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OUR TURN

EDITORIAL COMMENTS OF THE NEW VOICE STAFF

HELLO, JOHN PIERRE ROUSSELL!!

by Sharon Van Butsel

The nice thing about the "Our Turn" section is that I can share parts of my life with you that aren't really "news". Well, maybe John Pierre is news.

John Pierre Rouscell is my youngest grandchild, born at 1 a.m. on August 13, to Jeanne and Ellis Rouscell. He has a thirteen year old sister, Kathy, and a 10 year old brother, Tim. And he has the most complicated family tree—which is what led to this "Our Turn."

Carla and I had been impatiently waiting for "that baby" to arrive for several weeks (he was 12 days overdue) and had gone through several episodes of "magical thinking."

"That baby won't get here until his mom and dad get the carpet put down in the baby room." (So we helped them move furniture.)

"That baby won't get here until there's a dresser to put baby clothes in." (So Carla trotted off to get "that baby" a dresser.)

"Maybe that baby wants to be an only child." (So the grandchildren came to stay overnight with us.)

"Maybe that baby has heard us talking about birthdays and wants a birthday cake." (I put my foot down at Carla going out to get a birthday cake for an unborn baby.)

The "truth" was that John Pierre waited to arrive on the fifth anniversary of the day that Carla and I made the decision to be a couple and to live together. (How do you suppose he knew about our anniversary?)

The evening of August 12 we took the older grandchildren shopping and returned them home about 9 p.m. Everything still seemed to be in a wait and see pattern. Then, at about 11:45 p.m., on August 12, Carla and I had just gone to bed when the phone rang and my son-in-law said Jeanne was at Clarkson Hospital and did we want to come up. Of course, we did, so we arrived in her room right around midnight.

Clarkson has a wonderful birthing center,

with huge birthing rooms, (hospital rooms where the mother is in labor, the baby is delivered, and the mother remains for the rest of her hospital stay) so we were there watching monitors that trace contractions and listening to the sound of the baby's heartbeat, when the doctor came in to check Jeanne before ordering something for the pain. However, instead of ordering pain medicine, he started scrubbing his hand and gowning up. "I think we're going to have a baby here—just a couple good pushes."

Now, we had not planned to be present at the birth, but no one even asked us if we wanted to stay. The doctor and nurse just went about their business while we sat there. And while we sat there, John Pierre was born. After he was cleaned up and wrapped up and introduced to his mother and father, we got to hold him and count fingers and toes when he was less than 30 minutes old.

It was after John Pierre went home that I learned just how much we are a family. We got a baby book for the baby and his 13 year old sister was starting to fill out the family tree. She got down the grandparents and great-grandparents, but then started to frown and turn pages. "Where," she asked "is the place to put Carla's family?" "There probably isn't one," I replied. "Oh, Well, where should we put it?" was her answer.

Thank God for a loving family, who love and accept me and my spouse. Thank God for a safe delivery and a healthy baby. And Thank God for a 13 year old who just has to figure out a way to put her other Grandmother's family in the baby book.

THANKS, NVN

Dear Sharon and Carla,

Hi, it's just me again and hope that everything is going well for you. I really enjoyed the last issue of NVN. It is really packed with a lot of information.

Thanks,
Morris Motes



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HOLIDAY INN REFUSES ICON

Dear Readers,

The Imperial Court of Nebraska recently received this letter and asked that I share it with you. What do you think? Send your responses to NVN, P.O. Box 3512, Omaha, 68103.

Sharon Van Butsel, Editor

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July 29, 1992

Mr. Steven Koeller
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Re: Imperial Court of Nebraska

Dear Mr. Koeller:

This is to confirm my telephone conversation with you this date.

As you know, I represent Holiday Inn Central in Omaha. You were previously advised that the hotel does not wish to furnish facilities or book your group. The hotel is a family hotel with a holiday theme. As such, we believe a gay-lesbian function is not compatible with our hotel's operation.

Very truly yours,
Hugh D. Mauch

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REMEMBERING KARL HEINRICH ULRICH

Dear Editor,

Karl Heinrich Ulrich is the first known openly gay enlightener who devoted his life advocating the decriminalization of homosexuality. Paving through 18 years of research that homosexuals were mentally and physically healthy, he urged family, church and state to accept homosexuals for what they were: totally normal people.

It was 126 years ago that this champion bravely stood before a body of 500 lawyers and judges in Munich, Germany, to plead our case. What gave him the courage was his sympathy for the men and women who suffered under the unjust German law against homosexuality, as well as under the hostilities from society. He constantly referred to the police harassment, blackmail and suicides of his "fellow-sufferers" in his many books.

On August 28, we celebrated Ulrich's 167th birthday anniversary — a day of remembrance and celebration of his extraordinary life and pioneering works. We have been researching Ulrich's life and translating his writings for fifteen years. Please ask your readers to call or write to us for information.

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NORTHSTAR COMES OUT

Dear Editor,

I'm a 23-year old gay male, that reads and collects comic books. In March of 1992, Marvel took a giant gamble by bringing one of its characters out of the closet. The comic book's title is *Alpha Flight*. The character's name is Northstar. In issue 104, Northstar publicly announce he was gay. In issue 110, (on the letter page) Marvel published the opinions of *Alpha Flight* readers on a poll that was taken on Northstar's coming out. The results of the poll are:

Pros	76.3%
Cons	21.1%
Undecided	2.6%

I hope that Marvel will continue this positive attitude toward the gay and lesbian community and even introduce a lover for Northstar.

Johnnie Richards

LOOKS, AGE DON'T MATTER

Hello, My name is Jim. I am 21 years old and have been openly gay for about 6 years now, come this November. All through those 6 years, I've always adored older men! Anywhere from 30 on up. To me, age is just a number. Hell, I've dated someone 32 years my senior. Friend's come up to me and ask "Why do you go out with men who almost look like they're in need of a wheelchair?" My reply, "stop worrying about who I see, and maybe you should start seeing an older man." They just walk away. Looks are another thing that gets me. "Oh, they've got to be good-looking, before I'll have anything to do with 'em." Well, I'm here to say, "all of us weren't created equally!" Also with me, gray is gorgeous. Ooh boy, gray is one of my fave colours. Another, the bottom half (neck on down) does not have to look like Arnold Schwarzenegger's body either.

Just a wee bit on the muscular side, you know reasonably looking pecs and thighs. Also it's not the size of their toys. (I've had big ones and small ones—they both seem to get my fanny tickling). Just as long as their toys aren't too big!

Well until the next time, adios amigos, from the boy (uh-hum) man watcher himself.

Jim Drake

WANTED: LESBIAN DRAMAS

April Quaker
Mayan Quake Productions
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Hollywood, CA 90038
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Dear Editor,

I am currently putting together an anthology of lesbian dramas. Any woman can send in her own story about a lesbian drama she has been involved in directly, or indirectly. These dramas need not fall into any specific category. The author can talk about an incredible sexual drama she has experienced, a drama with friends, her dog, or whatever she wants to write about. I only ask that these dramas be no more than 1000 words in length.

There is no monetary compensation for their efforts. The author, if she chooses, can use her name, a pseudonym, or dedicated the passage to someone special. Part of the profits will be donated to funding a support network for battered women in lesbian relationships.

I am in need of assistance to get the word out to lesbians locally and nationally. I would really appreciate it if you could publish a small notice in your publication so that I can get a diverse and well represented anthology.

Thanks in advance.

Sincerely,
April Quaker

Widows & Children First DELIGHTFUL

During Pride Week, 3 Cheers and Black Sheep Productions presented *Widows and Children First*, the final act of *Torch song Trilogy*. *Trilogy*, of course, was written by Harvey Fierstein, who starred in both the theater and movie productions. Sioux City's version played to a full house. Strong performances were given by Michael Skaff (Arnold Beckoff) and Christopher Gaul (Ed Reiss), but the shining star of the show was definitely Evelyn Larson as the feisty mother (Kate Beckoff). Larson's performance was first rate, very effective, very true to life. Supporting the cast was Mark Anderson (David Beckoff). *Widows* was directed Karen Sowienski, and lighting and sound were provided by Jeff Conyers.

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ANN LANDERS: GAY SURVEY

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Dear Alice,

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Sincerely,
Barbara Olin
Secretary to Ann Landers

MOST IN SURVEY ANSWER: 'I'M GLAD I'M GAY'

Dear Readers,

A while back I asked my homosexual readers to respond to the question, "Are you glad you are gay, or would you rather be straight?"

I was not surprised that more readers said they were glad they were homosexual, but the volume of mail was astonishing. The last count was 75,875 responses with 30-to-1 saying, "Yes, I'm glad I'm gay."

I asked for postcards only, but thousands of homosexuals wrote letters. It has been a busy time — and an enlightening one. Here are some sample responses:

From San Francisco: What a question! If I had a choice I'd be straight, white, possibly Swedish, 6 feet, 1 inch tall and Protestant. My life would be easier, but I am not sure that easy life is always the best life.

From Chicago: We have four children. One of our sons is gay. He is the brightest and most sensitive, caring and thoughtful of the four. We often wondered if being gay made the difference and have concluded that it did.

From Upland, Calif.: Are there any studies on what causes heterosexuality? Are people born straight or do the choose it? The straight folks I know seem perfectly normal to me. How about another poll?

From Detroit: Am I glad I'm gay? You've got to be crazy. I've been beaten up, spat on and discriminated against in the job market. Who would choose this?

From Columbus, Ohio: Yes, I'm glad I'm gay, but I regret that it took me 20 years to admit it to myself and 45 years to be open about it.

From Oakland, Calif.: Actually, I'm bisexual and I choose to be so. When lucky enough to be presented by nature with two options, why not take both?

From Harrisburg, Pa.: I have known since I was seven years old of age that I was different. I'm an adult now and have been in a rewarding relationship for five years. I do not push my preference on anyone and ask only that people not persecute me for being who I am. God alone is my judge.

From Portland, Ore.: For the first 36 years of my life I wanted desperately to be straight. I married and became the father of two beautiful children. I am a successful attorney. When I turned 40, four years after my divorce, I tried to straddle the fence — straight by day and gay by night. It didn't work. Finally I met a terrific man and we are extremely happy. So, Ann, to answer your question, "Yes, I'm glad I'm gay" because that's who I am.

From Yonkers, N.Y.: I'm a straight female who wishes she were a lesbian. Why? Because women are much more intelligent, caring,

sensitive, generous, honest and decent than men. My girlfriends are fabulous. The men I know are vain, exploitative, painfully self absorbed and boring.

From Charleston, S. C.: Everyone knows black people don't choose to be black but that doesn't prevent discrimination. Do you honestly believe that if people accepted the fact that homosexuals were both that way, it would make a difference? I don't.

From Lexington, Ky.: Am I glad I'm gay? My response is an unqualified yes. It's thrilling to know that there are people who would happily kill me because of my sexual orientation. I am delighted that the government discriminates against me at tax time and I can't file jointly. I'm ecstatic that I'm barred from serving my country in time of war. I'm overjoyed that all major religions reject my lifestyle. I love it that I could lose my job if the truth were known. Best of all, it's great to be viewed as an outcast by one's own family. This is what it means to be gay.

Among Respondents:

HOMOSEXUALITY PREFERRED 30-to-1

Dear Readers,

I asked my homosexual readers, "Are you glad you are gay or would you rather be straight?" The question has generated more mail than almost any other since I started writing this column nearly 37 years ago. More than 75,000 people wrote about their sexual preference. It was 30-to-1, "Yes, I'd glad I'm gay." Here are more excerpts from the most fascinating and revealing letters I've read in a long time.

From Louisville, Ky.: Yes, Ann, I'm glad I'm gay. Thank you for asking. But being gay is a very small part of who I am. I'm a teacher and a football coach. I play classical music and a good game of tennis. I'm a gourmet cook. I can ski and I can sew. I am active in my church and a volunteer at a local shelter for the homeless. I don't believe in labels. Let's just say I am human.

Boston: I'm 32 years old, chairman of a multimillion dollar, high-tech company. And yes, I'm gay. Several weeks ago, I attended a meeting of the Greater Boston Business Council. I walked into the ballroom of a Hilton hotel and couldn't believe my eyes: There were more than 200 professional gay men and women. If I hadn't known where I was, I would have sworn it was a meeting of the chamber of commerce. We are your doctors, lawyers, shopkeepers, bus drivers, waiters and florists. But best of all, we look, walk and talk like everyone else. There are many more of us in the closet than out, but it's becoming much easier to open, thank the good Lord who made us all.

Santa Fe, N.M.: Usually you are pretty sensible, Ann, but asking your gay readers to tell you if they with they were straight was over the top. Would you for a minute ask your readers if they are glad they're straight? People know only how it is to be what they are. For me, being gay is as natural as being straight is for you. Would you want to change? Well, neither would I.

