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1993 LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE CELEBRATION

# OUR TURN: VIEWS AND OPINIONS OF THE NEW VOICE STAFF

## WASHINGTON, D.C. SOLIDARITY, DIVERSITY & UNITY

By Sharon McCartney

Being in Washington, D.C. and participating in the March was an exciting, inspirational event for me. I was in DC for a dual purpose, the EAGLE conference and the March. I was feeling very proud, having been elected President of the EAGLE Regional Board and experiencing a very successful conference. I was also feeling exhilaration and happiness that I was in a place where a million people were gathering to demand their equal rights.

I felt great respect and admiration for the people who were congregating to take part in the March. I was reminded of a story I had heard a few days before, about a Russian man who had come out was asked why he would do that when he could face a 5 year prison sentence. His answer: I would rather spend a minute in the daylight than a lifetime in the dark. This summed up for me why the March was so important. We too want to spend our lifetime in the sunlight!

Vendors were selling buttons at every street corner and the vending areas were open to sell food and beverages. It reminded me somewhat of a circus atmosphere. Excitement was everywhere. Media people were interviewing some of the activists. I spoke with a woman from a Denver TV channel about what EAGLE is about and that we had planned our conference in DC to coincide with the March. She asked what we wanted and I answered that we wanted what everyone else at the March wanted—civil rights NOW.

I walked with the Colorado group, as that is where our corporate headquarters are located. Our number was 16 and it was a long wait to step off. As I waited I watched all of the people and thought about the stories each of these people had to tell and was very proud to be a part of this huge community of courageous and exceptional people who had gathered to say NO MORE WAITING, WE WANT EQUAL RIGHTS AND WE WANT

THEM NOW!

When we got onto the street after nearly an hour and a half wait, we moved right along. There were people all along the March route. Everyone was wearing buttons, waving pride flags, smiling and cheering. Some of the women were topless and they were having a great time. I especially remember seeing a group of people, "the gray panthers" waving and shouting. Today was our day, we were the majority and we were taking advantage of it. Our cheers included, "We're Here! We're Queer! We're Fabulous! Don't F\*\*\* with US!" "UNDO 2" and then when we passed the small group of "Christians" who held signs that said "God HATES Gays", we shouted, "SHAME, SHAME, SHAME ON YOU."

The route was a mile and a half long and I was hot. It was 83 degrees out that day! But I was high on the fact that I had marched the entire route and I was a part of our lesbian/gay history.

## SURPRISE! SURPRISE! NEBRASKA ETV FEATURES "SPECIAL LINE UP OF PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE MONTH

By Sharon Van Butsel

Imagine my surprise when I opened *The New Voice's* mail to find a flyer from Nebraska ETV proclaiming their special line up of programs for National Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.

I don't know who to thank for this wonderful event, but whoever is responsible—Thank You! Thank You!

I guess maybe we are making progress -- it was only a few years ago that we couldn't get any gay programs on and now they're giving us a whole month.

Drop a note to Nebraska ETV and let them know we appreciate the programming.

The line-up for June is as follows:  
**In The Life** -- Sunday, June 6, 12 midnite  
This episode of the monthly variety/magazine/talk show is hosted by African-American comic Karen Williams and features a look at the country western lifestyle, including gay and lesbian square dancing and a gay country western band. Also featured is comic Georgia Ragsdale from Texas, who enters a lesbian bar for the very first time.

**Great Performances** --  
*In the Wings: Angels in American*  
Broadway Friday, June 11, 9 p.m.  
*Runaway in America* -- the runaway hit of last year's theatrical season in England and eagerly

awaited on Broadway--dramatizes the AIDS crisis in America. This program examines the process of translating some of the nation's most troubling issues, including the AIDS epidemic, into theatrical form.

**Saturday Double Feature** --  
*The Fox* (1968) Sat., June 12, 10:05 p.m.  
A sensitive dramatization of D.H. Lawrence's novella starring Sandy Dennis, Anne Heywood, and Keir Dullea.

*Armistead Maupin is a Man I Dreamt Up*  
Wednesday, June 23, 8 p.m.

This profile of Armistead Maupin, author of the series of novels, *Tales of the City*, an outgrowth of his *San Francisco Chronicle* column of the same name, includes interviews with Maupin and his friends, frank discussions of his homosexuality and the gay lifestyle, readings from his books and an examination of the San Francisco milieu.

**Larry Kramer**  
Wed., June 23, 9 p.m.

This program is a profile of novelist, screenwriter, essayist, dramatist, and AIDS activist Larry Kramer, co-founder of both the Gay Men's Health Crisis and Act-Up. The program includes interviews with Kramer, family members and targets of Kramer's anger, as well as readings from his writings and excerpts from his plays and movies.

**Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt**  
Saturday, June 26, 11:15 p.m.

From an Olympic athlete to an 11 year old boy, this program tells the stories of five people from different walks of life who have AIDS--all of whom are commemorated in the "Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt."

**Radio Craz**  
Sunday, June 27, 11 p.m.

The Seattle Men's Chorus composed of gay men, perform favorites from Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, and Irving Berlin.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CANDIDATE RESPONDS

Dear *New Voice* Staff and Readers:

Thank you so much for the great article in your May issue. I felt very honored to be included in your publication so I could share my thoughts with you all. To all of the readers in the community who went out on May 11 and voted for me, thank you for your show of support and trust. Even though I did not get elected to the Council seat, I will continue to reach out to all people in District 3 and to work with them for a better Omaha.

With that in mind, I want you all to please tell me of events and share information about projects in the gay/lesbian community that you feel a straight but no narrow person should be included or for which I can be of help and support. I don't want to lose contact with you because you are such great folks. Thank you again. I truly appreciate all you've done.

Sincerely,

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## NEBRASKA: WHERE WERE YOU?

To Whom It May Concern:

Never in my life have I been in any one place and seen so many gays and lesbians. In every direction, there were more people than you could see. And yet, I know of many people who were not there. How many of you (especially you lesbians) have always wanted to see a free concert at which all of the following performed: Melissa Etheridge, Indigo Girls, K. D. Lang, RuPaul, and many other performers. There were also such speakers as Martina Navratilova, Jesse Jackson, Cybill Shepherd, Phil Donahue, Lorna Luft, David Mixner, Urvashi Vaid, and many more than I could ever name. Not to mention an opportunity to meet thousands upon thousands of gay men and women from all over the United States. If you were able to attend the 1993 March on Washington, I am sure it is an experience that you will never forget. If you were unable to attend, you should maybe take a while to reconsider your priorities. Granted it is not easy for everyone to go, but consider what could happen to you if you do not go. We all could lose all the rights that we as people deserve.

I must say I am very disappointed in our state's turnout at the March on Washington. Although I am sure plenty of you say you would have loved to attend but...I am also sure there were a number of reasons (publicity, money, transportation). Well, no matter your reason not to attend, let me give you reasons you should. While Nebraska did not have a good showing to represent our own state, most others did. Colorado, for example, consisted of thousands of marchers that filled the streets for approximately three blocks, if not longer. And believe me it was a lot of people. All of those people came from a state in which Amendment 2 was passed. What is my point? Well, Colorado had great representation at the March, but yet they did not have enough people in the state to stop Amendment 2. And to show what this means to the rest of us, Colorado chanted sayings such as "Undo 2; it could happen to you!" And that is precisely what I am talking about.

A religious group worked the state of Colorado to get Amendment 2 passed. This group also proposed other bills which are far worse than Amendment 2. This group passes around pictures and negative literature of gays and lesbians. They show only leather, S&M, drag queens, and such

pictures which they feel can be interpreted as not normal and perverted. They do not show that there are many other (the majority of us) that are "normal" and everyday people that can be found everywhere. These groups are in Kansas, Colorado, and all over the Pacific Northwest. I can only ask myself and all of you. If it is happening this close to our state, then how long until it starts to happen in our state? If you do not think that it can, I think you should consider the following: Colorado is a Democratic state with many more sympathizers than our Republican state. Yes, our state is Republican, but our state is one of the few where Bush won. Therefore, I feel it could happen to us, if we let it. Are we going to let it? I hope not. Start fighting now. One of the best ways we can fight these people is by coming out, by letting everyone know we are "normal" everyday people and we are everywhere. We need to let people know we are not these strange and perverted people that these groups would have people think we are. We need to let people know we are the boy and girls next door and we are no different from anyone else just because we happen to be gay. I ask you, the people of Nebraska to Get Out and Get Proud. The next March on Washington, I expect there to be a larger Nebraska contingency, and I will do everything in my power to make it happen.

Out and Proud in Omaha, Nebraska  
Sharla Thurlow

## BACK ISSUES SENT

Hi Wonderful People at *The New Voice*,

I couldn't remember which issues you asked about in one of the latest magazines. Here are some old ones that I found. If you don't need them - throw them away! Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,  
C. Blakeman

## ARBOR MOON THANKS

Dear Sharon,

Thanks for publishing our information. Please send us more *New Voice*'s since we ran out in April. Also, please tell your Resource Directory person our new address and phone and the new hours. Monday - Saturday 10:00 to 7:00 pm. Sunday 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Thanks bunches!

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# FEATURES

## WE NEED YOUR VOICE TO CEASE STATE-SANCTIONED PREJUDICE

—An Open Appeal to Mobilize Support for Ending The Ban on Gays in the Military

by Miriam Ben-Shalom

Each year, an average of 2,000 patriotic servicemen and women are denied the right to military careers because of prejudice on the private matter of sexual orientation. The cost to the taxpayer is at least \$100 million a year, but the cost to the concept of American freedom cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

"I am reminded of a quote by Sophocles: 'What you cannot enforce, do not command,'" said Jeffery A. Meiring, USAFR. "This is so true today. Our military leaders' efforts to keep gay and lesbians out of the armed forces are in vain. There have always been homosexuals defending our nation and there always will be."

This egregious practice of inequality also applies to the ROTC and service academies, where young men and women have been denied the right to serve for reasons irrelevant to their intelligence and sense of responsibility. "Nothing could be more clear than the hypocrisy of this policy," said Joseph Steffan, former U.S. Naval Academy cadet, expelled prior to his graduation because of his sexual orientation. "Despite the military's insistence on truth and honor, they discharge those gay and lesbian service members who refuse to lie about their sexual orientation."

"One route for access to higher education is the ROTC program, said Thom Turner, co-chair of the National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Caucus. "Openly gay and lesbian students are not allowed to participate, so part of the population is blocked from this route to higher education. Education should be a right for everyone."

Tragically, service men and women who openly identify their sexual orientation have been subject to harassment and violence. This brutality has spilled beyond military bases into the civilian sector, with servicemen following the military policy of prejudices to unjustified extremes.

"Good order and discipline is a phrase we have heard a lot of," said Senator John Glenn (D-Ohio) after a violent attack against a homosexual civilian by three marines in North Carolina. "I believe good order and discipline also means zero tolerance for acts of hatred. Regardless of the Service Chiefs' position, it is incumbent upon them to send a strong signal that no acts of violence against homosexuals will be tolerated."

There is hope for a long-overdue change. President Clinton reversed years of dreadful

Executive Branch approval for this state-sanctioned prejudice by openly calling for an end to the ban on homosexuals in the military. However, a brilliantly orchestrated campaign by right wing factions and old-guard military elite caused a backlash which forced the President to postpone an official decision on the ban until summer. Pro-ban forces have their guns in place; those who oppose the ban need to respond in kind.

"The focus is for all parties to reconcile the issue through a process based on 'factual data,' free from hysteria and religious opinions," said Capt. Meiring. "I am confident a consensus will be achieved and all Americans will be judged on their conduct, not their sexual orientation." To help ensure this vision, one patriotic individual is mobilizing a grassroots campaign to let Washington know continuation of the ban is morally wrong. Ed Bailey, marketing director of a D.C. nightclub, TRACKS, has organized a toll-free Hotline which allows like-minded people to voice disapproval of this unfair military policy.

By phoning 1-800-258-2222, and asking for Hotline Operator #9355, callers can send high-impact messages to their two senators and congressional representatives urging Congressional support for lifting the military's ban. The cost of this call is only \$8.75, which can be billed to either the caller's credit card or telephone bill.

There is no place in America for hatred and prejudice. By calling this special hotline and voicing your opposition, you will be doing a patriotic duty future generations will recall with pride - much like we recall the efforts of Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King Jr. and those who risked all to guarantee freedom for everyone.

"The real problem with the military is not gay and lesbian soldiers," said Joseph Steffan. "It is the prejudices they face each day. More than ever, elected representatives need to know their constituents do not support bigotry and hatred embodied in the military's exclusionary policy."

Douglas Johnson, founding member of the Philadelphia Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America who was discharged from military service due to his sexual orientation, said, "We aren't the problem here. It's people who aren't secure enough, grown-up enough. No one calls them on their bias and bigotry; no one in command takes them to task! The commands, in fact, are

helping spread hatred against Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals. People have got to make the Congress and Senate understand that maintaining this Ban and allowing Government sponsored homophobia is unacceptable. We are constituents; it's our job to make our officials listen to us."

## WAKE UP CALL



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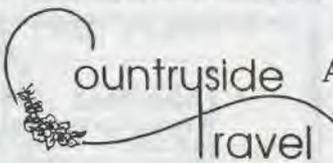
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# CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: WHO DO YOU KNOW?

By Shelly Roberts

We sat at the picnic dinner table outside their house at the blackening beginning to a comparatively cool South Florida night. Oil lamps intruded enough to blunt the edges of the evening's seventy-degree March darkness. Two of us are heavily into Speed Talking.

Now Speed Talking, for the uninitiated, is a language unto itself, learned through genetics or any time at all spent living lesbian in New York City. I know you don't care how they do it in New York. But you've heard this language before. Probably wondered about it. It sounds like everybody's talking at speeds only insect could hear. New York Speed Talking is not so much about *talking* all that fast. It's more about *listening* all that fast. And knowing when the other person is about to take a breath so you can career right back in and get in your own say so. Not just for the sake of saying so, but because you think you have something important to add. (Even if you don't.) It's also about learning, Bill Clintonish, to take breaths in the middle of the sentences so the other person can't just jump in whenever she wants to, especially if you aren't done yet, which you never are. It's a competitive sport. Degree of difficulty six point two-four.

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So do most people from Ohio. And Florida Natives. Not that they couldn't, you understand. It's just that they just can't imagine why anybody would *want* to. Especially when you don't live there anymore.

Well, I have to tell you, it's a habit. It comes back. Like riding a bicycle. Or good sex. Even though you might have quit doing it for a while, you can sense when you're in the presence of an accomplished partner. Which is why we were New York Speed Talking. Which is also why our respective honeys, one, a self-defined Person From Ohio, and one, an honest-to-goodness, collectors'-item, real South Florida Native, had both repaired to an inside room. To attempt a normal get-acquainted conversation at a pace that didn't sound like they were playing the Lightning Round.

But we stayed out. In the darkness. Long past cake crumbs and cooled coffee. Clocking land tongue speed records in an ancient ritual called, "Yes, but, do you know...?"

We had sensed a shared purpose, met on the phone through various events, chatted in attendance at those events, and now we were engaged in expanding the interaction. Bringing in other halves to see if there was a couple's chemistry. They were into The Goddess, we were both Lapsed Protestants. But, still, we all seemed to like each other. So far so good. But, of course there was more. We just had to get to it.

First we covered geography. "California?" "Nope." "The Olivia Record people." We did know them personally, in separate common. Worth a fleeting second's chat. "Long Island?" "Not to live there. Summer's mostly." Not where she came from. No common ground. We kept at it.

People in clubs in the city back then? We caromed off a couple of people we had in common one step removed, trying to connect over drinks long ago served up in now defunct saloons.

Did I know Sahara's?

"Did I know Sahara's?" But only for the last few months, it was almost closed when I got to the city.

Did I know that the reason it was full of drop-dead gorgeous lesbian hookers and call girls

complained to *The Family* that we had no place to go. Didn't feel comfortable in the already existing clubs. So Sahara's was opened for them.

*Oooh!* Delicious. I didn't know that. Good gossip. Fun topics. But really, still no connection.

Then we found it.

"You were in New York in the 80's? Did you know Jane Doe?"

"I brought her out."

"You brought her out? Jane Doe? Really?"

"Yep."

There it was.

The Speed Talking slowed to normal. This train had reached its destination. We had plumbed each other's histories far enough to make a concrete connection. We had known the link was there. Somewhere. For lesbians, it *always* is. And we had traced through our personal maps of the past to find it.

"So. Imagine your knowing Jane. Imagine. Honey, did you know that she knows Jane, you remember, who was here to visit a couple of years ago. That makes us family. You're always welcome. Come to Christmas Dinner. Come to New Years Eve. What a small world!"

It's true, of course. It is a small world. And it *does* make us family. And we *all* do it. All the time. If it hadn't been Jane Doe in common, it would have been Susie Smith. Or a love of the writings of Betty Jones. Or a shared teenaged infatuation with Whatevsname and her wonderful music. I don't know if gay men do it to. I hope so. For their sake. Because it creates community. It builds bonds. It forges family from out of groups of strangers.

There is an ancient Sapphic rumor, nay, belief, that says *there are really only seven lesbians in the world. And the rest is done with mirrors.*

That night we located five out of seven.

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## A LITTLE STONEWALL INFORMATION

By Sandy Vopalka

Saturday, June 26, 1993 will make the 24th anniversary of the Stonewall Riot. For most of us this is a very important event, although there are some members of our community who don't know the his/herstory of this event.

There are several versions of what exactly happened, but the riot was the result of continued police harassment. June 27, 1969 was the first night of these riots, which was followed by several days and nights of violent confrontations. The riot began after another of many raids at the Stonewall Inn, 53 Christopher Street, New York City.

In L.W. Rutledge's book *The Gay Decades* (1992), Rutledge puts it this way: "Shortly after midnight, nine plainclothes police detectives enter the Stonewall Inn, 53 Christopher Street in Greenwich Village, intending to close the bar for selling liquor without a license. As the bartender, doorman, and three transvestites are arrested and led away, an unexpectedly angry crowd — soon swelling to nearly four hundred — gathers outside and begins throwing coins, beer bottles, and bricks." (p. 1)

For researchers, the Stonewall Riots is used as one of their cohorts (or groups) in determining research subjects. Researchers use cohorts as a means to help them understand people, such as when they were born or when they came out. The cohorts used when studying gay men are: 1900 to WWII, WWII to Stonewall, Stonewall to AIDS, and AIDS to present day. For studying gay women or lesbians the cohorts are 1900 to WWII, WWII to the Women's Movement, and the Women's Movement to present day.

