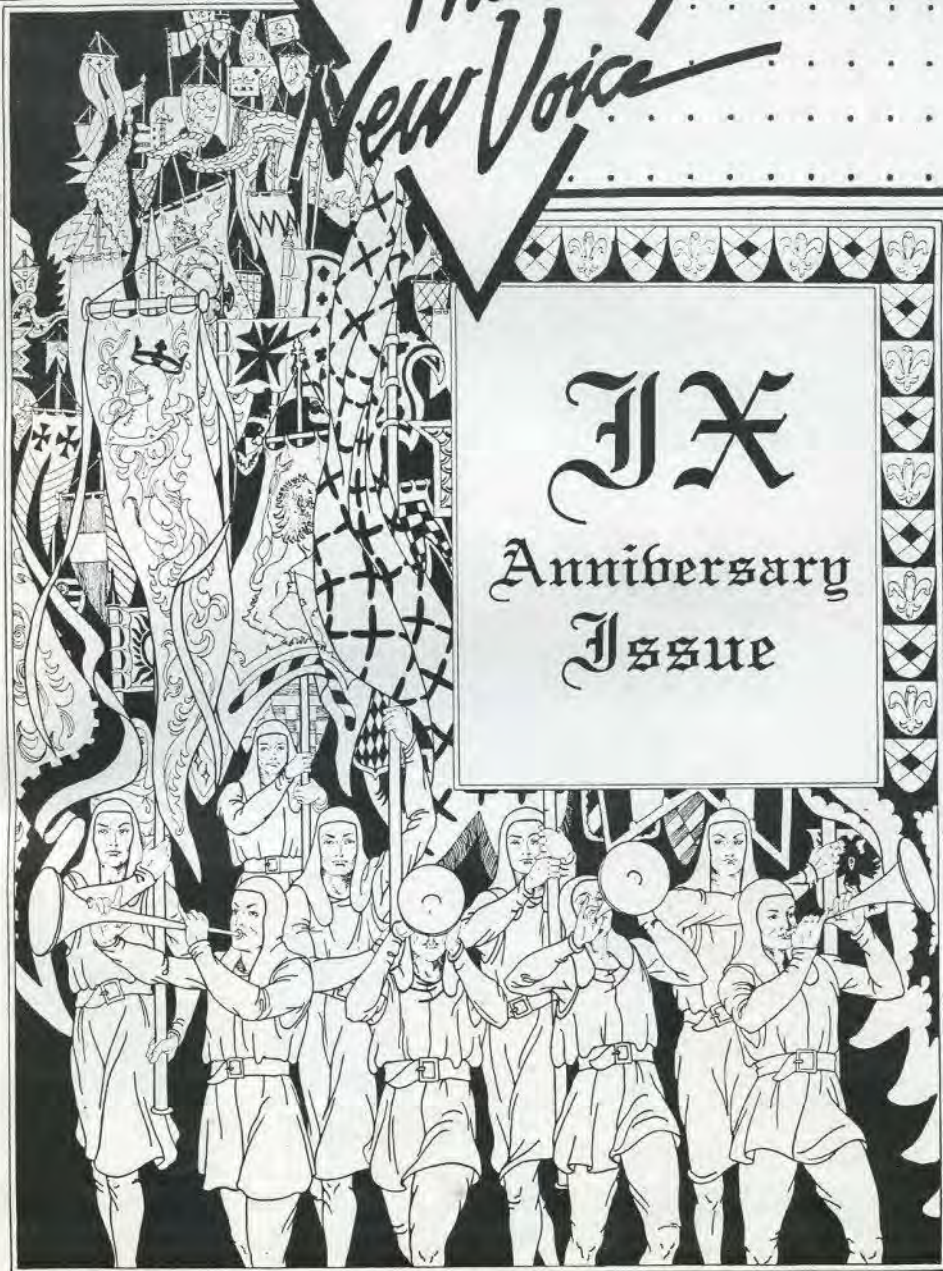


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OMAHA INAUGURAL BALL - JUST THE BEGINNING

By Pat Phalen

The night was dark, cold, and stormy. A snow storm had just wreaked havoc with the city. How could we continue? How could we not continue was the real question!

Sounds sort of like a mystery? Well, it isn't and it wasn't! The lesbian and gay community had its first ever Inaugural Ball. Of course, it was on January 20, 1993, the same day as the "other" inaugural ball. Those attending helped make history. It was a good time, no, a great time. The atmosphere at the Downtown Grounds, Omaha's newest coffee house added to the festive flavor. Some of Omaha's best entertainment helped kick off the celebration. Special performances by Dee R. lifted the spirits and started the evening of celebration. Thanks Dee and Abi Touchstone. The infamous River City Mixed Chorus gave an encore performance after having returned from the best concert ever. I swear they never sounded better. John Bennet has tapped into the real soul of the Chorus. Thanks to all of you. The evening rocked and rolled with the disc spinning talent of Andre and A&M Music. Sorry everyone in Omaha wasn't able to experience your bubbles and generous talent. Thanks, Andre! The staff-SUPERB!! Refreshments from Cafe Lydia and Garry (2Rs) G. filled us up. Special thanks for the Clinton Cake!! I'm sure he will be impressed.

Has this sounded like a thank you? It is, thanks to all of you who did brave the "dark and stormy night." We really made it happen. We raised about \$130.00 for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. I sent the money thinking them for the work they do in our (the Nebraska lesbian and gay community) behalf. It was a night filled with excellent speeches by Dick

Brown, Dustin, Peri Jude Radecic, and others. The real intent of the evening was to continue the work we, as a Community, have begun. We elected Clinton and Hoagland, and now we must make them work for us.

President Clinton needs our support. He needs our letters, phone calls and telegrams telling him we support him and we believe in him and his promise to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. I understand the "right" has deluged D.C. with opposing views, views saying that we gays and lesbians do not deserve the same equal rights to serve our country. Do YOU really believe this? If not, then call, write, show your support. I mentioned Hoagland. It shows that representative Hoagland is 'waffling' in his support of lifting the ban. YOU need to contact his office in D.C. or in Omaha telling him it was because of our 10% that he was elected. We must make him accountable! Exon and Kerrey look to be supportive, but they, too, are receiving mail opposing the lifting of the ban (100 to 1 against). Have you called? Have you written your letter(s)? DO IT AGAIN!!!! DO IT NOW!!!!

I know this sounds real soap boxy, but the truth is, we are so close now, maybe there is a light at the end of a tunnel. Maybe we will have our civil rights in the next four years. MAYBE!! That is a very ugly word. You must not sit on the Clinton/Gore victory. You must take every opportunity to make yourselves heard and seen.

Please, I ask you, if not for ourselves, then for the lesbians and gays who will follow us. Wouldn't it be nice if they had an easier time that you did, than I did? Please write today.

MILESTONES REMEMBERED AS

THE NEW VOICE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

by Sandy Vopalka

As a past editor of *The New Voice*, I am very proud to see the beginning of the ninth year of publication. I was a student working with the Gay and Lesbian Student Group at Nebraska Wesleyan University when I first learned of *The New Voice*. At that time to get an article submitted, you had to know the "right" people or know someone who knew someone. Things have changed a great deal since 1984.

For me there are two milestones when I reflect back on *The New Voice*. First, I remember the first "Wimmin's Issue," and I had my first photo on the cover. Secondly, there was "The Lawsuit." *The New Voice* was sued by a small town weekly or maybe bi-weekly newspaper, because it was believed that people would confuse the two publications and not be able to tell them apart. I still have a framed copy of my first cover and know the name of that small town.

These are only two of the many milestones that are a part of *The New Voice's* history. There have been a variety of people who have been a part of the *Life of The New Voice*. Most of the participants who played a role while the magazine was in Lincoln are now gone; some have moved, some have returned to a quieter life, some have died, some are sick, and yet some of us continue to play a part.

No matter where they may be, *The New Voice* has continued to survive. I am not forgetting the people from Omaha who have also worked and given their all. But, remember *The New Voice* has been through highs and lows, thick and thin; much of which would have put most other publications out of business. There have been staff changes, policy changes, cash flow problems, design changes, and the move from Lincoln to Omaha, and *The New Voice* has never missed a month of publication.