Royal Oak, Mich.: Yes, I'm gay. I also am 73 years old, and it has been a difficult life. I knew that being gay was beyond my control from the beginning. I prayed about it and finally accepted

it. I figured if God made me this way he must have had a reason. I never felt comfortable with a woman. It was impossible to think of a woman in a sexual way. I tried a few times when I was in the army during World War II and just couldn't. So when they now say it's in our genes, I know it's the truth. I'm glad I'm not married because I wouldn't want to bring a son into the world who might have to struggle as I have.

Denver: I've known since I was age 4 that is was "different". After a few years of therapy for depression and anxiety attacks, I accepted the fact that I was a lesbian. If I could take a pill that would make me straight, I wouldn't do it. I love the sensitivity and honesty that women have and men lack. Actually, the worst part of being gay is the prejudice and hatred we encounter from supposedly Christian people.

Chicago: Are gay people happy? Actually, some of us are, despite the fact that we live in a society that calls us sick, depraved and evil. With those labels it's not easy to maintain self-esteem. If straight people have a problem with my being gay, that's their hang-up, not mine.

Dear Readers,

It is my firm conviction that homosexuality is not learned behavior, it is genetic. It can be suppressed but not altered.



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NATIONAL NEWS

GAYS AND LESBIANS CAPTURE SPOTLIGHT AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

In what many activists are calling a historic political accomplishment, gays and lesbians captured unprecedented attention and support at the Democratic National Convention in New York City. From the floor of Madison Square Garden, to the streets outside, to the remarks of numerous convention speakers, AIDS and gay and lesbian civil rights garnered extraordinary press coverage, the unequivocal support of convention delegates, and the attention of top Democratic Party politicians.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), and Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) coordinated several gay and AIDS-related events both inside and outside the convention. Gay and Lesbian VOICE '93 (Voters Organized in Coalition for the Elections), a coalition of NGLTF, HRCF and GMHC, operated a media and delegate action center in the Ramada Hotel, a convention headquarters site next to Madison Square Garden.

The increased visibility for gay and AIDS issues at the Democratic Convention came at a time of already heightened coverage of the gays in the 1992 presidential race, and follows nearly two decades of organizing within the Democratic Party by activists. This year, the Clinton/Gore team has courted the gay vote and has publicly supported gays in the military. The Bush/Quayle campaign has attacked gay parents. And Ross Perot, just before dropping out of the race, held several meetings with NGLTF and other gay representatives following the national uproar caused by his media remarks about gays.

"Four years ago at the Democratic Convention in Atlanta, gay and lesbian issues were treated as odd sidebars to the main political menu of the day," said Urvasi Vaid, NGLTF executive director at a press conference on gay issues at the start of the 1992 convention. "Times change. Today, the gay and lesbian vote and civil rights are central and defining issues in this Presidential election year."

An unprecedented number of openly gay and lesbian delegates gathered during the 1992 convention. At the start of the event, 104 delegates and alternates from 23 states joined the Gay and Lesbian Delegate Caucus, growing to 108 by the end of the convention as more delegates came out of the closet. At least three of the delegates were openly gay people with AIDS. The gay and lesbian caucus itself was larger than 33 state delegations.

Using the VOICE Action Center as a base of operations, the gay delegate caucus organized several visibility actions, including massive poster displays ("Lesbian and Gay Rights Now") from the floor, numerous press interviews, and a gay delegate "conga line" through the convention.

The VOICE Action Center quickly became a hub of gay delegates, dignitaries, activists and reporters. The Action Center was staffed by volunteers from the International Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition.

Other highlights of the convention for gays and lesbians included:

- A gay and lesbian delegate reception on July 12 to kick off the campaign. More than 900 people attended the packed event, sponsored by HRCF, NGLTF and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

— A press conference on Sunday, July 12, on

"Gay and Lesbian Issues, Vote and Power in the 1992 Elections," with Urvasi Vaid, Tim McFeeley and Carole Migden, plus Bob Hattoy, the openly gay man with AIDS who addressed the convention during prime time on Tuesday, July 14.

- A reception at the Royalton Hotel Penthouse on July 12, sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association and *The Advocate* magazine.

- A massive AIDS march and rally on July 14, facilitated by Gay Men's Health Crisis and sponsored by United for AIDS Action, a coalition of more than 200 organizations. More than 50,000 people marched from Columbus Circle to Times Square in what the *Washington Post* called "one of the largest AIDS demonstrations seen here and, without a doubt, the most diverse."

- A "Town Meeting," sponsored by NGLTF and GMHC on "The 1992 Presidential Elections: What's In It For Gays and Lesbians?"

ACT UP/New York held several visibility actions through the convention, including a leafletting "zap" of the convention media reception at Bryant Park on July 11, and protests against delegations from states with "irresponsible" HIV/AIDS policies. On Tuesday evening during the emotional AIDS speeches by Bob Hattoy and Elizabeth Glaser, a huge ACT UP banner was unfurled inside Madison Square Garden.

Hattoy said during his speech that "if there is any honor in having this disease, it's the honor of being part of the gay and lesbian community in America. The gay and lesbian community is family in the best sense of the word." Hattoy then attacked President Bush, asserting, "We need a president who will take action. A president who is not terrified of the word 'condom'.... Mr. President, your family has AIDS, and you are doing nothing about it."

Glaser said, "I'm here because my son and I may not survive four more years of leaders who say they care — but do nothing." Glaser stated that as an AIDS activist, she has discovered "how unfair America can be. Not just for people who have HIV, but for...poor people, gay people, people of color, children."

Several leading Democratic figures mentioned gay and lesbian issues during their speeches from the convention podium, including Sen. Ted Kennedy, Paul Tsongas, former governor

and presidential candidate Jerry Brown, and New York Governor Mario Cuomo.

In his acceptance speech on July 16, Bill Clinton bashed President Bush for not implementing the National Commission on AIDS report and stated, "But I will." Clinton also lashed out at the Republican Administration for "blaming them" for the country's social ills, including "Them, the gays." Activists said this was the first time a presidential candidate in his acceptance speech had ever mentioned gays.

NGLTF, GMHC and others, including Queer Nation/Houston, ACT UP/Republican National Convention and the Log Cabin Gay and Lesbian Republican Club are planning several events at the Convention in Houston, August 15-20. Contact NGLTF at (202) 332-648 for a copy of the Republican Convention schedule of gay and AIDS events.

SINNERS REPENT

American Home Products, whose subsidiaries make Advil, Anacin, Dimetapp, Ndristan, Denorex, Chap Stick, Jiffy Pop and even Chef Boyardee (among other products) leads the pack in ads pulled this past season because of gay story lines.

A partial list of shows from which American Home pulled commercials due to gay or lesbian characters or stories (such as gay bashing) includes *Dear John*, *Golden Girls*, *L.A. Law*, *Nurses*, and *Sisters*.

Write Chrm. John R. Stafford, American Home Products Corp., 685 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017.

General Motors pulled ads from five episodes of *L.A. Law* citing either "gay theme" or "lesbians." Write Chrm. Robert Stempel, General Motors Bldg., Detroit, MI 48202.

Gillette pulled from selected gay-themed episodes of *Golden Girls* (citing "lesbianism"), *L.A. Law* and *Law and Order*. Write Chrm. Alfred Zeien, The Gillette Co., Prudential Bldg., Boston, MA 02199.

Bristol-Myers, maker of Bufferin and other medications, cited "gay promotion" as the reason it pulled ads from an episode of *Quantum Leap* dealing with the attempted suicide of a gay teen tormented by his peers. Write Chrm. Richard Gelb, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., 345 Park Ave., New York, NY 10154. *GLAAD Bulletin*.

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RESPONDING TO BUSH / QUAYLE RHETORIC

In an interview published June 25, 1992 in the *New York Times*, President George Bush stated that he "can't accept as normal life style people of the same sex being parents...I don't accept that as normal" and added that he believes in "traditional family values." As the Republican National Convention approaches, Republican officials, including Vice President Dan Quayle, are espousing "traditional family values" rhetoric and attacking the gay community as antithetical to family life.

There are currently some four to five million lesbian and gay parents in this country who face legal obstacles to creating nurturing and caring families. Only 11 states have laws that say sexual orientation is irrelevant in custody disputes. Courts in 11 other states have based rulings on the belief that gay people are unfit for custody of their children solely on the basis of sexual orientation. Two states, Florida and New Hampshire, have laws expressly prohibiting lesbians and gay men from adopting children. New Hampshire also bars lesbians and gay men from becoming foster parents.

The following statement is attributable to Ivy Young, Director of the Families Project at the NGLTF Policy Institute.

There you go again, George. Making ill-informed, demagogic and misguided moralistic pronouncements about the nature of family life in this country and the unsuitability of lesbians and gay men to be parents.

And we must ask, as it was asked of Senator Joe McCarthy, so many years ago, "Have you no decency? At long last, have you no decency?"

That the president of the United States would target millions of lesbians and gay parents, discredit their lives, do psychological harm to their children, and make them scapegoats for the fundamental problems of this country is unconscionable and unworthy, even in an election year.

We know all too well that the vice president cannot spell. The question before us now is does the President ever read. Did he read the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services youth suicide study that showed gay youth, because of society's intolerance and rejection by their families, are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual youth? Does he read the reports that put the divorce rate in this country at fifty percent, or the National Coalition against Domestic Violence report that three to

four million women a year are abused by their husbands and boyfriends? Gay youth suicide and spouse abuse appear to be long-standing "traditional family values" in this country.

Did the President overlook the front page headline in the Washington Post just days ago: "Increase in Baby Killings Attributed to Family Stress"? That article contends that the nation's recession, joblessness and low wages are causing parents to take out their frustrations on their children. More than 1300 children died of abuse last year, 50 percent more than in 1986. The *Post* article makes pointed reference to the fact that because of budget cuts, there is little help available for families in crisis. This is normal family life in America.

Our community did not create this crisis. Instead, in the face of anti-gay policies and rampant homophobia, such as that displayed by the president, three to five million lesbian and gay parents struggle daily to provide loving homes for their children. An ever-increasing number of sociological studies indicate that children raised in lesbian and gay families grow up to be no better or worse than children raised in heterosexual families. Of course, we all hope that our children, unlike Neil Bush, do not grow up to be thieves and brigands.

Bush is using "traditional family values" as the smoke and mirror tactic to appease and win back the disenchanted Right Wing. But even those with the hardest intestinal fortitude should find this snake oil difficult to swallow.

For Bush to profess such love and concern for the American family and veto the Family Medical Leave Act is hypocrisy at its most profound. American families fill homeless shelters and sleep

on the streets, but this administration consistently reduces spending on low and moderate income housing. To sit idly by while your cronies and big money campaign contributors loot the saving and

There are millions of lesbian and gay parents in this country, who, like parents everywhere, spend most of their time and energy caring for and worrying about and loving their children. And hoping, too, that those children grow up in a world free of the bigotry and prejudice so evident in George Bush's remarks in the *New York Times*.

loan institutions where thousands of American families deposited their hard-earned resources is not the mark of someone with a deep-seated concern about any kind of values. How can one claim to cherish families on one hand and promote such destructive anti-family policies on the other?

This is not the time for false issues or moral posturing. This is a time for leadership. Unfortunately, in his attempt to keep his job for another four years, the president has again displayed the venal cowardice that is becoming to anyone who would seek to lead this nation.

-National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

CBS HIGHLIGHTS GAY SUPPORT FOR CLINTON

The *CBS Evening News* on Sunday, June 28th, highlighted the growing involvement of the lesbian and gay community in the presidential campaign of Governor Bill Clinton.

Lynn Greer, National Co-Chair of the Lesbian and Gay Victory Fund and Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, were featured in the report, which included an excerpt from a widely praised speech Governor Clinton gave last month to lesbian and gay activists in Los Angeles. The broadcast was linked to Lesbian and Gay Pride celebrations which were held in New York City and San Francisco on June 28th.

CBS reporter Rita Braver noted that "gay and lesbians are more politically active than ever this election year and the candidates are paying attention. This year more than a hundred openly gay and lesbian delegates will attend the Democratic National Convention."

Greer, of Columbus, Ohio, was elected as a delegate committed to Bill Clinton. "We are going to be a force to reckon with in November," she noted, in an opinion shared by Tim McFeeley. "The gay and lesbian vote is large enough and can be concentrated enough in terms of voting as a bloc that it can make a tremendous difference to the candidate that's able to capture it," he said.

"Right now," CBS reported, "that candidate is Bill Clinton. The videotape of Clinton's address at a gay fundraiser in Los Angeles last month is now a feature attraction at similar events across the country. Gay and lesbian activists are campaigning hard for the candidate they say supports their agenda on AIDS and other issues."

PBS & GAY ISSUES RIGHT-WING FIRE

Conservative politicians have launched an all-out attack against the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), which funds a healthy share of public TV programs.

