate our location but we will give as much advance notice as possible.

Anyone not maintaining confidentiality will be asked not to return. Everybody is welcome to attend but we ask that you come sober. We will maintain a Spiritual setting!

AIDS ACTIVISTS DESCEND ON DC

Several hundred AIDS treatment activists attended the second AIDS Treatment Activist Conference (ATAC2) on September 27-29.

The conference was organized by ACT UP New York and ACT/UPDC to develop strategies to address current AIDS treatment issues. Strategy sessions targeted the Congress, President

Bush, the National Institutes of Health, and the pharmaceutical and health insurance industries.

The Opening Session of the conference began on Friday, September 13th. The five strategy sessions were held on Saturday and Sunday, September 28th & 29th. Workshops geared to ongoing activist projects such as treatment issues of women and people of color, the ramifications of the CDC Invasive Procedures Guidelines, and *Countdown 18 Months* were held on Sunday afternoon.

In conjunction with the conference, AIDS activists converged on the White House on Monday, September 30, to focus attention on President Bush's lack of leadership in the AIDS crisis, and to demand that he appoint a national AIDS "czar."

HIV ANONYMOUS BEGINS IN LINCOLN

A special recovery group had its first meeting on September 22 in Lincoln. This group was started to provide a recovery group for people who are HIV challenged.

"Living in Hope" HIV Anonymous is a recovery group using a program based on the twelve steps of AA and is specifically for people who are in recovery and are at risk or challenged by HIV infection.

The group meets on Sundays at 4pm at Lincoln General Hospital, 2300 South 16, Lincoln, in the Prairie Room, lower level, in the cafeteria area. Persons wanting more information can write PO Box 67185, Lincoln, NE 68506.

AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

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Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
AIDS Program, 2200 St. Marys Ave., Lincoln, NE 68502. By appointment & at Panic Bar, 2nd Tues. Also counseling & support. (402) 471-8065.

Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105; (402) 342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437] [statewide].

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Lincoln Cancer Center
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Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
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Nebraska AIDS Education & Training Center
AIDS education to health care professionals. UNO Medical Center, 600 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE 68198-5130, (402) 559-6681.

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Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)-Lincoln: AIDS Support Group, P.O. Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504. Meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm: (402) 475-2437; AIDS info, & support line.

PARTNERS

Couples Can Prepare For Medical Emergencies

Assigning a same-sex partner the power of attorney won't do much good if the person cannot be located, say the editors of a national newsletter for gay and lesbian couples. They recommend that partners carry an emergency medical card, as well as a reduced photocopy of their power of attorney form.

"Medical emergency teams typically search trauma patients for information on emergency contacts, and same-sex couples need to make explicit the role of their partner," says Stevie Bryant, co-editor of *Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples*.

"A medical emergency card doesn't replace the power of attorney," says Demian, Ed.D. "Rather, the card directs health care workers to alert your partner, who can then invoke his or her authority to act on your behalf."

Using the power of attorney, a legal document, a person can grant someone else the right to make health care decisions on his or her behalf. Attorneys strongly recommend this legal precaution for same-sex couples, according to Bryant and Demian.

To encourage couples to take this precaution, Partners offers free medical emergency cards for listing an emergency contact name and telephone number, medical conditions, medicinal allergies, and blood type. To receive a set of two cards, send a stamped, self-addressed business envelope to Partners cards, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109; or call (206) 784-1519.

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THURSDAY, October 3

Amanda Fox and friends, THE MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

SATURDAY, October 5

GIGANTIC YARD SALE sponsored by Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 9am - 4pm, 4328 Chicago, To Donate Items Call 556-9907

Stosh's Saloon opens at THE MAX in Omaha

Coalition 1st Saturday Event, Gay/Lesbian Literature II, Cornerstone, 640 North 16th, Lincoln, 7-10pm.

SUNDAY, October 6

New Voice Steering Committee, MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th Street, 1pm. All interested persons welcome to attend.

MONDAY, October 7

ICON Board of Governors Meeting, The Max, 1417 Jackson St., Omaha, 6:30pm.

Support Group for Bisexuals. Open to all sexes, 7:30pm, Cornerstone (Upstairs), 640 N. 16th Street, Lincoln.