I thank everyone who has played a part to make *The New Voice* a reality, to those who continue to keep it a reality, and those to come. *The New Voice* will always be a part of me and I will always be a part of *The New Voice*. Good Luck to All Who Continue to Keep "OUR" *New Voice* Going.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WRITE LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE BAN

Dear Ms. VanHusel:

I don't know if you're aware of it or not, but thousands of letters attempting to dissuade President Clinton from banning discrimination against gays in the military are being written at the request of conservative Catholic and Protestant journals. It occurs to me that your good readers might be interested in writing President Clinton, and other representatives in Washington, in support of gays in the military.

Their letters should be addressed to:

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BOYCOTT COLORADO ANOTHER OPINION

Dear Editor,

I have become convinced that the Boycott Colorado movement is a hasty and self-defeating response to a very real threat.

As everyone must know by now, three of the communities most affected by this boycott—Denver, Boulder, and Aspen—have gay rights ordinances. "They'll just have to sacrifice" is the usual response of boycott supporters, often with the implied accusation that members of these cities (which voted overwhelmingly against Amendment 2) are at fault for not having done even more to stop it.

This is great hindsight, but lousy politics. The fact is, we're hurting our supporters in hopes that a little of the economic pain will trickle down to our opponents. Sound familiar? Trickle-down punishment even goofier than trickle-down economics.

Amendment 2 came about, in large part, as a backlash against the gay rights ordinances in these three cities. A blanket boycott of Colorado sends out a dangerous message: Your support of lesbian and gay rights is now going to cost you.

In a perfect world, voters might flock to vote their conscience, and to hell with their wallet. In the real world, we invite disaster if we start rewarding our supporters with an economic boycott. A targeted boycott, aimed at businesses and cities that support Amendment 2, would be a far smarter approach.

The boycott movement has quickly taken on an aura of political orthodoxy. On this (as on so many other issues), debate should be encouraged, not squelched. Perhaps the time will come when a blanket boycott of Colorado seems like our only response. But it should be a last resort, not a knee-jerk first response.

Sincerely,
Sasha Alyson

CALL WASHINGTON

Dear NVN:

Maybe you are already doing something but we need to counteract the hatred being generated by the religious right toward President Clinton's sensible plan to end the ban on gays serving in the military. Call the capitol operator at 202-224-3121 and she will connect you with Senator Kerrey's office and also Senator Exon's office. Encourage others in Omaha and Lincoln (Statewide) to do the same.

Sincerely,
Keith Jacobson

I'LL MISS YOU—BUT NOT THE PLACE

To Loyal "Panic" Patrons 1983-1993:

A warm thanks goes out to all the customers I've served in the last 10 years! My bartending days have come to an end at "The Panic"! The disrespectful and hypocritical treatment displayed by owner/management toward myself and fellow staff has driven me to bid Good-bye! However, the sole enjoyment for my remaining for the last year or two was the wonderful patrons. I've made some great friends and shared some terrific times with many! I will deeply miss the people which I only chanced meeting there or another gay establishment. I will sincerely miss my wonderful friend "C.J." I can't express enough how much he's come to mean to me! I would like to say thanks to my "comrade", Channing, and to also wish Tommy good luck! I truly feel my loyalty has gone unnoticed and greatly neglected as well as fellow staff.

Additionally, the P.A.L.S. (People and Animals Living and Sharing) Benefit originally scheduled at "The Panic" will have been canceled or at least no involvement will be offered from myself! I cannot bring myself to be a part of this establishment in this event! My dedication to animals is, and always will be, very important to me. Therefore, I will put on the 2nd Annual PALS Benefit Auction/Show at "The Precinct" on March 18th from 7-11pm.

Please show your support for abused, neglected, and homeless animals. Second chances are all too rare with animals! Thanks to P.A.L.S. it's possible for some! Thank you, owner management at "The Precinct" for your support this night!

Lastly, I thank my partner, Alisa, for helping me through these last months! I love you!
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUTRAGED AT RELIGIOUS RIGHT

Dear Editor,

I am absolutely livid. A very dear friend said to me on the way to the theatre yesterday, "Honey, you will not believe the letter... no, the trash I received in the mail today. Oh, I'm so damned mad I could just scream!"

Barb, a wonderful, loving, vocal grandmother showed me a form letter that was sent to her and her husband (copy enclosed). It sent my blood boiling as I read the absolutely medieval tripe concerning "militant homosexual special interest groups" and their endeavors for "SPECIAL RIGHTS" and [the homosexual's] wish of "OPPRESSING RELIGION." This letter equates Gay and Lesbian Rights Initiatives with the abolition of religious freedoms and government intervention into free speech.

This letter, sent by one John W. Whitehead from an organization called the Rutherford Institute also includes pre-addressed forms and postage paid envelopes so that one may simply sign a name to a form letter that will be sent directly to President Clinton and House Speaker Foley warning that "as tax paying citizens, we will not tolerate homosexual 'special rights.'"

This person and the organization are preaching the politics of hate and I feel that as tax paying citizens, we must not simply sit back in a cloud of anonymity and rationalize that someone will come to our rescue.

If we do not make our voices heard and heard NOW, this fear-mongered rabble will go unchecked.

We must take it upon ourselves to call our representatives at the local, state, and federal level and let them know that this intolerance of our brother's and sisters will not be acceptable.

For the first time in American Political History, gays and lesbians are empowering themselves and taking an active role in the way the future of this country is being shaped. We cannot and must not let oppression and intolerance reign.

We must act, and we must act now.

Sincerely,
Thomas Bertino

Editor's Note: Following are excerpts from the letter published by The Rutherford Institute.

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My name is John Whitehead. I am an attorney and president of the Rutherford Institute, a non-profit, civil liberties organization specializing in the defense of our religious freedoms.

I need you to immediately sign and return the enclosed RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PETITIONS which are made out in your name.....

...But please hurry — they need to hear from you as soon as possible — before any more "anti-religion" laws or regulations are voted on — and more of our freedoms are lost.

But, first, let me share some encouraging news with you...

With the help of concerned friends like you, we are standing up to the powerful homosexual lobby demanding "special rights" that you and I don't have — and we are making a difference.

*After the Rutherford Institute forwarded over 13,000 signed petitions to state governors, state officials began to take notice. In a case filed by our attorney, the state of Hawaii agreed that it would be unconstitutional to enforce a newly enacted "gay rights" statute against churches.

*After we sent over 23,000 signed petitions to the governor of New Jersey and other states, New Jersey officials realized we meant business. State officials said, in a case filed by Rutherford Institute attorneys, that for the time being... they would NOT enforce any portion of that state's "sexual orientation" law against churches. (This case has been appealed.)

The point is: YOUR INFLUENCE AND PETITIONS DO WORK!

But even as we celebrate these victories... I fear that the "war" for our religious freedoms is just beginning. That is why it is critical that our highest elected officials regularly hear from us on important issues — like "special homosexual rights."

Here are just some recent events that concern me:

*In a current lawsuit, a homosexual is using "gay rights" legislation as a reason to sue the Boy Scouts, who expelled the man when they found out he was a practicing homosexual. This case shows that homosexuals will use this law to sue groups that refuse to accept them. Are churches and elementary schools next? Under intense political pressure from the powerful homosexual

political lobby, the Congress is considering legislation that would revise federal civil rights laws. If passed, this new legislation would make it illegal for churches and other religious groups to "discriminate" against homosexual in their hiring practices.

Activist homosexuals are rapidly gaining political power in their quest for "special rights"... It is already illegal in some cities for Christian landlords to refuse to rent apartments in their own homes to homosexuals.

Unless you and I take a firm stand today, I also fear that our churches, religious ministries, and even families will lose their right to even speak their minds about homosexuality.

...to stand against such forces, these [political] leaders must be convinced that the vast majority of citizens to DO NOT SUPPORT "special rights" for homosexuals...

Homosexuals already enjoy the same rights and equal protection under the law as everyone else... AND THEY CERTAINLY DON'T NEED NEW CIVIL "RIGHTS" THAT WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST RELIGIOUS CITIZENS IN AMERICA!

If you want to protect your religious freedoms, and make sure your children and grandchildren enjoy these same freedoms before it is too late... please make your statement today...