While Congress finally passed a bill funding CPB for the next three years, they tacked on vague amendments prohibiting "indecent" and demanding "balance" in controversial matters. Mississippi Senator Trent Lott specifically attacked funding for *Tongues Untied* (Marlon Rigg's award-winning documentary on gay black men) and *The Lost Language of Cranes*, a BBC/PBS joint production adapted from David Levitt's novel about the parallel coming out of a gay father and son (broadcast June 24th on *Great Performances*).

Masterpiece Theatre is set to air *Portrait of a Marriage* starting July 19, about the lesbian relationships of British author Vita Sackville-West. Let the head of CPB know you want funding to continue for gay-themed programs (and not just British imports). Given the right-wing pressure being exerted, your letters are urgently needed! Write Donald Marbury, Director, Television Program Fund, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 901 E. St., NE, Washington, DC 20004.

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NATIONAL NEWS

GAY BAN IN MILITARY COSTS EVERYONE

by Congressman Gerry E. Studds

For many years, lesbians and gay men in the military have paid an unaccountably high human price for their services. Wanting only to honorably represent their country, these men and women have faced harassment, investigation, court martial and discharge simply because of their sexual orientation. They have had careers, and in some cases lives, ruined.

Now there comes evidence that all of us—not only those of us in the gay community, but all American taxpayers—have been paying for the senseless witchhunts for gays in the military.

A new, 143-page General Accounting Office study, requested by me along with Reps. John Conyers, Jr. (MI) and Ted Weiss (NY), has documented that the Department of Defense (DOD) spends *tens of millions of dollars* to implement this policy of institutionalized discrimination.

Simply to recruit and train replacements for those who are so illogically discharged, the Pentagon wastes \$28,000 to replace each gay enlisted man or woman who is discharged; the price to replace an officer is more than \$120,000. And, of course, the personal toll of gay soldiers, sailors, and air personnel is incalculable.

This inquisition continues despite the fact that 81 percent of Americans feel that gay men and lesbians should not be discharged because of their orientation. The witchhunts continue in the

absence of a single shred of scientific evidence that our military is in any way jeopardized by the service of gay men and women. Indeed, the homosexual officers and enlisted people drummed out of our military tend to have sterling records, and to have performed brilliantly, both in peace and on the battlefield.

Yet over the last decade, an average of 1,500 people each year have been summarily thrown out of the military simply for being gay. More than \$250 million has been wasted in the process.

The Pentagon no longer even claims to have any reasonable rationale for this systematic and costly discrimination. DOD's own reports concede—and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has himself publicly acknowledged—that the old argument of "security concerns" is absurd on its face. Even the Pentagon is starting to realize you can't blackmail people who have nothing to hide.

Yet with all of this, the momentum is clearly moving toward long overdue acceptance of gay men and lesbians in the military. Community organizations, university faculties, newspaper editorial boards and at least five dozen members of Congress are actively supporting the overturn of the policy. Legislation introduced by Rep. Pat Schroeder (CO) in the House of Representatives has already garnered 64 cosponsors.

I encourage those in the gay community, and all fair-minded Americans, to contact their

own members of Congress and urge them to help end this medieval inquisition—and cosponsor the Schroeder bill.

If our social history has taught us anything it is that racism, sexism and prejudice of all types have exacted tremendous costs—cost which we still bear today. When will we learn that exclusion means disaster, that bias tears us apart as a nation.

When will we end the witchhunts and let gay men and lesbians openly and proudly serve our country. Rep. Gerry E. Studds, D-MA, is the first openly gay member of Congress. Studds has been the leading advocate of reversing the Pentagon ban on homosexuals.

IN THE LIFE ON THE AIR

The pilot for *In the Life*, an hourlong variety program focusing on the lesbian and gay community (hosted by lesbian comedian Kate Clinton) was offered to PBS affiliates during June and July. Produced at WNYC in New York by gay film maker John Scagliotti, the series is primarily funded not by corporations (who won't touch it) but by individuals who contribute directly to the show as *In the Life* members. Tell your PBS affiliates to add *In the Life* to their fall schedules. It is especially important to contact your local PBS affiliates! And for more information about becoming an *In the Life* member/supporter, call (212) 255-6012. —GLAAD Bulletin

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NATIONAL NEWS

GAY GAMES '94

The Board of Directors of New York in '94 has appointed Steve Donato to the position of Director of Development. In this capacity, Mr. Donato will be responsible for raising private donations from individuals and corporations to underwrite the costs of presenting Gay Games IV.

Previously, Steve worked as a fundraiser for the Cooperative American Relief Everywhere, or CARE. He also has helped raise money for the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association.

"I feel very strongly about the Games. It's important to have this kind of celebration, especially in this difficult new era of AIDS and other major concerns," he said.

On July 14th, the second day of the 1992 Democratic National Convention, a coalition of more than 300 organizations massed in Times Square in New York City to call for greater attention to the AIDS epidemic. Members of the New York in '94 Board served on the United For AIDS Action organizing committee which planned the highly successful march and rally. More than 10,000 AIDS activists and supporters, including a number of men and women holding Gay Games banners and wearing T-shirts and hats embossed with the logo of the Games.

Kennedy Travel of Floral Park, New York, will be designated as the official travel supplier for Unity '94 - Gay Games IV. As the official travel supplier, Kennedy Travel will make a contribution to the Games each time a booking is made for travel to the Games. Through this designation, Kennedy Travel will be able to offer special air and rail discounts to groups and teams traveling to New York for the Games. In addition to organizing standard air and hotel arrangements, the agency will soon be announcing exciting tour packages consisting of cultural events, Broadway shows, sightseeing excursions, admission to the Games and

transportation between the Games various venues. In business since 1965, Kennedy Travel has assembled a staff of professional agents who average 18 years of experience in the travel industry.

Ann Northrop, co-president of New York in '94, was one of the 108 Gay and Lesbian delegates to the 1992 Democratic National Convention. The Clinton campaign chose Northrop largely because of her involvement in Gay Games IV. "As a delegate to the convention, I had the opportunity to talk about Gay Games with delegates from all over the country and learn that they share my enthusiasm for the Games. From now until November, we will be working hard to ensure that President Bill Clinton will preside over the opening ceremonies of Gay Games IV in June of 1994," she said.

The Board of Directors of New York in '94, the organizing body of Gay Games IV, voted to adopt new dates. The Games will begin on Friday, June 17, 1994 and will end with closing ceremonies on Saturday, June 25, 1994. The Games were originally scheduled to take place from June 25 through July 4, 1994.

The Stonewall 25 weekend is the climax of the international celebration of lesbian and gay pride. To encourage maximum participation of Gay Games IV athletes and artists in this celebration, the Board voted to schedule the Games in the week preceding Pride Week (June 25-26, 1994). By holding the worlds largest amateur sporting event one week earlier, we will free athletes and artists to give one hundred percent to both the Games and the Stonewall 25 Pride Celebration," said Ann Northrop, Co-president of New York in '94.

Gay Games IV is an Olympic-style event featuring 15,000 athletes from 40 countries participating in over 25 individual and team competitions, ranging from track and field, swimming, diving, basketball, softball and cycling to triathlon, volleyball and wrestling. Five hundred thousand spectators are expected to view the Games, which will be held in various facilities throughout New York City from June 17th through June 25th, 1994. "Unity '94" is the theme for Gay Games IV, which will also feature 5,000 artists in a simultaneous Cultural Festival. Gay Games IV is expected to generate \$111 million in economic activity for the City of New York, according to the City's Office of the Deputy Mayor for Finance and Economic Development.

The Gay Games were founded by the late Tom Waddell, M.D. — who competed in the decathlon for the United States at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City — as a celebration of lesbians and gay men and as a "peoples Olympics" open to everybody regardless of sexual orientation. The Gay Games IV theme, Unity '94, is an expression of the founder's dream that inclusion be the cornerstone of the Games.

Previous Gay Games were held in San Francisco (1982 and 1986) and Vancouver, British Columbia (1990). Some 1,300 athletes from 12 nations competed in Gay Games I, 3,500 from 16 nations in Gay Games II and 7,250 from 30 nations in Gay Games III.

FLIRTATIONS LIVE OUT ON THE ROAD

The "Fabulous" Flirtations (as their fans call them) have been traveling across the continent thrilling audiences with their unique blend of musical artistry, politics and infectious humor since their first street corner appearances in Greenwich Village in the fall of 1988.

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Recorded in Vancouver in December 1992, *Out on the Road* captures all the excitement of the Flirts' live performances. The album contains sixteen Flirt hits *Boy From New York City*, *Johnny Angel*, *Lesbian Love*, *The Homecoming Queen's Got a Gun*, *Living in Wartime*, *Everything Possible*, etc.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH URGES GAYS TO 'HANG IN'

The Most Reverend Edmond L. Browning, chief bishop of the Episcopal Church, urged lesbian and gay Episcopal meeting in Houston to "hang in there. It is extremely important for your voices to be heard." Browning was making a historic visit to the 18th anniversary convention of Integrity, Inc., the Episcopal les/gay justice ministry. It was the first time in the history of lesbian/gay Christian caucus' convention.

Bishop Browning preached and celebrated the Eucharist at the convention opening service on Friday, July 10 and led an open forum with Integrity members on Saturday, the 11th. It was at the latter event that the Presiding Bishop spoke most strongly in support of lesbian and gay Episcopal. He was responding to twelve lesbian, gay and straight persons who shared their struggles within the Episcopal Church with him. He appeared deeply moved and spoke well beyond his scheduled departure time.

Representatives of a National Episcopal Church committee studying human sexuality were also present for a three hour session during which Integrity members also shared their experiences in the church. Integrity's president, Bruce Garner of Atlanta, is the first openly gay member of that committee, the Commission of Human Affairs.

About 200 persons from all over the United States represented most of the 52 Integrity chapters in this country. The most notable non-American guest was Reverend James Ferry, the Toronto priest who was outed by his bishop and, after the

first church trial in Anglican history in which homosexuality was the alleged crime, was inhibited from performing priestly duties. Father Ferry was given a check for \$1600 toward his legal expenses, which exceeded \$50,000.

Also preaching at a special AIDS healing service at the close of convention on Sunday, July 12, was the Reverend Rand Frew, AIDS/HIV Ministry Consultant at the National Church headquarters in New York.

Integrity was founded in rural Georgia in 1974 by Louie Crew. Dr. Crew, now a professor at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey, was a featured speaker at the convention. The "Louie Crew Award" for outstanding service to Integrity was presented at the convention to Kim Byham of Guttenberg, New Jersey, a former national president of the organization.

Integrity, with almost 2500 members throughout the United States and non-affiliated chapters in Canada and Australia, is by far the largest les/gay caucus relative to the size of its denomination and second to Dignity, the Roman Catholic caucus, in absolute membership numbers.

SAINTS BE PRAISED LEVI STRAUSS

Levi Strauss and Co. is a model gay-positive corporation. The world's largest clothing manufacturer (and maker of the ubiquitous 502 button-fly jeans) has a strong anti-discrimination provision, offers same-sex domestic partnership benefits, advertises in gay/lesbian publications, and just ended its financial support of the Boy Scouts of America for refusing to admit gay Scoutmasters and Scouts.

Following the Boy Scout announcement, the fundamentalist American Family Association launched a Levi's boycott, deluding the company with mail and phone calls saying its "pro-sodomy" decision showed it "no longer wants the business of the majority of Americans."

To counter this hate, beat the bigots at their own game by calling Levi's free consumer response number at 1-800-872-5384 and thank them for not supporting bigotry. You can also write Chrm. Robert Haas, Levi Strauss & Co., P.O. Box 7215, San Francisco, CA 94111, fax (415) 544-3939.

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"DEVIATE SEXUAL CONDUCT" LAW

Activists in Montana are mobilizing now to attempt to repeal the state's Deviate sexual misconduct" law during the 1993 legislative session. The law bars sexual contact or sexual intercourse between two persons of the same sex and carries a sentence of 10 years and/or a fine of \$50,000. Currently 25 states and the District of Columbia have sodomy laws.

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NATIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY PHOTO PROJECT

Two national lesbian and gay organizations, National Coming Out Day and the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Projects, are asking all photographers (professional and amateur) to record October 11, National Coming Out Day: a day in the life of Gay and Lesbian America.

"National Coming Out Day, October 11, is the perfect day for our lives to go on records," said Lynn Sheppard, Executive Director of National Coming Out Day. "We are a community that is diverse, crossing all lifestyle, ethnic, age, economic, racial, and other artificial lines. We expect The Photo Project to show that in a powerful and long lasting way."

The Photo Project will give all Americans an opportunity to see us as we are. The Photo Project is not an attempt to portray any segment of our community as being better than any other, but rather it will show and celebrate the scope of our

lives," said Julie Baron, Executive Director of the Public Awareness Project.

National Coming Out Day and The Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project specialize in building stronger communities by inspiring gay and lesbian people to be visible and non-gay people to be aware. The Awareness Project has produced a powerful series of thought-provoking ads which show different gay and lesbian people in common scenarios where prejudice can be overcome. It has recently completed a full photo ad in *People* magazine entitled "Guess What? We're your family, friends, neighbors..." Currently The Awareness Project is raising funds to place the same ad in *Time* magazine.

