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✓ ELECTIONS

By Sharon Van Butsel

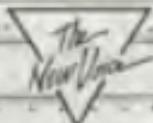
Several months ago the Steering Committee of the New Voice of Nebraska outlined feature topics for the year. We thought it was a pretty simple procedure—until we started. You've heard all about the differences of opinion over the Womyn's issue—lots of comments and lots of responses. Seemed to have gotten some people thinking, anyway.

April appears to be another matter entirely. We figured that since Nebraska's primary elections are the very first part of May, that we should run some articles about the upcoming election in time for people to make decisions about how they want to vote. Sounds simple enough. Of course, we forgot about a couple of details, such as the last day for people to file is March 10—the same day as our deadline. Incumbents didn't have to file until March 15. So the end result is we didn't even know who is running to find out how they thought about anything. So much for the best laid plans of mice and human beings. We do have an enthusiastic volunteer who's going to try to put together some information to be included in the May issue, but until then all we have to say is "GET REGISTERED! You can't vote unless you're registered." The Gay and Lesbian vote is too important if we are to finally have the civil rights that have been so long denied to us."

LOOKING AHEAD

The New Voice is constantly looking for contributors. If you have something written on any topic, please submit it for consideration by the 10th of the month. We are especially looking for articles related to various feature topics in upcoming months:

May	"I Remember"
June	Domestic Partnerships
July	Pride in Review
Aug	Gay/Lesbian Freedom
Sept	Gay Games '90
Oct	AIDS Issues
Nov	Come Out and Vote
Dec	Gays and Lesbians in The Military
	"So What Do You Think?"



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◆ FEATURES

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June 8-10, 1990

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Applications and fees must be mailed to: ICN, P. O. Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102, and post marked no later than April 15, 1990. (69,00) Hand deliver applications!

The ICN Board of Governors will interview and approve applicants on April 30, 1990, at 8:30 p.m. at The Max.

The Introduction of Candidates dinner will be held at The Max on May 10, 1990 at 9:00 p.m.

REGISTER AND VOTE!

◆ THOUGHTS ABOUT OLD FOLKS

Submitted by the old gal

Remember old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomach. I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I am seeing fine gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and while he is around he takes up a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Rims shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S. The Preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I ask myself now, 'What am I here after?'

◆ COMING OUT

by Don Smith

Come out of the house and when you're young find yourself in a larger house—
built of dirt — beautifully

All eyes — as you remove shoes your shirt your pants
socks your underpants — all eyes

Swing — as you become more like yourself and new
survived in the dirt bareskin in the water warm in the sun —
how cold — in the water

Remembering something you know — and forget —

◆ THE IDIC CONCEPT

by Jean Matsumoto

As a subscriber to the Lesbian Connection, I've been reading a lot lately about Womyn's Festivals, wonderful lesbian-affirming gatherings which feature talented performers who get precious few other bookings. They're held all over the country, and women from all walks of life attend. However, the first annual East Coast Lesbian's Festival came off less than wonderfully.

It seems that no matter what the organizers do, somebody will find something inappropriate. (And here's something for separatists to keep in mind — I'm going to spell "woman" the way it appears in the dictionary. Call me Politically ignorant, but I was a student of the English language and did much the same. I've usually looked either this or mousy or both, so I must qualify this discussion by stating that I've never been to a festival and all my information is second-hand.)

To my understanding, the Womyn's Festival is for women, and that included mothers. I'd be nice for the sake of the "Womyn-Only" group of fest-goers, if mothers would produce only girl children. But one couple brought a boy child to the festival, and lots of Lesbian Connection readers raised hell. Now, I understand that feminists are meant to be "Women's apes" and free of any male oppression, but I wonder how much oppression a little boy could cause all those adult women. Apparently some were so offended at his presence that they plastered signs on the family's rights reading "Baby girls go home" and "Don't feed males, don't breed males." That must have been very hurtful to the women who love and nurture this child. Maybe they brought him hoping to increase his sensitivity to women's issues. Maybe they simply couldn't afford the child care to have left home or home...

Trying to please everyone 100% of

the time is an impossible task. Festival planners usually try to be sensitive of various desires and needs. Slogans were employed for the deaf. Sign language programs were planned. ramps and modified toilets and showers were built for the differently-abled. However, there was still disgruntlement because the terrain was hilly, thus smokers had to litter everywhere. Conservationists brushed blossoms with leather dykes. Still, more attempts at pleasing were made. Absolutely-vegetarian dinner was offered. A separate tent was set up for Twelve-Step dykes to hold meetings, while a sign at the separation tent condemned the male-started organizations. Another tent was reserved for the S/M crowd in an area that was supposed to be out of the way of those who did not care to mingle with S/M dykes. Unfortunately, some more conservative lesbians wandered into the S/M tent, but offended by what she saw, and asked the fest-planners to shut-down the tent.

It seems to me that what a lot of lesbians would like to see from straight women is acceptance without fear, or at least tolerance. But however we expect that from straighties when we don't even practice it within our own ranks?