Sincerely,
John W. Whitehead

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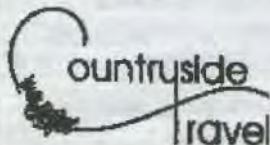
To The New Voice:

Mentally, well-adjusted of all sexes and situations take ownership for their own feelings and thoughts and accept the fact that other individuals have different needs for their own welfare and sanity as well as that of others. This is true within the gay community as well as the community as a whole.

Roger Bryant Demarest

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"NO" ON RANDALL TERRY, "NO" ON PAUL CAMERON, "YES" ON COMING OUT

Dear Editor and Readers of NVN,

Many people from both sides of the abortion issue have been surprised by my statements regarding Randall Terry, founder of Operation Rescue because I have been supportive of groups like "Missionaries to the PreBorn" and was spokesperson for "Rescue the Heartland."

I have stated Randall Terry is to the Right to Life Movement what Malcolm X was to the Civil Rights Movement. Once you get him off his main topic he is a political extremist but that is a lame description. The media and public don't seem to realize that Operation Rescue was reorganized and is now run by Keith Tucci as Operation Rescue National. Few seem to realize that Randall Terry has been shunned by many pro-rescue people because of questionable behavior. Allegedly, he removed women from decision making positions in Operation Rescue offending many. Randall Terry apparently has some decision making capacity with Operation Rescue National and the Christian Defense Coalition. The Christian Defense Coalition is headed by Rev. Patrick Mahoney, a pacifist.

What is disturbing is what Randall Terry said in a speech in Omaha recently. His references to homosexuals bears no arguments and causes me to speculate that he is a homophobic latent homosexual himself. Few people would engage in such mockery as to call gays "Sodomites" and say "I'm here, I'm NOT queer, get used to it, dear!" His speech teetered on advocating a totalitarian government and a religious war. Theocracy? I don't know how when he so blatantly abuses quotes from the Bible. Yet Randall Terry has a radio show which can be heard on Omaha's Christian radio. Homophobia is bad enough without Randall Terry.

When Nebraska Right to Life had its rally, a few dozen anti-abortion people gawked at the UNL gay and lesbian billboard display in the Student Union. Several comments were made about a pamphlet on gays and the Bible. I was surprised by this rude behavior of gawking. The billboard was brought to the attention of Lincoln's Catholic Bishop who was present at the time.

This is no reason to hide and shudder in a closet. Come out of your closet if you can. As for those already out of the closet, I hope you will

remind friends and family to speak out against homophobia and in favor of gay rights as I have. Remind them that YOUR life is on the line.

A local homophobic threat is seen in the anti-free expression groups of Omaha for Decency and Citizens for Traditional Community Values. A shock to the politically correct and the religious right, this pro-lifer defended Madonna's book at a library board meeting. During the proceedings a woman complained about a magazine her son found in the library and gave a copy to the board members. It was *Christopher Street*.

This shines a spotlight on a need to reform Nebraska's "obscenity" laws which make homosexual pornography "obscene" thus illegal. Please note that *Christopher Street* isn't legal.

I am stunned, even hurt that the Library has gay publications such as *The Advocate*, *Christopher Street*, and *The New Voice* while stores which offer gay and lesbian and even bisexual books don't carry the publications. How come? Could it be Nebraska's porn law? Why is this matter so important?

First, because the gay community needs visibility but secondly everything else is expensive. Tack the word gay on anything and the price seems to jump 20%. It's true with just about anything and the only thing cheap is a magazine. Now are people supposed to come out of the closet without some support to do so? Reading material which expresses and confirms your own feelings helps people take action.

Paul Cameron and his Family Research Institute (which was quoted by Coloradans for Family Values as saying gays only represent 3% of the population) was quoted in *Newsweek's* February 15, 1993 article on "How Many Gays Are There?"

Paul Cameron was dropped from membership in the American Psychological Association because of unethical conduct. In 1984, the Nebraska Psychological Association formally disassociated itself from Cameron. In 1986, the American Sociological Association condemned Cameron for "consistent misrepresentation of sociological research." Noted researchers Alan Bell and Dr. A. Nicholas Groth have spoken out against Cameron's distortion of their own work. Cameron's response to the AIDS crisis called for

a quarantine of all homosexuals and facial tattoos for identification.

Finally, for those of you rattling your knees in the closet because of the wave of anti-gay activism, as a writer I can tell you, you might be overreacting. The most positive response I have received on anything I have written occurred when I wrote an article in favor of lifting the ban on gays in the military. No negative response and two favorable letters. One heterosexual couple with two small children, who live in Colorado Springs, sent a Christmas card of their family and friends. Enclosed was a letter calling for a boycott of Colorado, and photo with the couple wearing shirts saying "Boycott Colorado."

From the eccentric,
Andrew Sullivan

WHAT I REALLY THINK ABOUT BILL CLINTON

Dear NVN:

Hello, my name is James Drake, and I'm a homosexual. But that is not the issue here, the issue is Bill Clinton. Our newly elected President of the United States.

Well it has been several days, since Clinton was elected President, and believe me. I wish that it would have never happened!

Sure, he says that he's going to back gays and lesbians, not only in civilian life, but in military life as well. How do we know that he is? We don't!

Clinton already knows how legislations and Congress works, remember he was once a governor.

We the gays and lesbians of the United States, have put some of our money, to get Clinton into the White House.

Therefore he owes us something, something to show us that he's gonna do something. But he's not, because Congress is going to over-ride all his decisions!

People are so damn gullible, promises can be broken, wake up and smell the roses people. It isn't gonna do a damn bit of good, to sit around and wait to see what Bill Clinton is going to do!

When someone says that they're going to do something, and does it, that's one thing. But when someone says that they're going to do something and hasn't already done it, that is another thing.

And I believe that Bill Clinton isn't going to do a damn thing!

Everybody is going to wonder why they didn't listen to me, especially when it's too late!

When I really wasn't trying to argue, I was trying to get a point across. That Bill Clinton is not for us, he is for himself.

This is also why I'm not a registered voter. Why?

What's the use of wasting my time on stupidity, when I can be doing something for gays and lesbians of my community myself!

This is what I think about Bill Clinton, and everyone's entitled to voice their own opinion. Right!

James Drake

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HIV INFECTION: A Game of Tag?

By Rodney Shuey

What are some of the pitfalls that gay men in their twenties face as they struggle through their coming out experience and seek to find a self-identity which they can love and respect, and protect from HIV. Personally, I realize that I became infected with HIV not because of a lack of knowledge on the use of a condom but the subconscious and cultural atmosphere that entwines our lives as young gay men.

The following is a candid look at some of the factors that played a part in my becoming infected in my early twenties.

1. Positive self image?

Society has given young gay men a self-image problem that they need to address. Until they come to love, respect, and see value in their lives, how earnestly will they seek to protect those lives from HIV?

2. Drugs and alcohol?

We must, of course, acknowledge that drugs and alcohol reduce inhibitions and in some instances allow us to attain higher sexual impulses. Use or not of these substances is not my question, but realizing the inability to make rational, safer sex decisions while under their influence. Looking back, many times I repositioned my own personal boundaries after a few drinks, a hit of poppers, etc., etc., etc.

3. Control in the bedroom?

Top-bottom and passive-aggressive describe the giving and taking of control in the bedroom.

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When you're being passive physically, are you also being passive mentally, allowing your partner control in making decisions on safer sex practices? Too many "tops" think that as long as they are not on the receiving end the risk of HIV infection is minimal, and therefore many express less concern at instituting safer sex practices in such encounters.

4. Risk?

Subconsciously, risk can be a sexual exhilarator. Is it possible that putting oneself at risk for HIV can also add to this subconscious sexual excitement?

5. Pornography?

Pornography has a profound impact in gay men's culture and their sexual practices in the bedroom. Only recently have video fantasies started to introduce safer sex practices. What is the effect of stimulating ourselves with video and pictorial images, having intercourse, etc. without using a condom? HIV is reality and seldom rears its head in fantasy.

6. Practically prepared?

Simply put, if condoms and lubricant are not available where and when sexual activity is going to take place, it can't be used. Condoms and lubricant in a bed side table is a great idea, but are you also having sex in places like cars, parks, locker rooms, hotels, etc., etc.? In the heat of passion, if these items are not readily accessible, will you proceed without?