Full-Moon Party featuring Trash Disco, THE MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

WEDNESDAY, October 9

"The Syndrome", 4 plays about living with AIDS, Blue Barn Theatre, 1258 South 13 Street, Omaha. Special Benefit Performance with Reception and Discussion following, all proceeds go to NAP, Tickets \$10, Call 342-4233 for reservations or send check to Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha, 68105

THURSDAY, October 10

Jennifer Jett Show. Jennifer's going to Dallas to compete in the 25th annual Miss Gay America Pageant!! and needs your help. THE MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

FRIDAY, October 11

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY!!

Take a Coming Out Step Today. It's worth it!!!

SATURDAY, October 12

River City Gender Alliance meeting Support Group for TV, TS, CD. No Sexual Encounters. Open to all who enjoy the cross-gender community. Open to all orientations. Write: RCGA, P.O. Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502.

Tenth Annual Parents-FLAG National Convention begins in Charlotte, NC!!

Mr. Gay Nebraska Contest 1992 hosted by Two Wheelers of Omaha, M.C., Ramada Inn Airport, Omaha, Doors open 8pm, Contest 9pm, Tickets \$3, Special appearance by O.W.L. (Only With Love) from Des Moines

SUNDAY, October 13

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

Parents-FLAG Omaha, 3pm, 1st Methodist Church (Educ. Wing), 7020 Cass. 291-6781.

Bonnie Bitch Show direct from Las Vegas. THE MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

Halloween Preview Show featuring the "Temptress" and her friends, hosted by Sammi Bennett, The Triangle Bar, Polk and Railroad Avenue, Omaha, 10pm, Costumes welcome!

MONDAY, October 14

AIDS Interfaith Network Prayer Service, St. Cecelias, 7pm, 40th & Webster, Omaha.

TUESDAY, October 15

Gay/Lesbian Coalition Board meeting, 7:30pm, St. Marks, 13th & R, Lincoln.

THURSDAY, October 17

Film Showings: Paris is Burning and Tongues Untied, Sheldon Art Gallery, Lincoln.

FRIDAY, October 18

Fourth Annual AIDS Candlelight Vigil in Lincoln, Meet at 12th & O Street at 7pm, March to State Capitol Building for Program.

SUNDAY, October 20

Parents-FLAG/Kearney, 3pm, St. Luke's Episcopal, 2nd Ave. at 23rd St. Call for info: (308) 237-3870.

California Men perform at THE MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

TUESDAY, October 22

P-FLAG/Lincoln, 7pm, Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' Street. Sharing session and program: Parent Pride and Convention Highlights, G/L Youth meet in their own sharing session. Call for details: 435-4688.

SATURDAY, October 26

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns. For info: 733-1360.

SUNDAY, October 27

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Dorian Drake performs at THE MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

MONDAY, October 28

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Service, St. Marks, UNL, 13th & R, 7pm.

THURSDAY, October 31

It's Halloween! Time for all Ghosts and Goblins to Party!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS, CALL ANGLE'S GAY/LESBIAN INFORMATION AND REFERRAL LINE: 558-5303.

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 420 S. 24th, 345-2563. Morning Worship 10:20am, Communion/Prayer Service 7pm.

Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers Running and Walking Club, 10am.

Grand Island Open Meeting, Alcoholics Anonymous, 12 Noon. Location: Call (308) 234-6500.

Living in Hope HIV Anonymous Recovery Group, Prairie Room, Lower Level, Lincoln General, 2300 South 16th, Lincoln, 4pm

MONDAY

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

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsal, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40th, 7:15pm.

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Empty Closet Discussion/Support Group, Grand Island/Hastings alternating. Call: (308) 234-6500.

Lesbian Discussion Group, 7:30pm, Lincoln, UNL Nebraska Union, Women's Resource Center, 14th & R St.

Lambda Plush Group, 7:30pm. Overeaters Anonymous, Family & Friends Building, 3622 N. 90th St., Omaha. Info: 341-7716 or 978-8777.

THURSDAY

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, Cornerstone, 640 North 16th, Lincoln, 8pm.

Empty Closet Support Group Kearney meetings (308) 234-8248.

FRIDAY

AIDS/HIV Support Group, 7pm, Call 345-4747 for location and information

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

SATURDAY

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

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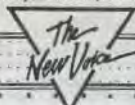
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Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln, NE 68502. Wally 476-7389/489-4634, Hours Vary.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous, 438-5214.

Gay Men's Support Group, Counseling Center, 1234 Admin. Bldg., UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588-0499. 472-3461. Confidential support for gay men.