I've long been a fan of the TV series "Star Trek." Truth, I know. There were some pretty stupid things in it, but it was 1967 (pre-feminist's movement), and the show was one of the first to show a woman (Lt. Uhura) as a bridge officer. Then there was the alien, the Vulcan named Spock. His people were a peaceful and highly logical race with a lot of good traits they lived by. One was the IDIC principle. That stood for Intrinsic Diversity in Intrinsic Communities. According to that tenet, rather than letting differences be a source of antagonism and separation, the Vulcans viewed accepted differences as a matter of fact. More than that, they believed that the combination of their diversity made them strong.

They didn't just tolerate differences, they celebrated differences in points of view and rejoice in what could be learned from sharing them. They may have felt too complacent to incorporate the differences into their individual ways of living, but they respected the rights of others to live differently without imposing their own standards.

Low-and-be-lame. Human beings hold the same capacity for the same wisdom. Now all we've got to do is live up to our potential.

About the only way I can see to completely please every fest-goer is to have a specific festival for each specific group of lesbians: one for Christian dykes, another for sports-minded dykes, another for older dykes, an Asian-Women-Only festival, a well-educated-women-only festival, etc. Gosh, yeah, then there's still the problem of separating the smokers from the non-smokers, the fat from the thin, etc. Well, you can see the ridiculousness this is leading to. We'd have countless festivals, and probably end up with something like an "upper-middle-class-left-handed-blue-eyed-hem-circumcised-solo-Dutch-vegetarian-petition-sign-writing-maddest-lebian-poets-only" festival, and what would that do for our unity as lesbians sisters?

Wouldn't it be simpler if we all made an effort to tolerate each other's diversity? The IDIC concept would make festivals (and the whole world) run so much more smoothly, without all the antagonism, that separates us. If you had someone's activities offensive, then simply step away from "their" space and respect their right to inhabit their reserved area. For those of you who are thinking to protest that by writing this article I am not tolerating those less-tolerant, I am fully aware of that fact. I just reached a breaking point. I'm not... after all, a Vulcan. Sometimes I wish I were.

Live long and prosper in relatively enlightened diversity.

▼ Tribute

▼ OBITUARY

Gerald Linn (Jerry) Peck was born on October 22, 1939, as the last of five children into the home of share-croppers in Bixby, Nebraska.

At the age of two, Jerry and his family moved to Paul City, Nebraska, where Jerry attended school, graduating from Paul City High in 1957. Immediately following graduation, Jerry began a four year tour of military duty with the Air Force. Upon discharge from the military, Jerry resumed to work in Lincoln and then Omaha, Nebraska. He was married in 1967. He attended Ashland College and Seminary in Ashland, Ohio, from 1970 through 1976. During that time he served as pastor first in a United Methodist Church, then a United Church of Christ Church. A son was adopted in 1975.

Jerry and his family returned to Nebraska. His wife and son left shortly thereafter. Jerry taught high school English, one year in Fullerton, Nebraska, and one year one year in Savannah, Missouri. In 1980, Jerry returned to Omaha where he supported himself by working as a substitute teacher for five years. At the time of his diagnosis of AIDS, Jerry had been with First Little Missionaries for three years.

Jerry was preceded in death by his brother, Billy, and his mother, Dorothy Gandy (Gert) Peck. There are two estranged brothers due to Jerry's declaration of being gay. Jerry is survived by his father, Lester; one sister, Ruth Graves; several Great-great grand sisters and nephews, as well as many friends.

Jerry entered into his eternal life on March 9, 1990. Funeral services were held at Hesley, Hesley, and Holloman Mortuary in Omaha on March 14, 1990. Burial was in the family plot at Mount Carmel.

▼ GOOD-BYE, JERRY!

by Sharon Van Bladel

On March 9, 1990, our good friend Jerry Peck died. Patient months before, Jerry had written his own obituary and mailed it to me, asking only that I add the appropriate dates when the time came. That obituary, along with some of our favorite memories of Jerry, appear on these pages. Good-bye, Jerry. We'll miss you.



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▼ THOUGHTS ABOUT JERRY

by DJ

Along with many others, I attended the services held for Jerry Peck. Rev. Jim Kross and Brother Larry O'Toole officiated at the services. While Rev. Kross gave a real good sermon, we are sorry to say we didn't do so good on the songs. Jerry wanted us to sing for him "There's a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop", which is a very beautiful song, but few of us knew it that well and the organ could not be heard when we were singing. Sorry, Jerry, but we did try!

Rev. Jerry's sermon more than made up for our lack of musical know how. Rev. Jerry Peck is going to be really missed. As I listened, so many people knew him, and from all faiths and walks of life. Rev. Jerry really touched a lot of people's lives. Myself, I never really got to know him. To me he was a difficult person to get to know. But I really liked him anyway. But could he preach! When we were between ministers, Rev. Jerry filled in one Sunday. I really regret I didn't get that sermon on Genius on tape. It gave a whole new meaning to Genius.