7. Strangers?

In one night stands we certainly have no emotional ties, so how can we expect our partners to have deep concern for our safety? In reality, it is often every man for himself. Assume everybody's HIV positive. Remember, the world has its share of weirdoes. Imagine being on the receiving end of anal intercourse with someone you met only hours before and agreeing for them not to use a condom by saying, "Just don't come in me."

8. Invincibility?

I'm very surprised at how many gay men I meet for which I am the first person they have known to acknowledge that he has HIV/AIDS. So often the things we see in the headlines and on television never directly impact our lives in a personal way. Only when a person realizes the real potential for this virus to infect their life will they act accordingly. For those of us who are infected, by stepping out of that closet we allow others to take it from the headlines into their hearts.

9. Oral sex debate.

Are most gay men using condoms while having oral sex? No! Why? Let's look at some theories. "Well, as long as he doesn't ejaculate in my mouth, I'm OK. If I'm having oral sex performed on me, I'm OK. If I don't see any precome, what's the problem? Besides it doesn't feel as good, and what's exciting about putting latex in your mouth anyway? If it's lubricated, it tastes terrible. What's all that powder on it?"

Do I have the answers? Not completely. Are we being infected through oral sex? The debate rages on.

10. Love and emotions.

Have we as gay men learned to separate our sexual selves from our emotional selves? Do we therefore use different guidelines and rationale when it comes to making decisions in emotional

and spiritual matters than we do when it comes to our sexual lives?

11. Disclosure?

Is it OK to ask the other person, "Are you HIV positive?" Would you tell the truth if somebody asked you? Do you even know? How long ago were they tested? How many sexual partners have they had since? Is there such a thing as one hundred per cent safe? Do they have a responsibility to inform me of their status? By their silence do they imply that they are OK? What about the theory to treat everyone as HIV positive and act accordingly? Our culture has yet to define a moral and ethical responsibility that has been accepted as the norm when it comes to HIV disclosure. The best thing I can say is don't risk your life on it.

12. Male ego.

We as men in this society have been encouraged to think the more the merrier when it comes to the conquest of sexual partners. Need I say more about how HIV rides on the coat tails of this idea?

13. Condom breakage?

Do they break? Yes! I've had two incidents in the past eight years. One of the flaws in usage that I have seen most is thinking that a thin latex condom will last through a half an hour or more of vigorous use.

14. Sexual addiction?

What is it? How many of us are willing to compromise safety factors in order to satisfy momentary wants? A therapist sympathetic to gay concerns could be helpful in addressing this, therefore gaining control over possible HIV infection.

15. Our forefathers.

As young gay men in society, who is helping us set our boundaries when it comes to our sexual practices? Our biological fathers? In most cases, no. Our fathers have a difficult time dealing with our sexual identity, let alone having graphic discussions about our sexual practices. We must then turn to gay men in the decades who preceded us. Are they being shining examples to teach the way? In most cases, no. HIV didn't necessarily exist in the world of their youth.

16. To test or not.

A worst case scenario. "I haven't practiced safer sex consistently in the past, maybe I'm already infected? I don't want to know. I'll continue taking risks while keeping my fingers crossed."

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REDISCOVERY

by Scott Lowther

Much has been written about the beauty of finding love, dating, establishing a joint household with our beloved, choosing monogamy over an open relationship, and legal problems unique to gay couples. Unfortunately, although a fact of life, we hear little about how to cope with the loss of someone significant to us. It's as if there is a "Code of Silence" which directs otherwise rational, caring individuals to cope with this excruciating pain in solitude and seclusion.

Well-wishing friends and relatives tell us to cheer up, stop thinking about him/her, or they choose our feelings for us. The truth is that everyone experiences loss at some time in our lives. Whether this loss occurs as a result of a death, the end of a love-affair, or in some other form, there is commonality in the emotional upheaval we experience.

Thankfully, our minds allow us to deal with no more emotional pain than we can handle at any particular time. We progress through the stages of grief by experiencing both progressions and regressions. These stages begin with **shock** which is often identified by the numbing effect it exhibits. The second stage is **denial**, known by the "This can't be happening" syndrome. Next is the **anger** stage which is probably the longest lasting of the five stages. **Bargaining** is next. It is during this time when we try to make a deal with our ex-partner to come back to us, or with God to let us see our loved one once again. The final stage is **acceptance**. When we reach acceptance we are finally able to deal with the reality of the situation, forgive, let go, and move forward with our own lives.

Keep in mind that the length of time required to grieve varies, depending upon the importance of the loss and the grieving person's willingness to focus on the healing process. During this process it is important to allow ourselves all the time necessary to feel the pain, experience the loss and what it means to us, and to seek the support of others with wisdom and similar experience. In the case of a relationship ending, two partners may grieve at different rates since their perspectives and experiences will, undoubtedly, not be identical.

Common symptoms of grief are to feel sluggish, require much more sleep than usual, forgetfulness, irritability, loss of sex drive, appetite, and fear. Let's face it, ... this fear includes wondering whether we'll love or be loved again, how we'll juggle any potential financial problems that this loss has created, whether our friends will continue as friends in view of this new single status, and the list goes on. It's O.K. to feel any of these feelings and a myriad of others. What's not all right is to decide we can't handle the pain and choose alcohol/drug abuse, addictions to sex, or violence as coping mechanism. And, regarding the question of suicide - keep it a question. It's not really the answer.

If we realize this process is normal, universal, and finite in nature, perhaps we'll fear it just a little bit less. We can turn to friends, develop new interests, redecorate the apartment, start working out, and make new choices about what we want for ourselves in the future. In my experiences, every grief experience has allowed me to grow and to move forward to something more wonderful than I thought possible before.

There are no shortcuts through grief. We can't work around it - only through it. Likewise, there are no rules in our culture about how to grieve or how long it should last. I do, however, have one rule I would suggest. I have experienced the pain of loss more than once in my life. In one instance this pain came as a complete surprise as

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dishonesty and deceit. In another, the end came after mutual discussion, consent, and an honest exchange of feelings. We agreed to love each other enough to allow both of us to move forward in life in order to find our respective ideals of happiness. In this case, honesty was the key. Have experienced both honesty and deceit in a break-up, I high recommend honesty, and I love and respect that individual for that wonderful gift.

Nature is replete with beginnings and endings. It is the way of things. Learning to deal with loss is at least as important as learning to deal with romance because it is in loss that we truly experience growth and the beautiful gifts we received from another.

Love, live, and lose, but know well you will survive and you will love and be loved again. It is nature's gift.

It will never be the same.
I will never be the same.

You came
We loved.
You left.

I will survive until I survive.

And one day, I will
find
myself alive again.

And another day,
another's path will
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And yet another day
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It is not the same.

by Peter McWilliams

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Pastor Bob,

I need to give you feedback about comments I heard in the December 17 U S WEST Finance Pluralism meeting. Your comment regarding "perverted homosexual child molesters" was a homophobic, bigoted statement that perpetuates hatred. Obviously you have not studied the facts of child molesters or you would know that 95% of all child molesters are white men who are trusted by the family. In fact, many clergy members are known pedophiles as is being witnessed by the men now speaking out about Catholic priests molesting them as young boys.

I was appalled and sickened by your statements. As an "out lesbian", I find your remarks totally uncalled for and believe that you are perpetuating hatred against gays and lesbians in the name of religion.

The food you accepted was in part because of gays and lesbians in the workplace donating to the Open Door Mission. Toys are donated to the Open Door, but I will be sure to tell all my gay and lesbian friends to find another outlet for their giving and sharing. Obviously, you do not value us as people, so there is NO reason to share and give to your organization.

In the future I would suggest that you consider the words you use as ten percent of the population is gay/lesbian and you just never know who you will offend. How do you treat gays and lesbians that come to the shelter? Are they also blatantly discriminated against because of your bias?

Your comments about women needing men to have a home was also a slap in the face for many women including myself. I do NOT need a man in my life in order to have a home. Many single parent homes are running just fine without the influence of a man. Perhaps you should rethink the generation you are speaking to. This is no longer 1967, when you can make sexist, homophobic comments and expect that no one will speak up to tell you that this is unacceptable behavior.

In pride
Sharon McCartney

(NOTE: This letter was written in response to Pastor Bob comments after accepting 5100 cans of food from Finance at U S WEST. Following is the letter I received from Pastor Bob. Two years ago EAGLE, a U S WEST Resource Group, did a coat drive for the homeless and Pat Phalen took the donations to Open Door Mission. They were promptly thrown on the floor as if they did not appreciate the donations. So perhaps we could all donate to another homeless center that would appreciate us as gays/lesbians.)