The Stonewall Riots are seen by many as the beginnings of the fight for gay and lesbian equal rights, and are an important part of our his/herstory, but they are not the beginning. There have been many other people who fought for equal rights before, but because of the media coverage of this event it has become the most known fight for lesbian and gay rights.

Well, not even 24 years later do we have equal rights. There are some cities that do give us more protection and closer to equal rights, but is this enough? Plans for the 25th Anniversary have begun on the National and International levels. For the details on this you can write to INFORMATION, P.O. Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542-2043 or Stonewall 25, Inc., 208 W. 13 Street, New York City, NY 10011-7799.

Maybe we here in Nebraska should start some of our own plans (a March on the State Capital?) Let's get some things started. We can't let this celebration pass by.

## FEELINGS OF A TRANSGENDERIST: Part 7

by Cheryl W.

It has been too long since I've written in this vein. I wish I could say that I've been too busy, but that wouldn't be completely true. I think that the closer I come to the present and myself, the more afraid I become. Afraid of what? I guess I'm afraid of losing some real friends. Why? Because I still harbor some feelings of guilt.

In the last installment I told of the early years of my marriage, separation, and a sort of truce between my wife, Pat, and myself. I mentioned Dr. Spire and a gender counseling group that my mother pointed out to me in an article in the Omaha paper. In this segment I would like to discuss some of the feelings I have about shrinks.

My first exposure to a psychologist was a referral from a Roman Catholic priest. The priest did the right thing. Referral is what I needed. I am sure he was unprepared to deal with a phenomena which was only starting to be uncovered and studied, transsexualism.

The man he referred me to should have referred me too. Instead he told be to straighten out. I tried and with my first ever failure looming in my face, divorce. I don't think I could have been more ready, but in spite of our sessions, I couldn't quit. Had he been right, I would now be a happy or not so happy man.

I'm not a man. I'm Cheryl. I owe a lot of thanks to the gender team my mother made me aware of lots of years ago. Dr. Duane was my first appointment. He started me on a series of personality test that I believe did two things. They made me scrutinize my feelings and needs to create an inkling of a belief that I would be better off living as a woman, and they must have indicated that the team that I was for real.

He encouraged me to dress as a woman when coming to his office and otherwise around town. This doctor's ideas really made me feel good. He encouraged me to explore my feelings and the world as it will treat me as a woman. He opened up options I never would have dreamed of. He gave me my first feminine name, Charlene. He even tried to get me to come out to a support group for transsexuals. I couldn't do it at the time. I guess I just wasn't mature enough to open up to a group. And I met Ellie in that office.

Ellie was a member of the gender team too. I started talking to her for a couple of reasons. Acceptance by other women has been ultra high on my priority list. She gave it and unconditionally. She is a real friend and yet a professional.

My feelings for Duane had been confused in one of our meetings. He had encouraged me to explore my options, even homosexuality. I wasn't really ready for this and at the time my homophobia

reached out and slapped me. He touched me on my knee. Perhaps it was just to see what my reaction would be, but I froze. I liked being touched, but not by a man.

I went to Ellie after that. I was much more able to open up to her and I never had any doubts about whether she was anything but a warm, caring professional. I also got a chance to visit with Dr. Jack. Our visits were okay, but Ellie seemed to get the most out of me and I would say she has been a really good investment. I have always been somewhat skeptical about people who get paid by the hour to give advice. Ellie was the first to suggest that I set my own schedule and visit her when I felt the need. I haven't been back yet, but you can bet that I will when and if I feel the need.

I was lucky to find professional help that put my welfare ahead of the professional fees and was interested in helping me, not trying to figure out what was wrong with him or herself or fill the appointment schedule.

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# EASTER WEEKEND IN KANSAS CITY

by RJ

Good Friday. Easter Weekend. Up at four Saturday morn. Kansas City, ready or not, her I come. By nine Saturday, I was in the big city of KC, our neighbor to the south. The sun was out, the air was warm, the leaves were poppin' out, the flowers were poppin' out, the buns were poppin' out, what a gorgeous day!

The day was spent shopping. From the goodie stores to the sublime. Toured the Crown Center, and took in the movie, by Disney Films, *Huckleberry Finn*. Save your money, it sucks. A Mark Twain, Disney Studios definitely ain't.

Come evening, hit the milk run. Rather, the ghost of what was. The old Oak Hotel is torn down and the Cabaret is now out south on Main. The Y is boarded up and vacant. The baths are gone, long gone. The bus station is vacant. Yet, there are two hustlers on the milk run. Looking hopeful. The Cabaret was light tonight, as well as the Arabian Nights. I didn't stay out too late. Needed to get up early for church services.

Up early this morning. MCC of KC services start with Singspiration at 8:45. They have a real nice church. But due to shortage of space, they have started two services, at 9 and at 11.

What struck me this Easter morn, was the somberness of the church. The windows were covered in black. The altar, the pulpit, the lectern, all covered in black crepe. The choir and the ministers were in black robes. All very somber.

The opening hymn was *Hosanna*. The drama which was to unfold started with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The drama, *I Am* was a Resurrection Celebration, created and arranged by David T. Clydesdale. The choir was outstanding. I have never witnessed a church

choir like this choir. The drama unfolded with a solo by Mary Magdalene, played by Athena Heironimus, *Who Can He Be?* The drama proceeded through the Last Supper to the Garden where Jesus, ably played by Rob Davis, sang a solo, *Help this Shepherd be a Lamb*. The two soldiers, played by Rick Wood and Mark Lee, came out and took Jesus away. Pilate, played by Scott Foster, sang a solo, *Who Can He Be?* Upon completion of the solo, the soldiers dragged Jesus up the aisle and out of the sanctuary.

I wasn't really prepared for what came next. Here came Jesus, back down the aisle, dragging the cross, with the two soldiers following him. Upon reaching the chancel, the cross was put down flat on the floor. Jesus was placed upon the cross. Jesus's arms were tied to the cross beams. Then, first one soldier, then the other, nailed Jesus to the cross. With each blow of the hammer, Jesus' body jerked in pain. His feet were nailed into place. Then the cross, with Jesus nailed to it, was raised to an upright position, and carefully placed into the holding platform.

With Jesus on the cross, Mary, His mother, sang a solo, *Is This the Boy I Raised?* This song was sung very touchingly, by Daisy Vance. Part way through the song, Jesus gave up the spirit and died. The two soldiers took Jesus down, and drug him up the aisle and out of the sanctuary.

After a moment of reflection, people went to their assigned places at the windows. The choir doffed their black robes. The black crepe was removed from the altar, pulpit, and lectern. Upon a signal, the black curtains were removed from the windows, and the sun streamed through.

Then all Heaven broke loose. Jesus burst

through the sanctuary doors, all in white, with a purple sash, and strode down the aisles, followed by His ministers, who had also doffed their black robes, and were now also in white robes. Then flowers, flowers, and still more flowers. Each window, and there were about 8 on each side, held an arrangement. Still more flowers came in and down the aisle. The chancel was filled with Easter lilies. Spring bouquets were placed all around the base of the cross. A special arrangement of spring flowers, with Easter lilies in the center, in the form of a cross, was hung on the cross itself. Flowers, flowers, flowers, so many flowers. Two basins of Holy Water were placed at the base of the cross, amid the flowers. All who wished baptism, all who wished to renew their baptism vows, were asked to come forward.

With the sun streaming through the windows, with the church filled with flowers, it was *supercalifragilisticexpaladous*. Plus! The congregation gave the choir and dram participants a long standing ovation. It was thunderous!

In the half century of my tenure on this old earth, never have I witnessed such a stupendous Easter Cantata such as this one! It was very touching, very moving. It was beautiful.

The Holy Eucharist was served to all who wished to receive. I was able to receive the Holy Eucharist from my old Pastor, Jan Kross. The perfect ending to a most wonderful, uplifting service.

Yes, this KC weekend was a good one. An excellent one. For a little while, I was able to leave the real world, step outside, for a little while, and get a fresh breath of air. It felt good!

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# HOW EASY IT IS TO BE CRUEL

by Robert A. Bernstein

Roscoe Thorne is 61, a politically conservative orthopedic surgeon in swank West Palm Beach, Florida, and the nation's senior power lifting champion. He's an unlikely candidate for Gay movement advocate—and presumably would vehemently reject any such characterization. Yet that is what he became at least briefly, when he addressed a review board considering the discharge of his son, Navy Lt. j.g. Tracy Thorne, last summer.

Tracy Thorne is a highly-praised Navy flier who came out as Gay on *Nightline* last spring. At his discharge hearing, he told the board that all he done was to tell the truth "as a Naval officer should."

Roscoe Thorne subsequently addressed the board. His remarks, delivered in a low Southern drawl evincing his Mississippi roots, were largely extemporaneous. But they embodied a powerful and moving commentary on the nature and origins of prejudice.

He started by recalling his son's birth.

"I put a stethoscope on him, and looked at his arms and his legs, and I thought he was just fine. But until I heard this man just now, I didn't realize what a great man was given to me by that doctor friend of mine, delivered of my wife 25 years ago..."

"America, great country that it is, is bleeding because of a lot of wounds, prejudices, that are still left over... And you all are here worrying about a 25-year-old man that has already proved himself beyond a shadow of a doubt as a leader, as a commander, as a superb individual.

And I'm happy to say I'm his father and I wish I could be like him.

"Forgive me for my emotions, but I wish I could be as good a man as Tracy Thorne is..."

Roscoe Thorne's words were particularly moving to his son and wife, because they knew that learning about Tracy's homosexuality, only days before the *Nightline* outing, had initially been traumatic for him.

But it was a trauma, apparently, that triggered sober reflection about his own life and the nature of prejudice.

When he was five, he said, he had a black friend named Jessie.

"I was so happy to see him one day, I took him by the hand and I took him up to my white mother, and I said, 'Mama, this is Jesse'. My mother was a real kind, good person and she smiled down at Jessie and she said, 'It's nice to meet you, Jessie.'"

"Later that day Jessie went home, and my Mama come over to me and she said, 'Buddy, you never introduce a colored person to a white lady.' I said, 'Yes, Mama, I won't do that anymore.'"

I was being trained in Jackson, Miss., by a white woman, my mother, who was a good person, but that's the way she was trained and she was passing it along."

Some years later, while visiting in Illinois, he went with his mother to a swimming pool with a sign, "Gentiles only," over the gate. "I said, 'Mama what is a gentile?' And she said, 'Shut up. You're one.'"

And I went on it. I didn't know what a gentile was, but I was one of them. So I'm being

educated all along."

Later, he said while working as a graduate pharmacist in a Jackson drugstore, a young nurse sat down at a soda fountain stool.

"She had a pretty white uniform, and she was a registered nurse, but she was a black person. And my boss nudged me in the ribs and said, 'Roscoe, go over there and run her off.'"

"I was 25 years old, Tracy's age. And I was intelligent, but I had been trained... And so I went over there, and I said, 'You're going to have to leave. We don't want you here.' And this young nurse looked at me. She was about my age or maybe a little younger, and she was a registered nurse and a fine looking human being, and tears ran down her cheeks and she left. And I felt so bad. And I began to think. I wonder where is she is now, because she's probably about my age. I know she'd remember, but I chased her out of the drugstore."

By 1965, he had become a physician in private practice when the Federal Civil Rights Act decreed the integration of hospitals. His first reaction was that "it just won't work." But the government insisted, he said, "and things were better for it, and they still are better today for that."

And Roscoe Thorne, it would seem, is better today for having a Gay son who caused him to think more deeply about how easy it is to be cruel to those we perceive as different from ourselves.

(The author is the editor of P-FLAG's quarterly newsletter, *The PFLAGpole*, and vice president of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.)



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## ONE OF THESE DAYS: A DECLARATION OF HOPE

The following is a portion of an article taken from *The Ministry of Light* Newsletter of July 1990. It was written by Dr. Andrew M. Robinson, who for 22 years has been the pastor of Montclair Presbyterian Church in Oakland, California.

One of these days we will all agree that homosexuality, like heterosexuality, faces us with complexity and mystery. We will admit that we who are heterosexual fully understand neither our own sexuality, nor homosexuality, nor any aversion we might have to homosexuals, and at that point we will not let ignorance or fear or uneasiness about ourselves define our responses to those who are different from us.

One of these days we will not dismiss all homosexuals for the behaviour of a few who force themselves on others, or who display their sexuality in ways that most homosexuals deem inappropriate, just like we don't reject all heterosexuals because some of them engage in extreme or destructive behavior. Black and white judgementalism will no longer satisfy us or be acceptable in our church.

One of these days we will stop quoting Leviticus 18:22, an obscure text from the Old Testament calling homosexual acts and eating ham and lobster "abominations", a verse from a section of the ancient laws that no educated Christian takes seriously today. And we will stop applying to homosexuals those verses from Romans 1 about the public behavior of jaded heterosexuals who turn from their natural sexual practices to homosexual ones, to practices that are not natural to them.

One of these days, consistent with our Reformed tradition, we will insist that the Bible reaches its peak in Jesus, who as far as we know, never said one word about homosexuality; we will insist on translating all scriptures through his spirit of unconditional love.

One of these days, we will stop defining so narrowly what is natural sexuality and sexual practice, and just as school teachers have stopped forcing left-handed children to change what is "natural", we will not require "repentance for perversion" from those who find homosexuality natural.

One of these days we will stop driving homosexuals crazy by baiting them with bread while offering them a stone.

We will stop our snide remarks and demeaning jokes.

We will stop rejecting them with sweet smiles and uneasy pity.

In a breakthrough of grace over fear we will relax with them, we will affirm their dignity and rights, and in Christian love we will embrace them comfortably.

And that means that one of these days we will stop asking homosexual clergy to choose between lying about their identity and being denied the calling we originally said God issued them. Our new capacity for grace will let them be honest with us, and allow us, in turn, not to reject their validity as servants of the Christ.

Yes, one of these days, we will include the leadership of the Church self-affirming homosexuals, out-of-the-closet lesbians and gay men, and we will celebrate the gospel's victory over our homophobic superstition, stereotyping, scapegoating, and self-righteousness.

And when we do, on that day, I do believe, the stars will dance, trees will clap their hands, a new day will dawn, and the gospel will give birth to a job and a sense of dignity we have never known before.

- Parents FLAG Cornhusker

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The Shining Suit of Armor...

And a mutual affection.  
For while you know my  
Sexual Orientation,

I have no clue about yours.

You appear straight but  
Look at all the wonderful things you are:

Straight doesn't mean  
Handsome, charming, intelligent,  
Caring, secure, responsible,  
Strong... in MY book.

And you look me in the face...  
And you walk with your hand on my  
shoulder...

And you ask me out to eat...

And you ask me back to your place...

For coffee.

And then,  
When I'm floating ten feet above the ground,

You introduce me to her.

You stab me in the back.

You condemn me to death

By broken heart.

And then you call me

As if nothing ever happened.

Maybe it didn't to you...

But I was put on the rack,

I was stripped to the soul and beaten,

I had my heart torn from me

And tossed aside.

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Because you don't like me enough to realize

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## PAT SCHROEDER RESPONDS

April 19, 1993

Dear Friend,

I thank you for your thoughts on gays and lesbians in the military. I'm sorry for the form letter, but I'm swamped!

For most of our nation's history, sexual orientation was not only not a bar to military service, it wasn't even an issue. The present ban was imposed in 1982 when DoD Secretary Caspar Weinberger issued an order that tightened policy first established in the 1940s. The fact is, tens of thousands of gays and lesbians, banned or not, have served our country with distinction and valor in every war from the American Revolution to Operation Desert Storm.

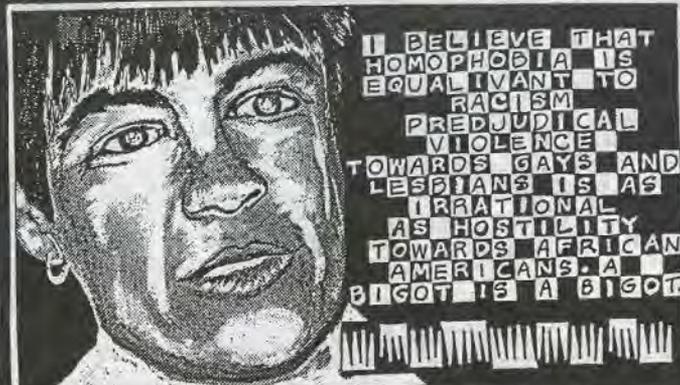
One gay soldier, in particular, Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, George Washington's inspector general and chief training officer, is perhaps worth mentioning. Known as the "drill master of the Revolution," von Steuben trained Washington's rag-tag Continental army during winter at Valley Forge and turned it into a disciplined force. Historian T. Harry Williams said "thanks to [von Steuben], the American army took the field in 1778 prepared to fight."

Two hundred and twenty-five years later, some military leaders argue that gays are incompatible with military service. Hokum. As far as I am concerned, what was good enough for George Washington is good enough for me. Even DoD's own studies find that gays and lesbians are qualified and capable. As for conduct, they are less likely to be accused of espionage or sexual misconduct than heterosexual colleagues. Not only does DoD's ban needlessly destroy the military careers of thousands of patriotic Americans—a terrible personal toll, the discharges cost the taxpayers almost \$30 million a year.

If these reasons for lifting the ban are not sufficiently compelling, I will add one more: it's the right thing to do. This Congress, I intend to reintroduce H.R. 5208, the Military Freedom Act, which, without changing existing sexual misconduct policies, would prohibit DoD from using sexual orientation as a bar to military service. In effect, the bill would legislatively repeal Weinberger's 1982 directive. I also support President Clinton's efforts to lift the ban through an executive order.

Sincerely, Patricia Schroeder, Congresswoman

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## OLIVIA TRAVEL ANNOUNCES 1994 TRIPS

Olivia Travel, specializing in vacations for lesbians, has just announced its 1994 itinerary! Seven-night cruises are planned to the Western Caribbean — ports of call include Playa del Carmen, Cozumel, the Yucatan Peninsula, Key West — (February 13-20, 1994), as well as from New York to Montreal — via Provincetown, Portland, Maine, Nova Scotia, and Quebec City (July 3-10, 1994). This summer cruise was scheduled particularly for the many women who work in the education field. Olivia's second

annual resort vacation to Playa Blanca, Mexico has been scheduled for April 30 to May 6.