And what if anyone could be said to be the New Voice, Jerry would be the person. He was deeply involved with the New Voice and wrote some really good articles. You didn't have to agree with him, but his articles did make you think, and that was the important part. The New Voice will not be the same without Rev. Dr. Jim, his column spaces will be filled with new stories written by new writers. but there will be a "certain something" missing now. A void that will never be filled.

Rev. Jerry has shed this earthly body. I believe it is in Paul that scripture compares our body to a tent. The body is only a temporary dwelling. Now Rev. Jerry has "crossed over", learned during his ministry how to enjoy God in a permanent... and everlasting way!

▼ Tribute



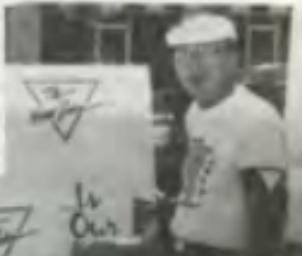
Jerry was always present when it came time for the Pride Parade, whether walking, riding in the back of a pickup, or simply waving from the back of a gold Cadillac.



I remember one Christmas party when he showed up dressed as Frosty the snowman with blue paint all over his body and a white ball of cotton glued to his forehead.

Jerry could be a bit of a ham now and then. If the spotlight came on him, he would do all sorts of things. One year Jim Kimes and I decided to do the number "Leaping Lendomes" for a benefit show. At the last minute the person who was going to be the object of our Lentilines leaped out of our sight. Jerry offered his vocal help. We got a patterned red top with sequins, striped pants, and became our "Festive Virgin". In the peak of dancing Jimmy (dressed with a face full of glitter) we took him off stage.

Jerry's personality was something permanent appreciated for. Actually, he wore it more like a badge of honor, daring people to criticize. He believed in the beauty of the male form and left the male nude onto the highest form of art. He could be brutally honest about his sensitivity, or we found out when he wrote about being jailed in Florida after being approached for sex by an undercover policeman.



The *New Voice* was very important to Jerry and he never gave up his dedication to the magazine. He was at a Steering Committee meeting just four weeks before his death and within the last year gathered up a complete set of the *New Voice*, beginning with issue #1, so we could have it bound as a permanent part of our community's history.

Just over two years ago, I accepted the position of Editor of the *New Voice* after Jerry had first become ill with AIDS. He had not been shifted when the Steering Committee named me as Associate Editor with the intent of assuring that the women's community would be represented, so I considered it a real vote of confidence when he came to me over a year ago and said, "You're doing a good job with the magazine. Keep up the good work." I'll try my best to keep on doing a job that you would be proud of, Jerry.



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What if my matches don't work out?

ComQuest receives numerous letters from members who have found friends or who are otherwise quite pleased with our service. However, if you are not satisfied, you will receive a prompt refund of your membership fee. (They have 30 days to notify us and return your match premium.)

How long will it take?

We'll send you within a week. If the difference between your payment due and ours is more than 14 days, we will include an extra \$5.00 credit voucher with your refel, applicable to future ComQuest orders. All correspondence from ComQuest will be mailed in plain envelopes.

OK, I'll try it. What do I do?

This is the hard part. But it can be fun, too. The questionnaire is on the reverse side of this page. Refer to the instructions in the right to complete Steps 3, 4, and 5. If you're prepared to check them carefully, if you don't follow the instructions we will guarantee the results. If you need help call 1-708-581-0402 (US CITE, M.R.). For additional applications, fliers and 1-800-443-8866 (24 hours).

Send the completed form with \$20 (for 5 matches) or \$30 (for 10 matches) check or money order to:

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Questionnaire Instructions

Step 3 Describe yourself by writing the word or words which describe items which fit a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one word under each category. Circle more than one word if appropriate.

Step 4 Describe your ideal match by writing the word yes, no, ok or not applicable next to every item (including those by which you circled) and in position to what extent you would want that item to factor in your match. Circle exactly one of three responses per item as described below:

Circle yes if you prefer that description to be true of your match. This is a yes/no or a match/not a match.

Circle ok if you don't care one way or the other. This is ok/appropriate—not care either way. Lines left blank are assumed to be ok.

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

Circle 2 if you want our matched with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other undesirable qualities. This is a disqualification and is not allowed by category rank. Treat it as an addition "ok." We recommend that you circle between 10 and 20 items in relation age, race, interests, and other important traits of your matches.

Note: The use of various criteria for selection of matches qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many criteria you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially, in which case you will receive credits for the remaining matches. You can use the credits at after your questionnaire when another member registers.

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

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

Put a checkmark beside the four most important category headings, leaving the others blank.

Note: Your selection will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie-breakers. Note: and prices have very little effect in the lower ranked or uncheckmarked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled are however, which are exclusive regardless of category rank.

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Step 1 - Confidential Mailing Address: Please print your name and mailing address below. This is only for our use in mailing you your matches, and is kept confidential. (All correspondence to members is mailed in plain envelopes.)