Dear Sharon,

Thank you, so very much, for your letter of constructive criticism of December 21, 1992.

I do appreciate constructive criticism, however, I do want to exercise the privilege of correcting your observation, at least in part.

My words were "I abhor homosexuals and heterosexuals who prey upon little children." I am fully aware that there are more children being molested by heterosexuals than by homosexuals. I am also aware that nearly 100% of those who do molest little children have, themselves, been victims of incest. At the Open Door Mission and

the Lydia House, we aggressively reach out to both the victims and the perpetrators to the best of our ability. Over the years, we have had many perpetrators of incest within our 12 month, live-in, rehabilitation program and we do everything we can to get them the proper counsel. At the present time, I have a friend (a former pastor) who is in the Iowa State Prison. He was convicted of molesting a little boy in the Council Bluffs area. While I abhor what he did (he was married at the time) and while I hate the sin, I love the sinner.

Sharon, I do not agree with your figure of "10% of the population is gay/lesbian." I am sure that you know that many studies have been done other than the Kinsey Report which indicates the gay/lesbian population to be 3% or less.

In the long run, I am not particularly concerned about how many people there are in any category in any survey. I am far more concerned about the person—that they are presented with God's everlasting and redeeming love. This would apply to people who are "up and out" as well as the "down and out."

The policy at the Open Door Mission and the Lydia House is that we accept anyone into our

transient program and rehabilitation program who simply "cry out for help". We do have a policy that prohibits any heterosexual (outside of marriage) or homosexual behavior. We are convinced that a shelter for the homeless is not the place for a person to find a mate, regardless of their sexual preference.

I pray that the above observations only serve to win or earn your friendship and respect. We may not agree on numerous things in life, but I hope we can ban together in our demonstration of compassion and love for the homeless. I may interest you to know that just over 50% of the homeless who are being sheltered in the Omaha area are being sheltered at the Open Door Mission/Lydia House. Evidently, we must be doing something right. I believe they sense the love of God and the compassion that springs from that love and they want to be in our two shelters.

I would be happy to pursue this with you in the future and especially if you think we could find some common ground wherein you will not "tell all my gay and lesbian friends to find another outlet for their giving and sharing."

Yours for the homeless,
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A SINGLE PINK TRIANGLE

by Herb King

When I'm not wearing a button promoting some political cause or candidate, I often wear an enameled pin consisting of a pink triangle pointing down, superimposed upon a yellow triangle pointing up forming a six-pointed Star of David. The pink triangle is a symbolic reminder of the brutal treatment of thousands of homosexual men by the Nazis during the Holocaust. While today many Gay men and Lesbians perceive the pink triangle as a symbol of pride, its origin as a symbol of oppression and torture should never be

forgotten.

If you are in your 20s, 30s, or 40s, the Holocaust may seem like ancient history, and it may be difficult to conceive of six million Jews, and as many as four million others, being deliberately murdered by a modern, civilized society such as Germany. To visualize the enormity of this, imagine the entire population of a city larger than Los Angeles being slaughtered.

In April, 1993, a museum is scheduled to open in Washington, DC as memorial to this

episode of people's inhumanity to their fellow human beings. The museum will include a display of artifacts, documents, and other materials. Its purpose is educational—to bear perpetual witness to the horrors of this Holocaust, in the hope that such a horror will never recur.

Homosexuals were the most vulnerable and least mourned victims of the Holocaust. Perhaps the chief reason for this is that we are, even now, a mostly hidden and "closeted" segment of the population. The fate of German Gay men was complicated by the fact that homosexuality had been a crime there since 1871, though the law was seldom enforced, and a liberal atmosphere prevailed after World War I. It was then that what may be history's "Gay Liberation" movement had been founded in Germany by Magnus Hirschfeld. In spite of its illegal status, this movement slowly gained ground until the Nazi takeover in 1933. (Editor's note: The movement had actually gained official government acceptance, which allowed men to "register" and be allowed to cross-dress. This registration list ultimately led to the annihilation of what is estimated to be near 500,000 homosexuals under Nazi rule.)

The Nazis viewed homosexuality as degeneracy which undermined the super-masculine ideal of the Aryan man, and in 1935 even more stringent laws went well beyond the penalty of mere imprisonment to include compulsory sterilizations, usually in the form of castration.

Continuing homophobia has actually suppressed the record and evidence of the slaughter of homosexuals during the Holocaust, resulting in a very incomplete history of the war against Gays. The Holocaust Museum has had very limited success in gathering historic materials on this group.

To date, the museum collection includes a lone pink triangle patch, found by a U. S. Army soldier during the liberation of the concentration camp at Dachau. The Museum's Oral History Department has taped two interviews with Gay survivors, and the Photo Archives has obtained a few photos of homosexuals, to be included in the exhibits. The Museum Archives has obtained some police records of roundups and arrests of Gays in two German cities.

If you, or anyone you know, has material on homosexual victims of Nazism, and would be willing to make it available to the Museum, or if you know of someone who witnessed the persecution of Gays during this period, your help would be of great importance both to the Museum and to the cause of proper recognition of Gays during this period your help would be of great importance to the Museum and to the cause of proper recognition of the fate of Gays during the Nazi era.

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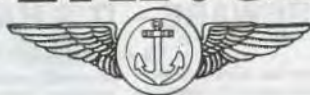
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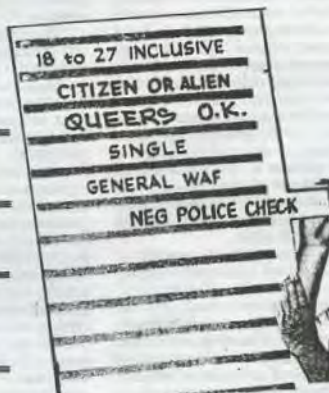
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BEWARE— IT'S HAPPENING EVERYWHERE

By Jeanine Wittcke, an Oregon EAGLE member

The state of Oregon has been a pressure cooker in the months leading up to the November 3rd election, because of the show-down regarding anti-gay Measure 9. Measure 9 is an outgrowth of earlier events in Oregon. In 1988, the OCA (Oregon Citizens Alliance, an ultra right fundamentalist group) sponsored Ballot Measure 9, which overturned then governor Neil Goldschmidt's executive order banning discrimination against state employees based on sexual orientation. In 1991 the city of Springfield passed a municipal ordinance similar to Colorado's Amendment 2. The OCA had the same measure in other municipal elections, but it failed. Through the state's initiative process, although it took two attempts, the OCA was able to get Measure 9 on the ballot.

Following is the summary in our voters' pamphlet (the largest ever in Oregon) regarding Measure 9:

Amends Oregon Constitution. All governments in Oregon may not use their monies or properties to promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism, or masochism. All levels of government, including public education systems, must assist in setting a standard for Oregon's youth which recognizes that these "behaviors" are "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse" and that they are to be discouraged and avoided. State may not recognize

this conduct under "sexual orientation" or "sexual preference" labels, nor through "quotas, minority status, affirmative action or through similar concepts."

The OCA wanted to include necrophilia in this proscription also, but the state would not allow that.

Under the explanatory section of the measure this was elaborated further—the citizens have a right to challenge governmental promotion, encouragement or facilitation of homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism and masochism. Some examples of what would be challenged are the expenditure of public funds either directly or through the free use of government property for sensitivity training that would include gays and lesbians in its focus, for rallies or parades, such as the Gay Pride Celebration and March, and lastly, the employment in government, including public schools, any individual whose primary job duties place him or her in direct and regular contact with children or youth if that person publicly promotes or facilitates homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism or masochism. This gives an idea of the extent to which the OCA is willing to go to pursue their mean-spirited ideals.

The OCA followed this up with statewide distribution of a video edited to show "sensational" excerpts from Gay Pride marches in Washington D.C. and San Francisco. I hear the Traditional

Family Value group in Colorado used the same video. The OCA also blanketed parts of the state with newsletters that attempted to tie in homosexuality with pedophilia, stories of how homosexuals are trying to recruit young people and how the schools promote homosexuality.