"During the past three years, more than 6,000 women have traveled with us to Mexico, Alaska, Greece and the Bahamas," says Olivia President Judy Dlugacz. Ninety-nine percent say they will travel with Olivia again, and our 1994 destinations reflect their suggestions.

A very special *Extravaganza*, celebrating Olivia Records' 20th Anniversary and Lesbian/Gay Pride, is scheduled in San Francisco for June

23-27, 1993. This five-day event includes sightseeing tours, networking receptions; excursions to the wine country; a fabulous Friday night concert starring Chris Williamson, Tret Fure, Dianne Davidson, Deidre McCalla, Lucie Blue Tremblay, and Teresa Trull, with many wonderful surprises. Puttin' on the Ritz, a romantic dance co-hosted by Bay Area Career Women and featuring Linda Tillery and Her Skin Tight Band will be held Saturday night. On Sunday, hundreds of women will march in the Pride Parade alongside the extraordinary Olivia float!

In 1993, Olivia is taking more than 600 women to a secluded beach in Mexico. A small group will visit Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands in August, and 830 will cruise the Bahamas — visiting St. Thomas, San Salvador, and San Juan, Puerto Rico — for Thanksgiving (November 20-27, 1993). For more information or a free brochure about these vacations, call Olivia at 1-800-631-6277.

### \$25,000 NO-STRINGS STONEWALL AWARD

Just days before leaving for the history-making Washington Gay and Lesbian Rights March at the end of April, five community activists for AIDS education, gay and lesbian rights and women's interests received telephone calls telling them they had won the no-strings Stonewall Award of \$25,000 for achievement for gay and lesbian America.

The winners, announced publicly today by the Anderson Prize Foundation of Chicago, are:

Ernest Hite, Chicago co-founder and president of Image Plus, a support organization targeting African-American gay and lesbian youth, and the HOPE Project, an AIDS education program;

Pat Norman, San Francisco, executive director of the California AIDS Intervention Training Center;

Suzanne Pharr, Little Rock, a community-action strategist who has spent most of the last year working against the Religious Right's anti-gay legislature in Oregon, where the legislation was defeated; and

Sharing a prize, Edward Sedatbaum, Queens, New York, founder of Queens Gay and Lesbians United, who leads programs to sensitize police about the gay and lesbian community; and his companion, Howard Cruse, pioneering gay and underground cartoonist.

The Stonewall Awards, established in 1990, are named for the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion in Greenwich Village, New York City, the first widely recognized act of collective defiance against repression that launched the gay rights movement. They are given by the Anderson Prize Foundation, set up and funded by the late Paul A. Anderson, a futures trader in Chicago. Through the awards, the Foundation promotes education about and awareness of the concerns of the gay and lesbian community.

Stonewall Award winners are selected for their work on behalf of the gay and lesbian community, regardless of their sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, age or gender. Anonymous nominators generate a list of potential recipients. An award committee of Foundation directors and previous winners select the honorees, to represent diverse parts of the U.S.

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"*Everything Possible* is a song-lover's feast, with freshly interpreted favorites as well as a few rarely heard gems. Among them are Marvin Hamlisch's *Disneyland* — never before heard on a recording, Duke Ellington's *Hu Me With A Hot Note*, Woody Guthrie's *This Land is Your Land*, and Stephen Sondheim's *Children Will Listen and So Many People*.

"People are drawn to these songs, because they're about our universality and our diversity," McKinley said. "Straight or gay, male or female, black or white... the album gives people a chance to feel for a moment, rather than just listen to a beat and a melody."

McKinley himself is an openly gay performer with a commitment to "making a difference" through his career as an entertainer. He has toured with the *Flirtations* as a substitute for celebrated singer and AIDS activist Michael Callen. And he has appeared frequently as host and emcee of events like Indianapolis "1992 Pride Day" activities.

*Everything Possible* is available at \$10 per cassette tape and \$15 per CD (plus \$3 p&h per item) by writing to: *Everything Possible*, P.O. Box 1483, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1483.

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## NATIONAL G/L BUSINESS GROUP FORMED

Twenty Gay and Lesbian professional, business and social organizations from around the nation met recently in New Orleans to officially establish and fund Global: Gay and Lesbian Organizations Bridging Across the Land. These groups represent over 10,000 individual members. To date, more than 40 other groups have asked for information on membership in Global.

Global is a non-profit association of Gay and Lesbian organizations which is inclusive of a broad range of social and professional groups. Its mission is to facilitate communication among its member organizations; support their growth and success; and encourage the sharing of ideas and opportunities for professional development and social interaction.

This sharing of management experiences and programs will enrich each member organization and expedite the creations of new groups by their being able to call upon the national association for guidance. Individuals on their business and social travels will be able to participate in the functions of the Global member organization in the city they are visiting. A quarterly newsletter will be provided for participating groups to include in communications with their members. There will be an annual conference of Global that will blend the sharing of ideas, programs, seminars and fun.

For more information, write Global, Box 42406, Philadelphia, PA 19101-2406.

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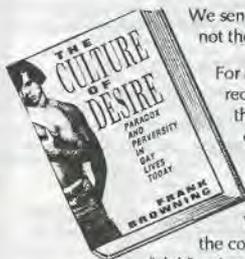
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## EPISCOPAL PASS GAY-FRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS

The Episcopal Diocese of Newark passed four resolutions which addressed issues before the nation and the church and clearly stated the convention's support of equal rights for lesbians and gay men.

The Diocese of Newark comprises the seven northern counties of New Jersey and includes 43,000 Episcopalians in 129 parishes. The diocese is headed by the Rt. Rev. John S. Spong, who has been one of the most outspoken supporters of lesbian/gay rights in the national Episcopal Church's House of Bishops.

The resolutions supported the inclusion of lesbians and gay men in the armed forces, the inclusion of sexual orientation in the federal civil rights law, a ban on national church meetings in the state of Colorado, and a condemnation of the exclusion of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches from the National Council of Churches.

## GOLDEN THREADS CELEBRATION

Golden Threads, the worldwide network for Lesbian women over 50, and their younger women friends, will celebrate what they are and their age (whatever it is), in Provincetown, Mass., on June 24-27, 1993. This Seventh Annual Golden Threads Celebration will be limited to 250 women. Entertainment, banquet, dancing, feminist videos, raps, sing-a-longs, etc.

For more information, please write: Christine Burton, Golden Threads (and note the new address), PO Box 60475, Northampton, MA 010600475.

## AIDS MESSAGE CONFERENCE PLANNED

Minneapolis-St. Paul will be the site of the Fifth National Conference for AIDS Message and Bodyworkers, July 9-11, 1993. This event is a healing, nurturing bonding weekend open to people at all levels of involvement and interest in therapeutic touch and HIV.

The event is organized by AMP (the AIDS Massage Project of Minnesota), a non-profit group that has been offering free therapeutic massage to HIV-positive people since 1986. The conference is a residential weekend and attendees will have exposure to national and local presenters.

For those who wish a registration form or further information about the conference, the contact person is Stuart Holland, 3601 14th Avenue South, Minneapolis MN 55407. Stuart's phone number is 612-729-8924. Donations are welcome to provide scholarship assistance. AMP welcomes local volunteers to assist in the Conference.

## NEW LESBIAN BOOK CATALOG LAUNCHED

Two Vermont women have announced the opening of Heartland Books, a catalog business carrying exclusively lesbian and feminist books. Linda Weiss and Joyce McKeeman, of East Corinth, Vermont will be offering a wide variety of lesbian fiction and non-fiction by mail. The 16 page annotated and illustrated Heartland catalog contains some 125 book selections, covering such categories as fiction, erotica, biography, relationships, sexuality, health and humor. Linda and Joyce are distributing the catalog fee upon request. They can be reached at P. O. Box 1105E, East Corinth, VT, 05040.

## PARTNERS TASK FORCE FOR GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES

Steve Bryant and Demian, Ed. D., life partners of 11 years, have formed Partners Task Force for Gay and Lesbian Couples to provide information, support and advocacy for same-sex couples. The task force succeeds *Partners Magazine* for Gay and Lesbian Couples which the men founded in 1986. It serves as an information clearinghouse and distributes an extensive list of resources for same-sex couples and results of its survey of 1,266 gay and lesbian couples. Also among its offerings are issues of *Partners Magazine*, including special reports on same-sex marriage and domestic partner benefits.

A project for the task force is Demian's video production of a new musical comedy, *The Fight Before Christmas*. The video, loosely based on Clement Moore's familiar poem, relates a spat between partners Bruce and Bill about coming out.

Publication of *Partners* concluded with a double issue, offered as "An Indispensable Guide for Gay and Lesbian Couples." The 60-page publication assembles facts, tips and insights gathered over the past six years. Topics include sex, same-sex marriage, children, finances, legal planning and sources of support, and an updated list of employers offering domestic partnership benefits.

The task force is accepting orders now for delivery of *An Indispensable Guide* (\$10.50) and *The Fight Before Christmas* (\$24). The task force also rents a list of 1,300 gay and lesbian media on self-adhesive labels. Contact *Partners Task Force*, Box 985, Seattle, WA 98109-0685; (206) 784-1519.

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# AIDS/HIV RESOURCES AND NEWS

## HIV TESTING\*

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### Charles Drew Health Center.

2201 N. 30, Omaha 68111 (402) 453-1433

### Douglas County Health Department.

1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-6875

### Equilibria Medical Center, 544 S. 24,

Omaha, 68102 Call (402) 345-2252

### Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept, 2200 St

Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 (402) 441-8065  
Alt. test site at Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tuesday

### Grand Island-Hall Co Health Dept, 105 East

1st St, Grand Island, Mary (308) 381-5175

### Native American Community Developm

Corp, 2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-8471

### Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,

Omaha 342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437]

### Nebraska Association of Farm Workers,

4939 S. 24, Omaha, 68107 (402) 734-4100

### Nebraska Department of Health, Norfolk

Regional Ctr, Adm Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395

### Nemaha County Health Department,

1824 N. Auburn, 68305 (402) 274-4549

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

AIDS Care, The Mercy Center, 427 E. Kaneyville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, att: Colleen Kibbe-Vest (712) 328-2609

### AIDS Support Group: Sponsored by Parents/

Friends of Lesbians & Gays-Lincoln (PFLAG), Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437

### Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support

Group, Meets 3rd Tuesday, (308) 381-5175

### Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group,

Meets 1st Monday of each month, For more info, phone Barb (308) 234-8183.

### Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243

### Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,

Omaha, Individual counseling, support groups-confidential locations: (402) 342-4233

### North Platte Area Support Group,

Call: (308) 535-8133

### Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support

Group, Scottsbluff, Call (308) 635-3606

## HOME HEALTH CARE

LINK-ON Home Health Care, 2118 South St.

#B, Lincoln, 68502 (402) 435-0574, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm, care, treatment, counseling, teaching of HIV infected individuals, people with AIDS, and others; Rick Swaink, Director.

## AIDS ADVOCACY

AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.), For anyone living with AIDS or HIV and those interested in AIDS advocacy. Call Nebraska AIDS Project, 342-4233, for details.

## PASTORAL CARE

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

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

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

\*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

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

### American Red Cross,

1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997  
3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 (402) 441-2723

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

### Douglas County Health Department,

1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-6875

### Grand Island/Hall Co. Health Dept,

105 E. 1st, Grand Island (308) 381-5175

### HIV Clinic, Univ of NE Medical Center, 600

S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6681

### Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept 2200 St Marys, Lincoln 68502, 441-8065 Testing, counseling

Nebr AIDS Educ/Training Center, AIDS education to health care professionals, UNMC, 600 S 42 Omaha 68198, (402) 559-6681

### Nebraska AIDS Project

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

Lincoln Office: (402) 474-4243

Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave

Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 234-8183

### Nebr Dept of Health, 3423 2nd Ave, Kearney

68847, Call Sharon (308) 234-8709

### NE Dept of Health, Craft St. Office Bldg, 200

So. Silber, NorthPlatte 69101 (308) 535-8133

### Nebr Regional Hemophilia Center, UNMC,

600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227.

### People of Color Consortium Against AIDS

2226 Leavenworth, Omaha (402) 341-8471

### ScottsBluff Co Health Dept, County Admin

Bldg, Gering, NE 69341 (308) 635-3866

### Veterans Admin Medical Center, 42 & Wool-

worth, Omaha 346-8800: Dean Pierce, x 4119

## LEGAL

Mowbray, Chapin, & Walker, P.C., 201 N.

8th, Ste 242, Lincoln 68508 476-3882; Jim

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

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, Box 81455,

Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091

## 30,000 CIRCLE CAPITAL: DEMAND ACTION ON AIDS

Washington, DC — More than 30,000 people joined ACT-UP/DC's "HANDS AROUND THE CAPITOL" demonstration, joining hands to surround the Capitol building, demanding Congressional action on the AIDS crisis. Stretching thousands of feet of red ribbon around the Capitol grounds, the protesters formed two complete human rings while chanting "AIDS cure now!" and "Act up! Fight back! Fight AIDS!"

Following the demonstration, author and AIDS activist Larry Kramer spoke to the crowd from the steps of the Capitol building. Also speaking were Cornelius Baker, co-founder of Brother Help Thyself; Bill Freeman, executive director of National Association of People with AIDS; Christopher Bates, director of the DC CARE Consortium; Vivian Torres, New Jersey Womens AIDS Network; Tomas Fabregas, of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation; and Jennifer Chambers, ACT UP LobbyCorps coordinator.

The day before the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual equal rights, "Hands around the capitol" was the largest AIDS-specific action during the weekend. During the March on Sunday, hundreds of ACT UP members staged a "die-in" at the White House. Government must take action in AIDS research, care prevention and education. The weekend of ACT UP events sent a message to Congress that America must "wage war on AIDS."

## NUMBER OF UNINSURED GROWING

More than 36 million Americans (16.6 percent of the non-elderly population) lacked either private or public health insurance in 1991, according to a report released by the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI). The number of non-elderly uninsured American totaled 36.3 million, up from 35.7 million in 1990, 34.4 million in 1989 and 33.6 million in 1988, EBRI said. Although the number of non-elderly persons without health insurance increased during the last year, the percentage of the total population without insurance remained unchanged during the period.

According to U.S. Bureau of the Census data, 25.7 percent of the persons living in the District of Columbia were not covered by health insurance in 1991. High-percentage states include: 1-Texas (22.1 percent), 2-New Mexico (21.5 percent), 3-Louisiana (20.7 percent), 4-Mississippi (18.9 percent), 5-California (18.7 percent), 6-Nevada (18.7 percent), 7-Florida (18.6 percent), 8-Oklahoma (18.2 percent), 9-Alabama (17.9 percent) and Idaho (17.8 percent) ranked tenth.

## SPECIAL RIGHTS

To dismiss the grievances of gay people on the basis of "special rights" is an outrage. We are beaten in the street, dismissed from jobs and denied basic rights of citizenship on the basis of our lifestyle "choice." Gay people don't need legal protection because of our lifestyle, supposed choice or private sexual behavior. We need it because of hatred and persecution visited upon us by straight people. Once you stop treating us as a special class, we will not need legal protections.

-Michael P. Richman, San Francisco

# The New Voice of Nebraska

## PRIDE VARIETY SHOW

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### WE'VE BEEN BELITTLED AGAIN BY THE GOVERNMENT

by C. P. Lowe

Within all things there is a science. A process needed so to complete a task or understand a happening. It is with a knowledge of science, specifically mathematics one tackles the question of how many people attended the 1993 March on Washington.

Monday April 26th I tackled the mathematics of Queerstock. For those of you who enjoy math I will now translate the variables of the march so you can, if you wish, work the story problem yourself before reading the answer.

\* On the morning of April 25th a lot of oddly happy people began gathering at our nation's capitol. Their intent was to march in front of their leader's abandoned, but highly guarded castle. The people began marching at 12:00 noon. Their march started in a street that was 80 feet wide. For an hour they marched through a crowd of cheers, flirts, and a few bible of haters. The marchers clung in a tight group. Yet, a liberal dimension of 3 feet between each person can be assumed. As each group of marchers finish the 1 1/2 mile route the speakers from the stage begin to entertain, inspire and bring them to tears. At 6:30 the last marcher parades onto the Mall.\*

Now that you have all the important data from the march it becomes easy to calculate the number of people who marched.

First change the mile and a half into feet so you can work with the 80 feet street size and the 3 feet of space between each person. A mile and a half equals 7920 feet. Now you're ready to do the work.

To find the number of people across the road divide 80 by 3. The answer is 26.66.

This tells you that if we had marched in formation we would have created 26 plus rows. To find out how many people were in each row divide 7920 by 3. A few punches on a pocket calculator tells you the answer is 2640.

From the figures of 2640 and 26.66 you can find out how many people were on the route at one time by simply multiplying them together. The answer is 70,382.4 is multiplied by the number of turnovers in the route. This figure is attained by dividing the total number of hours in the march by how long it took to walk the course. Or  $6 \frac{1}{2}$  by 1, which is without much figuring  $6 \frac{1}{2}$ . So now multiply  $6 \frac{1}{2}$  by 70,382.4 to find out how many people actually beat the pavement that day. This number is 457,485.6.

Well, it ain't a million but I'm not finished yet. We can't forget those to cheer, flirt or stay at the Mall. The *Washington Post* reported 110,000 people marched. This means 190,000 people were hanging out.

Are you ready for a little more math? Okay, without touching your calculator roughly figure out what percentage the number 110,000 is of 457,485.6. This tells you the margin of error in the park services math. 400%. They robbed 3 of every 4 people! If you assume they made the same error with the ones not on the march that means 760,000 people watched.

I personally feel people were there to march. But, because we've been belittled again by the government I sense it's justified to add half that number again to the 190,000. This means there were a total of 270,000 bystanders.

To get the total number of people at the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual March on Washington, add together 457,485 and 270,000. The answer to every queer's question is 727,485.

Give it up Park Service, you've been ousted.