Name _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ (operator) _____

I hereby affirm that I am at least 18 years of age, that I have read the information on the reverse side, and that I will not hold ComQuest liable for the behavior or faults of the people I meet as a result of its services. (Signature is required.)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Steps 3, 4, and 5 - See instructions

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Prefered Relationship/Hit Status

Circle one per group:
12 200 21 26 200 Love/1st love
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Step 2 - Contact Information: Please print the "Contact Information" below which will enable new applicants who get matched to you to contact you. This must include AT LEAST your first name and either a mailing address or phone number. You are limited to a total of 120 letters, spaces, and punctuation. You should use some of the space to briefly describe yourself and your interests. If you do not wish for others to contact you, or if you live outside the areas listed in the Residence category below, check one of the sections.

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Personality

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Masculinity/Femininity

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Age Range

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12 200 21 26 200 White hair

12 200 21 26 200 Red hair

Body Build/Muscularity

12 200 21 26 200 Muscular

12 200 21 26 200 Average build

12 200 21 26 200 Slim/athletic

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LOCAL NEWS

Homophobia
Spring Concert
Art Auction
Pride Week

HOMOPHOBIA AWARENESS COMMITTEE BEGINS AT UNL

By Rodney A. Bell II

The Homophobia Awareness Committee has begun to meet at UNL. UNL "HAC" is a group of staff, faculty and students meeting to address issues on homophobia and heterosexist issues on campus.

The group's goals may be to publicize the NU Board of Regents' policy by getting the policy included in all UNL publications and a proposal to groups for funding to bring homophobia/heterosexism consultants to campus.

The group's status is pending official recognition by Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, James Griesen. For further information, contact Vernon Williams at (402) 472-3461. (Lincoln, NE)

BENEFIT ART AUCTION AT DIAMOND



An Art Auction was held at the Diamond on February 18 with all proceeds going to the Viral Syndrome Clinic of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Thanks to the generosity of the community, \$2237.50 was raised. Cindy Sescher, owner of the Diamond, hosted the event and donated several items from her personal collection as well as several items of Diamond memorabilia. Among the items auctioned were a sitting for an oil painting valued at over \$1000, a portrait of "The Gay Philosopher," and "Window on the World" from the old Diamond Bar. Don Randolph was auctioneer for the event.

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ADELE STARR TO SPEAK AT P-FLAG

On April 1 at 3 PM Adele Starr, past National President of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will speak at an open forum hosted by P-Flag at First Methodist Church, 58th & Cass, Omaha, NE.

Adele Starr has been a public and articulate advocate for the gay/lesbian community since the early '70's. She was the first national president of P-Flag. Call 291-6781 for details.

■ UNL GAY MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP SUCCESSFUL

By Rodney A. Bell II

The UNL Gay Men's Support Group, a program of the UNL Counseling Center, has resulted in an excellent support group for the semester. This group meets weekly and is facilitated by two professional counselors. The UNL Gay Men's Support Group is an ongoing program of the UNL Counseling Center. For further information, contact Vernon Williams at (402) 472-3481 (Lincoln, NE).

■ "FRIENDSHIP RINGS" RCMC SPRING CONCERT

The River City Mixed Chorus, under the direction of John Kelly will present its Spring Concert, "Friendship Rings," in Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall on Sunday, April 1 at 6:00 PM. This year the chorus will have as their special guests the Des Moines Men's Chorus. This is the second concert for the 1988-90 season for the Chorus. Program highlights include excerpts from *The Phantom of the Opera* by Andrew Lloyd Webber, "Brand New Day" from *The Wiz*, and Brothers and Sisters.

Tickets are \$4.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door, and \$4.00 for students or senior citizens. Tickets are available at TIX or from any chorus member.

This performance will be repeated in Des Moines, Iowa, April 7 at 8:00 PM in the Iowa State Histories Society Auditorium. The River City Mixed Chorus 1988-90 season is sponsored in part by the Nebraska AHS Council.

■ AIDS SURVIVOR TO SPEAK IN OMAHA

Rev. Steve Pieters, a long term AIDS survivor, will be in Omaha on April 7, 8, and 9 to share his story and the techniques he used to stay healthy. On Saturday, April 7, Rev. Pieters will be conducting a workshop for those who are HIV challenged and concerned others. On Sunday, April 8, he will deliver the message at the morning service at Metropolitan Community Church at Omaha. On Monday, April 9, Rev. Pieters will speak at the AIDS Interfaith Network Prayer Service at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. For more information call Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha at 345-2583.

■ HOMOPHOBIA POSTERS AT UNL

By Rodney A. Bell II

The UNL Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Compliance Office has released a "Homophobia" poster to all of the departments at the University. The poster is in response to the UNL Board of Regents banning all discrimination based on "individual characteristics". The poster in red and black reads as follows:

Ho-mo-pho-bian, 1, the irrational fear or hatred of same sex relationships. 2, fear of homosexuality or homosexuals.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents prohibits discrimination toward students, employees or other clients (campus visitors/customers) based on individual characteristics.

Complaints against employees expressing homophobia may be accommodated by contacting the UNL Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Compliance Office, 127 Administration Building, 472-3417.

Students who have concerns about homophobia treatment by peers are to contact the Student Judicial Affairs Office, 125 Administration Building, 472-2021.