I'd like to share with you some of the events during the time of Measure 9, some tragic, some enlightening, some absurd and some just plain crazy.

In September the home of a black lesbian and her white male gay roommate in Salem was fire-bombed. Both were killed. The suspects in the case are two white supremacists and two of their friends.

A lesbian woman was assaulted at an OCA function by an OCA official. She had been invited to attend, although the OCA had not been aware of her sexual orientation. The case went to trial and the OCA official was found guilty and ordered to pay \$30,000 in restitution. The OCA is appealing this decision.

There were break-ins at one of the groups opposing the ballot measure, at Portland's Metropolitan Community Church and at a Catholic church, where graffiti was spray painted denouncing various minority groups.

Along with this terrible stuff going on were wonderful things too. All of the major candidates from Oregon, regardless of political affiliation

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came out against Measure 9. U S WEST and other large businesses were supportive. U S WEST had a statement in the Voter's Pamphlet. Many professional organizations placed ads in the newspapers opposing Measure 9. The Catholic Archdiocese of Portland, the Ecumenical Ministries of Portland (17 different denominations), NAFLA (North American Fat Ladies Association), some Hollywood folks (Roseanne and Tom Arnold), Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood, AFL-CIO, other organizations and tens of thousands of individuals made contributions to local PACs opposing Measure 9. Governor Bill Clinton sent a telegram to be read at a "No on Nine" rally in late October urging his supporters to vote against the measure. One evening on my job as an operator I spent what seemed like several minutes with an inebriated customer who made absolutely no sense—but he finished up his unintelligible conversation with me by saying "And I'm going to vote no on 9!" He wasn't such a bad customer after all.

Button collectors were in heaven at this time and I guess that includes me, because I would be "color coordinated" with whatever I was wearing. Buttons came in various colors, shapes and sayings. The most popular one perhaps was a triangle-shaped button with various rainbow stripes on it that said "No on 9". My favorite was one that said, "The OCA is abnormal and perverse". Buttons were great conversation starters—in Seattle for Gay Pride as well as at the

National Operators' conference held in Seattle. An operator from Wisconsin attending the Conference vowed to start a "Straight but not Narrow" group in her area.

Many lawn and other signs dotted businesses and neighborhoods. A favorite in my areas was a sign done in calligraphy: "JOIN THE CULTURAL ELITE—Vote No on 9." All the e's were underlined, at Dan Quayle's expense, no doubt. One street declared itself a "Hate Free Zone" and homes on both sides of the street had personally designed signs.

Sanity could be maintained by volunteering time at one of the PAC offices that were running full steam ahead. Thousands of volunteers participated. Whenever I felt frustrated, down or angry, a stint at the No on 9 office always gave me a lift. A cross section of society was fighting this battle, and they were helping out at various PAC offices.

One day at the No on 9 office, I listened with interest as two gay men were reading some OCA propaganda that supposedly was defining certain words that are used in gay culture. These men were laughing because most of these "gay specific" terms were ones that they had never heard before! Also in this OCA literature was a copy of "The Homosexual Manifesto." These guys hadn't heard of that either. Isn't it curious that the OCA seems to know more about homosexuals than homosexuals do?

Since politicians in Oregon were loudly and publicly opposing Measure 9 or remaining silent, the OCA brought in some folks from other states. One was Representative William Dannemeyer of California. He came to a Yes on Nine dinner and fundraiser. He informed the good people of Oregon that Lon Mabon, the head of the OCA "isn't just a man, he's a leader." Reverend Shelton, of California's religious right stated that the churches in Oregon that opposed Measure 9 were a bunch of "half-baked Christians" who "don't accept the Bible as the word of God."

One of the most spectacular ads in the *Oregonian*, our local newspaper was a list of about 1700 people's names (evidently the majority half-baked Christians) listed by their religious denominations who opposed Measure 9.

The ballot measure generated a lot of media attention, both nationally and internationally. About two weeks before the election there were journalists from Japan, Scandinavia and the United Kingdom trying to make sense of the crazy senselessness going on in Oregon. On a local television talk show one woman declared that she had proof that the mafia was closely tied to the gay community!

Election Day was a quiet day for most. Police beefed up patrols and had extra security

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IN THE NAME OF GOD THAT IS LOVE

by Richard K. Smith, PLWA

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In the name of God that is love,
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In the name of God that is love,
They exclude us from their spiritual worship.
In the name of God that is love,
They suddenly expel us from loving family relationships.
In the name of God that is love,
They insist our community means nothing.
In the name of God that is love,
They prevent us from legally marrying.
In the name of God that is love,
They deny the multitude of gifts of creativity we have freely given the world in so many areas.
In the name of God that is love,
They attempt to legislate discrimination against us.
In the name of God that is love,
They reject us in every way, while many of us experience depression and substance abuse.
In the name of God that is love,
They steal our children and say we are unfit parents.
In the name of God that is love,
They decide we are unfit to defend our country, and even after we have proven them wrong they expel us, with our metals and decorations.
In the name of God that is love,
Many believe we should be condemned to death.
In the name of God that is love,
They accuse us of being psychotic and perverted.
In the name of God that is love,
They laugh as the suicide rate among our youth soars.
In the name of God that is love,
They keep us from reaching out to our youth to protect them.
In the name of God that is love,
They attack us physically wounding, maiming and killing us.
In the name of God that is love,
They lose all sense of compassion and love and turn into vicious beasts.
In the name of God that is love,
They judge, "It's God's punishment," as the horror of AIDS devastates us.
In the name of God that is love,
They say, "Let AIDS kill all the faggots."

And I become introspective,

And I think these things,

And I wonder - WHERE IS THE LOVE?

PHIL

by Mike Logan

I'm sorry about the brouhaha
Over my move to Omaha.
When I'm feeling blue,
Life's not worth a candle
Since I left the Panhandle.
But, I'll always remember you
Sitting tall in the saddle
Driving your mangy cattle.

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at the No on 9 office as well as at the OCA headquarters. The OCA had set up a road block on the property leading to their office building. All people entering the building were frisked by a metal detector wand and the OCA officials all wore flack jackets. Both sides on the campaign issue received death threats. It's been very ugly.

I spent election day canvassing people to get out the vote, and driving my van, covered with No on 9 signs, filled with people around a couple sections of Portland that would be our equivalent of Castro or Greenwich Village. We honked, yelled and hand out signs, bumper stickers and buttons. People smiled, yelled and were pleased to see us, except for one man who we thought might pop a gasket yelling at us. One mail carrier came up to the van and said, "I'm one of you!"

Oregon election results were not announced until 8:00 p.m. I attended the victory party for the No on 9 Campaign at Montgomery Park, an old Montgomery Ward building now revitalized in the form of conference areas with a wonderful atrium. Gail Shibley, an openly gay lesbian State Representative had her victory party at the same location. When the results started coming in, the floor actually shook from everyone's excitement. The early results were 75% to 25% against the measure. As the evening wore on, the percentage changed to a less overwhelming win. The final results were 57% to 43%. Ellen Lowe, the Ecumenical Ministries Chairperson and the spokesperson for No on 9 Campaign stated that now is the time for both sides to try to find common ground and begin to heal. Lon Mabon, the OCA Chair said, "Yeah, yeah, yeah. We're going to retool and be back again, maybe using something like what passed in Colorado." The joy of victory lasted only a few hours.

I am afraid of the religious right. They are a damned mighty political force that cannot be underestimated. They have a political agenda that puts us on the top of the iceberg, but there are other areas in which they are dangerous too. Stopping women's right to choose and the separation of Church and State; reintroducing prayer in school and teaching the Judeo-Christian story of evolution are a few of their goals.

A tremendous coalition was built in Oregon over the last year. Maintaining the support of those groups is what is needed to get not "special rights" but equal rights for gays and lesbians. What can we in Oregon do to give support to folks in Colorado or wherever else the religious right starts to attempt to deny people their rights?

The final victories might have to come through the courts.