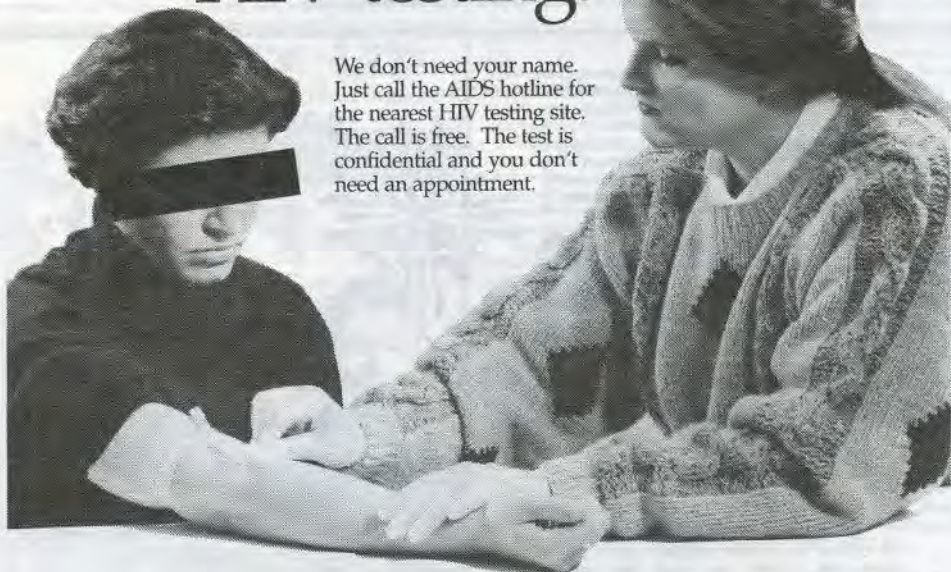
National Coming Out Day has two dozen ads that have been running for several years in over a hundred lesbian and gay papers, and used as handouts, to build confidence within the

community for coming out. In 1990, National Coming Out Day ran a full page ad in *Newsweek* with photos of lesbian and gay notables called "Across America, People Are Coming Out." National Coming Out Day will be inaugurating the "I'm Out For Good" series in 1992 where gay and lesbian individuals and families will caption their photographs with statements about why their being "out" is good.

We encourage everyone with access to a camera to participate. Amateur and professional photographers interested in submitting their October 11, 1992 portraits of lesbian and gay America for consideration for use in The Photo Project, and those wishing more information, should register with National Coming Out Day at (505) 982-2558 or The Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project (818) 990-8000.

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NATIONAL NEWS

BRAIN STUDY: GAYS SHOW DIFFERENCE

A cord of nerve fibers that allows the two halves of the brain to communicate with one another is larger in homosexual men than it is in either heterosexual men or in women, scientists have reported.

The brain structure, called the anterior commissure, is not thought to influence sexual behavior directly, but researchers believe the finding supports the idea that the brains of homosexuals differ in many subtle ways from those of heterosexuals and that sexual orientation has a deep biological basis.

The discovery is still to be confirmed by other laboratories, and some researchers remain skeptical that it has any relevance to an issue as complex as human sexuality. They said so little is known about how the brains of higher animals work that to assign function or meaning to slight discrepancies in anatomical features is a gross oversimplification.

Others embraced the finding as added proof that homosexuality is inborn rather than a chosen behavior and that therefore all discrimination against homosexuals should be illegal, just as it is against minorities or women.

"It points out that gay people are made this way by nature," said Robert Bray, head of public information at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, a gay-rights advocacy group in Washington. "It strikes at the heart of people who oppose gay rights and who think we don't deserve our rights because we're choosing to be the way

we are."

The report, from Dr. Laura S. Allen and Dr. Roger A. Gorski of the University of California at Los Angeles, appears today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. It follows by less than a year another announcement of anatomical differences in the brains of homosexual and heterosexual men, a study that generated a debate nationwide.

In the previous experiment, Dr. Simon LeVay of the Salk Institute in La Jolla, Calif., said a region of the hypothalamus, a part of the brain that helps regulate sexual behavior, was smaller in homosexual men than in heterosexual men; it was equivalent to the dimensions seen in heterosexual women. Dr. LeVay, who is openly gay, praised the new research.

"I think the work is very good, and I think it's correct," he said. "It's such a clear result, and in a sense it's more important than my own finding."

In the new study, the researchers looked at the anterior commissure, a structure about the width of a baby's fingertip, which early research had suggested was larger in women than in men. The function of the commissure remains mysterious, but researchers believe that it allows the left and right hemispheres of the brain to integrate sensory information, just as another, more familiar structure called the corpus callosum does.

The scientists examined brain sections from 34 men whose medical records indicated they

were homosexual, 75 men presumed to be heterosexual, and 84 women also thought to be heterosexual. They were not able to obtain brain samples of known lesbians, because lesbians rarely die of sexually transmitted diseases like AIDS and thus their sexual orientation is almost never noted on medical charts.

They found statistically significant differences among the three groups. The commissures of the heterosexual women were 13 percent bigger than those of heterosexual men. Those of the homosexual men were 18 percent larger than the samples from the women and 34 percent larger than those of heterosexual men.

However, these differences were based on comparisons of the sample groups' average commissure dimensions. There also were vast differences within the groups. Among heterosexual women, for example, the largest commissure was three times the size of the smallest.

-The New York Times

CHESTY STATEMENTS

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LESBIANS AND AIDS

Disease prevention depends upon two things: first, you have to understand how a disease is transmitted, and second, you must learn how to stop its transmission.

Over the past few years we have seen an explosion in AIDS coverage and prevention. While medical research, behavioral studies and media attention have been important in fighting this disease, it is sad that this progress has taken place only in recent years. It is also important to note that this attention is directed exclusively at male homosexuals and, more recently heterosexuals.

In the beginning AIDS was seen as a "Gay Man's Disease"; the medical community and society as a whole seemed content to sit back, ignore, and/or condemn persons with AIDS. At that time, heterosexuals were thought to be "low risk." There was little concern about heterosexual transmission and even less about educating the "straight" community. As a result, heterosexual transmission of HIV is now claiming to epidemic proportions. You would think that as a society we would learn from such tragic mistakes. Evidently, we have not.

Eight full years have passed since the first reported case of female-to-female HIV transmission and gay women still have no information about the risk (or prevention) of HIV/AIDS as it relates to their lifestyles.

One spokesperson for the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) trivialized the lack of information available to gay women about HIV/AIDS by claiming lesbians "don't have much sex."

Lesbians have been misguided and misinformed into believing that they are at low risk because they are lesbians. It is what we do, not who we are, that puts us at risk. A lesbian becomes HIV-infected the way any woman can, for example:

- some lesbians engage in oral sex, vaginal and/or anal intercourse with men by choice, force, or necessity
- some use drugs and share needles
- some have received blood transfusions
- some are artificially inseminated
- some exchange blood and vaginal secretions during oral or manual sexual contact with women*
- some lesbians share dildos and other sex toys*

- some lesbians who have engaged in none of these activities *do* have multiple sexual partners and are at risk even if only one of those partners has engaged in one or more of the above activities
- HIV is in menstrual blood as well as other blood; it is also found in the vaginal fluid and breast milk of infected women.

No one knows how many women have contracted HIV from sex with other women because the CDC hasn't conducted a female-to-female transmission study.

There is also growing evidence that HIV-related infections may manifest themselves differently in women than in men; combine this with the "low risk" label and the result is misdiagnosed lesbians who will not receive the early treatment so crucial to surviving this disease.

It has been estimated that for \$50,000 a female-to-female study could be conducted that would conclusively determine HIV risks to lesbians.

That such a study has yet to be done is inexcusable. It demonstrates the sad truth in the phrase "invisible lesbian" and underscores the general lack of medical attention women receive in our society.

The AIDS Equity League is sponsoring a nation-wide campaign to urge the CDC to undertake the study of female-to-female HIV transmission risks.

We must not waste time as a nation or a community to obtain the necessary information to prevent disease that has claimed so many lives already.

We ask you to:

- 1) Write your US Congressional delegation. Request that the CDC immediately begin a female-to-female study on HIV transmission.
- 2) Write directly to:
The Dept. of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Request that a study be initiated and completed with the utmost urgency.

Please act today...so many lives depend on it.

The AIDS Equity League

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTS PEOPLE WITH HIV/AIDS

The VIII International AIDS Conference, scheduled for last July, was moved from Boston to Amsterdam due entirely to the U.S. government policy that bans HIV+ people from traveling or immigrating to the U.S.

ACT UP's Golden Gate/SF immigration Working Group was primarily responsible for winning agreement from the conference organizers not to hold the conference in Boston unless the U.S. changed its policy completely.

HIV+ people can obtain waivers to enter the country only if they show that they are coming here for work, family reunification, medical treatment, or conferences related to AIDS. There is no medical basis for this restriction of movement. The policy is basically discriminatory. Please write President Bush and tell him it must be stopped.

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

NATL. AIDS OFFICIAL SPEAKS AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

Vaccines for AIDS are at least ten years in the future and even then will only help people with HIV avoid developing AIDS. No vaccine is expected to protect uninfected people from the risk of exposure to HIV.

That was one of the messages delivered in Cedar Falls by Dr. June Osborn, chairperson the National Commission on AIDS. The 104th annual meeting of the Iowa Academy of Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa.

Osborn's address, "The Second Decade of AIDS," focused on a report by the U.S. Commission on AIDS. She noted that in the last ten years, AIDS has claimed more American lives than the Korean and Vietnam wars combined, and by 1993's end, will reach 350,000 in the U.S. alone.

Osborn said that the Commission's report was highly critical of the administration's policy of withholding potentially lifesaving information in the name of morality.

She said anal sex remains the most probably infection method during sexual contact but government funded education is not allowed to talk about it, and research cannot focus on it. She shared several personal experiences of talking with the President, who offered "anything he could do," but that there has been no follow-up action on recommendations.

Osborn also noted that the epidemic is growing even faster around the world, with 40 millions cases of AIDS predicted by the end of this decade. An illustration of the explosion is in Thailand, which went from no diagnosed cases of AIDS 18 months ago to one half million infections among needle users and heterosexuals, mostly by prostitution.

She addressed the need for AIDS and sex education in American schools and drew a parallel to math education. We teach grade schoolers basic arithmetic very early on so they have it mastered before being challenged by algebra. She agreed with former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop who said youngsters need to know the basics of sex and AIDS before being taught protection methods and humanity issues in high school.

In talking about vaccine technology, Osborn said a cure is unlikely, but, HIV infections will become manageable, like juvenile diabetes.

Osborn addressed the state of the health care system. She said HIV diseases are magnifying existing problems. She noted that the hospitals and health care system currently strained with 100,000 AIDS survivors ill totally collapse by the time America's estimated 1 million infected people need health care, even if no further infections occur.

Yet Congressional attempts to provide funding for health care are met with hot debates and fundamentalist-backed bills to decrease AIDS funding. Several recent bills to beef up the health care programs have been vetoed by the President.

When questioned about protecting health care workers from exposure to HIV, Osborn said standard universal precautions are all that is needed. Those guidelines were established to protect against Hepatitis-B which is 100 times more easily transmitted.

AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGAL

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

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

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

HIV TESTING*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243.

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

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

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

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

NAMES PROJECT AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT TO BE IN KEARNEY SEPT 11-13

A portion of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt (63 of the 12 x 12 squares which contain about 8 panels each—a total of approximately 500 panels) will be on display at Cushing Coliseum (The Field House of the Health and Sports Complex) on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus.

The UNK Interfraternity Council is sponsoring the display which begins with the unfolding at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 11. The Friday display closes at 9 p.m. On Saturday, the Quilt will be on display from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday, September 13, it will be on display from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

OCTOBER QUILT DISPLAY MOMENTUM BUILDS

With less than three months to go, people across the country, and indeed around the world, are getting ready for the historic display of the entire Quilt this October 9-11.

In the hope of exceeding 1989's attendance of 300,000, a final promotional push is underway to encourage everyone who can to come to Washington for this display.

"Our success in reaching a broad national audience depends on our strength in numbers," noted Managing Director Lisa Catapano. "The Quilt measures the enormous toll of the epidemic. Through our presence, we provide a similar measure of our concern. Everyone who stands with us will make a difference.

Over 15 countries are expected to send sections of their Quilts to the International Display, helping illustrate the global dimensions of the epidemic.

"We have confirmations from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Guatemala, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Suriname and Switzerland," reported Juan-Carlos Castano, International Coordinator. "And we expect to hear from at least ten others by the end of the summer."

International sections of the Quilt will be woven into the display with participants from each country reading, unfolding and participating in all of the weekend's events.

QUILT IN SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA

In April, the Quilt was displayed for the first time in two Southeast Asian countries, providing very different views of the epidemic.