Research is currently underway to determine whether this policy would cover gay/lesbian couples who want to live in married housing on the UNL campus. ROTC may also be affected by the Regents' policy.

UNL is the only campus in the NU system with such a poster. UNMC and UNO have not followed suit.

■ LAWRENCE, KANSAS TO HOLD PRIDE PARADE AND PICNIC

On April 21 Gay and Lesbian Services of Kansas will sponsor a Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and Picnic. The parade will begin at 12:00 noon in front of City Hall, 6th and Massachusetts. The parade will end at South where a community picnic will be held. GLS.K is the organization for Gay and Lesbian students of Kansas University. For more information call 913-864-3091.

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■ LOGO CONTEST WINNER CHOSEN



At the March meeting of ANGLE, the logo shown above was chosen from 17 entries as the logo for the 1990 Gay/ Lesbian Pride Celebration. This is the first year that the artist, known as "Bo" to her friends at the Chesterfield, has entered the logo contest. She will receive a year's subscription to the New Voice of Nebraska. Congratulations, Bo!

■ ANGLE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR PRIDE WEEK

Nebraska will "Open the Door to the Gay 90's" as they join in the 1990 Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration. Among the events planned are these:

- June 17—Ecumenical Worship Service
Lowe Ave. Presbyterian Church
1023 N. 40th, Omaha
3 p.m.
- June 19—P-FLAG Open Meeting
First Methodist Church
49th & Cass
Time TBA
- June 20—Gay/Lesbian Issues FAIR
Location and Time TBA
- June 23—GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE
Assembly 4PM
Community Picnic
Turner Park, 30th & Farnam
5:00 to 7:30 PM
- June 24—Benefit Auction
for The New Voice of Nebraska
The Chesterfield
19th & St. Marys
6:00 PM

■ FIRST HEARTLAND PRIDE COORDINATORS CONFERENCE HELD IN WICHITA, KANSAS ROBERT BRAY IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER FUNDAMENTALISTS PICKET CONFERENCE

Wichita, Kansas, was the site of the first annual Heartland Pride Coordinators Conference held March 9, 10, and 11. Over 40 Gay and Lesbian Activists gathered to hear the keynote speaker, Robert Bray, Director of Public Affairs for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and to attend workshops on all the aspects of conducting Pride Activities. Fred Phelps, Sr., a Baptist minister from Topeka, Kansas, currently running for Governor of Kansas, took the opportunity to further his tailoring campaign by staging a demonstration outside the Wichita Royals while the conference was going on inside. Phelps and about a dozen of his supporters picketed and carried signs denouncing homosexuality as a sin and a threat to families. During the demonstration, participants in the workshop continued meeting, hearing Robert Bray speak on Internalized Homophobia. During a press conference, leaders called on the community to support all persons and to put an end to bigotry and discrimination.

The International Pride Coordinators Conference will take place in Minneapolis-St. Paul during Columbus Day Weekend next October. Next spring, the Second Annual Heartland Pride Coordinators Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

CLOSET BALL

APRIL 22, 1990 9:00 p.m.
at The Flux

The Imperial Court of Nebraska
is now accepting applications
for "Closet Ball" King or Queen
1990-1991.

Applications and contest rules
may be picked up at your
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Applications and fees must be
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Omaha, NE 68102, and post
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GAY/LESBIAN COALITION ON THE SCENE

by Marian

An estimated one in four gay men and one in ten lesbian women will be victims of homophobic violence at least once in their lifetimes. Clearly, this violence must be stopped. To examine this problem, violence against gay and lesbian people was the focus for the recent Annual Meeting of the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights.

A welcome well attended provided an invigorating setting for the meeting held on January 25th at the UNO Culture Center. The Program was planned so that people could drop in for topics of interest and attendance ranged from approximately 20 to 50 at various times.

The morning program began with an account of local history of violence, including assaults and deaths. A 12 minute tape of radio and television clips of bigotry, prepared by the Anti-Defamation League, illustrated the current level of pseudo-tolerance for the expression of hatred against gay and lesbian people.

In a discussion of the psychological aspects of violence and the experience of victimization led by Peter Frazier-Koontz from Lincoln/Lancaster Mental Health, people began to explore how to move "from imposed rage to operational anger." A process of empowerment was described in such things as rejecting others' negative images, embracing and defusing the labels, and making choices to do something, with support and the ability to step back and examine your choices.

A brief demonstration of self-awareness/self-delusion by Kit Boesel was a very popular part of the program. The Coalition can work with Boesel to arrange separate self-delusion workshops for gay men and for women when a minimum number of people are interested. This opportunity is highly recommended.

An afternoon panel discussed Lincoln's criminal justice system and violence against gay men and lesbians. The panel included Captain John Becker of the Lincoln Police Department, Dennis Keefe of the Lancaster Public Defender's Office, John Colburn of the County Attorney's Office and Sue Harrell of the Community Defense Center. Their presentations and discussion with the audience opened doors for continuing work in this area.

The Annual Meeting ended with time to talk about where we go from here. Several people signed up to work with the Coalition's Hate Crimes Committee to look at such things as problems with reporting of homophobic violence, and alliance with other groups who experience hate-related violence.