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# NEBRASKA GOES TO THE MARCH

## REFLECTIONS ON THE MARCH

By Amy Marie Meek

16 months later, it was over. I became involved with the March on Washington at the Creating Change Conference in November of 1991. I was recruited by Peri Jude Radevic due to the fact that Nebraska was one of 8 "The Lost States." I came home to set up business. The business was to let people know about the March. A simple task, one might think. I let people know how to go and why to go. I advertised, but no one had questions. For the longest time, we had the monthly meetings that no one would attend. I had a group show up once, but then I never heard from them again. It was very disheartening. Everywhere I traveled outside of the state. The March on Washington was a hot topic, but here it remained quiet. I did what I could as one person. We had a few fundraisers with the help of ICON, with special thanks going to Tami and her Athena family. Bob at Printing Plus was a Godsend. DC's and the MAX both helped out. But it was still quiet. I began to feel that no one would be going to DC, that Nebraska would have no representation. I would go to the quarterly national steering committee meetings and come back empowered and renewed, but it would soon fade. I actually lost hope.

Then it happened. People got interested. They began to call 3 weeks before the March. They panicked as hotels and events that I had been telling them about were all booked. I

wanted to sit there and lecture people about complacency — to say "I told you so." But it didn't matter. They were going. They were making history. That's all that mattered. I needed to calm down. It was okay. Dick Brown and I talked about community involvement and how disappointing it can sometimes be. But one must go on. What a lifesaver he was.

My just reward soon followed. I was able to distribute the PWA scholarships. My first call to Western Nebraska made the entire 16 months worthwhile. The scholarship recipient was so excited. He had been involved with initial stages of our movement in San Francisco during the 1970's. How perfect. How ideal. This meant so much to him. Then another PWA. He was younger, but still a PWA that I was able to help attend the March. Thanks to Tami and ICON, another PWA got to go. It was beautiful. One of the seven main points of the March was our community involvement with HIV/AIDS and these men were enabled to attend. I knew then that there was a reason I do what I do. My father died of AIDS. If only he could have lived to attend. I really think he would be proud of me.

The March on Washington itself was indescribable. People as far as the eye could see. It was like a form of utopia. What really meant a lot was the first week after I got home, I was presented with a guardian angel pin by one of the

scholarship recipients. I hope God is watching over him, too. The icing on the cake was a phone call from a desperate soul. A man who had been watching the March coverage on CNN called me and came out. He had never known there was such a strong support system for our community. He had read my name in the paper and decided to take the chance. Wow!

If the March on Washington needed proof of its success, there it was. We empowered someone to come out. Since those moments of strength, I have received 4 threatening phone calls and one of my best friends was fired due to her participation with the March. For some reason, the goods seem to outweigh the bads on this one. I have been blessed to be able to participate in this March. Thank you all for your support.

Amy  
P.S. Try becoming active in your/or our community. It is rewarding beyond belief. We're changing the world, one opinion at a time.

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# ALL THIS NEATNESS CONFUSES SOME OF THE FARMERS A GREAT DEAL

by Arlen Lazaroff

"April is the cruellest month, breeding  
lilacs out of the dead land, mixing  
memory and desire, stirring  
dull roots with spring rain."

- T. S. Eliot, *The Waste Land*

Dear Diary,

April 1993 has been an revelatory month, and not particularly cruel to all of us. Despite rumors of ever-widening ozone holes, enough temperate air stays with us to keep us going, some flowers were blooming, there is enough rain and enough green showing up, and here in Nebraska I hear the Republican (Kiraruta) river and Harlan County reservoir are making some recovery after a couple years of unusually low water levels. And I haven't seen any pesticide spray planes yet this spring, not that I've been looking for any.

For the past several days, the big Omaha conglomerate newspaper (you know which one) has continued coverage of the (presumably) late David Koresh and his bizarre "Branch Davidian" cult. At least five bullet-ridden corpses have been found; more are dead from fire brought by themselves or government agents—whatever. I hear tear gas was sprayed around the compound in 30 mile an hour winds. Some people like to read, and occasionally weep, about such things. Most don't take the danger message to heart. Comparisons are made to Jonestown (Guyana, November 1978).

Don't follow leaders, watch your  
parking meters!  
(Bob Dylan).

Some deal with horror through humor. I think of a small band of area people who participate in a "Jonestown Die-in" every November, perhaps to mock such a strange way to die. Maybe we can remember Koresh's cult, late of Waco, Texas, on future April anniversaries by declaring a national "Apocalypse Day". I'd suggest going out in the woods somewhere, setting a cardboard box house afire, and stockpiling toy weapons to play mock war with, as a prelude to better things.

But April should be a month to come out of hiding after a cold winter, to breed lilacs and stir dull roots. Allen Ginsberg, at age 66 playing the old gray poet, did that in Lincoln on the 17th. Newspapers reported he had not visited here since 1966, and was better received this time. He apparently communicated to the press the idea that there is more of a unified standard of thought throughout the nation now as far as acceptance of artists and "difference." My impression too: media and travel have changed the country forever. Willa Cather prophesied the changes in *Broken Hoops and Plains People*, a book on Nebraska ethnic groups, in the 1920's, fearing the coming homogenization of the plains people. By now we're catching up with our friends on the coasts culturally, which is arguably both good and bad. We have the tools, if used right, to work together regardless of particular geographic location. The public spirit of Ginsberg, for one, has been an inspiration to many to come out of hiding, of pretense, of "closets"—politically, sexually, creatively, morally. "To thine own self be true" (William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*) but listen to the ever changing world around you and report back to planet ASAP.

A mixed crowd heard and cheered among other things, Ginsberg's reading of *Wichita Vortex Sutra*, written in travels of Kansas and Nebraska as an epic reaction to news of the Vietnam war; poems and dialogue on homosexuality and growing older, and a song favoring illegal smoke (marijuana) over legal smoke (tobacco) with

appropriate jabs at Jesse Helms, political tobacco pusher and "art critic." And, in the week following, I prepared to go to Washington D.C. along with two friends, Len (a farmer) and Mark (like me, a small town kid moved to a larger city). In the town he was originally from (Beatrice), television reporters interviewed people on main street, mostly elderly, to get their opinion of president Bill Clinton after 100 days in office. Older men in overalls had their reservations, or acted like they'd seen this all too many times before. But one younger woman, none too swift looking in my opinion, shrieked to the camera crew, "he isn't doing his job, she's doing his job for him! We've got a dang woman president in there!" Well, so much for feminism in Nebraska.

Coinciding roughly with the Ginsberg appearance weekend was a big media "Health Care Conference" in Lincoln, with Hillary Clinton as guest speaker. I guess this Beatrice woman's reaction to such an educated soul was shock! envy! horror! I wonder why.

About the same time on local television news, I saw a group of UNL students demonstrating as part of something called "Take Back the Night"; I believe it was a reaction against rape and domestic violence against women on and around campus, and how they can protect themselves. Beatrice woman, take notice!

On the flip side (again), I read a group of college Republicans protesting the health care conferences and Hillary's appearance. I don't know about these folks—could be a naive, Rush Limbaugh inspired rant, but if they really object to a national health care plan for all, I would be very concerned. Let's try to work together for the common good and check what we're spraying before we take off in our little crop duster planes, ok?

"How I pity the poor children with no  
sunshine in their eyes."  
(David Cousins/Straws.)

Be that as it may, I had to leave Nebraska for a few days, so by Friday morning the 23rd, we set out on the yellow brick road and made it to Washington/Oz by Saturday afternoon...

"when your head is feeling fine, you can  
ride inside our car..."

(Paul Kantner/Jefferson Airplane).

It was a gay march on Washington weekend, and Connecticut Avenue around 16th was definitely rocking, pink triangles on parade and all that follows. It was a perfect combination of politics and celebration. I resigned myself to role of tourist, taking in the crazy carnival atmosphere of dancing, costumes, joyrides up and down the Metro subway escalators, trendy shops open all hours, etc. I wore the appropriate buttons, tried to keep my two friends in tow, and blended right in.

I did find it somewhat ironic that this event, happening roughly the same time as various "Earth Days" around the country, and also the "Farm Aid" concert, produced a lot of litter in the form of newspapers and food containers. I'm told the city sanitation department is very efficient in this area. Still, there were rumors that the "Queer Scouts" were supposed to be out picking up, and I never saw them. Maybe they showed up later. A lot of signs made for the march were never used, still piled up in parks after the march was over.

But the march went well, with lots of speakers and entertainers (Jesse Jackson gave an outstanding speech), and a longer line of marchers that I've ever seen before (certainly bigger than the "Housing Now" march in October, 1989, and

a gulf war protest in January 1991, both of which I attended in D.C.) Len & I found and walked with the Nebraska group, about two-thirds of the way back in the line, and waited until about 4 p.m. to do so. It was a tiring wait, but fun once we finally got going. I remember signs saying things like "God is Gay", "Jesus Would Have Marched", and "We Came To Do Chelsea's Hair", and chants like "Husker Homo!" and "We're Bitchy! We're Tired! We Want Our Rights Now!" I feared there could have been some confrontation with opposing forces, but only saw one example of (Christian) opposition the whole time, no more than 25 people, not exactly a threat.

Sometimes by attending these events you can feel you are contributing to an important part of history, and this may ultimately be a very influential event, yet while the current military dispute continues, and the fights with the right go on, what's the big news of the month? The Koresch cult? Probably. But I know whose side I am going to be on.

"I crucified my hate and held the world  
within my hand..."  
(Jon Anderson/Yes.)

Well, Dear Diary, it's true that not all the flowers have bloomed yet, but April showers bring May flowers, and now that I am back from Oz I'm ready to battle the herbicide sprayers of the world with a tin man, a scarecrow field-watcher's brain, and a lion's courage.

Any thanks?

©1993 Arlen Ray Kiraruta Lazaroff with much thanks to Mark Winchell for getting me to Washington and back safely, and Len Schroeter for his inspiring companionship.

## WE ARE PART OF HISTORY

By Paul Pfeiffer

*We are part of tomorrow! We are  
part of history. We can make the  
difference.*

Perhaps you feel you are not part of the war that has been waged for Gay/Lesbian civil rights. Well, if you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual, you have been drafted.

Granted you may not have had the financial means to go to Washington or perhaps you may not be able to speak eloquently before throngs of people. However, you can get involved by joining and participating in such organizations as CFEP, ANGLE, ICON, PFLAG, MCC-O, or writing for the *New Voice*. Or perhaps you might wish to risk being discriminated against for the higher goal of equality by standing up for gays in discussions with friends, work colleagues, and/or family.

We must work together for incorporating gays in the military, gays in the workplace, civil rights for all citizens, legalized gay marriages, and a host of other things.

This is our cause. Our battle goes beyond gay and lesbian rights. It extends to the very foundation of the struggle for democracy. We are engaged in a fight for the rights of the individual, true freedom for all, the promise of the Constitution extended through the years, and a step towards a better United States.

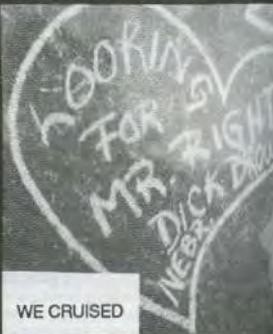
Each and every one of us are obligated to join this battle. I urge you to get involved and insure your place in this exciting movement in American history.

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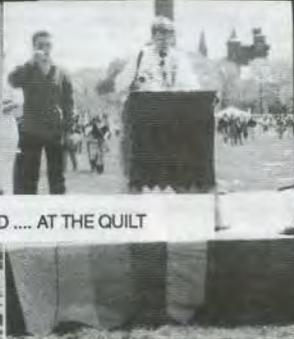
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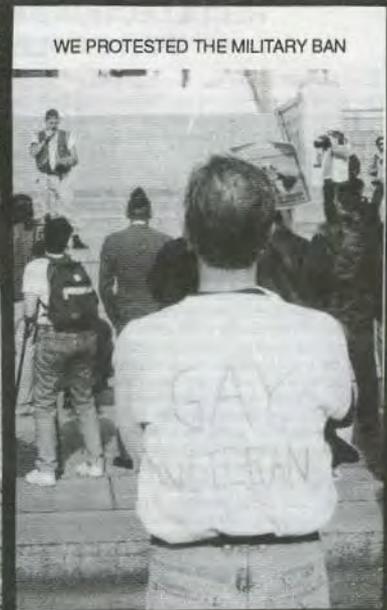
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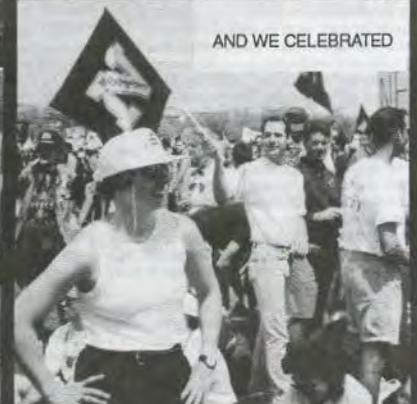
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# RECOLLECTIONS OF THE 1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL CIVIL RIGHTS

By Jean Durgin-Clinchard

## Strangers Cheer Ordinary Mom

Washington D.C. In the Spring! The cherry blossoms just past their prime but the dogwood and azaleas bursting out in all their glory. Families in all sizes, shapes and colors strolling the Mall. A beautiful time for tourists to visit their nation's capitol.

I was in Washington D.C. for the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual March for Equal Rights under the Constitution of the United States.

I was but one of hundreds of ordinary parents, families, and friends doing extraordinary things.

Hundreds of thousands of us converged on the city, exciting in all its Spring glory, trickling in early in the week and then a mass immigration, accompanied by a carnival spirit. Many attended annual conferences or board meetings, many others had over two hundred events to choose from over the weekend and the days preceding it.

As you know, I belong to P-FLAG — Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. How many of you know someone else who belongs?

You see, that is the problem. This is an organization that grows in silence and attains its visibility through the few who are able to be open about their family member's or friend's orientation. Many of us cannot be open or share our children and their relationships proudly and with excitement publicly because society has decreed for too long that who they are is illegal, sinful, or sick! So long as gay men and lesbian women remain closeted, so must those who care about them!

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We know better and so last weekend we marched, one million strong, in our nation's capitol to say we are here and proud of our children, reveling in their joy in proclaiming themselves and claiming their identities! Gay men and lesbian women and their supporters marched, starting at noon and not ending until after 6 p.m., conducting themselves with good manners, high spirits and looking so very ordinary.

What a tremendous high. Parents who had never lobbied before visited their Senators and Congressmen; learned how to talk with schedulers; to talk with Congressional aides and to ask questions that would help clarify issues, and to learn what further information might be helpful to our Representatives in their struggles to be fair and to do the right thing by their constituents. The halls of the Senate and House office buildings were peppered with citizens seeking to present themselves and their views. After walking miles on concrete and marble hallways our feet hurt but our heads were high.

The night before the March, Saturday, P-FLAG had a reception at which over 500 persons showed up, but one of many, many receptions, dinners, plays, and dances. President Clinton sent a representative, although she did not speak. The mother of the young sailor who was so brutally beaten to death in Japan spoke, moving us all to tears. We were given purple sashes with PFLAG in bold white letters across them to wear during the March.

Many of us suffered from identity crisis. Which contingent should we march with? Our state? Our church group? Our children's organizations? P-FLAG? Many of our children proudly marched with us in the P-FLAG group.

Others marched with AIDS groups. Three sets of parents I know personally marched with P-FLAG with heads held high, their children represented by panels at the Names Project Quilt. My son marched with me instead of his partner of 14 years, whose Quilt panel had been laid, with anguished tears, among too many others — in that beautiful memorial of silken threads, embroidered cotton swatches, beads, feathers, and teddy bears.

The night before the March, with our sashes crossing our chests, four of us Moms left the P-FLAG reception to visit DuPont Circle, an area of town known to be the gay area. We rode in a taxi...because our feet hurt...and chatted with the driver. We asked him what he thought of all the goings on. As with many people in Washington there are so many marches that they manage to go about their lives with an aplomb arising from a lack of involvement. We said we were there to participate in the March on Washington, to demand Equal Rights for gay/lesbian/bisexual people.

This driver had an accent and appeared to be from India. He asked why we had to do that, wasn't everyone equal in this country? We said "yes" the Constitution guaranteed certain rights to everyone, but, like African-Americans and women before them, we had to demand that the guaranteed rights be specified for gay/lesbian/bisexual people because there are those who believe discrimination against gay people is all right. Then, one after another, these four ordinary moms told of their children's trials in being gay in a hostile society. Three mothers spoke of their son's attempted suicides in their teen years, and the fourth spoke of the gay bashing her son had just recently suffered. Our driver was horrified and wished us well as he let us out of the cab.

But generally there were tremendous highs and we walked on a pillow of air most of the time, although our feet told us differently. When we arrived at DuPont Circle it was wall to wall people, on the sidewalks, filling the circle, and with music blaring. It was a mardi gras occasion. The crowds were friendly, well behaved, predominantly alcohol free...trash cans were overflowing and it was common to see someone painstakingly trying to fit one more pop can onto a pile that had become a mountain, without tumbling the whole careful structure. We have taught our children well.

**Wearing our bold purple P-FLAG sashes made us celebrities. Every step we took someone would say "P-FLAG, P-FLAG, we love you!" and softly, "P-FLAG, thank you!" For blocks we were accorded accolades that you cannot imagine. We gave hugs, listened to stories of how this one's folks would NEVER go to P-FLAG, another's of how much help P-FLAG had been to her family, and another who wondered if we knew if there was a P-FLAG in such and such a place.**

**If we had ever wondered if our work, our lone visibility, was worth it, we were answered that night.**

We found a restaurant, half a flight up outside steps, next to an outdoor cafe. As we went up the steps we were spotted by someone in the crowd and a cry went up that became a chant, "P-FLAG, P-FLAG, P-FLAG!" Everyone at that little outdoor cafe applauded and cheered. We felt buoyed up into the quiet of the restaurant, and then found ourselves in tears. It shouldn't be that way! Four ordinary Moms represented families that were distant, rejecting, closeted...were surrogates for all those hundreds of people: young, old, men, women, people from all walks of life, cheering P-FLAG because we were their families for that piece of time.

We thought we'd be able to leave after dinner without being noticed, but the same thing happened on our way out an hour later. We found that our experience was one of many such demonstrations repeated over and over in response to other P-FLAG family members and friends wearing their bold, purple sashes.