The display in Singapore was one of the first officially acknowledged AIDS education events in a country known for suppression of gay and AIDS issues. Four memorial panels presented in Singapore will serve as the starting point for a new Quilt project there.

In Malaysia, a joint effort by the Rotary Club and Pink Triangle brought a large number of visitors to this first-ever display in a Muslim country.

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LOCAL NEWS

2001, NEWEST LINCOLN CLUB, FILLED WITH PROMISE AND HISTORY

Lincoln is now home to Club 2001, owned and operated by Gary West and his business partner, Bill Gary's extensive experience in the tavern industry (he has tended bar at the Alley, the Hollywood, the Stage Door, the Run, the MAX, and Gilligan's) is evident in his new business venture. Club 2001 is clean, attractive, gives ample space to move around comfortably, and separates the hard-driving disco music from the rest of the bar, so quiet conversations can take place even when Larry D. is playing his hottest music.

Club 2001 is located on Sun Valley Road,

just west of the downtown area. Two large picture windows in the main bar offer a striking view of the Lincoln skyline and Memorial Stadium.

A "pre-grand opening" party held August 11, featured an elegant buffet created by Tim Kahre, general manager and chef for Club 2001. The building was previously a restaurant and they hope to offer food in the future.

Upon entering the club, guests were greeted by the show director for Club 2001, Sheza Mann, resident in a sequined cocktail dress, and manager, Tim Kahre, in black tuxedo. The

glimmer of a chandelier from the Hollywood lighted the entry way. The bartenders, Dale, James, Jeanna, and Gary; along with the waitresses, Gail and Sharon, were in black tuxedo pants and gleaming white tuxedo shirts with rose boutonnières.

The disco, featuring the music of Larry D., was opened for the first time that night, with *New Voice* editor, Sharon Van Butsel, cutting the ribbon for the opening. Among those present to congratulate Gary were representatives of the MAX, the Diamond, Gilligan's, DC's, the Imperial Court, and, of course, *The New Voice*.

GAY/LESBIAN PHONE LINE APPEALS TO COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT

by Carla P.

"Oct. 4 at 9:30 p.m. the A.N.G.L.E. Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line will be hosting a fund raising show at The MAX," announced Vince P., a.k.a. Velvet. Vince recently became fund raising chairperson for the phone line, which has been in operation 17 months.

During the first year of operation, the phone line received over 1300 calls. Requests came for information regarding gay/lesbian businesses, lawyers, doctors, counselors, etc. New comers and visitors to Omaha frequently called to inquire about the bars and local organizations. Calls have come from all across the country seeking information on resources in the area. And the local media has used the line to find out just who in the community is the best resource in a particular area. For phone line volunteers, perhaps the most rewarding calls have come from those brothers and sisters who are just now "coming out." Volunteers have been able to encourage them and point them to places where they could meet people and find a sense of belonging.


You can become a part of this important work by supporting the show, but you can do even more than that. We are currently accepting volunteers for training to return calls. Applications will be available at the show. Phone line committee members will be available to answer questions and present updated information on the last six months' operation.

Your contributions are needed to keep the phone line in operation. Your contributions are needed to help publicize and advertise the line. Your contributions are needed to help the phone line expand so that by January 1, 1993, the line can be answered live part time. Join the phone line committee (Vince P., Marshall B., Harry D., and Carla P.) at The MAX Sunday, Oct. 4, for what promises to be a fun show. You can make a difference!

WOMEN'S BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP

A regular luncheon group in Lincoln provides a safe setting for Bisexual women to meet and gain support from one another. The confidentiality of all those attending is carefully maintained. For more information on this group, write to P.O. Box 81401, Lincoln, NE 68501.

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LOCAL NEWS



NUNSENSE RAISES AROUND \$3,000

by Thomas Bertino, Director

Sunday, August 2, 1992, 8:00 p.m. — All I can say is: Well, it's over, it's done, it's finished. After several months of planning, and six weeks of rehearsal, *Nunsense* went on for six wonderful, exciting, fun-filled performances to benefit the Quilt Display.

I haven't directed a musical in quite some time, and after the exhausting work involved, I may not direct another one again (until another good cause comes along). But as exhausted as I was and am, I can only imagine the amount of energy expended by such a wonderful cast. Bill Bohannon, Bill Burch, Laura England, Timothy Renner, and Michael Taylor-Stewart are without a doubt the most talented group of individuals I have ever worked with.

Laura was our stage manager until two weeks before opening when she stepped into the Reverend Mother's shoes. The very day Laura accepted the challenge of moving from watching the script to memorizing it, our music director, Garrett McDonald-Burton left town to participate in a week long ballet camp. John Coe coached her vocally until Garrett could return. It was an amazing transformation.

When Lisa Clute, our choreographer, fell and

injured herself the night after the first production meeting, Bill Bohannon took over the choreographer's duties until Lisa was "on her feet again." Robin Welch of Ballet Omaha worked with Bill Burch to choreograph the two ballet numbers in the show, both of which were show stoppers.

Garrett not only assembled an ideal sounding orchestra with Stan Harper and Michelle Douskey, but also worked in depth with each cast member until just the right sounds could be heard.

David Smith was just going to "lend a hand" and wound up as the stage manager—not an easy task by any means considering that up until after opening weekend, Dave was busy stage managing *Runaways*.

If I were to thank everyone involved in this endeavor, I would go on and on for pages, but I would be remiss if I were not to thank Sharon Van Butsel and Carla Petersen for all their assistance and encouragement.

A preliminary figure as of tonight is that the production of *Nunsense* raised about \$3,000.00 for the Quilt Display. In closing, I would like to thank all those involved with the production and with the Quilt Display.

CHORUS NOTES

By Stan Brown

Beginning its 9th season, the River City Mixed Chorus has a lot of wonderful music to share with the community during our concerts and other mini-performances. Our two concerts will be a Winter Concert on January 16, 1993, and a Pride

Concert on May 22, 1993, both at UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center. We will also be performing at other community events throughout the next year. Please let us know if you would



like to be on our mailing list to receive more information about all our events.

I am pleased to announce our new officers of the Board of Directors for the 1992-93 season: President is Roger Bennett; Vice-President, Gary E.; Secretary, Pamela J.; Treasurer, Rich Ketter; Members-at-large, Harry DiLise, Mary W., and Toni Pastory. We are also very excited to be working with our returning director, John Bennett.

Due to a work conflict on Monday evenings at the Omaha Community Playhouse, Jonathan Cole will not be returning as co-director this season. Everyone in the Chorus is very sorry that Jonathan will not be working with us this year but we know his love and support will always be with us. On behalf of the Chorus, I send our sincere thanks and appreciation to Jonathan Cole for all that he has given to the Chorus the past two years. We love you, Jonathan.

The Chorus is also losing one of its founding members, John Coe, who is moving to Cheyenne, Wyoming. John has always been instrumental in the life of the Chorus, and has been our Assistant Director, instrumentalist, composer, board member, and, of course, singer. John Coe will be deeply missed by all of us in the Chorus, as well as in our community. John has given much to our community through his work with the Nebraska AIDS Project, MCC, and many other organizations. Thank you, John, for sharing your love and talents with all of us in the Omaha community and best wishes to you in your new home!

Register to Vote

GLAGN

There seems to be a real need for fellowship in outstate Nebraska because one of the first functions was a GLAGN picnic held in Grand Island.

It was a fun filled day with a carry in picnic lunch to tantalize any appetite — volleyball, croquet, & card playing were also seen at the picnic site. But best of all the fellowship of establishing new friendships & renewal of older ones.

Attendance included ones from the tri-cities, Kearney, Hastings, and Grand Island but even from North Platte, McCook, & Superior.

Do you want to get involved? Just drop us a line to P.O. Box 1546, Kearney, NE 68848-1546 for more information and details of GLAGN.

VICE-PRESIDENT KEARNEY P-FLAG WINS NATIONAL POETRY AWARD

Silk Thread

for John



Nancy C. Westerfield, Vice-President and Treasurer of Kearney P-FLAG, recently won the 1991 National Catholic Poetry Prize for a group of poems published in New York, including one about her godson John.

They are rarities to come by now anywhere Except in the city: these satin-faceted Spools I treasure in my sewing-chest, The gifts once of a treasure-giving godson Who took to life in the city, living there, So to speak, a satin-faceted lifestyle, But not the less dear to me. Dead Now, of what there is to come by In the city living thus, he unspools Towards me yet from the sewing-chest That he enriched, in silk thread's Jewel-point inches: emerald, cobalt, Jet, knotted and clipped by a fonder Needlewoman than any silken city Fate he met.

LOCAL NEWS

ABOUT *BENT*

By Eric O'Brien

The producers of *Bent*, partly for publicity, partly for interpretation, asked for my preliminary impressions of this complex play. However, I find it difficult to adhere to one viewpoint about a piece of literature until I've had time to process it. Because of its disturbing subject matter, *Bent* may prove more difficult for me to understand than other theatrical literature. Set in pre-World War II Germany, *Bent* is about people robbed of thought, freedom and dignity who fight against seemingly insurmountable odds to find love, hope and courage. A few facts: most of the characters are homosexual; homosexuals were viciously persecuted in Nazi Germany; homosexuals were at the bottom of the social structure at concentration camps.

The play centers around Max (my role), a hedonistic, scheming alcoholic. He and his lover, Rudy (played by Steve Tamisiea), chased from their native Berlin by the Gestapo, flee for two years across Germany. After capture, Max is sent to Dachau, a concentration camp fifteen miles from modern Munich. There he meets Horst (Keith Hale) and begins a new struggle for survival and sanity.

The cast—Eric O'Brien, Steve Tamisiea, Keith Hale, Kevin Barratt, B.J. Tobin, Rick Brayshaw, Marty Magnuson, Brett Foster, Bryan Poole, and Scot Working, spent a good deal of rehearsal time discussing the atrocities committed by the Nazis. Responses have included shock, dismay, insomnia and disbelief.

We all share an abhorrence for that time, but *Bent* director, De Moreland, emphasized in a recent interview that the political climate today is in many ways similar to Germany after the First World War. Both societies suffered economic depressions and accompanying bitterness and struggle. Such times breed hatred and scorn of dissimilarities in others.

Recent race conflicts, mounting homophobia in the wake of the AIDS epidemic, and an alarming rise in such groups as the KKK, Posse Comitatus, Neo-Nazi Front and drug gangs testify to our fractured sense of brotherhood.

The entire cast, I believe, shares my convictions about using this play, not only to raise money for Nebraska Aids Project, but also to remind the audience of a time when prejudice and hatred were primary motivations.

The cast, however, differs on other points. I strongly feel this play, while depicting the most hellish time in modern history, offers a strong catharsis concerning human will and redemption. Moreland offers this: "To see people robbed of everything special to them and still triumph is very uplifting." Keith Hale, however, laments the lack of a happy ending, but acknowledges that most stories in our everyday reality don't have happy endings. Hale says, "I think all theatre has a reason for doing it. Everyday I am more horrified by the atrocities of Nazi Germany." "I'm just worried about my nails. I've been downing gelatin like you wouldn't believe," said Marty Magnuson about his turn as a drag club owner who sells Max and Rudy to the Gestapo. "I think my character Greta serves as a Judas. He's a catalyst for a lot of the other action, but he also demonstrates the importance of survival." Steve Tamisiea sees the role differently: "She betrays her own kind of greed." Of his own character, Steve says, "We're similar in a lot of ways. The things that I see in Rudy and in myself are the things I like most about myself." Kevin Barratt simply feels that his characterization of a Nazi named Wolf should be "really I—king weird."

The cast as a whole is involved for a blend of artistic and societal reasons. Hopefully, we can accomplish a two-fold goal of raising money for Nebraska AIDS Project and, as Tamisiea puts it, "leap up to a new level" of artistic involvement.

Director, De Moreland, says "I hope we don't have a target audience. This play is about people. Everybody is people. Why does it have to be us versus them? The play downplays dissimilarities." Magnuson asks, "How willing are you to walk away? As a minority, it is important for me to be involved in this to transcend all the crap."

Bent, by Martin Sherman, runs September 20-24 at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre. Tickets available at Tix or, for reservations, call 346-8833. All performances benefit The Nebraska AIDS Project. For more information, call Roger Reeves at 451-1013 day or 453-6982 to leave a message.



Eric O'Brien as Max, Keith Hale as Horst
Photographs by Rob Gilmer



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MCC-O FEATURED IN OMAHA WORLD HERALD

The August 1 issue of *The Omaha World Herald* featured in the "Living" section an article by staff writer, Julia McCord, entitled *Church Life Uneasy for Homosexuals*. The article discussed the "awkward relationship many gays and lesbians have with their home churches" and included interviews with Rev. Matthew Howard of MCC-Omaha, Rev. David Ruhe of First Central Congregational, and Rev. Jack Pettit and the Elder Cleve Evans of Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church. These churches are among those that welcome the gay and lesbian community, though Lowe Avenue is at odds with the "official" position of the Presbyterian Church when it does so.