Our own organization and community were discussed as well. Is there gay and lesbian community? Are there people who care? Currently the Coalition distributes AGC newsletters and has 30 paid members. Membership support is important and welcome in many ways—from financial support to participation in projects to helping with special events.

Throughout the day, and in spite of the serious topic, laughter was frequent. Clearly this is a group that likes to have fun. The new Steering Committee is watching for the right time for a Gay/Lesbian Coalition dance... keep in touch. For more information about the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, send a note to P.O. Box 34862, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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■ Local News Cont.

■ NEWS FROM THE MONARCHS

Joe, Billy, & Carla

Guys, ever had the urge for spats and lace? April 22's your big chance to dol up and join in the fun of ICON's Closet Ball. Gals, how about it? Ever felt like flannel shirts and overalls? Or perhaps you've dreamt of wacky beards and whiskers? If your answer is "Yes," then the Closet Ball is for you. Check the bars for details!

Circus '90 is coming fast. Tickets will go on sale soon! Mark your calendar for June 8, 9, 10. Interested in running for the position of one of the monarchs, pick up your application at any bar for Emperors X, Empress X, and Athena III. Applications are due back to ICON by April 15.

Congratulations to John Marr and Duane Schamer for being elected to the Board of Governors of ICON. We look forward to working with you during the remainder of our reign. Welcome aboard!

Mardi Gras was a blast! Congratulations to Dale, the First Widow Max. Thanks for the fantastic entertainment Dusty, Rick, Pat, and Steve! Wow! Thanks also to those organizations who had information booths during the Mardi Gras. Thanks to MCCO, NAP, and the Douglas County Health Department. Just what do those little purple balloons say, anyway??

Congratulations Chuck, Pat, and Terry on winning the costume contest and thanks to all of you who entered. Start planning next year's costume. Mardi Gras '91 will be bigger and better. Thanks to Metro Club, ANGLE, New Voice, Bowlers, EAGLE, and RCMC for staffing the Mardi Gras game booths. We hope you had as much fun as we did. Proceeds from Mardi Gras were these:

BLACK NIGHT

Door Receipts: # 173.00
Expenses: 0.00

Black Night Total: 173.00

MARDI GRAS

Door Receipts: # 216.00
Book Receipts: 22.00
Total Receipts: 238.00

ICONHEADS

Prizes: # 600.00
Deposits: 43.75

Publicity: 40.00
Books: 75.00

Organizations Donations: 22.00
Total Expenses: 487.31

MARDI GRAS TOTAL: -148.68

COMMISSIONED TOTAL PRIZES/HEADS: 322.00

The Imperial Court of Nebraska meets the first Monday of every month at 8:30 PM at THE MAX. The meetings are open to the community.

■ Bars Clubs & Lodges

Omaha

The Chesterfield:

1951 St. Mary's Avenue
The Diamond,

712 S. 16th Street 342-9595
Gilligan's,

1922 Leavenworth 449-9147

The Max,

1417 Jackson 346-4110.

The Run,

1715 Leavenworth 449-8703

Lincoln

The Boardwalk,
20th and O Sts. 474-5741

The Club,
116 N. 20th Street 474-5692

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200 S. 19th St. 435-8764

Grand Island

Chasina,
4th and Walnut 306/352-0236

■ MCC HEADLINES

By Carla F.

The Rev. Steven Peters, an AIDS survivor, arrives in just a week away. We hope that you plan to join us for one of his appearances: the 4 PM workshop at MCCO on Saturday, April 7 (remember to call 345-2563 to reserve a space); Morning Worship at 10:30 am on Sunday; or the AIDS Interfaith Network Prayer Service at 7 PM on Monday.

Our newsletter took on a new look this month! We switched from a half-sized page to a full page with two columns. Hopefully that will make our reporting to all of you more efficient.

Abundant March we had an unexpected treat. Michael Reardon entertained and ministered to us with his dramatic interpretation of the Book of Mark. This month we were saddened by the death of our good friend Jerry Peck. He had long been a member and friend of the church and an inspiration to all of us. However, we are also glad that his suffering has ended and that we shall meet again. Praise God!

The Choir was particularly busy in March preparing for the Easter Cantata. Speaking of Easter, please join us and the other religious groups around town (Dignity, Affirmation, Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, S.D.A. Hispanic) for an Ecumenical Sunrise Service Easter morning on the stone steps on the north side of the Central Park Mall. Approximate starting time is 8 am. Call 345-2563 for details.

If you'd like to join us for our "Night Out," meet us at MCCO at 10 PM on Friday, April 6. We'll go from the church to THE MAX. Next month we're going to Gilligan's on the first Friday. Join us for an evening of fun! As always we invite you to join us for worship, MCCO meets every Sunday at 10:30 am and 7:00 PM at 420 S. 24th. Please join us this week!