LITTLE HOUSES

I had a little doll house
I put Bessie and Jeanna inside
They had a sort of frown on
But I made them sleep tight

I built a little sandcastle
With the scattered sands of the beach
I put a little flag on top
For all the different people

I had a tiny doghouse
Where Angel slept in the night
When Mommy and Daddy fought
I used to crawl with her inside

I kept up a quiet aquarium
Where my goldfish glowed with glee
And I used to wonder if I could breathe water
If I could too be free

I carefully built a card house
Stacking them one upon another
The king and queen hiding
Beneath the joker's cover

I climbed into the clubhouse
And saw the sign "NO GIRLS."
And wondered why I wasn't happy
Living in a little boy's world

On Sunday I went to God's house
And I learned that I was bad
For loving a boy's beauty
And I became very sad

On Monday I went to the schoolhouse
With brown brick and burning bell
Shrieking at me that I was late
And must learn to be like everybody else

Then I went to a house of books
And found The Little Prince's ways
That taught me to be a man of my own
And find someone that I might tame

So built back my house of cards
And I tried to crawl inside
But the little house fell over
And I lay down and cried

-Elmore

YOUR KISS

The last thing I thought of
When I went to sleep
The first thing I thought of
When I woke up today
Was your kiss good-bye.

-Bear

SO I'M A KID

I have my toys to be a kid
So I'm a 26 year old kid
My boats, planes and guns
All can't hurt
I've tried to grow up
But it was costly be hurt like hell
With my toys I can regress
Like a kid at recess
As an adult it's too
Many headaches and heartbreaks.
So let me play and be a kid,
You can play too, just don't
ask me to grow up.

-Bear

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 Super Busch Beer Busts 5-10pm \$1.00 / 25¢ refills
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 Longest Gay Happy-Hour in Town 3pm-10pm / 50¢ well Jars
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Sun	MON	Tues	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
28 Febr. TODD'S RAVE REVUE Show 9pm-12am KAMA KAZISE	1 MARCH Busts → Jose Q	2 Jagger Shots Pool 8pm	3 Southern Comfort	4 Jack Daniels	5 Slow-Screw weekends Uni Form - Party 6pm-mid WEEKEND \$1.25 well Soft draws AFT-HRS AFT-HRS	
7 The New Run Bar open-SUMMITS AIBS-BENEFITS ANITAS New Show 9pm	8 Jose & Busts →	9 \$50.00+ Pool T. 8pm	10 So. Comfort Busts →	11 JACK DANIELS Busts →	12 ST. PATRICK'S WEEK FREE Key Beer 6pm-12mid DONATION to m.c.c. Food P. 3 CANS Food P. 200 8 8	13
14 (JAIL-OPEN) 6pm-CL ST PAT'S WK Free Key Beer m.c.c. Food Party 6pm-mid	15 Free* Keg Beer 6pm-mid. DONATION m.c.c. 3cans/25¢ ST. PAT'S	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY Free Beer ALL DAY 2pm-mid Donat 3cans/25¢ m.c.c. Food P.	18 R/R	19 WET-SHEEY SHIRTS 1100pm CONTEST, m.c.c. \$100 Kegger CL. Top prize	20 Jagger Party (Prizes)!! 10pm-CL
21 mells 'Spring Fling' SHOW 9pm The New Run Jail 6pm-CL	22 JOE & Busts →	23 STEVE'S Surprise B-day (6pm-mid) Party (mid) Over-the-Hill DONATION 2cans Food or 250 m.c.c. Food P.	24 So. Comfort Busts →	25 JAIL DAN. Busts →	26 SPIN THE BOTTLE Party Prizes, Fun 10pm-CL	27 SACK-OFF CONTEST \$100-kegger 10pm-CL
28 Miss M.R. RAN Down SHOW 9pm STEPPING JAIL 6pm	29 JOE & Busts →	30 pool T. \$50+ 8pm	31 So. Comfort Busts →	1 April Fools Party 6am-mid Free Beer	2 "BEST-Erection" 2-DAY CONTEST (10pm-CL) FINALS SAT (10-CL)	3

10 YRS OF AFTER-HOURS-Dancing w/cover Free pop (No Alcohol Allowed) Coffee
 FRI & SAT LATE NITE (1:35am-4am)

"LIVE" MUSIC w/ NEW D.J. FRI-SAT-Sun NITES 10pm-CL "HOT NEW MUSIC"
 IS IT YOUR B-DAY? → "Free Keg of Beer-See Terry for Details!!"
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 \$50.00+ CASH. Pool Tournaments → Sun Nites / Tues Nites 6pm-CL 8pm-CL
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 **ADD 25¢ for Juice

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BEDSIDE COMPANIONS

Essex Hemphill, cultural activist and editor of the critically acclaimed collection, *Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men*, invites submissions to be considered for *Bedside Companions*, his forthcoming anthology of short-fiction by Black gay men. Building upon the ground-breaking work of Joseph Beam's *In the Life* (1968), Marlon Riggs' *Tongues Untied* (1989), and *Brother to Brother* (1991), *Bedside Companions* continues to challenge the invisibility and silences that surround the lives and experiences of Black gay men. At a time when we are facing AIDS, violence, and other destructive issues within our communities, *Bedside Companions* seeks to offer hope and healing and a renewal of faith in ourselves.

Bedside Companions aims to chart territory beyond the coming-out stories and the political treatises on racism. This anthology intends to more closely examine home, friendship, family—immediate and extended—lovers, "brothers," and the impact life's joys and sorrows have upon these relationships. *Bedside Companions* seeks to acknowledge and affirm the ways Black gay men support, sustain, and love one another through these critical times.

If you are a witness to the truth that Black gay men are taking care of their own, your submissions

of up to two (2) pieces of your very best short fiction (including novel-excerpts) are strongly encouraged. There are no concerns about explicit, graphic language. You should, however, adhere to the following guidelines:

Each piece of short fiction (10-20 pages in length) should be submitted in duplicate with a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). Submissions lacking an SASE can not be returned. A short biography, no longer than a paragraph, should accompany all submissions. No poems, essays, entire novels, plays/play-excerpts please. **No simultaneous submissions.** No gratuitous sex, violence, misogyny, or sexism will be considered. Black gay artists interested in submitting art work for the anthology's cover and inside illustrations are encouraged to send up to six (6) slides, clearly numbered and identified, with a short biography and an SASE. Again, those submissions lacking an SASE can not be returned. Slides for the cover be both in color and in black and white. Slides for illustrations inside the book should only be in black and white. Please send original, unpublished submissions with an SASE to: Essex Hemphill, Anthology 1993, 401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Santa Monica, California 90401-1455. The closing deadline for all submissions, short fiction and art work, is June 1, 1993.

CHANGE DOWN UNDER

Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating last week did what Bill Clinton has vowed to do. He lifted the ban on homosexuals in the military.

U. S. News's Viva Hardigg asked Brig. Adrian D'Hage, Australia's chief military spokesman, how the action is being received. His reply:

The returned services leagues (veterans groups) are all up in arms. The defense force saw the disadvantages toward command and unit cohesion and morale. But at the end of the day, the defense service salutes the flag. If the government says, "Go north," we go north. You can't have the situation you have in some countries, where the military controls what goes on, or you finish up with anarchy.

I don't think there will be a great influx of homosexuals into the armed forces. Our new unacceptable behavior policy still allows an officer to dismiss a homosexual for offensive behavior—but not because he or she is of that sexual preference. The same rules apply for heterosexuals. Some examples of unwelcome behavior are spreading rumors regarding a colleague's sexual life, public discussion of sexual activities, derogatory remarks to a colleague regarding his or her sexual appeal and indiscreet sexual relationships between a superior and a subordinate that result in damage to unit cohesion. Commanders in the field will lay down some very clear guidelines about what happens if there is a breach of code concerning homosexuals. Poofter-(faggot) bashing will not be tolerated.

Certainly with the combat units, there is a bit of macho mateship, an it will take time before this policy is totally accepted. But the image of the bronzed Australian is mostly mythology. We're pretty normal people down here. We may come from the bottom of the world, but we're not all like that movie of Hogan with the big knife. We're not all like Crocodile Dundee, I've got to tell you.

-Omaha World Herald

FAR RIGHT

TARGETS 12 STATES

Conservative organizations in at least 12 states have announced plans to pursue Colorado-style anti-gay initiatives this year or next. With the aid of the Oregon Citizens Alliance and Colorado for Family Values (the groups responsible for last year's anti-gay referendum in those two states), "family values" groups are targeting the following states: Michigan, Idaho, Ohio, Washington, Montana, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, California, Maine, Georgia, and again in Oregon.