The writer also contacted several church officials, including Archbishop Daniel E. Sheehan, whose churches condemn homosexual activity. Archbishop Sheehan was quoted as saying, "We do not accept the homosexual act as moral behavior."

Overall, the article was presented in a positive light and informed the community at large of several churches where gays and lesbians are welcomed, though MCC-Omaha is the only one "that actively seeks homosexuals as members."

Reactions to the article were quite positive among the members of MCC. While there was some initial concern about the reaction of the community at large, there were no incidents of harassment or vandalism despite the fact that the article featured a 5 x 7 color photo of Rev. Howard standing in front of the church and gave the address of the church twice in the article.

A tip of the *New Voice* hat to the *World Herald* and to staff writer Julia McCord for a job well-done. Readers of *The New Voice* might consider writing the *World Herald* to congratulate them on this example of positive reporting. Copies of the August 1 issue can be obtained at the *World Herald* Office.

Icon NAMES ROYAL FAMILIES, PLANS LABOR DAY PICNIC

By Kymm, Lady Royale IV

What a thrill it was to be a part of Investiture! For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a gala evening of royalty. We said Good-by to the Reign XI Royales and welcomed what appears to me to be a fabulous group of new family members for Reign XII. The evening was hosted by Connie Henke and our own Vivacious Velvet. The entertainment was fabulous. Thank you to all of you! And good luck to the new Royales and families.

Mark it on your calendars, for the time is rapidly approaching. Yes, it's the Labor Day Picnic hosted by the Imperial Court of Nebraska. If you have never attended a picnic, this is one you don't want to miss.

Monday, September 7, at Progressive Park (Maps available at most bars), there will be basketball, raffles, volleyball, horseshoes, raffles, a drag race, egg toss, three legged race, raffles, and, yes, returned to this year's picnic, the Tug of War. So get your teams together and let the games begin.

Buy your raffle tickets early for the Big Raffle. The prizes this year are \$500, \$300, and \$200. ANGLE will be hosting a food booth. Proceeds for this year's picnic will be given to The Nebraska AIDS Project and the American Cancer Society (earmarked for breast cancer). Hope to see all of you at this worthwhile fundraising event. So bring your friends and get ready for a day of fun and prizes.

Finally, good luck wishes to Gary West as he ventures to Lincoln with the new Lincoln Bar, 2001. Be sure to check it out. Your monarchs have already visited to warm the way.

See ya Labor Day!!

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LOCAL NEWS

CLUB 2001 OPENS IN LINCOLN

By Sheza Mann

You've longed for it. You've asked for it. YOU GOT IT!

Club 2001, located at 500 Sun Valley Blvd. in Lincoln, opened its doors to the gay and lesbian community in late July. Yes, folks, the NEW HOT SPOT is here, right in your own back yard. Just over the rainbow (or viaduct) on West "O".

September holds much excitement and entertainment for you at Club 2001, with cocktail hour starting daily at five pm and going on 'til eight, not to mention daily drink specials that continue until close. Dance, Dance, Dance to the hottest sounds in the Midwest in the disco Wednesday through Sunday, starting at nine pm.

Tuesdays are scheduled for them that cowboys and cowgirls who like to kick up their high heeled boots and twirl them that denim skirts to some good ol' country music. Yea! Country night features 75 cent Cactus Juice starting at nine pm. So ya' all come out and see us'n. I'll be the one in the hay.

On the 18th, it's a TOGA PARTY, so take those sheets off the bed and come see the excitement unravel starting at nine.

Amateur strippers! Who ever heard of such a thing? Well, you have now, and it happens September 20th at ten pm in the Dis-Dis-Disco. Just think, you can see the man next to you without clothes on before you get him home! Play Safe!

Sunday the 27th we'll be serving brunch from ten am and going until 2 pm. Reservations assure you a good seat. Please call ahead, because we are asking for RSVP's.

Also on the 27th, Club 2001 will present The Best of CABARET IN BOY-LESQUE +, starting at 9:30 pm. This is a mixed gender review of pre-recorded classics, Broadway, Movies and Pop music, conceptualized, choreographed, produced and directed by Sheza Mann Productions. A show not to be missed.

WOMEN'S JOURNAL ADVOCATE NEEDS WOMEN TO DISTRIBUTERS IN OMAHA & LINCOLN AREAS

The Women's Journal-Advocate is in need of women to help with distribution of the newspaper in both Omaha and Lincoln. In the Omaha area 2 or 3 volunteers are needed to distribute the paper to educational institutions, bookstores, bars, and laundromats. In Lincoln, volunteers are needed to distribute the paper over the entire UNL campus as well as Wesleyan, the Belmont area, etc. To help feminism make a difference, call 476-9855.

The Women's Journal-Advocate is a monthly newspaper published in Lincoln for the women's community of Nebraska. In addition to articles of interest to all women, WJA publishes a directory of resources for women.

P-FLAG YOUTH GROUP TO MEET WEEKLY

The Youth Support Group sponsored by the Omaha chapter of P-FLAG has shown significant success during its first year. Attendance has grown and the group has helped many youth develop positive attitudes about their sexuality. As a result of this growth, the Youth Support Group will begin meeting weekly on Saturday afternoons. For more information on the group, call the P-FLAG Information Line at 291-6781.

SUPPORT THE SUMMER SPORTS FEST

Dust off those pompoms, wash the cobwebs out of that cheerleading skirt, and come out and support your local sportsperson in this year's Summer Sports Fest presented by ANGLE. We encourage one and all to join in supporting the participants in this year's events which include pool, volleyball, and darts. The Fest will begin on Friday, September 11 and end on Sunday, September 13. Please check posters at your local bar or call the ANGLE Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 for specific times and places. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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LOCAL NEWS

40th ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN INTERFAITH COUNCIL

P-FLAG Cornhusker has accepted an invitation to participate in a celebration marking the 40th anniversary of Lincoln Interfaith Council's service. The one-day festival will be September 19, 1992 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln. Admission will be free.

There will be an ethnic food fair, informational displays and booth and an historical quilt which "depicts the rich heritage of current ministries and services within our community." There will be dance and musical performances throughout the afternoon and evening.

P-FLAG is asking for people to help staff the P-FLAG booth, and, especially, for folks to come celebrate Lincoln's diversity. Sign up at the July or August P-FLAG meeting.

Sept 11-13

EXCEL of the Midlands—an exercise in Christian living—contact MCC-O

MATCH ALL MATCHMAKERS PUBLISHES DATE BOOK

The New Voice is pleased to announce a new publication for the gay/lesbian/bi community of Nebraska and Iowa. *G.L.B. Date Book* will print personal ads at a cost of \$5 for 30 words or less, 25 cents for each additional word. Send Cashier's check or money order to *G.L.B.*, P.O. Box 82281, Lincoln, NE 68501-2281.

G.L.B. Date Book is a service of Match All Matchmakers' Matchmaking Services. Founder, and *G.L.B.* General Manager, Stan Balderson, states, "We have no date magazines that I know of for gay s-lesbians-bisexuals. There are community papers like *The New Voice* and *Women's Journal Advocate* but there are no date publications.

The publication will be similar to *Hearland Singles* for straight people. Flyers will be available on the UNL Campus, at the UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, Rm 342 Student Union, the UNL Health Center's Gay/Lesbian Support Group, at the Panic and at the country/western gay bar". Stan goes on to state, "The publication will come out no matter what."

THE MAX CELEBRATES EIGHT YEARS

by Gloria Revelle

What a terrific summer it's been. I certainly hope you've enjoyed all the fantastic shows and performers we've brought you. Don't think for a moment that the fall will be any different.

On Sunday, September 13, Omaha will see an invasion—a Des Moines invasion. Laura Gray will headline a show featuring the finest performers of Iowa. Lauren White, a favorite in the river city, will also be here. There's a lot more to Iowa than Congressman Fred "Gopher" Grandy and the "bookstores," and these are just the girls to prove it to you.

Can you believe it? The MAX is eight years old. she sure doesn't look it. We're eight, and we're great. We have a lot of surprises planned for Omaha beginning with a special show featuring our Miss Max Alumni and Mr. Max 2 & 3. Our special guest will be hypnotist Mike Lamp. Mike's shows are always amazing so check this one out. We'll be celebrating with super specials from Monday through Thursday. Our special anniversary gift to Omaha will be on Thursday, September 24, when our favorite men, California Male come to help us party.

Mae will be presenting another fabulous pageant on Sunday, September 27. That's when she brings back to Omaha the Miss Great Plains Pageant. This is a regional preliminary to the Miss Gay America Pageant in Dallas. Contestants from across the U.S. will be here to win a chance to compete at the national contest. This is sure to be quite a show.

I'd like to quickly thank Blake for helping out with our Fresh Fish 4 show this past July. She was a real treat to work with, and she was terrific emcee. The MAX also extends its thanks to everyone who performed, attended and donated to the benefit show for Nebraska P.W.A.'s. A big hug goes out to Wayne, our General Manager, whose heart has been behind this project for the past three years. We are very proud of him, and we're happy that we could be there to help him and everyone that this show can benefit.

The weather will soon be turning cold, but The MAX will always be HOT, HOT, HOT.

P-FLAG KEARNEY

P-FLAG-Kearney met at their regular third Sunday of the month meeting for the election of new officers. New officers are as follows:

- Presidents—Kathy & Ken Tschabau
- Secretary/Publications—Jan B.
- Treasurer—Nancy Westerfield
- Planning Committee—Susan Cameron
- Glenna & Cliff S
- Library—Lee & Delphaine S.

The program consisted of a lot of positive sharing but also two of the newest members of the Kearney chapter brought a special gift with them.

Annette Friskopp & Sharon Silverstein shared the special day when they had their commitment ceremony. It was really special as they exchanged commitments, because they were asked to share this on the local news on T.V. They were contacted by the news on the day of the ceremony. So, along with all the sharing of flowers, cake, pictures, etc., it was on the local news as the top story. The group got to review it in video form

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LOCAL NEWS

GAY/LESBIANS AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY: OMAHA WORKSHOP ADDRESSES TREATMENT

On August 7, the Student Development Services of the University of Nebraska at Omaha presented a one day workshop for counselors and social workers on "Chemical Dependency Treatment for Diverse Populations" at the Peter Kewitt Conference Center in Downtown Omaha. Presentations included cultural and treatment issues for Native American, Spanish Speaking, Gay and Lesbian, and African-American clients.

Each section included general information on the group's particular culture and the relationship between those cultural issues and chemical dependency and treatment.

Addressing the needs of gay and lesbian clients were Randy Todd, Outpatient Treatment Coordinator at the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Treatment Program at Lincoln-Lancaster Drug Project, and Sandra Miller, a certified Alcohol/Drug counselor at Lincoln-Lancaster Drug Project.

Sandra and Randy began by presenting basic information about the gay and lesbian community, including the Kinsey scale which shows sexual orientation as a continuum with only a small percentage being "totally" heterosexual or homosexual. Studies have indicated that 1 in 3 males (37%) and 1 in 8 females (13%) have had sexual contact to the point of orgasm with a member of the same sex. Sandra went on to point out the prevalence of substance abuse and chemical dependency in the gay/lesbian community where it is estimated that 33% of all gays and lesbians are chemically dependent, compared to 10-12% of the general population. Another study found 35% of the lesbian population to be chemically dependent compared to 5% of women in the general population. That study found that 30% of gay males are chemically dependent compared to 29% of men in the general population.

Randy addressed cultural influences that impact treatment, identifying three major areas: the pivotal social/political role played by gay bars, external homophobia, and internalized homophobia. He paid particular attention to making the audience aware of how homophobia is demonstrated, utilizing a descriptive article from Philadelphia P-FLAG on Heterosexual Privilege.

Randy and Sandra identified the relationship

between treatment and the coming out process, including resolution of grief and loss, family rejection, lack of role models, and relationship issues. They also identified the impact of sexual abuse, which is often disclosed during treatment.

Obviously, the concerns about HIV/AIDS also impact chemical dependency and treatment. Randy and Sandra utilized the film *Sex, Drugs, and HIV* to give the audience a basic understanding of transmission and risk factors. They went on to discuss issues directly related to the treatment of chemically dependent gays and lesbians.

Gays and lesbians historically do very poorly in mainstream treatment programs and have high rates of recidivism, due largely to the effects of homophobia and heterosexism. Randy cautioned counselors to be aware of their own homophobia, recognizing that they may presume all clients are heterosexual, may view all problems as related to sexual orientation, and be unaware of the unique stresses of gay life. The therapist may make assumptions about the family and recommend that the biological family be included in therapy, when the client may not be "out" to them or may have suffered significant rejection because of his or her sexual orientation. Randy and Sandra both stressed the need for the therapist to redefine "family" to include the gay/lesbian family of choice.