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Diane Ferlatte	Catherine Roma
Kay Gardner	Ranch Romance
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Hattie Gossett	Belinda Sullivan
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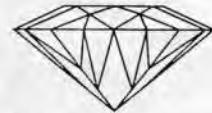
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WORSHIP SERVICES 10:30 AM AND 7:00 PM

THE MAIL, 1419 JACKSON
SHOWS AT 9:30 PM

MONDAYS

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS
REHEARSALS
LOW AVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1023 NORTH 42 ST.
7:00 PM

EARLY WARNING SOCIAL ACTIVIST GROUP
7PM 34th, NEBRASKA UNIONFAIR, LINCOLN
CHECK CALENDAR FOR TIME

ALTERNATE TEST SITE
NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT
3634 (LAURENWORTH, OMAHA)
7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

TUESDAYS

GAY/Lesbian SUPPORT GROUP
MCC 400 SOUTH 34, OMAHA
345-2563

THURSDAYS

ALTERNATE TEST SITE
NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT
3634 (LAURENWORTH, OMAHA)
7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

UNL GAY/Lesbian STUDENT ORGANIZATION
NEBRASKA UNIONFAIR, LINCOLN
8:00 PM

FRIDAYS

GAY AA, PELLA LUTHERAN
303 SOUTH 41 ST., OMAHA
345-9916
8:15 PM

APRIL COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 1
P-FLAG OPEN MEETING
FEATURING ADELE STARR
FIRST NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF
PARENTS/FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS
POTLUCK DINNER, 6:30 PM
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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
16 AND CASS
FOR DETAILS: 291-4711
FRIENDSHIP FEST'
RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS CONCERT
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA
16 AND DODGE
8:00 PM

MONDAY, APRIL 2
SUPREME COURT OF NEBRASKA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
THE MAIL, 1417 JACKSON
6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 3
ANGLE (ACHIEVING NEW DAY) LESBIAN
ENDHOUSE
W. DALE CLARK LIBRARY
15 AND DOUGLAS
ROOMS 2 AND 3
7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
FARTORY '86 PLANNING MEETING
THE DIAMOND, 112 SOUTH 16 ST.
6:00 PM
P-FLAG AIDS SUPPORT GROUP
LINCOLN 7:00 PM
CALL 402-4688 FOR LOCATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 7
REV STEVE PITTROF WORKSHOP
"SURVIVING WITH AIDS"
MCC OMAHA, 400 SOUTH 34 ST.
4:30 PM
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MCC-Omaha, 420 SOUTH 16 ST.

11:30 AM

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MCC-Omaha, 420 SOUTH 16 ST, 6:00 PM

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MONDAY, APRIL 10

ALL INTERESTED IN NETWORK

ST. GEORGE, 315 N 40 ST

REV. STEVE PETERS SPEECHES

7:00 PM

DAYLIGHT STUDENT ORGANIZATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

MALO BAIL STUDENT CENTER

3RD FLOOR, BOARD ROOM

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

7:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

DISCUSSION GROUP

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SATURDAY, APRIL 14

30 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

MCC-O, 420 SOUTH 16 ST

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SUNDAY, APRIL 15

ECONOMIC SURVIVAL SERVICE

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CENTRAL PARK MALL 4:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

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HEALING SERVICE

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1014 CHAPPEL ISLAND R ST

LINCOLN, NE 7:00 PM

DAYLEIGHAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

MALO BAIL STUDENT CENTER

3RD FLOOR, BOARD ROOM

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7:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

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SATURDAY, APRIL 28

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NATIONAL STUDY OF AIDS RESOURCES FOR BLACK GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN

AIDS in the United States is disproportionately affecting the Black community, particularly among Black gay men. Nearly 30% of all newly reported AIDS cases in the U.S. occur in the Black population.

Black C.A.R.E. (Community AIDS Research and Education Project) is committed to the fight against AIDS in the Black community, especially in regard to the lack of services, information, and resources directed toward the needs of Black gay and bisexual men. To help in changing this sad reality, your support is needed.

Black C.A.R.E. is gathering information directly from the community through an anonymous, national survey, the BLACK MEN'S HEALTH SURVEY. This survey has been widely distributed, but your help is needed. If you know a Black man who is gay, bisexual or has had sex with another man since 1977, let them know about this survey. These men can write to us directly requesting that a survey be sent to them; they can call our totally confidential number and leave their name and address; or you can request that a survey be sent to you and you can pass the survey on to them. It is important that the diversity of the community be represented in the information collected. Black men who are gay or bisexual need to be heard.

To take part in this survey, write to Dr. Vickie M. Mays, BLACK C.A.R.E. Project, 12837 Forest, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1563 or call (310) 205-8162.

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★ NATIONAL NEWS

★ BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER REGIONAL CONFERENCE APRIL 20-22, 1990

The theme of the 1990 Spring Regional Conference of Black and White Men Together is "Visions for the 1990's", which aims to focus attention on a new decade: new challenges, new strategies, new energies. The conference will provide speakers, workshops, recreational, and social activities.

Registration fee for the entire weekend is \$85, which includes a reception on Friday evening, continental breakfast on Saturday morning, workshops, a banquet on Saturday night, Sunday brunch, and the closing session. For more information call SWMET/Chicago (312) 334-2012.