And so one ordinary Mom has come home from what was one of the highest points of her life. I am here continuing to do what I believe to be right and reinforced by the ordinariness of the people who marched together on a sunny Spring day in our nation's capitol. I have come home to continue my work in the open and in the light of day and I may be prosecuted or harassed, argued with and perhaps even denounced by some...but I will not be fired, or beaten, or kicked out of my apartment, or refused service because I am perceived as a gay person. I am just an ordinary Mom. But this is not the end of the story. Listen to what one young man said this week at a P-FLAG gathering of Marchers here in Lincoln.

"All my life, I thought being gay doesn't need to be an issue. I saw it happen in DC this week. It did not make a difference. The city was filled with gay and lesbian people going out to dinner, taking the subway and touring the sights of the capitol like any other tourist. Couples held hands or walked with their arms around each other and no one hotted an eye. And for one week in my life I was the norm."

And then another young man spoke up. He too had been on the March and felt himself affirmed and free...to the extent that he gave an interview which made public his status as same gender oriented. His conduct above reproach. He is home in Nebraska now and faced with action against him because he is in the National Guard. "The Question" doesn't have to be asked by the military but because he has been public he will be relieved of duty, all benefits and pay will be suspended, he will exist in a sort of limbo, for being who he is, with honesty and without subterfuge. Honest and true, his parents taught him well, but at what price to live up to it at last.

There are the reasons this ordinary Mom will continue to speak out.

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## ARE WE TOO INCLUSIVE?

By Matthew Govig

On April 25, I sat in my living room glued to C-SPAN's coverage of the march, while many of my friends were actually there living it. When C-SPAN stopped its coverage, I began flip-flip-flipping channels, hungrily devouring as much news coverage as I could swallow. The coverage was fairly typical fare.

There were aerial shots showing gobs of people, a few interviews and sound bites of the speakers, and of course, close-up shots of marchers whose attire, or lack thereof, was intended to draw attention or to shock.

Some reporters were kinds enough to call these "Mardi Gras Moments." It seemed that these "Mardi Gras Moments" made up much of the march.

However, my friends who were there said that these people represented a very small percentage of the marchers. Yet they got all the attention.

I thought the purpose of a civil rights march was to send the message "We are people whose lives differ little from yours, and therefore we deserve the same rights, protection, and respect that you enjoy." Not "See how unlike you we are!"

For years we've been trying to get everyone's minds out of our bedrooms. So why do some gay people seem determined to put everyone's minds back in?

As advocates of lesbian and gay rights, our battle cry is "Tolerance, diversity, inclusiveness!" But we are so hung up on inclusiveness that we are afraid of doing any excluding of our own.

I'm in the same boat. I don't want to exclude anyone either.

When we march for our rights we are telling the world, "We are proud gays and lesbians, and this is what being gay is all about." But sadomasochism and exhibitionism are not typically gay characteristics. These behaviors are just as prevalent among heterosexuals.

Marching naked in a gay-rights march sends the message "Exhibitionism is what being gay is all about." Marching in a spiked dog collar and harness, carrying a whip, sends the message, "Sadomasochism is what being gay is all about."

I wonder if those people believe that reinforcing stereotypes and confirming people's fears is a positive step toward reaching our goal.

I think they do it because they know they can get away with it. They can count on the homosexual community's inclusiveness.

But if they really cared about civil rights, they would realize that the message sent isn't necessarily the message received.

The nude, semi-nude, and leather-clad marchers might be sending the message "Our bodies are beautiful and we believe sexuality is something to be celebrated."

But if the public receives the message "We are obsessed with sex," then that is the message the marchers have sent.

Never before has a civil rights movement reinforced stereotypes and increased people's fear in an attempt to achieve its goal. Black men have been stereotyped as pimps and drug dealers.

Imagine how different the world would be today if black men who fit those stereotypes marched with banners saying "Pimps demand equal rights!" and "Drug dealers have rights too!"

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## WE DID IT!

By Frank Wilms, Denver EAGLE

We did it! Hundreds of thousands (by anyone's count) Marched on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation on April 25, 1993. The Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE) held its conference in conjunction with the March. The conference gave us a chance to explore the issues and consequences of the legal discrimination against gays in the Boy Scouts and in the military as well as time to work on personal growth. It was a great conference.

But—the city, and the subways, and the restaurants, and the hotels, and the stores, and the museums and the gay/lesbian parts of town, and most of all the March were all filled with the jubilant faces of a community exploring freedom—many for the first time. How can I tell you that it feels like to be in the majority, just for one single, magical weekend? What is it like to be who you are in the open public daylight without fear? What does it feel like to walk down a public street in the middle of the day merely holding hands with your partner of thirteen years without the terror of getting your head bashed in for being queer? How does one describe freedom to those who have not known oppression?

It is exhilaration. It is being whole and human and never again being ashamed or making excuses for who you are. It is a profound expression and it is the theme of the March, "A Simple Matter of Justice."

Yes, there were things there that middle America finds offensive. Is it a great surprise that some people have literally been thrown out onto the streets by their own families at age fourteen, excommunicated by their churches, and completely disenfranchised from their own culture might, in turn, reject some of the values held dear by those intolerant cultural institutions? I find violence offensive. Violence was noticeably absent from this event of hundreds of thousands of activists. In many years of being active in the

gay community, I've never felt raw hate or the fear of violence from gays or lesbians that I have felt hundreds of times from others and continue to feel just for being who I am.

My partner and I were lucky to have the opportunity to explore the new United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. This was a powerful statement of how good and kind people with families and values, through a deliberate and planned program of propaganda, censorship, book burning and outright lies can become the most evil monsters ever known to humankind. There were whole towns that had no Jewish survivors whatsoever, entire lines of generations of families wiped off the face of the earth forever. We saw their pictures before the holocaust, their families, the hopes and dreams in their eyes and were awestruck at how this could have possibly happened. When you enter the museum, you receive a card of a person who was victimized by the holocaust and their story. My card described a man who was persecuted and murdered at Dachau for being homosexual.

Never again. Never again can we stand by and allow ourselves to be taken in by lies that destroy the pride and dignity of other human beings. If Amendment 2 in Colorado is upheld in the courts, it will be AGAINST THE LAW for the state government or local municipalities to pass civil rights ordinances that protect my right to jobs and housing (claim of discrimination). Hard won rights that are currently in place in a few Colorado cities will be revoked. It is the first time in United States history that a constitution is amended to limit, rather than expand civil rights. Never again. Never again can we sit back in silence while one group, even if it is the majority, tramples the rights and dignity of any other group.

Never again can we, who have experienced freedom from hate and freedom to be, accept anything less.

## NEWS FROM THE "NEW" RUN BAR

The response to "Free Beer" in April and May was so positive that we will be partying again 13 times in June '93. You better mark your calendar for every Friday and Saturday nite 6p.m. til 12midnight, as well as most Tuesdays and one Wednesday—the last one—June 30. The following dates are the "Free Beer" with a Donation Party Days—June 5,6,8,11,12,15,18,19,22,25,29, and 30. Remember the donation is 5 cans of food or \$4.00. We hope you find it in your heart to bring \$4.00 in food. That's our real goal! Help us fill the food pantry to the ceiling. Thank you to all of you who have generously given in the past, as well as those who will be giving in the future.

Contests: \$100.00 keg parties will be given away this month to the Best "Bikini or Swim Suit" on June 11 and 12 (that's Friday and Saturday nights). Judging (by the audience) will begin at midnight both Friday and Saturday, with the finalists competing just after Sat's contest. —Check at The "New" Run Bar for details on our "Tan Line" Contest set for June 25 and 26!

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# LOCAL NEWS

## CLOSET BALL IN BLACK AND WHITE

By B & G

A couple of patrons in the audience at The MAX on Sunday evening, April 18, told us, "This is turning into the most popular show of the year." The show is The Imperial Court of Nebraska's Annual Closet Ball.

We walked in just after the show began and there was not even standing room. We stood outside in the main bar while the contestants were introduced as themselves: James, Erik, Michael, John, Ron, Dean, Chad, and Laurel. What an array of handsome guys and one very lovely lady!! The eight contestants then left the stage with their sponsors. The sponsors had just one hour to transform the contestants into their chosen stage image (of the opposite gender) and bring them back ready to perform.

After they left, Dorian Drake (The Mother of All Hostesses) took to the stage with her normal wit. There was confusion on the entertainment line up and she humored us all through it. The

entertainment began with Sammi Bennett performing *That's What Love Can Do*. One of our favorite performances was that of the very sexy Connie Henke performing *This is the Right Time*.

Carla Petersen, President of ICON, then introduced the dignitaries in the audience: Emperor 1, 2, 4, 5, & 8—Gary West; Empress 4 & 7—Velvet; Empress 11—Mae; Emperor 9—Joe Reed; Mother to All Athenas—JoJo Morrison; and Empress 5—Laura Lee.

We were then treated to Jennifer Jett's performance *It's In His Kiss* and *Shout*. Then the very beautiful Dorian Drake performed *Get Over You Getting Over Me*.

After a dance break, Dorian brought the contestants to the stage with their talent numbers.

Verruca Salt did a theatrical number with a song called *I Want It Now*, and Joseite Bouvriet did an Ernestine skit complete with a telephone

conversation with "Doris" about her phone bill. Raygen Daumaur performed *Lovely Day*. And one of our picks was Miranda Wrights hatching from an egg with Annie Lenox's *Wings to Fly Away*. Ammie Zahn and company performed *Rupaul's Work* and April Lane (complete with S&M Dancers) performed a number from *Phantom of the Opera*. Ariel Childs and Lou Lotunge performed and then it was in the hands of the judges. While the scores were tallied, we were treated to a final performance by Miss Closet Ball '92, Shana Stone.

Miranda Wrights was announced as second runner-up and Ammie Zahn was first runner-up. The winner of Miss Closet Ball '93 was April Lane, sponsored by Eva Destruction.

Thanks to Carla, The Imperial Court of Nebraska, and to the MAX for another great show. And congratulations, April Lane!!

## GAY SPIRIT JOURNEYS OFFERS UNIQUE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

"We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple art of walking the Earth as brothers."

Martin Luther King

A unique program of outdoor adventure travel for gay men, Spirit Journeys offers a series of trips in the United States and Mexico. "Spirit Journeys is an unconventional travel program," said David Frechter, whose company is headquartered in Santa Fe. "These journeys provide a way for gay men to rediscover our deep selves, our relationships with nature, and our spiritual brotherhood." Each trip is designed as a conscious pilgrimage, traveling to powerful places where mystery and beauty abound amongst the fun-filled company of fellow gay men.

Journeys include a "Southwest Quest," in Canyon de Chelly and Chaco Canyon June 5 - 12 or September 3 - 10; a special camping trip for gay dads and their children July 24 - 30; and a retreat in the Jemez Mountains of New Mexico focusing on mid-life transition August 11 - 15 or August 18 - 22.

Cycle through the San Juan Islands off the coast of Washington State August 21 - 28; horseback ride in Canyon de Chelly September 27 - October 2; and a journey of Oaxaca, Mexico for the Days of the Dead festival October 30 - November 5.

Coming up in winter '94 are trips to the Mexican Yucatan and Costa Rica.

Spirit Journey guides include Frechter, who has organized travel for groups and individuals since 1980. He has arranged personal growth seminars, spiritual retreats, and outdoor adventure journeys with the U.S., Mexico and Europe.

Other staff include Douglas Conwell, director of the nationally known program "Earth Walks," and Steven Berlyn, a licensed psychotherapist and group facilitator of healing arts, AIDS education and gay men's issues.

For a free brochure and further information, contact Spirit Journeys, Inc. P.O. Box 5307, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502. Phone 505-984-9910 or fax 505-984-9940.

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## GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER COMPETITION JUNE 12

The hottest leather men in the Great Plains will gather in Omaha for the 1993 Mr. Great Plains Drummer Contest to be held June 11 and 12. Great Plains Drummer is sponsored by Fantasy Productions.

Local contests have been held in St. Louis, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri; Des Moines, Iowa; Wichita, Kansas; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Omaha, Nebraska to ensure a HOT CROP of men to vie for this year's title.

Contestants will compete in Pre Judging Interview, on stage Question & Answer, Jockstrap, and presentation of their Sexual Fantasy.

Judges for this year's event include International Ms Leather 1993, Amy Marie Meeck; Mr. Rocky Mountain Drummer 1990, Greg Lowe; and Mr. Missouri Leather 1993, Greg Hurt.

The winner of this year's contest will go on to compete in the 1993 International Mr. Drummer Contest to be held in September in San Francisco. For the last 2 years the winner of the Mr. Great Plains Drummer Contest has gone on to capture the title of Mr. International Drummer.

The Host Hotel for this year is the Radisson-Redick located at 1504 Harney in Omaha, phone (402) 342-1500. Mention the Great Plains Drummer Contest to get a special rate for the weekend.

Friday, June 11, will feature a Leather Dance to be held at DC's, 1019 S. 10, in Omaha. The Leather Dance will take place from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Introduction of Contestants and Judges will take place at 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 12, the action moves to the MAX, 1417 Jackson, in Omaha, for THE Contest. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. with the contest scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door. Tickets are available at your local establishments, or you may contact Fantasy Productions, P.O. Box 6232, Omaha, NE 68105-0232.

Don't forget. June 11th & 12th. Mr. Great Plains Drummer Contest. Be There.

## ANGLE RECOGNIZES COMMUNITY MEMBERS

At the 3rd Annual Recognition Dinner to be held June 4, Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors (ANGLE) will recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations who have been nominated by fellow community members. All nominees will be recognized and one nominee from each category will receive "Special Recognition." The nominees for 1993 are:

### Individual Personal Achievement:

Brian Hanlon  
Sharon McCartney  
Wayne Tietfort

### Community Service — Individual

Joe Bonaiuto  
Stan Brown  
Tami Griffith  
Pat Phalen  
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### Community Service — Business

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Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP)  
Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians  
(EAGLE)  
The Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON)  
Women of the Plains



## OMEN RIBBON FUND HONORS THE CHESTERFIELD

On May 8, Omaha Men honored The Chesterfield and its patrons for high participation and contributions to the Omen Ribbon Fund. Donations from The Chesterfield bar have never been beaten by another bar for any collection period. A surprised and boisterous crowd was present as Alma was asked to accept a plaque, which was immediately hung on the back bar. To date a total of \$693.65 has been dispersed to ICON PWA, Mercy Care, NAP, Nap Shelter, and P-FLAG. Thanks also to The Run, Gilligan's, The MAX, and DC's for providing additional box locations.

## WE ARE A FAMILY OF PRIDE LOGO FOR 1993



The 1993 logo for Omaha's gay, lesbian, and bi pride activities was designed by Carla Petersen. The logo represents the diversity of our community coming together as a family around a pink triangle.

Artist's renditions of this logo are available on buttons and tee shirts from ANGLE members and at the various pride activities.

Congratulations, Carla! I love you.  
Sharon

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## ICEBOWL '94 HAS FIRST BAR-B-QUE OF THE SEASON

The first Sunday afternoon event of the season was held at The MAX Sunday, May 9, 1993. It was hosted by ICEBOWL '94 and was the first fundraiser of the year for the popular bowling tournament, held on President's Day Weekend in February.

130 people came out, despite a little rain, to enjoy bar-b-que ribs, potato salad, baked beans and free beer. The potato salad and beans were great, but the 'piece de resistance' were the ribs, prepared by Budda. They virtually melted in your mouth.

Fortunately, the rain never fully developed, but the food was served indoors, as it will be for any of the Sunday events. We had a 50/50 raffle, and, of course, the person who complained the loudest about buying some tickets won the pot, which was worth \$64 this week. Congratulations, Lance!!!

Thanks to all who donated their time and efforts into a successful and fun Sunday afternoon.

A new fund-raiser is going to be tried June 27. We're going to have a garage sale, and we need your help!!! We need articles for the sale. If you have anything you'd like to donate for the sale, call Tim J. at 342-4702. We have a place to store anything you can give, so don't hesitate to call.

The sale will take place starting at 7 a.m. and will continue until business stops. The location will be by the Radial Social Hall on the NW Radial Highway about two blocks north of the former Rose Bowl.

The success of this event will depend on donations, so please get them in as soon as possible!!!

## PRIDEFEST WOMEN'S FESTIVAL TO BE HELD

The first annual Women's Festival and the first ever to be held in this area is scheduled for June 12 at the Terra Jane (5 miles east of Council Bluffs on Highway 92). The Pride Fest will include a concert by Jamie Anderson, a Sand Volleyball Festival, Country Dance lessons, and displays of all kinds including books, jewelry, artwork, and more. The concession stand will be open.

Tickets are \$15 and are available from New Realities in the Old Market in Omaha, from Pat's Shoe Repair in Lincoln, or by mail from WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124-0712. Only 500 tickets will be issued. Get yours early. There may not be any tickets available the day of the festival.

## ILLINOIS HOUSE PASSES G/L CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

According to an article published in the *Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph*, on April 22 the Illinois House of Representatives passed a measure which would add sexual orientation to each of the state's current civil rights codes. However, to be enacted the bill must also pass the Illinois Senate by May 31. The outcome of that move is unknown as *The New Voice* goes to press.

## YOUNG MEN'S SEXUALITY GROUP NOW AVAILABLE

The first time away from home can be very difficult for young men. Just being alone and confused can be a difficult time for anyone. Conflicts about personal feelings and drives can emphasize the feelings of loneliness.

Learning to cope with new ideas, or accepting old ones, and finding self acceptance are critical at this particular time. A group setting can provide an opportunity to address these issues and share insights that may provide answers to many questions.

This group will be composed of young men between the ages of 18 and 27. The group will be limited to 10 people, and will consist of individuals who have questions regarding their sexuality. Any subject which is germane to human sexuality will be acceptable as a topic.

The group will meet for sixteen weeks, each Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. The group will be a place for sharing ideas, experiences, and feelings. Each group member will be assisted to develop specific, personal goals during the first three weeks.

The group will be led by David Hoppe (a Masters Level counselor with 20 years experience) and Dr. Krys Dean (a Ph.D. Psychologist who specializes in human sexuality).

The cost of the group is \$15 per session, payable in 6 payments of \$40. An initial interview will be required to complete necessary forms and gather information. The cost of the initial session is \$20.