The session closed with specific recommendations for clinical practice, reviewing the need to be aware of one's own homophobia and the impact it may have. They emphasized the need to make an environment that lets the client feel affirmed and welcomed, from gay/lesbian magazines in the waiting room to having staff members who are "out" gays and lesbians.

The audience of 75 chemical dependency counselors, social workers, and others responded to the presentation with applause and insightful questions.

The steering committee and staff of The New Voice would like to thank the Student Development Services for including gay and lesbian issues in this workshop. We would also like to thank Sandra and Randy for an excellent presentation and for including the resource directories of the New Voice as part of the handouts for the conference.

MCC-O TO CELEBRATE DEDICATION

by Caria

October 23-25 Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will celebrate the dedication of its new building at 819 S. 22nd St. The founder of our denomination, Rev. Elder Troy Perry, will be in Omaha for the occasion. We invite all of the community to plan now to join in the weekend's festivities.

As for September, well, it's going to be a busy month. Early in the month a group from the congregation will gather to present and discuss their ideas for the use and the renovations of the building and the yard. The first weekend we'll do a bake sale following church to support ICON's annual Labor Day fund raising, and on Monday, September 7, we'll be represented at the Labor Day Picnic with an information booth. The second weekend we will be hosting the second EXCEL retreat. Contact the church office for registration materials. There's still time to register for this exercise in Christian community living. The third weekend some of our congregation will be traveling to Linwood, Kansas, to participate in a regional conference sponsored by our district committee on laity. Others will gather for a social time at the rural home of two of our members. That weekend, too, marks the beginning of choir rehearsals. By the fourth weekend—well, right now the calendar looks pretty blank, but every weekend we have the Women's Support Group meeting at 11 AM on Saturday and Sunday worship. This particular weekend we'll have both morning (10:20 a.m.) and evening (7:00 p.m.) services. We invite you to join us for worship and/or any of these activities.

Attendance during the morning service has been averaging in the nineties since the move, but there's still plenty of room!

In August, MCC-O made its debut in the *World Herald* since the move. Rev. Howard was pictured on the front page of the "Living Section" standing in front of the church. He was interviewed as part of a follow-up story the *World Herald* did following the Pope's announcement two weeks earlier. Late July and early August some real transformations took place both inside and outside of our new home. Inside, the kitchen counters, walls, ceiling, and floor took on a new clean look. The solid wood doors to the sanctuary gave way to a little decoration.

Outside, the trimming and cutting and mowing, etc. created some real obvious changes. At least half of the tree out front came down, thanks to the souls who braved the cherry picker and that 50 foot flight. All around the yard pesky bushes and brush were cleared. In the patio, the brickwork was expanded. Plexiglass coverings were put over the stained glass windows on the south. Task after task has been identified and tackled.

Yes, there's more to do. Feel free to join us. Nearly everyday someone stops by to tackle a job or two. By October, those of you who saw the church in July will need to stop by for another look. For now, that's it from my pew. See you in church!

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LOCAL NEWS

NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT MOVES INTO BUSY FALL SEASON

The Nebraska AIDS Project Volunteer Appreciation Day Picnic was held August 30 at Eugene Mahoney State Park. This was the time when the staff at the Nebraska AIDS Project could thank all of our volunteers for the hours they have put into the Project in serving those infected with HIV/AIDS. Our volunteers are so very important to us that this is a way to say "Thanks."

This month NAP would like to share with *The New Voice* readers happenings around the area for the next few months. Fund raising and special events are scheduled for late summer and fall. Please be sure to join us!

Monday, September 7, the ICON Labor Day Picnic begins at noon at Progressive Park in Council Bluffs. \$7 entrance fee covers drinks. ANGLE will have a food booth. Proceeds from the entrance fees and booths will be divided equally between NAP and the American Cancer Society. Later that night at 9:30, "Foolish Follies", a performance by the Omaha Meatpackers, will hit the stage at the MAX. Proceeds from this benefit show will go to the PWA Financial Assistance Program for the state of Nebraska.

Beginning September 4, NAP will sponsor the first of many "Drop-In Lunches" for NAP clients. Clients be sure to watch your mailboxes for further information.

Again this year, NAP will have an AIDS education and prevention booth set up at the Nebraska State Fair. The dates of the fair are September 4-13. Please stop by to see us. If you wish to volunteer at the booth, please call Audrey at 800-782-2437.

A portion of the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt will be displayed in Kearney during September 11-13. The Quilt will be shown at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 9am, Friday, September 11. For more information call the NAP hotline at 800-782-2437.

Theta Phi Alpha of Creighton University is sponsoring a sand volleyball fundraiser at O'Leaver's Pub, 1322 South Saddle Creek Road. For more information, contact Maureen Plunkett at 345-4176.

The Firehouse Dinner Theater, 514 S. 11 St., will be the site of the production of *Bent*. This play deals with issues surrounding the treatment of homosexuals in Nazi Germany during WWII. The play will run September 20-23 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the Sunday performance and preshow are \$50. Tickets Monday through Wednesday are \$10 for general admission, and \$20 for sponsor tickets. For reservations, call the Firehouse Dinner Theater, 346-8833, or TIX, 342-7107.

Sunday, October 18, 8:00 a.m., a 10K pledge

walk to benefit AIDS care and education will be held. This is the second annual AIDS walk-a-thon in Omaha. This year the walk is entitled, "The Next Step...Together." Walk-a-thon participants should assemble at the Omaha Community Playhouse, 69th & Cass Streets prior to the walk. Every \$5.00 that is given or pledged entitles participants to obtain one chance in the drawings. If your name is drawn more than once, you will keep winning prizes. Honorary Chairpersons for this annual event will be Margaret Bumann, Health Reporter for KETV-Omaha, and Dr. Mark Horton, Director of the State Health Department in Lincoln. For more information call the NAP office.

NAP Case Management Census for July, 1992

Open Cases, July 1	191
New Cases	9
Client Deceased	2
Case Closed (moved)	3
Open Cases, July 31	195

Client Services Provided in July, 1992

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LOCAL NEWS

LINK-ON WEEKEND AT PANIC RAISES \$1121.70

By Rick Swaink

On Thursday, July 30, the Fundraising Committee of the LINK-ON Corporation kicked off the weekend events with a Cattle Call Show and Auction hosted by Renay Kushner, Nancy Buhrmann, and Vicki Clark. Performers included Tasha DeVore, Mercadies, Thom Pringle, Renay Kushner, Blanch Monic, Bambi, Steve Path, Jeff Stanley, Miss Anita, Dee Dee D'Karr, Chris Pringle, and Sheza Mann. Many local businesses and individuals donated items and services to be auctioned, from a personalized birthday cake to a night for two in the presidential suite at the Clayton House Hotel. Other members of the fundraising committee helping in the auction were Beth Muehling, Iris Johnson-Aki, and Kelly Sheridan (Freida Lae).

On Friday, July 31, the events continued with a wet T-shirt and Jeans contest hosted by Nancy Buhrmann. Many patrons of the Panic got WET over this little event. Pitchers of water were auctioned off to be poured on their favorite contestant. The highest bid of \$40 was paid to get Beth Muehling wet, and \$35 for Eric Parde. Certificates and Blue (the water was cold) Ribbons

were given to the winners.

Sunday, August 2, capped off the LINK-ON Weekend with a BBQ and Country Show. The all day event was managed by Beth Muehling, Wendy Gilling, and Tommy Raines. The BBQ ran from 2 p.m. til 8 p.m. with all the food and home baked cookies being donated by Nancy Muehling of Muehling Homes, and cooked by Wendy. Thank You! Nancy and Wendy. The show started at 9:45 p.m. and featured Tasha DeVore, Mercadies, Thom Pringle, Dee Dee D'Karr, Bambi, Chris Pringle, Renay Kushner, Brooke Owens, and Sheza Mann.

LINK-ON is a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing home health services to PWA's and others in the gay/lesbian community. If you would like to participate in, or hold a fundraising event for LINK-ON, you may contact Beth Muehling at 438-1249.

Again I would like to thank you all for participating in the events that took place this weekend, and extend my appreciation on your dedication and concern for the community in which we live.

CHORUS BENEFITS AT GILLIGAN'S AND DC'S

By David Brady

Thanks to Ken Carlson and Gilligan's Pub for hosting a luau and pig roast in June to benefit the Chorus. The food was great and the event was a lot of fun! Thanks also to Emerson Brinney and DC's for the Christmas in July show which benefited the March on Washington and the River City Mixed Chorus. And thanks to all of you who attended the events. RCMC appreciates all this support!

KATE CLINTON TO APPEAR IN OMAHA "Women of the Plains" to bring more women's culture to Omaha

A group of women in the Omaha area have organized for the purpose of bringing more women's culture to Omaha. "Women of the Plains" feel that Omaha has been without feminist/women's music and comedy for too long and have invested their time, talent, and their own money to set up the first of a planned series of women artists.

The premier event will be the appearance of nationally celebrated feminist humorist and political satirist, Kate Clinton, at the Witherspoon Auditorium, Joselyn Art Museum, on Friday, October 30. This appearance, just days before the presidential election, is guaranteed to be one of Kate's best.

"Women of the Plains" second offering will be a concert by lesbian artist Chris Williamson, to be held January 30 at the Strauss Performing Arts Center at UNO.

Tickets for the Kate Clinton Concert are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door and are available at New Realities in Omaha's Old Market and at Pat's Shoe Repair, 1321 "P" St., in Lincoln. Tickets are also available by mail. Send \$15 plus a self address stamped envelope or 50 cents postage and handling to:

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THANK YOU, OMAHA

by Wayne Tietzort

I'd like to take a moment to extend my most heartfelt thanks to the gay and lesbian community of Omaha for making this year's Nebraska P.W.A. Benefit the best ever. Thank you for giving me a night that I'll remember for a long time.

For three years this has been a project very special to me, and for three years, you've shown that it's very special to all of you also. This year we've really accomplished something great. At the time of this writing, we've raised \$5,264.00, and checks and pledges are still coming in. I still find it hard to believe. For the past two years I've shared with you my feelings and my hopes and dreams in relationship to my disease. I hope that

if I ever leave that someone will always be there to remember me and to keep this dream, the annual P.W.A. benefit, alive.

Everyone deserves a thank you for all their special work. Mr. Don Randolph has always been there for me and our community. Without him, many things would be impossible. My friends Velvet and Gloria have been helping me since the first show, and I am very grateful that they are always near. The master illusionist, Tom Cech, really outdid himself on the set this year. His creative talents are always greatly appreciated. Without Stosh, Bruce, and the entire MAX staff, my job and this benefit would be more difficult

and less meaningful.

To all the performers, you all deserve a special thanks. So, I'll thank you all. Thank you, Miss Max 8, Phoebe Tate; Mr. MAX 2, Michael; Mr. MAX 3, Rick; M.G.N.A., Diatra Snow; Muffy Rosenberg; Jennifer Jett; my special friend, Roxy; The Babes Behind Bars; Margo; Felice; Sammi; Birdie; Monica; Pepper; Shana; Mr. Joe Reed; Marcia; Emperor XII, Steve; Empress XII, Phoenix; Eva Destruction; Mike and the staff and counselors from N.A.P. Thanks to Carla and Sharon for all their extra help. I hope that you'll all be here next year. I know I will. Thank you all once again.

ICE BOWL WARMS UP

The Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament (IBIT) is progressing steadily toward the week-end event, Presidents' Day, February 19-22, 1993. Bowling times have been established and committees of Registration and Scheduling for the participants have been formed. The IBIT Committees are currently meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for fund raising and general meetings are held on Tuesdays. The September schedule is:

- Sept 1 - Fundraising - 7pm - The MAX
- Sept 8 - Fundraising - 7pm - The Run
- Sept 13 - General Mtg - 5pm - Sky Lanes
- Sept 15 - Fundraising - 7pm - DC's
- Sept 22 - Fundraising - 7pm - Diamond
- Sept 29 - Fundraising - 7pm - Gilligan's

The Fundraising Committee will be hosting a Bar-B-Que at The MAX on Sunday, September 20, from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. on the patio. The Bar-B-Que will feature Italian Sausage and Bratwurst. Watch for posters and flyers with more information about the Bar-B-Que at The MAX.

BISEXUAL CONFERENCE NEEDS ORGANIZERS, PARTICIPANTS

The first ever BECAUSE (Bisexual Empowerment Conference: A United Supportive Experience) Conference was held in Minneapolis in February, 1992. Despite being advertised only in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, the workshops drew 90 participants from as far away as Colorado and Pennsylvania. Workshop titles included "Spirituality and Bisexuality", "Monogamy, Polyfidelity, and Other Ways of Loving", and "Being Bisexual in the Lesbian/Gay Community." The keynote speaker was Lani Kaahumanu, a bisexual activist from the San Francisco/Bay area and co-editor of the book, *Bi Any Other Name*.