All events for the conference will be held at the Holiday Inn/City Center, in downtown Chicago. For hotel accommodations, call (312) 787-6100 and mention SWMET in get special rate.

★ CLEVE JONES STEPS DOWN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NAMES PROJECT FOUNDATION

Cleve Jones, founder of NAMES Project Foundation and originator of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, has announced his resignation as Executive Director in order to devote his time to other NAMES Project endeavors, including the recently established HIV Life House, which is a center that would house a wide variety of non-medical HIV services and provide workshop, office and display space for the NAMES Project.

David Lanza, former Managing Director, will serve as Acting Executive Director.

★ SENATE REJECTS HOMOPHOBIC AMENDMENT

In a major victory for the lesbian and gay community, an anti-gay amendment offered by Senator William Armstrong (R-CO) was defeated in debate on March 1. This was the second time in less than a month that the Senate sided with the gay and lesbian community on a critical vote.

Armstrong had sought to weaken the strong protections for lesbians and gays included in the Washington D.C. Human Rights Ordinance by introducing an amendment which would have allowed all institutions which serve children in Washington D.C. to exclude gays and lesbians.

Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) led the fight to defeat the amendment by offering alternative language that would allow organizations to choose between, or heterosexuals, gays, and lesbians who have been charged or convicted of sexual offenses with minors.

"What Senator Kennedy did was shift the issue from one of attacking gay people who work with youngsters to an issue of protecting children from any kind of sexual molestation, straight or gay," Senator Kennedy struck a blow against the anti-gay bigotry of the Armstrong amendment", said Stephen Smith, legislative director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"The Senate rejected the obviously false notion that lesbians and gays can not be appropriate role models or that we pose a threat to children", said Smith.

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★ 15 ANNIVERSARY OF GAY/LESBIAN CIVIL RIGHTS BILL POSTCARD CAM- PAIGN LAUNCHED

March 25, 1985, was the 15th anniversary of the introduction of the Federal gay and lesbian civil rights bill. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force marked the anniversary by beginning a massive postcard campaign designed to increase visibility, support, and co-sponsorship of the legislation.

NGLTF asks that you send three postcards, one to each of your senators and one to your Congressman asking them to support and cosponsor HR1055, the bill for civil rights for lesbians and gays.

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★ NATIONAL NEWS

★ A MATTER OF JUSTICE AND COMPASSION CONFERENCE AT DRAKE UNIVERSITY

by Kathy Engle

"Teachers, mentors, and homophobes are social die with health consequences. They limit the education, potential, and health potential of many young people in America."

In working with gay, bisexual, and lesbian youth, it is vital that all of us work together to promote power, choice, and emphasize the rich heritage of diversity in America.

Celebrating diversity requires us though committed to effecting social change," said Dr. Richard Mealling, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the National AIDS Network in a letter to the conference's participants.

Speakers talked about homophobia in our schools, communities,

churches, businesses, and homes. Advocates promote the "traditional family" (whatever that is), encourage homophobia, and place value on the "NORM." They begin to ignore those with total rejection of those who are different, more closely to gay, their tolerance and may finally come to acceptance. In contrast, an individual who is open and celebrates diversity will demonstrate a variety of levels of positive responses including support, admiration, appreciation and nurturing.

A panel of six young people spoke about "Growing Up Gay in Iowa." All seemed to agree that knowing a teacher, parent, or family friend who was supportive and accepting would have made a big difference in their coming out to themselves and others. No one could identify a positive role model in their home. Several had considered suicide as an answer to the confusion, rejection and stress of being gay, closeted and alone. Thirty to thirty-five percent of gays and lesbians under 20 years of age have reported suicide attempts (2-3

times that of straight youth). Dorothy Grayson, Ph.D. spoke about homophobia as an educational equity issue. Her comments included startling statistics about dispossess and personal anecdotes that demonstrated how homophobic keeps kids in the closet. She stated that changes in legislation and increasing counseling resources could bring about greater Awareness, changes in Attitudes, broader range of Alternatives, and positive Action by institutions and groups. After many honors from education organizations as Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Dr. Grayson left her closet and now openly discusses professional and personal commitment to gay youths.

Virginia Uribe, Ph.D., founder of Project 10, a counseling program committed to keeping students in school, off drugs, and sexually responsible, spoke of the years of study, work and struggle against definitional filters program is discussed in greater detail, and well-referenced, in a handbook prepared to accompany a videotape entitled "Who's Afraid of Project 10?"

Anyone interested in seeing the tape, listening to these ladies' presentations, or talking about working for a support/assisting program here in Omaha, please call me at 291-6781.

In spite of warnings that the conference would be disrupted by family organization opposition, the conference presented a very well researched, planned, and executed affirmative day of speakers and activities about gay and lesbian youth. Judging by the appreciation of the attendees at the final session, this may become an annual presentation by a coalition of gay and lesbian and gay and lesbian service groups in the Des Moines area. I, for one, will go again. I would encourage anyone who celebrates diversity to consider attending next year.

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