For more information or to make a referral, call 398-1810 or 390-0711.

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## FANTASY '93

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Once again, titleholders and dignitaries will be converging on Omaha, Nebraska, the weekend of August 20-22, 1993, to take part in Fantasy '93. This year marks the fifth time that this national fundraiser has taken place. This year, the event is a fundraiser for the Leather Archives which will be located in Chicago, Illinois; the AIDS Emergency Fund in San Francisco, California; and the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha.

The weekend will consist of a leather dance, leather market, seminars and workshops for titleholders, seminars and demonstrations for spectators, and FANTASY—the show in which titleholders from across the country sing, dance, speak, and perform their sexual fantasies on stage.

This year, the goal is to have 100+ titleholders present in Omaha to help with this year's event.

The main events will be held at the host hotel and The MAX. The host hotel will be the Radisson-Redick, located at 1504 Harney St. just 2 blocks away from The MAX. Their phone is 342-1500. Mention "Fantasy" when booking your reservation to receive special rates for the weekend.

Make your plans now to be in attendance for the 5th year anniversary of Fantasy. Weekend packages are \$30.00 in advance or \$35.00 after August 1st. Registration forms can be picked up at your local establishments.

Fantasy '93 is co-sponsored by Fantasy Productions and The Leather Journal. For more information, contact:

Fantasy '93  
P.O. Box 6232  
Omaha, NE 68106-0232

## MCC-O NEWS

by Carla

May was really something else what with the Gospel Concert the first weekend, a guest evangelist the third weekend, and the District Conference the fifth weekend. That hardly left time for the congregational meeting the fourth weekend, let alone the Potluck Dinner and all the usual meetings and worship services. Thanks again to all of you who made contributions to the success of the 1993 Mid-Central District Conference. We truly appreciate your support!

We've been busy, busy, busy keeping our "new yard" under control. But you can be assured we will have it in great shape for our very special FORMAL DINNER IN THE GARDEN coming up Saturday, June 26. Dinner will be by reservation only. Our chefs have prepared a choice of beef burgundy or baked halibut or vegetarian spaghetti as the main course. Dinner will be served from 5:30 til 8:45 p.m. that Saturday. The price is only \$10.00 per person. Call those reservations in by June 21 (712-328-3670), and please do your calling between 7 and 10 p.m. any week day. This is fundraiser for our Handicapped Accessibility Fund. We hoping all of the community will come out and offer their support.

The next day we invite you to join us in a Vesper Service following the Pride Parade. The Vesper Service will be held in Turner Park at 7:00 p.m. Of course, you can come early and walk with the MCC-O contingent in the Pride Parade. We'll gather round the blue MCC-O banner in Turner Park at 3:30 p.m. See you there!

We invite you to join us any Sunday for worship. Our Morning Worship Service begins at 10:20, and the second and fourth Sundays of each month, we have a 7:00 Evening Worship Service. Join us at 819 S. 22nd St. as we "Celebrate Life In Christ." That's it from my pew!

## METRO LIBRARY RECEIVES DONATION FROM ICON

Reprinted from the Metro Library News—The Metro Libraries have recently received a donation of *The Quilt: Stories from the Names Project* by Cindy Ruskin. This beautiful book, with photographs by Matt Herron, documents the many individuals who have died from AIDS and who are commemorated by squares in the quilt. Many of the squares are shown, with pictures of the people they honor, along with letters and statements from their families and loved ones. The book was donated by The Imperial Court of Nebraska, a service organization which supports gays and lesbians.

Editor's Note: The Imperial Court also received a letter of thanks from Metropolitan Community College. In the letter, the librarian stated that the first day the book went on display, a young woman came and put her name down to check the book out as soon as it was cataloged. The young woman had just lost her brother to AIDS and had never seen a book about the Quilt before. The librarian went on to comment about how grateful they were to receive a donation that so clearly could help people.

## MINNESOTA ENACTS GAY/LESBIAN CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

According to an article published in *The Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph*, on April 2 Minnesota became the eighth state in the nation to enact Civil Rights protection for Gays and Lesbians. The measure, which takes effect on August 1, prohibits discrimination in housing, employment, education, and public accommodations but exempts churches, volunteer youth organizations like the Boy Scouts, and landlords who own and live in small multi-family dwellings.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CLUB 2001?

by Eddie B.

Well, June is upon us, and the crew of Club 2001 would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer! And have we got a summer planned for you! To start off the month of June, Club 2001 welcomes ICON Candidate DJ Eddie B. and Melissa Morgan. On June 6, Emperor candidate DJ Eddie B. will be hosting an "Afternoon of Fun in the Sun" and invites everyone to come in and participate. There will be all types of outside games, as well as an assortment of foods for everyone to enjoy. That evening, Empress candidate Melissa Morgan hosts a show featuring some of the finest entertainment from Omaha and Lincoln. Guaranteed to be a day filled with fun and excitement.

On June 13, Club 2001 opens its doors and welcomes Miss Dorian Drake to its stage. As always, Dorian is one of the finest entertainers in the state, and we are looking forward to her show.

On June 20, the crew of Club 2001 invites everyone to its "Game Day" which starts at 2:00 p.m. This is going to be a day filled with fun as we give you volleyball, pool, and darts with competition in each category. So bring your friends and let's see your competitive spirit.

And to close out the month, on June 27, Club 2001 presents "Amateur Strip Night #7." This competition is open to anyone (of legal drinking age) who thinks they have what it takes to get on stage and take it off. There are cash prizes for male and female categories, and there is a lot of fun involved. The show starts at 10:00 p.m.

Also the crew of 2001 would like to express their gratitude to all of the performers and people

of the community who came out to the special benefit that was held for Deb Coffee. It proved to be a wonderful show, and it also goes to show how the community can come together for one of its own. We offer you our best, Deb, and we're behind you all the way.

And a special thanks to the Yellow Rose of Hope, Empress XII Phoenix Fallentino for appearing on our stage with one of her best shows that we have seen. She had Melissa Morgan, Felice Whitney, and Amy Zahn with her, and it proved to be a fabulous night.

A special congratulations go out to the first Miss Club 2001, Lafayette. She was crowned Miss Club 2001 on April 25 in a pageant that none of us will forget. We wish her the best of luck, and we know that you will be seeing a lot of her around Lincoln and Omaha.

We hope to see all of you at Club 2001 in the future, but in the meantime, enjoy your summer.

### disappear fear TO PERFORM AT HOWARD STREET TAVERN

disappear fear, a six member acoustic rock band, headed by singing sisters Sonia and Cindy Frank of Baltimore, Maryland, will be performing at Howard Street Tavern on June 16th at 8pm.

Tickets for the June 16 performance are \$10 and are available at New Realities, 1026 Howard; Downtown Grounds, 117 Jackson; Howard Street Tavern, 1112 Howard; or by calling 571-7908.

## NEBRASKANS AGAINST THE BAN

The movement to repeal the Department of Defense Directive 1332.14 will affect our lives, either for better or worse. It is up to us to ensure that we achieve the first step in gaining total civil rights by ending segregation of lesbians and gays in the military. We must let our legislators know that we will not tolerate the hypocrisy and lies any post, or advancement. We demand full rights. Nebraska is against discrimination.

Nebraskans Against the Ban demand the repeal of Department of Defense Directive 1332.14 without qualification or stipulation. We demand the same treatment of gays and lesbians that heterosexuals receive. We will not accept segregation of troops or exclusion from any duty, post, or advancement. We demand full rights.

Each day the ban is in place allows the government and society to oppress us and deny us equal treatment as human beings. Let your voice be heard. Let your government officials know that they cannot degrade us, deny us rights, or continue to spread misinformation and hate.

**A rally for all Nebraskans who believe in justice and equality will be held Saturday, July 10. The event will take place at 2:00 p.m. on the north steps of the Lincoln Capitol Building. Any organization, individual, veteran, parent, or friend who would like to help with any part of the rally, please contact us at (402) 467-3218.**



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## HEARTLAND GAY RODEO

By Patrick Williams

The May meeting of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA) was held at DC's on May 8. In addition to standard business, Bylaws and Standing Rules were adopted. Once articles of incorporation as a nonprofit organization are finalized, we will be able to forward copies of the paper work to the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) along with our \$250 charter membership dues, for approval and recognition as an IGRA member.

The membership also voted to accept red, black, and white as our chapter colors. The logo committee presented their report on the logo contest and their recommendation was approved by acclamation. Check the ad in this month's *New Voice* and posters in the bars for details including requirements, deadlines, etc. The winning design, to be decided upon by the members, will net a \$50.00 cash prize.

Charlie Wade was elected to be our IGRA trustee and President Rodney D. appointed the following volunteers as committee chairpersons: Joel, Public Relations; Brad, Entertainment and Fundraising; Terry, Membership.

As corresponding secretary, I presented information on the Great Plains Regional Rodeo (Oklahoma City) May 28-30, the Northstar Regional Rodeo (Minneapolis-St. Paul) June 18-20, and the Rocky Mountain National Rodeo (Denver) July 2-4. If you need information on these rodeos, please feel free to call me at (407) 477-3899 between 6:30 and 10:00 p.m. or write to

HGRA at the box office address in the resource directory of *The New Voice*.

It was brought up that some residents of Iowa and South Dakota feel we are being presumptuous by wanting to include them in our organization, so we decided to clarify our position on this. Yes, HGRA is a Nebraska based organization incorporated in Nebraska for legal and logistical purposes. However, we already have members from Iowa and have had some South Dakota residents express interest in joining. Thus, we adopted the name "Heartland" to be inclusive, not to take over. We welcome residents from all areas of Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota as members. However, if either Iowa, South Dakota, or western Nebraska residents want to form their own chapter, now or in the future, we understand and respect that and will support them in that endeavor. We hope that this will clear up any misunderstanding.

The next meeting will be Saturday, June 5, at DC's at 4:00 p.m. with the board of directors meeting prior to that at 3:00 p.m. From 6:00 to 8:00 we will have a beer bust with munchies for all current and new members with paid dues. DC's will donate the keg and Shelly will DJ, playing all of our country favorites.

Remember, HGRA is here to support not only rodeo, but all country activities and all worthy organizations and charities within the Gay and Lesbian community.

## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I was surprised to discover that hosting an all male underwear Benefit Buffet party was as much fun for me as it was for the guests. They dearly loved it. The donations were sincerely appreciated and certainly exceeded my expectations.

Our next get together will be June 18, 1993. So if you want to get in on the fun, just let me know. I'm "in the book". A wide variety of great looking guys attended. And to my knowledge no one was left out of the "action."

Since we are all bullish on safe sex it was gratifying to see strict adherence to the guide lines being practiced. A special thanks to all the other benefit hosts, Kev, Lowell, Tim and Kris.

Something I didn't understand until now is that when you do good things for the "cause", it comes back to you one hundred fold...I've been surfeited with calls, thank you notes, and more donations. An orgy of thanks for your support. Love ya!

William Welsh, 2644 So. 52nd St. Lincoln, NE 68506 402-489-3155.

## NAP NEWS

Several calls have come in on our Hotline concerning transmission of AZT-resistant HIV. We would like to take this time to give a small reminder to all of you out there that safer sex is still very important in 1993. Just because you may not know someone right now who has AIDS or HIV, doesn't mean its not still out there. Remember that people are living longer, healthier lives with HIV due to an increase in the amount of drugs and treatments now available. We hope that there is not a myth out there that you can tell "by looking at someone" whether or not a potential sex partner has the virus.

Scientists report a well-documented case of a 20 year old man becoming infected with AZT-resistant HIV, most likely from a sex partner who was using the drug (NEJM, April 22, 1993). The finding emphasizes the need for strict adherence to guidelines for safer sex and safer injection drug use, both to protect partners, and, to protect HIV positive people from re-infection with drug resistant HIV strains. These findings emphasize the need for sensitive and inexpensive tests to identify virus which is resistant to a particular antiretroviral such as AZT, so that one or more other drugs could be prescribed instead (such as AZT plus ddI or ddC, or ddI or ddC alone).

If you're going to have sex, use safer sex techniques to protect yourself from sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV infection, herpes, venereal warts, chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, hepatitis B, and vaginal infections. These techniques can actually make sex more sensual, exciting, and fulfilling because they show you care, allow you to relax, and open up new ways to express yourself sexually. Remember, alcohol and other drugs lower your inhibitions and affect your judgment, leaving you vulnerable to unsafe sex. Sharing IV drug needles spreads infection directly.

The key thing to remember in regards to safer sex, to make it really simple, is TO KEEP EVERYONE'S BLOOD, SEMEN, AND VAGINAL SECRETIONS OUT OF YOUR BODY — whether that be in your mouth, vagina, anus, or open cuts on your external skin. Always have a barrier between you and your partner. Use latex condoms in conjunction with water-based lubricants containing Nonoxonyl-9 for oral, vaginal or anal sex. Use latex dental dams, Saran wrap or cut a condom length-wise to protect yourself during oral sex. For information call NAP. A hotline counselor can answer your specific questions. (800) 782-2437. Please be safer.

NAP Case Management Census April, 1993	
Open Cases as of 4/1/93	247
New cases	4
Clients Deceased	14
Cases Closed	5
End Total as of 4/30/93	252
Client Services Provided in 1993	
Advocacy	198
Transportation	163
Shopping, Cooking, Sitting, Etc.	173

If you know someone who is HIV+ or has AIDS, feel free to refer them to the Nebraska AIDS Project. If you would like to volunteer, call Audrey for an application 800-782-2437.

**SHOW YOUR PRIDE IN THE PRIDE PARADE JUNE 27 ASSEMBLY: TURNER PARK AT 3:30; IF YOU CAN'T BE IN THE PARADE, JOIN US FOR THE RALLY AND PICNIC**

## GLAGN HOSTS PICNIC

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) will be hosting two picnics this summer. The first will take place on June 20 at the Izaak Walton League in Grand Island from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and will include a pot luck, volleyball, softball, and frisbees.

The second Picnic will be held July 18 at the Hall County Park in Grand Island from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Activities will again include a pot luck, volleyball, softball, and frisbees.

*Editor's Note: Carla and I have attended GLAGN functions in the past. The people are warm and friendly and really make you feel welcome. I'd encourage Omaha and Lincoln supporters to make the drive to Central Nebraska.*

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# "FACES OF AIDS" RAISES \$7,000 FOR PWA

It was another gala evening at The MAX as General Manager, Wayne Tietzort, produced his third annual Benefit for PWA's, "The Faces of AIDS." Tom Cech produced a set that was deceptively simple in it's elegance. Soft yellow curtains completely covered one wall of the disco while one red ribbon served as accent on the adjoining wall.

The emcees, Don Flowers and Velvet, were at their glamorous and wittiest best in front of an audience that included Wayne's mother and sisters as well as Tracy's mother and sister. Tracy (Wayne's partner) performs with Scott and Denny in the Babes Behind Bars.

The show featured a long line up of the best in local talent including Miss Closet Ball '93, April Lane, Amy Zahn, Shanna Stone, Empress XII Phoenix Fallentino, Felice Whitney, Miss Gay Everything, Dorian Drake, Victoria Towne, Miss MAX VIII Amanda Foxx, Inga, Kendra, Dietra Snow, Jasmyr Starr, Ruby, Veronica O'Rourke, Tracy, Jennifer Jett, Monica West, Raygan, Stacey, Roxy, Sharon, Carla, and Michael as the Clampetts; and live performances by K.B. and Rod.

While the performers were all excellent, special note should be made of the Babes who brought the house down with an Andrews Sisters medley and excellent costuming (which almost made up for their mustaches). Tracy's mother had never seen her son perform and her only comment when the emcee approached her with the microphone was "Isn't he beautiful!"

However, the high point on the evening was the live performance by the staff of the Nebraska AIDS Project "The Von NAP Family Singers" who performed their version of *My Favorite*

*Things*. We have been fortunate enough to obtain a copy of their unique lyrics.

## *A Few of My Favorite Things*

Candlelight dinners and warm fireplaces,  
Hugging and touching and kissing of faces,  
Bouquets of flowers that my lover brings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

People in leather and men dressed like women,  
Foreplay and more play — just stop things from swimming,  
Saying you love me in songs that you sing,  
Then you can calm every fear.

Holding hands and  
Talking softly  
In your lover's ear.  
If you will remember these safer sex things  
Then you can calm every fear.

Green colored condoms with good lubrication,  
Saran wrap and dental dams and mutual  
masturbation;  
Backrubs with lotion and gold nipple rings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Rimming, fisting,  
Cunnilingus  
And fellatio.  
Using a condom or your dental dam  
Leaves a nice after glow.

Wild sex or mild sex remember the rule is;  
Never, no never ever swap body fluids,  
Some peace of mind is what safer sex brings,  
While you do one of your favorite things.

Mutual climax  
With a condom  
And nonoxynol-nine.  
I smile when I think of my safer sex flings  
And then I just feel so fine.

The reason for the evening was to raise money for PWA emergency assistance to provide emergency help to PWA's. And raise money they did! Ten individuals gave \$100 each and, with the help of a \$1000 donation from the MAX, \$500 cash from an anonymous benefactor in Dennison, Iowa, a \$200 donation from Gerald Smith, two \$250 donations from anonymous donors in Omaha, and a \$500 donation from Gilligan's, the total was over \$7,000. Way to go, Wayne!

## OMEN HOST CLUB GATHERING

On Saturday, June 19, OMEN will welcome clubs from throughout the area to the New Run Bar for a club gathering and beer bust. Clubs represented will include Bear Paws, Pioneers, Cornhousers, Players, and Star City M.C. The club gathering will be from 8-9pm and at 9pm a beer bust will begin. The cost for the beer bust is \$3 for club members and \$4 for the general public. 25% of the proceeds from the beer bust will be donated to the Nebraska AIDS Project.

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# NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

by Eddie B.

## As Reign Twelve Bids Farewell...

June is now here, and it is time for us to say farewell to the Monarchs of Reign XII. On Sunday, June 13, Emperor Steven Koeller, Empress Phoenix Fallentino, and Athena Tami Griffith would like to invite everyone to their Bon Voyage Show as they bid the community farewell and say thank you to their supporters. The U.S.S. Nebraska will be docked at The MAX for this special evening, and the entertainment will begin at 9:30 p.m. This event promises to be filled with special guests and performances that all of Omaha will remember for quite awhile. Be sure to come aboard and show your support for Reign XII as they have shown their support for you in the past year.