Lesbian Support Group, Women's Resource Center, Rm 117, Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588. (402) 472-2597, weekly discussion group.

Lincoln Legion of Lesbians, 624 N. 25, Lincoln, NE 68503. Feminist collective, newsletter, support.

Nebr. Scholarship Fund for G/L Students Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503. (402) 477-1664. Non-profit scholarship with NU Foundation.

New Directions Center, 476-2802. Short term counseling/support for coming out, relationships.

New Freedom G/L info/support. 466-4627

Open Door Ministry (402) 423-8070. Orthodox spiritual counseling to all in need. No charge.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Southeast Comm. Col. G/L Student Assoc. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, 477-1664/477-9216. Student, Gay, Lesbian, educ, social, political.

Support Group For Bisexuals, Box 80913, Lincoln, NE 68501-0913. All sexes. Meets 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone, (upstairs) 640 N 16.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association. 342 Nebr Union, Lincoln, NE 68588-0455, 472-5644. Social/support for G/L Students, meet Thurs 8pm.

UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Assoc., Inc. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, 477-1664. Social, educ, political network for UNL G/L alumni/ae, faculty, staff, & students.

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

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

Women's Journal-Advocate Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501.

Youth Talkline (402) 473-7932, Friday and Saturday 7pm to Midnight. Emotional support, community info, referrals, AIDS info for those 23 and under. Project of Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights.

OMAHA

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay Lesbian Endeavors), P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131-0375. Networking, Consciousness raising, and PRIDE activities in the community.

Citizens For Equal Protection, c/o MCC-Omaha, P.O. Box 31373, Omaha, NE 68103. Legislative action group for Human Rights ordinance.

EAGLE - Omaha, Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians. A resource group for employees of US WEST. Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on the Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha, NE 68102.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers, P.O. Box 4583, Omaha, NE 68104-0583. (SASE for info). Meet Wed., 6:30pm at Ford birth site, 32nd & Woolworth.

Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line (402) 558-5303.

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

Metropolitan Club, Box 31331, Omaha, NE 68131-0331. A social alternative to Omaha's bar scene. Helps to promote a positive perspective within our community.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC) Mailing address: Box 31373, Omaha, NE 68103. Services at 420 S. 24th St., Omaha, NE 68103. Sunday worship: 10:20am, 7pm, 345-2563.

Mishpachot Chavurim Jewish Gays and Lesbians, (402) 551-0510: Gary.

Omaha Meatpackers, 455-6876 for info. A Leather and Levi Club with emphasis on fundraising for AIDS related projects.

Omaha Men: OMEN; Omaha Women: OWOMEN, Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68103-0706. Men interested in masculinity and masculine image; Women's organization related to OMEN.

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

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (402) 733-1360: Cleve. Meets last Sat. of month Jan. - Oct. & 2nd Sat. of Dec. No Nov. meeting.

River City Bowling League (402) 346-4110 [Scott] or (402) 493-6118 [Charlie].

River City Gender Alliance, P.O. Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502. Support group open to all who enjoy the cross-gender community. Open to all orientations. No sexual encounters. Meets monthly. Write for information.

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103-0267. Phone: 558-9900. Volunteer chorus for G/L/Sensitive people.

Omaha continued

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc., Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131, (402) 451-5631. Meetings, info, & support for Lesbians/Gays.

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103. Monthly meeting first Sunday at 12 noon, Diamond Bar.

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Organization Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320. Call Steve: 345-8121.

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

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power-Nebraska P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503. (402) 477-1664. Statewide militant org. to fight for AIDS improvements, homophobia, and all forms of discrimination. Coordinator: Rodney A. Bell II

Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509. Advocacy/lobbies for G/L civil rights, newsletter, & social events. Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, St. Marks, 13th & R, UNL Campus; 1st Saturday Events at Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th St., Lincoln, 7-10pm.

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, Box 2381, Kearney, NE 68848. Call (308) 234-6500. Meets Thursdays in Kearney, Wednesdays in Grand Island, Hastings alternating.

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

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

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) *4011 19th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847; meets 3pm, 3rd Sun. at St. Luke's Episcopal. Call Bob or Keemie Baker (308) 237-3870.

*Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504. (402) 435-4688. Meets 4th Tues., 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St. Special group for family members of people with HIV meets same time & place.

*2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, (402) 291-6781. Meets 2nd Sunday at 1st United Methodist, 6900 Cass Street.

Queer Nation Activist organization to eliminate homophobia currently reforming. Watch for further info.



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