Because of the amazing success of the first conference, organizers hope to expand next year's conference into a two-day "Midwest Regional" Conference. In order to do this, they are seeking organizers, workshop leaders, and participants from around the Midwest. For more information, contact BECAUSE, c/o GLCAC, 310 E. 38th St., Minneapolis, MN 55409 or call Heather Franck at (612) 331-5131. Callers may leave a message at that number and Heather will return their call.

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NATIONALS, HERE WE COME!

By Sammi Bennett

Howdy! This is your first runner-up to Miss Gay Nebraska America with some great news. There is a lot going on in the next few months as Dietra Snow and myself (Sammi Bennett) get ready for nationals in Dallas, Texas.

To kick off the fall season I held a show at the Triangle Bar on August 15th. The stars came out to help send me to nationals. Thanks, fishes!

Second, the car wash was a success thanks to all of you who got all hot and wet. It was the best time we ever had!

But, I would like to announce, I will be having a show in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the Panic on September 10 at 10 p.m. to help raise money to send me (Sammi Bennett) to nationals as I represent Nebraska along with Dietra.

And what a star line-up: Margo, Monica, Roxy, Jennifer, Peaches, Mercedes, Sheza-Man, Tasha, and Sammi Bennett. Don't miss this show. Let's show Lincoln that we're here for them. This is one show you'll be very upset if you miss.

See ya in the spotlight on September 10 at the Panic.

Omaha's Hottest Redhead
Sammi Bennett

DECKER NAMED PASTOR MCC-SC

Barbara Decker of Ft. Myers, Florida, has accepted a part-time position as the new pastor of the Metropolitan Community church in Sioux City. Her first service is scheduled for Sunday, August 16.

Decker, who previously lived in Davenport, Iowa, just finished as student clergy in Ft. Myers, which has a 100 member congregation.

A member of MCC for six years, she has a Master of Divinity from Gulf Shore Baptist Seminary.

MCC-SC has held services every Sunday since Easter 1991 when student clergy Brian Hanlon from MCC-O began serving the church.

-The Progress Tribune

Bars & Restaurants

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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 Run 1715 Leavenworth,
449-8703

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Dr. Krystyn Dean announced the opening of her new office on August 1. Dr. Dean was the Director of the North Texas Gender Center in Dallas and works closely with Dr. Stanley Biber. Dr. Dean also works with Dr. Seegers in Belgium and Dr. Menard in Montreal.

In addition to dealing with gender issues, Dr. Dean is also trained in couples counseling, sex therapy, HIV/AIDS counseling, and issues involving abuse. The Metroplex Counseling Center is located at 2808 N. 75th St., Suite "E", Omaha, NE 68134. (402) 978-8833.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of
Omaha
819 S. 22, 345-2563, Worship: 10:20am

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

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous,
Open Meeting 12noon (308)234-8610.

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

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 Anonymous,
7:30pm, Family and Friends Bldg, 3040 N.
102 Street, Omaha

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln
7:30pm 14 & R, Nebraska Union, Womens
Resource Center

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12midnite, Support
& Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932,
Lincoln

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm,
First Plymouth Congregational Church,
20 & "D", 438-5214

Omaha Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics
Anonymous, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran
Church, 303 S. 41 Street, 345-9916
G/L Al-Anon Meets Same Time/Place

SATURDAY

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

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

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

Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12midnite, Support
& Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932,
Lincoln

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, September 1

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

Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament, Fundraising Mtg. 7pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

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

THURSDAY, September 3

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, Call ANGLE Info Line for location, 558-5303

Jess Hawk Dakenstar performs on KVNO's River City Folk Music

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

FRIDAY, September 4

Nebraska AIDS Project, State Fair "AIDS Info Booth". To volunteer, call Audrey 800-782-2437 Continues through Sept. 13 in **Lincoln**

Jess Hawk Dakenstar appears at the Old Time Music Convention, Avoca, **IA**

SATURDAY, September 5

G/L Coalition 1st Sat Event, 7-10pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, **Lincoln**

SUNDAY, September 6

Lutherans Concerned, 7-8:30pm, Kountze Memorial Church Lounge, 2650 Farnam, **Omaha**, 345-4080 or 453-7137.

MONDAY, September 7

ICON Labor Day Picnic, Progressive Park, Council Bluffs, **IA**, \$7 admission includes beer & pop. Food available. Benefit for Nebraska AIDS Project and American Cancer Society.

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

"Foolish Follies", Meatpacker's Show, Benefit for P.W.A. Emergency Fund, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30p.m.

TUESDAY, September 8

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

Ice Bowl Invitational Tourny, Fundraising Mtg 7pm, The Run, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

THURSDAY, September 10

Deadline for September *New Voice*

"Send Sammi Bennett to Miss Gay America". Show at 10pm, The Panic, 200 S. 18, **Lincoln**

FRIDAY, September 11

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, University of Nebraska at **Kearney**

EXCEL Spiritual Retreat, Sponsor: MCC-Omaha, 345-2563. Preregistratin required.

A.N.G.L.E.'s Summer Sports Fest '92 at The MAX, The Run, and the Chesterfield

SATURDAY, September 12

EXCEL Spiritual Retreat, Sponsor: MCC-Omaha, 345-2563. Preregistratin required.

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, University of Nebraska at **Kearney**

Summer Sports Fest '92, at The MAX, The Run, and the Chesterfield, Check bar for details

SUNDAY, September 13

New Voice Steering Committee, 1pm. MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, All are welcome

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

EXCEL Spiritual Retreat, Sponsor: MCC-Omaha, 345-2563. Preregistratin required.

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, University of Nebraska at **Kearney**

Ice Bowl Invitational Tourny, General Mtg. 5pm, SkyLanes, Center Mall, **Omaha**

Summer Sports Fest '92, at The MAX, The Run, and the Chesterfield, Check bar for details

"Iowa Invasion" Laura Gray headlines show, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

MONDAY, September 14

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

TUESDAY, September 15

Ice Bowl Invitational Tourny, Fundraising Mtg. 7pm, D.C.'s, 1019 South 10th, **Omaha**

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, September 16

DC'93 Nebraska, 7:30p.m., 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, **Omaha**, 451-7987

THURSDAY, September 17

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

FRIDAY, September 18

"Toga Party", Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

SATURDAY, September 19

"Festival of Faith" 40th anniv of **Lincoln** Interfaith Council, 8am-10pm, Devaney Sports Complex, P-FLAG participating. Admit free.

River City Gender Alliance, For Trans-gender/Crossdress. All welcome. No sexual encounters, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

SUNDAY, September 20

Omaha Men (OMEN), 3pm Gilligan's, Write: OMEN, Box 3706, **Omaha** 68103

"Bar-B-Que", Italian Sausage & Bratwurst, Benefit: Ice Bowl Invitational Tourny, 4-8pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, **Omaha**

Star City Lincs Leather/SM/Fetish Social-Educational Club, Organizational Mtg. 4pm, Downstairs Bar at Panic!, 200 S. 18, **Lincoln**

P-FLAG/**Kearney**, St Luke Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 237-3870 or 995-5490, 3pm

Bent at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre, Benefit for Nebraska AIDS Project

Amateur Strippers in the Disco at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

8th Anniversary Party "Miss MAX Alummi, Mr. MAX 2 &3, Hypnotist Mike Lamp" The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

Comedienne "Squirrel" and her friends perform at D.C.'s 1019 S. 10th, 9:30pm

MONDAY, September 21

Bent at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre, A Benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project

TUESDAY, September 22

Ice Bowl Invitational Tourny, Fundraising Mtg, 7pm, The Diamond, 712 S. 16, **Omaha**

P-FLAG-Lincoln, 7pm, Sharing session include separate "Under 21" group, Program: "Who's Afraid of Project 10?", and elections, Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', 435-4688

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

Bent at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre, A Benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project

WEDNESDAY, September 23

Bent at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre, A Benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project

THURSDAY, September 24

"California Male" strippers perform at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30p.m.

SATURDAY, September 26

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

SUNDAY, September 27

"Sunday Brunch, 10am-2pm, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

"The Best of Cabaret in Boy-lesque +", A Shezra Mann Production, 9:30pm, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

Miss Gay Great Plains Pageant, Regional Preliminary for Miss Gay America, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

MONDAY, September 28

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

TUESDAY, September 29

Ice Bowl Invitational Fundraising Mtg. 7pm. Gilligan's, 1853 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

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Alcoholics Anonymous. Open Meeting Fridays at 8pm. First Plymouth Congregational Church, 20th & "D". 438-5214

Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore. Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln 68502. Open Saturday 1-4pm., call Wally at 476-7389 or 489-4634.

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

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

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

Lincoln League of Lesbians, P.O. Box 84245, Lincoln 68501-4245 Feminist collective, newsletter, support

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Wimin's Show. 12-3pm Sunday, KZL FM, 89.3 FM stereo.

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

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

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

OMAHA

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

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

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

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians. Resource group of US WIST. For more information: 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, MCCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Tuesdays 7:30pm.

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

Lutherans Concerned. 1st Sunday 7-8:30pm, Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church Lounge, 2650 Farnam, Omaha, 345-4080 or 453-7137.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Mailing Address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103 Services held at 819 S. 22 St., Omaha, NE. Worship Services at 10:20am

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

Omaha Men OMEN, Box 3706 Omaha 68103 Men interested in masculinity/masculine image Meets 3rd Sunday, 3pm. Usually at Gilligan's

Omaha Players Club (OPC), PO Box 34463 Omaha, Ne 68134, (402) 451-7987, (402) 342-3512. Leather SM education and play group. A men's and women's group. Call for information.

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

Overeaters Anonymous Lambda Plush Grp, Wednesdays at 7:30pm, *Family and Friends* Building, 3040 N. 102, Omaha

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

Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns. (402) 733-1360. Cleve. Meets last Saturday January-October, 2nd Saturday in December, No November meeting

River City Mixed Bowling League, President - E. Mueller (1) 466-1789, V.P. - Cheryl Christensen 346-7699, Treasurer - Mike Shearer 346-4110. Sunday, 3pm, Sky Lanes, 42 & Center, Omaha

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

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

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

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) M.C., Box 3216, Omaha, 68103. Not active at present time.

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

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

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

Youth Support Group, sponsored by P-FLAG Omaha Chapter. For gay, lesbian youth and those questioning sexuality issues, ages 13 to 21. Meets Saturdays. For information: call 291-6781.

STATEWIDE

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

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

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy group, lobbies, newsletter, socials. Business Mtg, 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, St Marks, 13 & R; 1st Saturday Social Event, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7-10pm

DC in '93, Box 34463, Omaha 68134-0463, Amy Marie Meek (402) 451-7987.

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska. For info send self-addressed, stamped envelope to: GLAGN, Box 1546, Kearney, NE 68848

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

Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects, 610 "J", Lincoln, (402) 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr. Outpt chemical dependency tx while affirming sexuality. Sliding Fee Scale

MATCHALL MATCHMAKERS, P.O. Box 82281, Lincoln, NE 68501-2281. Write for info. Publish G.L.B. Date Book, Personal ad \$5 for 30 words, 25 cents each add'l word. Cashier's check-money order to G.L.B.

New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha 68103, Magazine for Lesbian/Gay community. Deadline is 10th of month. Subscriptions \$19/year.

Parents-Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG) *Kearney: meet 3pm, 3rd Sunday, St Luke's Episcopal (308) 382-0752 or (308) 995-5490. Correspondence to: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

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

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

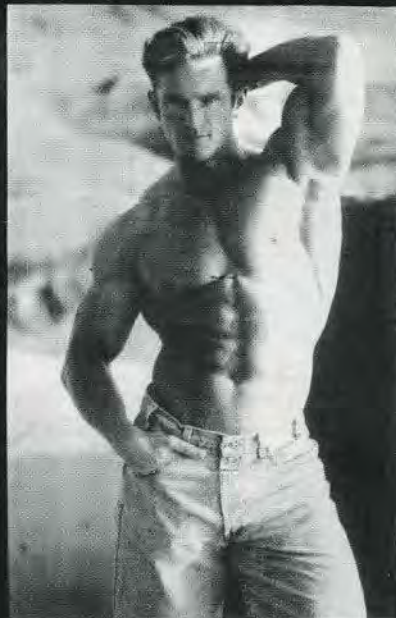
Queer Nation, Box 34463, Omaha, NE 68134-0463, Grassroots militant organization work to increase visibility of (Gay/Lesbian community. Contact Blake: (402) 451-7987.

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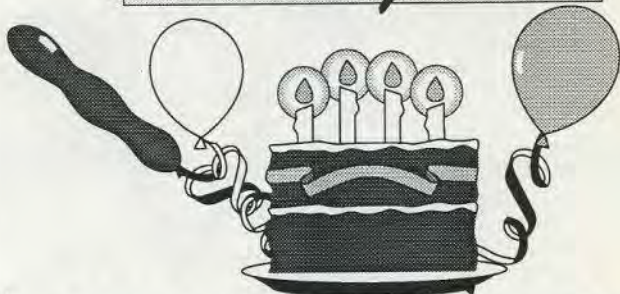
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