Coronation weekend is soon upon us, and the Monarchs from Reign XII have a very exciting trip planned for you. The theme of this year's Coronation is "Elegance and Champagne Aboard the U.S.S. Nebraska." And this year we will be hosting about fifteen out-of-state courts at Coronation.

On Friday, June 18, the USS Nebraska will be docked at the Ramada Inn CENTRAL on 72 & Grover and the festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. with the Visiting Natives Show. Then Saturday, June 19, the crew of the USS Nebraska invites you to come on board out at the Ramada Inn CENTRAL and cast your vote for the monarchs of Reign XIII. Voting is from 10:00 a.m. til 6:15 p.m. You must have proof of your residence in Nebraska or Pottawattamie Co., IA to vote. Voting is free to all who qualify.

It is going to be a good competition for the thrones this year! ICON is pleased to announce the candidates for Emperor XIII: Connie Henke and DJ Eddie B. (that's me!). An equally great duo are competing for Empress XIII: Roxy (aka Danny Smith) and Melissa Morgan (aka Chris Stowers). Each of the candidates has been busy campaigning since May 21 when ICON formally took them around to the Omaha bars and introduced them. They're all wonderful people with a lot of good ideas for the community.

At 6:30 p.m. on Sat., June 19, the USS Nebraska sets sail and presents the Ship's Grand Gala. This event you won't want to miss. Tickets are on sale now for \$18.00, but they'll be \$20.00 at the door. Contact any Board member for yours today! Do note that starting time—it's earlier than usual, and again, we're at the Ramada Inn CENTRAL!

Sunday, the USS Nebraska returns to port with a special Captain's Brunch that starts at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to be one of the first people to dine with the past Monarchs and the new Monarchs as they present special awards to some special people. That evening, the USS Nebraska again docks at The MAX for the Christening Show as ICON presents to the community the monarchs of Reign XIII. Again 9:30 is the starting time.

Information and tickets for Coronation XIII are out and available from any Board Member of ICON. Be sure to get your tickets in advance for the weekend's events. For more information contact ICON President, Carla Petersen at 556-9907 or me, Eddie B. (secretary and candidate for Emperor XIII) at 291-1242. We hope to see everyone there to help us make our out-of-town guests feel welcome!

## And for other News from the Court...

Congratulations to this year's winner of Closet Ball '93, April Lane, and the first runner-up Amy Zahn. What a great competition and what talent we saw displayed in this contest. ICON thanks all of this year's contestants, their sponsors, the judges, monitors, and the crowd that packed The MAX for the contest. Thanks too to the owners, management, and staff at The MAX. What a show! I can hardly wait for Closet Ball '94!

Plans are underway for the JULY FOURTH PICNIC at Progressive Park. Groups are again invited to come out and sell their wares—but as usual—no food sales. Same time (noon til 5:00). After a month of PRIDE activities and Coronation, come on out and join us for a relaxing day of fun in the sun. Sunday—July 4—See you there! (p.s. Hope you had a great time Memorial Day—I did!)

And finally, the Imperial Court of Nebraska would like to extend a warm welcome to its newest Board member, Jack DeVries. Jack's interest in ICON was sparked by one of our "Thank You Nights" at the The Diamond. We're glad to have him joining us as we work for the gay and lesbian community of Nebraska and SW Iowa.

If you have an interest in finding out more about ICON, join us the first Monday of every month. You'll find us meeting in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX, 6:30 p.m. Come on in, and join in on the discussion. See you soon!

**'93 PRIDE PARADE LINE-UP 3:30**  
at 31 & Farnam --PARADE 4:00  
**Rally, Picnic, Vesper Service (ff)**  
Sun., June 27 \*\*\*\*\* Sun., June 27

# A NEW "ANGLE" IN NEWS

by Stan Brown

June is going to be a very busy PRIDE month with a variety of activities to attend including ANGLE's Recognition Dinner, my Benefit Variety Show for ANGLE, and, of course, the Pride Parade, Rally, and Picnic at the end of the month.

If you did not get your tickets for the third annual ANGLE Recognition Dinner on June 4 at the Fire Fighters' Hall at 60th & Grover, please call 556-9907 by June 3. A few tickets may still be available by the time this *New Voice* issue comes out. Tickets are \$15.00 for the buffet; entertainment by the River City Mixed Chorus; guest speaker, Diane Thomas; and the presentation of special recognition in all categories. Look for a complete list of all the nominees elsewhere in this issue.

Brandon and I feel very honored to be nominated this year along with all the special people and groups in each category. A special thank you all our friends in the community who have supported our many activities and fundraising events.

Join Inga's "Family of Pride" at ANGLE's Benefit Variety Show at The MAX on June 6, 9:30 p.m. It's going to be a great show with many of your favorite entertainers singing live including Joel Cason, R.N. Hedges, Ron Walters, Bill B., Sharrie from The Tomboys, and other surprises and ICON Royalty along with some of Omaha's best female impersonators including Dorian, Drake, Viktoria Towne, Dietra Show, Jennifer Jett, Jassmyr Starr, Monica West, Madame X, with emcees Pat Phalen and Inga. A raffle will be held that night with prizes such as tickets to the River City Mixed Chorus Concerts next season, tickets to Fantasy '93, *New Voice* subscriptions, jewelry by Addendum, '93 PRIDE t-shirts, Coronation XIII tickets, and many more items. All the money raised from the door, raffle, and tips donated will go to help fund ANGLE.

Look for PRIDE t-shirts and buttons for sale at the Benefit Show, as well as other events throughout the month. ANGLE has published a PRIDE GUIDE this year with a listing of all the events happening in June. A big thank you to all the advertisers in the PRIDE GUIDE that helped make this publication possible. PRIDE GUIDES are available at all the bars and other events in the community. Don't forget to mark your calendar for JUNE 27—OUR PRIDE PARADE, RALLY, AND PICNIC. Lineup is 3:30 at Turner Park, 31 & Farnam. Parade starts at 4:00. More details can be found in the Community Calendar, but complete details can be found in the PRIDE GUIDE—including the Parade Route!

## OMAHA MEN - OMEN BEER BUST

Saturday, June 19th 9:00 p.m.  
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Club Members and Associates \$3.00  
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## EIGHT BALLS TAKES FIRST IN '92-'93 RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING

At the conclusion of the 92-'93 season, it was Eight Balls taking first place in the River City Mixed Bowling League. Three games behind in second place was City Lickers, followed by DC's, Ernie's Bookstore, and Stosh's Saloon.

The final high scores among the regular bowlers included Bill Boren, who has the men's high scratch game with 275, followed by Dwight Wages with 263 and Joe Bloemer with 258. Men's high series was taken by Dwight Wages with 663 followed by Ken Williams with 661 and Jim Vajrt with 652. Charley Wade edged out Joe Bloemer for men's high average with 184.8, compared to Bloemer's 184.2. Bob Andresen took third his with 179.5.

Lisa Broadway held on to the women's high scratch game with 234 and third high average (153.7). Norma Nelson took second high game (225), series (569) and average (161.6). E. Mueller took third high women's game (224), high women's series (575), and high average (170.3). Cheryl Christensen has third high women's series (549).

Church Ladies took the high handicap team game with 827, followed by City Lickers with 825 and Eight Balls with 801. Enterprise Rent-a-Car has taken high team series with a 2223, followed by City Lickers with 2218 and Eight Balls with 2191.

Noteworthy individual performances during the last week of bowling included Terry Finck with a 257 game and 641 series, Dwight Wages scoring 119 pins over average to reach a 246 game and 620 series. Lisa Broadway turned in a 211 game and E. Mueller bowled 66 pins over average to score a 199 game and 578 series. Norma Nelson showed a 507 series, and Donna Hoden continued her strong performance bowling 40 pins over her average. Final standings are as follows:

	Won	Lost
1. City Lickers	148	76
2. Eight Balls	145	79
3. DC's	138	86
4. Ernie's Bookstore	135	89
5. Stosh's Saloon	134	90
6. Enterprise Rent-a-car	126	98
7. Stosh's Saloon Outlaws	126	98
8. Gilligan's 1	125	99
9. Fashion Police	123.5	100.5
10. Running Rebels 122	102	
11. Gilligan's Pub 2	121	103
12. Church Ladies	114	110
13. Delivery Boys	114	110
14. Gay Caballero's	111	113
15. Maximum Force One	99	125
16. D.C. Babes	98	126
17. 3 Guys & a Babe	98	126
18. Dorothy's Friends	93	131
19. Jokers	91	133
20. Wild Boys	88.5	135.5
21. DC's II	84	140
22. Vacancy	30	194

Bowling will resume in the fall, with bowling again being on Sundays at 3pm at Sky Lanes in the Center Mall. Officers for the 1993-94 season are President Scott Rezek - 346-4110, Vice President Jojo Morrison, and Secretary Charley Wade - 597-1689.

## LIED PRESENTS TWO JAZZ GREATS THIS SUMMER

Two jazz greats, Eddie Daniels and Herbie Mann will perform this summer at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. Herbie Mann will perform on Friday, June 4, 8:00 p.m. and Eddie Daniels on Friday, June 18, 8:00 p.m.

Herbie Mann is best known for his exploration of rhythms and harmonies of diverse cultures that have opened the ears of countless listeners to new musical possibilities. His influence on the last two generations of musicians is inestimable. He is credited as being one of the seminal jazz flutists.

Eddie Daniels is that rarest of rare musicians, who is not only equally at home in both jazz and classical music, but excels at both with breathtaking virtuosity.

## MORE ON THE INVISIBLE MINORITY

By Sandy Vopalka

Most minorities have some visible traits, but older gay people most often just live their lives and their identity remains invisible to almost everyone. Today, in the U.S. it's estimated that there are more than 4 million gay people that are 60 and older.

In Nebraska it's estimated that there are 29 thousand older gay people. In an eight county area including Lincoln (Butler, Fillmore, Lancaster, Polk, Saline, Saunders, Seward, and York) it's estimated that there are 4,900 older gay people. This eight county area is served by the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging and at this time there are no programs designed to reach minority elderly, which means that older gays, lesbians, and bisexuals continue to remain invisible.

Most of these 29,000 people go completely overlooked, because of their own fear and other people's hatred toward them. The pain and isolation felt by these people has come to the awareness of some of their fellow Nebraskans.

It's time that more people begin to work together and start to look at ways we can begin to see and understand the needs of the older gay community. Many of us are going to grow older and would like there to be more local services than there are today. National older gay services are beginning to be noticed and receiving the recognition they deserve.

Things are starting in Lincoln. In April there was a benefit at PANIC and about \$200 was raised. Most of it will go to pay the rent for the men's group. Professionals, younger community members and businesses all need to give something toward meeting the needs of the older community members. We need to reach these people and let them know that there are safe places where they are welcomed and wanted.

Too often we live our lives in a comfortable space, not really worrying about our future. Well, as members of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community we'd better start taking a different look at things. It's time to start supporting the older members of our community. Your help and support is needed. In Lincoln, there is a group for gay men that meets every week. There is going to be a group for lesbians over 40 starting this summer. Other ideas are being considered. If you have any ideas or want to get involved, please write: INFORMATION (Information for Older Gay People) P.O. Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542-2043.

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# EAGLE - OMAHA Receives Regional Award



The Omaha chapter of the Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE), a U S WEST Resource Group, was the proud recipient of the group's Regional Award of Merit, an award presented annually to individuals or groups, members and non-members, for their outstanding achievement, commitment, or contribution to furthering EAGLE's goals and objectives.

EAGLE's goals and objectives read in part:

1. To support U S WEST's vision statement on Pluralism
2. Domestic Partnership issues
3. To be a resource to U S WEST
4. To serve as a support group
5. To contribute toward dispelling the myths about Gays and Lesbians

EAGLE's mission statement reads: "To strengthen the supportive environment within U S WEST so the unique issues of gay and lesbian employees are addressed and resolved while furthering corporate goals."

The award was presented at EAGLE's annual conference held this year in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. Other award recipients this year were: Jefferey McCollom, Des Moines, IA; Mary Jo Nelson, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN; and John Salzer, Vice President - U S WEST Communications and EAGLE Advisory Board member.

This year's conference also offered workshops that focused on coming out, both in the corporation and in your private life and about "walking your talk." A panel of officers from U S WEST and the Communication Workers of America (CWA) met with conferees. CWA is the union that represents the majority of employees at U S WEST. A presentation from the "Forgotten Scouts", a banquet with entertainment provided by Ruth Pelham (of whom Pete Seeger has said "is one of America's greatest songwriters) and a keynote address from Tanya Domi, Director of the Civil Rights Project at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and pro bono legislative director for the National Gay, Lesbian and Bi-Sexual Veterans of America (GLBVA).

Domi spoke on her experience during her military career, of being baited and investigated a number of times regarding her sexual orientation, about her experiences since she became involved with the NGLTF and her work on Capitol Hill. Domi came to the banquet "fresh off the bus", so to speak. Having just completed the "Tour of Duty", Domi visited a number of cities and states talking to local organizations and elected officials about what their role will be in getting the ban on homosexuals lifted in the military.

Bev Pickering, current co-moderator of the Omaha EAGLE Chapter said, "I think it is fantastic that we have been honored with this award. Although we're small, we have a nice group of dedicated people who work very hard together and "walk their talk."

A unique observation of this year's conference was the increase in the number of heterosexuals and the number of non-U S WEST employees in attendance. Bev is always looking for ways in which people may participate in EAGLE and encourages all friends, spouses and employees who are not members of EAGLE to contact her for more information. "We look forward to continued positive gains and to our next celebration." Look for EAGLE in the June Pride March as we continue to support and participate in Omaha's Gay and Lesbian community.

## THE NEW VOICE of NEBRASKA PRIDE VARIETY SHOW

Sunday, June 27  
9:30 p.m. The MAX



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Bill Clinton  
May 18, 1992

## KC PRIDE FESTIVAL TO INCLUDE ART EXHIBIT

According to an article published in the *Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph*, The GALA/KC Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival to be held on June 27 will include a Stonewall Art Festival, sponsored by the Heartland Lesbian and Gay Artist Alliance and Gay and Lesbian Awareness of Kansas City.

# PUTTING NEBRASKA ON THE MAP

By Sandy Vopalka

March 27-30, 1993, in Chicago was the American Society on Aging's conference. There were about 3,500 in attendance, all there to educate or learn more about aging. There were eight sessions on older lesbians and gays, scheduled so that none of the sessions were at the same time. Average attendance at each of these sessions was about 50.

Also, I was able to become aware of and a member of a national organization: National Association for Lesbian and Gay Gerontology (NALGG). As a member I will receive a newsletter and a national resource guide. This guide lists organizations, films/videos, publications, and has a partially annotated bibliography. I now serve as a Midwest resource for NALGG.

I met people from all over. As a graduate student, I'd like to say that this was an experience which all students should take part in. I have been asked to go to next year's conference in San

Francisco as a presenter on the topic of starting programs for older gays and lesbians in rural areas.

I need to thank all the people who helped financially make this trip a reality. Personally, I needed the change, but professionally this was one of my biggest chances. This was my second national conference in a year and people are really starting to see Nebraska as a state on the move.

With the help of others, hopefully funding will become a little easier. Besides money there is the need for people power. Things need to continue to grow and become better here in Nebraska.

The conference had so much to offer and I met some wonderful people. I would like to work with any of you as a resource. I will speak to any group as a part of your program. Education is the only way to begin to deal with the ageist way of

our community. Please help in every way that you can, because Nebraska is a good place to live and our older community members need to know that we care about them. Also, remember that every day we are all getting a little bit older, and if we don't make the changes, no one will.

Any questions or ideas, please write to: INFORMATION (Information for Older Gay People), P.O. Box 22034, Lincoln, NE 68542-2043.

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**Sun., June 27, Turner Park  
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## NEW CLUB A SAFE HAVEN FOR OLDER GAY MEN

By Stan Balderson

Many older men are afraid to be publicly identified as gay because of the way in which gays are viewed by society. Men who grew up in the 40's, 50's, and beyond have vivid memories of what happened to homosexuals during those years.

Earlier in this century, the medical profession diagnosed homosexuality as a mental illness. Men — and women — were institutionalized and even lobotomized as a way to change or control their "aberrant" behavior. Churches and clergymen have condemned gays as perverts, menaces to society and sinners (and still do today). The Military proclaimed gays unfit for duty. That thought persists today and sometimes results in violence. Self-preservation forced gays into the closet and many older men fear coming out. This fear, coupled with society's continued intolerance, keeps many of those men from frequenting gay establishments and functions that would identify them as homosexuals.

The Star City Gay Men's Club, newly established in Lincoln, is geared toward gay men ranging in age from 30 to more than 60 years. It was started because we feel many gay men need a safe place where they can be themselves; a place that affords men a chance to talk and be heard.

Often men 60 and older cannot find what they need in a senior citizens center because they must continue hiding their sexuality. We see in this club an opportunity for men to enjoy many of the same activities they would find at a center, and as a way to form a friendship network for all men in the community that will help end the isolation many of them feel.

Although the club is geared toward older generations, we do not want it to be yet another exclusive clique. We believe younger gay men can learn from the experiences of older homosexuals. The gay experience is always changing and younger men can gain knowledge from listening to older gay men. We invite younger men to attend so we can all learn from each other.

Younger generations also may not realize that they, too, someday will be old. Who will be there when they need emotional support or a helping hand through changing times? The club is here to fill those needs.

Obviously, the club will not solve all the problems gay men face — we cannot replace social service or health care workers. But we can assist members in many other ways: checking on them to make sure they are all right, driving them to appointments or to the grocery store (being their eyes during shopping); putting them in touch with various agencies through our director, Sandy Vopalka, a gerontologist; and, of course, just listening to and sharing with them.

They Star City Gay Men's Club meets every Thursday at The Arbor Moon Bookstore (it is alcohol and smoke free) 2017 "D" Street. We do not charge a fee but do ask for community support through free-will donations to help us pay our weekly rent. If assistance is needed getting into the building, call ahead and we will be happy to help. So, please join us for a quiet afternoon with people who care and understand. We'll be looking forward to meeting you.

For more information of The Star City Men's Club contact INFORMATION, P.O. Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68542-2043, or call 477-5666.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of  
**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Adult/Child  
Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:20am

**Omaha** Frontrunners, location varies 10am

**Grand Island** Alcoholic Anonymous Open  
Meeting 12noon (308)236-8610/382-0240.

## MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, Lowe  
Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40, **Omaha**

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

## TUESDAY

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

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30pm,  
MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., 345-2563

## WEDNESDAY

Lesbian Discussion Group **Lincoln** 6pm,  
UNL, Nebr Union, Room 338

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

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

Lambda Plush Overeaters Anon, 7:30pm,  
*Family & Friends*, 3040 N. 102, **Omaha**

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center  
**Lincoln**, 7:30pm, Nebr Union, Room 234

## THURSDAY

Star City Gay Men's Club, For men in 30's,  
40's, 50's, & Up. Movies, cards, etc.  
The Arbor Moon, 2017 "O", **Lincoln**

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

## FRIDAY

Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for  
callers up to age 23, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

**Lincoln** G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm,  
Plymouth Congregat'l, 20 & D, 438-5214

**Omaha** Alcoholics Anonymous,  
\*\*\*"An Alternative" Gay Men's Stag  
Group, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, 455-7916  
\*\*\*"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm,  
Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

Every Other Fri., Drop In Cntr, HIV Info/  
Test, 1723 Leavenworth **Omaha** 10pm-2am

## SATURDAY

Womens Support Group, 11am, MCC-  
**Omaha**, 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563

Alcoholics Anonymous, **Kearney**, Open  
Meeting 3pm, (308)236-8610.

P-FLAG Youth Group, ages 13- 21, gay,  
lesbian, and those questioning sexuality,  
**Omaha**, 291-6781

Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12m, Support/Info  
for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

## TUESDAY, June 1

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

## THURSDAY, June 3

G/L Resource Ctr Business Mtg. - Rm 342,  
Nebraska Union, UNL, **Lincoln**, 7pm.

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7:30pm, 1st  
Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, **Omaha**

**Kearney** Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr  
Support Group, 8pm, Call (308) 236-8610

## FRIDAY, June 4

**PRIDE** Event: ANGLE's Third Annual  
Community Recognition Dinner, Featuring  
Mini-Concert by the River city Mixed Chorus,  
7pm, Firefighters' Union Hall, 60th & Grover,  
**Omaha**, Tickets \$15, 556-9907

Herbie Mann, Lied Center, **Lincoln**, 8pm

## SATURDAY, June 5

**PRIDE** Event: Coalition's First Sat Event,  
"Over 50 Potluck" (Over 50 don't cook, Under  
50, bring a dish to share), Cornerstone, **Lincoln**

Heartland Gay Rodeo Assoc, Membership  
Drive, \$25 gets one year membership and free  
food & beer, No charge to paid up members,  
6-8pm, DC's, 1019 S. 10, **Omaha**

Keg Party, "Free Beer" with 5 cans food or \$4  
donation for MCC Food Pantry, The **NEW RUN**  
Bar, **Omaha**

Coffeeshouse MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 7-10pm  
Informal, alcohol-free event open to public

## SUNDAY, June 6

**PRIDE** Event: Interfaith Worship Service,  
MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 3pm

Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson,  
**Omaha**, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137

"Afternoon of Fun in the Sun" with Emperor  
Candidate Eddie B., and Evening of Entertainment  
with Empress Candidate Melissa Morgan, Club  
2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

"Free Beer" with 5 cans food or \$4 donation for  
MCC Food Pantry, The **NEW RUN** Bar, **Omaha**

**PRIDE** Event: Inga's Annual Variety Show,  
ANGLE Benefit, The MAX, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

"In The Life" NETV, 12 Midnight

## MONDAY, June 7

Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Directors,  
6:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, **Omaha**

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

**Kearney** HIV/AIDS Support Group, For more  
information call: Barb (308) 234-8183

## TUESDAY, June 8

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

2nd Tuesday "Write In", Sponsor:PFLAG,  
**Lincoln** Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", 7pm

Lesbian/Gay Task Force, NASW, Conf. Room,  
School of Social Work, UNO, **Omaha**, 7pm

## WEDNESDAY, June 9

**Omaha** Players Club Meeting, 7:30pm, 10828  
John Galt Blvd., Suite 106, Info: call 451-7987

## THURSDAY, June 10

Deadline for July Issue of *New Voice*

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, **Omaha**,  
291-6781, Program and Time for Sharing,  
7pm, 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, West Entrance

**Grand Island** Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater  
Nebr Support Group, 8pm, (308) 236-8610

## FRIDAY, June 11

Great Plains Drummer "Leather Dance", 9pm-  
1am, Introduction of Judges & Contestants at  
11pm, DC's, **Omaha**

A benefit for CFEP at 10pm at Noodles Comedy  
Club. Tickets \$6.00. 346-8024 for tickets.

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center,  
1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**, 10pm-2am,  
Information and Counseling about preventing  
spread of HIV

Great Performances "In the Wings: *Angels in  
America* on Broadway" NETV, 9pm

"Best Bikini/Swim Suit Contest" & Keg Party,  
"Free Beer" with 5 cans food or \$4 donation for  
MCC Food Pantry, The **NEW RUN** Bar, **Omaha**

## SATURDAY, June 12

**Omaha** Players Club Workshop, "Temperature  
Play", 10828 John Galt Blvd., Suite 106, Info:  
call 451-7987

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

**PRIDE** Event: PrideFest, women's celebration  
sponsored by WomenSpace, includes Jamie  
Anderson Concert, Tara Jane, **Council Bluffs**

River City Gender Alliance, For Transgender  
and Crossdress. All welcome. No sexual  
encounters, Box 680, **Council Bluffs** 51:502

"The Fox" NETV, 10:05pm

"Best Bikini/Swim Suit Contest" "Free Beer"  
with \$4 for MCC Pantry, The **NEW RUN** Bar

## SUNDAY, June 13

Open Forum with River City Gender Alliance,  
MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 1pm

*New Voice* Steering Comm, MCC-**Omaha**

Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of **Greater Nebr.** Board  
of Directors Mtg., 1-5pm, Call 236-8610

MCC-**Omaha**, Evening Worship Service, 7pm

ICON Bids "Bon Voyage to Monarchs of Reign  
XII", 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MONDAY, June 14

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

## TUESDAY, June 15

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

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights-Board Meeting, CornerStone, 640 N 16, **Lincoln**, 7:30pm

"Free Beer" with 5 cans food or \$4 donation for MCC Food Pantry, The **NEW RUN Bar, Omaha**

## WEDNESDAY, June 16

Disappear Fear Performs at Howard Street Tavern, 1112 Howard, Tickets \$10, 9:30pm

## THURSDAY, June 17

G/L Resource Ctr Business Mtg., Rm 342, NE Union, UNL, **Lincoln**, 7pm

Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr Support Group Mtg., 8pm, (308) 236-8610

## FRIDAY, June 18

Northstar Regional Rodeo, Minneapolis-St. Paul, call HGRA (402) 477-3899 for info

Imperial Court of Nebraska "Visiting Natives" Show featuring out-of-town guests", 7pm, Ramada Inn Central, 72nd & Grover, **Omaha**

"Heartsong" Gospel Quartet at MCC-**Omaha**, 7pm, Proceeds benefit Heartsong Ministry and local AIDS organization

Eddie Daniels at Lied Center, **Lincoln**, 8pm

"Free Beer" with 5 cans food or \$4 donation for MCC Food Pantry, The **NEW RUN Bar, Omaha**

## SATURDAY, June 19

Northstar Regional Rodeo, Minneapolis-St. Paul, call HGRA (402) 477-3899 for info

Imperial Court Of Nebraska "Coronation XIII", Ramada Inn Cntr, 72 & Grover, **Omaha**

OMEN Club Gathering 8-9pm welcoming Bear Paws, Pioneers, Cornhaulers, Players, and Star City M.C., "Beer Bust" at 9pm, \$3 for club members, \$4 for public, The New Run Bar, **Omaha**, 25% of proceeds go to NAP

## SUNDAY, June 20

Northstar Rodeo, Minneapolis-St. Paul

ICON Victory Brunch, 11am, Ramada Inn Central, 72nd & Grover, **Omaha**

GLAGN Picnic & Potluck, 11am-11:30pm, Isaac Walton League, **Grand Island**

Game Day (Volleyball, Darts, Pool) beginning at 2pm, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

P-FLAG/Kearney, 3pm, St Luke's Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave., (308) 382-0752/995-5490

Omaha Men (OMEN), 4pm, The Run, 1715 Leavenworth, Write: Box 3706, **Omaha** 68103

ICON Victory Show The MAX, **Omaha**

## WEDNESDAY, June 23

"Armistead Maupin is a Man I Dreamt Up" NETV, 8pm

"Larry Kramer" NETV, 9pm

## THURSDAY, June 24

Grand Island Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr Support Group, 8pm, (308) 236-8610

## FRIDAY, June 25

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center, 1723 Leavenworth, **Omaha**, 10pm-2am,

Tan Line Contest, The **NEW RUN Bar, Omaha**

## SATURDAY, June 26

"Dining in the Garden" Formal Dinner in the Inspiration Garden MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, Benefit For Handicap Accessibility Fund

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, call for info: Cleve, 733-1360

Tan Line Contest, The **NEW RUN Bar, Omaha**

"Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt" NETV, 11:15 pm

## SUNDAY, June 27

Ice Bowl All Day Garage Sale, Next to Radial Social Hall, Northwest Radial

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, **Omaha**, 291-6781, "Time for Sharing" 2pm, First Methodist Church, 6900 Cass, West Entrance

ANGLE sponsors 1993 **Pride Parade**, Parade assemblies at Turner Park, 31 & Farnam, **Omaha**, marches to 20th & Douglas, then to 20 & Farnam, then returns to Turner Park.

Assembly: 3:30 pm

Step Off: 4:00 pm

Rally: 4:30 pm

Community Picnic, displays and food, 5pm

**Pride Event:** MCC hosts Vesper Service, Turner Park, 7pm

New Voice of Nebraska Show at The MAX The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

Amateur Strip Night, Club 2001, **Lincoln**, 9:30pm

"Radio Craze" Seattle Gay Chorus NETV 11pm

## MONDAY, June 28

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, for further information contact 474-3017.

"Free Beer" with 5 cans food or \$4 donation for MCC Food Pantry, The **NEW RUN Bar, Omaha**

## TUESDAY, June 29

Parents-Friends of Lesbians And Gays PFLAG 7pm, **Lincoln** Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, "Gay Pride & Father Appreciation" & sharing, "Under 21" group meets separately 435-4688

"Free Beer" with 5 cans food or \$4 donation for MCC Food Pantry, The **NEW RUN Bar, Omaha**

## WEDNESDAY, June 30

"Free Beer" with 5 cans food or \$4 donation for MCC Food Pantry, The **NEW RUN Bar, Omaha**

## Bars & Restaurants

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

Blazing Saddle 416 E 5th St., 246-1299

The Brass Garden 112 SE 4th St., 243-3965

Club 508 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508

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

### Omaha (A.C. 402)

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys, 342-1244

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

The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595

Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth, 449-9147

The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110

The New Run 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

### Lincoln (A.C. 402)

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

Club 2001 500 Sun Valley Road, 476-2001

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### **Council Bluffs:**

Adult Emporium  
Ernie's Bookstore

### **Lincoln:**

Arbor Moon  
Club 2001  
Nebraska Book Store  
The Panic  
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UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center  
Women's Resource Center

### **Kearney:**

GLAGN  
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### **Des Moines:**

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# RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## \*\*\*\*\*Lincoln\*\*\*\*\*

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, Open Mtg Friday 8pm, 1st Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214

**Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore**, 2017 "O", Lincoln (85)2, Open Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12-5pm, Wally 489-4634-477-5666

**BiPALS (Bisexual People / Alternate Lifestyle)**, Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501, 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone (upstrs) 640 N 16. All sexes welcome.

**Gay & Lesbian Assoc.**, Counseling Ctr, 1234 Admin Bldg, UNL, Lincoln 68508. 472-1804. Confidential

**Information for Older Gay People (INFORMATION)**, Box 22043, Lincoln (685)2, 2043. Local/National Information, Conference Updates, and Education

**Lesbian Discussion Group**, Womens Resource Center, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588. 472-2597, Meets Thursdays 6-7:30pm

**Nebraska Bookstore**, 13th & Q Steets, Lincoln, Alternative Lifestyle Section carries The Advocate

**P-FLAG**, See Nebraska Statewide listing.

**Star City Gay Men's Club**, Box 22043, Lincoln (685)2-2043. For men in 30's, 40's, 50's, & Up, Thursdays, The Arbor Moon, 2017 "O", Movies, cards, a Little Fun. Info. Write or call 477-5666

**Star City Lines**, Box 21903, Lincoln, NE 68502, (402) 483-5251. Leather club, Educational

**University of Nebraska Bookstore**, 14th & R Lincoln, Gay Studies Section Books on G.L.Life.

**Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr**, Rm 234 Nbr Union, UNL, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644. Social, info, referral, library, Support grp Wed 7:30pm

**The Wimmis Show**, 12:30pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo.

**A Woman's Place**, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women, Write: A Woman's Place, 440 S. 44 St., Lincoln, 68510, or call 476-7692.

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

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

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

## \*\*\*\*\*OMAHA\*\*\*\*\*

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, Info: 345-0916 "Stonewall" Group, Wednesday, 7:30pm, MCC: O, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

**Gay Men's Stag Group "An Alternative"**, Friday, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, 455-7916, Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

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

**Citizens For Equal Protection**, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155. Legislative action group work to eliminate discrimination for gay, lesbian, bisexual people in employment, housing, education, and public accommodations. Meets 1st Thursday, 7:30pm. 1st Unitarian. 3114 Harney, Omaha

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

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

**Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line**, A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 558-5303

**Gay/Lesbian Support Group**, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Tuesdays 7:30pm.

**Lutherans Concerned**, Meet 1st Sun 7pm, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson 345-4080 or 453-7137

**Metropex Counseling Center**, 2808 N. 75, Suite E, 68134 (402) 398-1810 serving the G & L & Gender Community.

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 345-2563, Mailing Address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103, Services held at 819 S. 22 St., Omaha, Sunday School Classes for Adults and Children & Youth at 9am, Sunday Worship at 10:20am.

**Omaha Meatpackers**, Leather/Levi Club with focus on AIDS fundraising. Call: (712) 366-1791

**Omaha Men OMEN**, Box 3706 Omaha 68103 Men interested in masculinity/masculine image 3rd Sunday, 4pm, The Run, 1715 Leavenworth

**Omaha Players Club (OPC)**, PO Box 34463 Omaha 68134. (402) 451-7987. Leather/SM education & play group. Men's & women's group

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

**Overeaters Anonymous** Lambda Plush, Wed 7:30pm Family & Friends 3040 N 102, Omaha

**P-FLAG**, See Nebraska Statewide listing.

**Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns**, (402) 733-1360. Cleve. Generally meets last Sat. Jan-Oct, 2nd Sat. in December, No Nov mtg

**River City Mixed Bowling League**, President-Scott Rezek, 346-4110, V.P. - JoJo Morrison, Secretary - Charley Wade, 597-1689. Sundays at 3pm at Skylanes, Center Mall, 42nd & Center

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

**River City Mixed Chorus**, P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267. 453-8884. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.

**Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.** Support Info for Les-Gay College Students 339-6682 800-4-GAY-SDA.

**Women of the Plains**, PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124, Bring women's culture back to Omaha

**Women's Support Group**, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Meets Saturdays 11am

**WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124-0712. Magazine for lesbian women's voices to be heard.

**Youth Support Group**, sponsor: PFLAG. For gay, lesbian youth & those questioning sexuality, ages 13 to 21. Meets Saturdays. Call 291-6781

## \*\*\*\*\*STATEWIDE\*\*\*\*\*

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

\*Kearney, Open Meeting 3pm Saturdays, (308)236-8610.

**Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights**, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy group lobbies for G/L civil rights, has newsletter, socials. Bus. Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm; 1st Saturday Social, 7-10pm, Both at Cornerstone, 640 N. 16

**Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska**, Mission is to provide a healthier environment in Nebraska through support meetings, social events, workshops, and monthly newsletter. Contact GLAGN, Box 1546, Kearney, NE 68848-1546 with upcoming events or to receive newsletter.

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA)**, Box 57441, Lincoln, 68505-9998. Info: call Dan 344-3103 (Omaha) or Patrick 477-3899 (Lincoln) Open to all who enjoy and supports rodeos and other country activities. Meetings generally 1st Saturdays at DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

**2nd Annual ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament**, Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622. Attn: Scott Lummel-sec. or Joel Gaub-director

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68102 Org for advancement of Gay/Lesbian society, Business Meeting 1st Monday each month

**Lesbian & Gay Task Force, National Assoc. of Social Workers, Nbr Chapter**, Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7pm, Conference Room, School of Social Work, Annex 40, UNO Campus, info: Erin Porterfield 733-1753 (Omaha) or Elizabeth Barfle 475-5534 (Lincoln) Open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and supportive social workers. Do not have to be member of NASW

**Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects**, 610 "J", Lincoln, 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr. Outpatient chemical dependency treatment while affirming sexuality, Sliding Fee

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

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays** \*PFLAG, Kearney, NE: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St. Luke's Episcopal. Call (308) 382-0752 or (308) 995-5490. Direct correspondence to: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

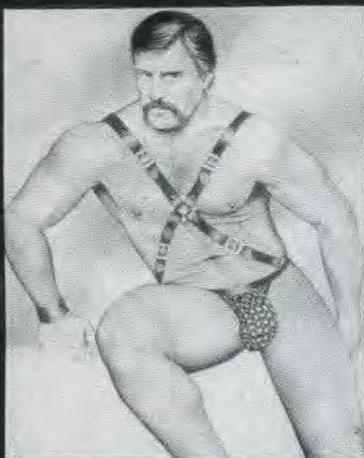
\*PFLAG, Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 435-4688, 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300' A', Group for family of people with HIV, and G.L. Youth Group meet same time & place.

\*PFLAG, 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, (402) 291-6781 Meets 2nd Thursday, 7pm, "Program & Time for Sharing" 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Time for Sharing" 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass Street, West Entrance.

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Sunday, June 20

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