NGLTF has initiated a Fight the Right campaign to coordinate efforts in providing technical, organizing and media assistance to lesbian and gay activists and their supporters battling the proposed initiatives. Scot Nakagawa, an organizer on the successful NO on 9 campaign in Oregon, has joined the NGLTF staff as Fight the Right organizer. (Scot will be based in Oregon). NGLTF will also update the Fight the Right organizing manual in March, with tips on how to battle the Far Right in your local community.

For assistance and to update NGLTF on right-wing organizing in your area, contact Scot Nakagawa, NGLTF, 522 SW 5th Ave., Suite 1375, Portland, OR 97204; (503)221-0115. For a copy of the Fight the Right manual, contact NGLTF Public Information Manager Robin Kane at NGLTF in March.

RSVP'S SEASPIRIT BEGINS SEASON IN CARIBBEAN

On December 19, 1992, history was made when the first Gay owned and operated cruise ship, the M/V SeaSpirit began its inaugural season in the Caribbean. The SeaSpirit is operated by RSVP Travel Productions, Inc.

The 102 passenger SeaSpirit has undergone complete renovation and features new interiors, state-of-the-art video/TV monitors in each cabin, an exhaustive video library, a new fantail lounge, and a floating sports deck with wind-surfers, paddle boats, banana boats, sail boats and snorkeling gear. The primarily Gay staff and crew fill every position on this Am. flag ship.

Innovative passenger services aboard the SeaSpirit include a cashless credit system; a sports package which allows passengers unlimited use of sports deck equipment for a nominal charge; built-in hair dryers, ironing boards and irons, and binoculars in each cabin; outdoor dining one evening each week; single seating dining for dinner; and picnic baskets to take to the beach.

The SeaSpirit departs St. Thomas every Saturday through April 3, 1993 for 7-day cruises to the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. This summer, beginning July 3, she'll traverse between New York and Boston on 7-day "town and country" cruises visiting Newport, New Bedford, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Provincetown. Special interest cruises are also available, including Women Only weeks, Single Men's weeks and Leather weeks on both winter and summer itineraries.

RSVP has run Gay cruise charters since 1986, and sailed over 25,000 passengers on 30 ships in the Caribbean, Mexican Riviera, Alaska and the Mediterranean. SeaSpirit and RSVP Cruises are available exclusively through travel agents.

INTERNATIONAL MS LEATHER CONTEST

The 7th annual International Ms Leather Contest is happening Saturday, March 20th in San Francisco. You can purchase your tickets with Mastercard or Visa by calling Stormy Leather at 415-626-1672 or by sending a check or money order (made out to IMSL, Inc.) for \$20 per ticket to our address at 2215-R Market Street, #450, San Francisco, CA 94114. That's \$10 per ticket less than last year! Tickets can be picked up at the club entrance on the day of the Contest.

This year's Contest should prove to be a landmark event. We'd very much like to offer a special invitation to the younger women and men in and on the fringe of the Leather Community to assist us by volunteering time, energy, and experience or by just showing up and having a really good time.

Our current International Ms Leather, Blair, has done an outstanding job. She raised lots of money, not only for IMSL but, for many mixed cultural, AIDS, and other local and national organizations. Her opportunities to travel and meet people of all backgrounds and philosophies will make 1992 a year to remember.

The '93 Contest weekend will line up as follows:

Friday 3/19 S.F. Eagle Press Party; Beer/Soda Bust 7:00-8:00 pm-Press only; 8:00-11:00pm-Meet the contestants. Saturday 3/20 Club Towns:End 7th Annual IMSL Contest 3:00-11:00pm-The Contest followed by dancing for everyone. Sunday 3/21 (at.....?) "No-Host" Brunch 10:00am-2:00pm Good-bye to Blair. Welcome '93 IMSL.

So that's it! You've got the info to plan your 1993 IMSL weekend. We all look forward to seeing you here in San Francisco and joining us in selecting the 7th International Ms Leather.

AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

HIV TESTING*

*We urge you to inquire about anonymity & confidentiality before testing.

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

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

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

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept, 2200 St
Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 (402) 471-8065
All test site at Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tuesday

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

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

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

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

**Nebraska Department of Health, Norfolk
Regional Ctr,** Admin Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

AIDS Support Group, Sponsored by Parents/
Friends of Lesbians & Gays-Lincoln (PFLAG),
Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437

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

Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group,
Meets 1st Monday of each month. For more
info, phone Barb (308) 234-8183.

Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243

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

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

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

LEGAL

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

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

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

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*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

HIV Clinic, Univ of NE Medical Center, 600
S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6681

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project
[statewide] (800) 782-AIDS [2437]
Omaha Office: 3624 Leavenworth, 68105
342-4233 AIDS Hotline, HIV testing, AIDS
awareness, practical support, counseling
Lincoln Office: (402) 474-4243
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 234-8183

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAMES PROJECT ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board of directors of the NAMES Project Foundation announced the selection of Anthony Turney as its new Executive Director. Turney, 55, has over 20 years experience directing non-profit organizations. He is a former Deputy Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts (1979-87), Administrative Director for the San Francisco Opera (1987-89) and Executive Director for the Dance Theatre of Harlem (1989-91).

Selected after a nationwide search conducted by Korn/Ferry International, Turney will begin work immediately. Founded in 1987, the NAMES Project Foundation raises funds for and awareness about AIDS and HIV, primarily through worldwide displays of the giant AIDS Memorial Quilt.

"Anthony Turney is the skillful, strong and caring individual needed to continue the vital mission of the NAMES Project at this important crossroads in the AIDS pandemic," said Board President Geoffrey Woolley. "Because of the NAMES Project's highly-visible role in the field of AIDS awareness, we looked beyond the necessity for someone with proven talent in administration to the need for someone who could help lead a movement toward further education, understanding and compassion regarding AIDS issues."

"I am extremely honored and gratified by my selection," said Turney. "On a very personal level, I know and understand the healing power that comes from making a memorial panel for a loved one. That opportunity must always be available to anyone, for as long as this pandemic continues. Our challenge is to explore other uses for the Quilt which will be equally as powerful. The NAMES Project has tremendous potential for the education and enlightenment of young people on AIDS issues."

For more information on the NAMES Project Foundation, please call 415-863-5511 or write 2362 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

AIDS ACTIVISTS APPLAUD REDEFINITION OF DISEASE

The Centers for Disease Control plan to expand the definition of AIDS to include three additional ailments: invasive cervical cancer, recurrent pneumonia, and pulmonary tuberculosis. A total of 80,000 new AIDS cases were anticipated in 1993 under the existing definition, but the new definition would add several thousand. Expanding the definition could qualify many more people for disability and other benefits. This prompted some groups, such as the National Association of People with AIDS, to oppose the change, fearing it would create a battle for AIDS treatment dollars. But CDC officials stress their definition is a surveillance tool, not intended to determine any type of insurance or federal benefits.

LOCAL NEWS

LEFT OF CENTER

Left of Center, a subscription supported publication, premieres this March in five major markets: Minneapolis/St. Paul, Kansas City, Oklahoma City/Tulsa, Memphis, and Omaha/Des Moines. "We are definitely targeting the midwest," said Bryan R. Feuerhelm, editor. Feuerhelm is also the publisher of *The Progress Tribune*, the Gay and Lesbian newspaper in South Dakota. "The Gay publications which have recently surfaced are sick, but they appeal to a younger, more coastal readership. *Left of Center* appeals to the sensibilities of the Gay midwesterner."

The first issue features the story of a young woman who, after finding herself with no place else to turn, seeks refuge in a homeless shelter. From there she is asked to leave because she is a Lesbian. (Ed. note: This story was originally published in the December 1992 issue of *The New Voice of Nebraska*.)

"It's a raw, honest account, told in her own words," said Feuerhelm.

Other articles support *Left of Center's* regional boast: cuisine from Oklahoma City, satire from Minnesota, and commentary from Memphis.

"Middle Americans, Gay middle Americans, are bread and butter, hard working, no-nonsense folks. I'd like *Left of Center* to speak directly to them...The best we can do is shine a spotlight on ordinary individuals and the extraordinary circumstances in their lives. The voices in *Left of Center* will reflect that spectrum."

Anyone interested in receiving a free issue can send their name and address to *Left of Center*, P.O. Box 88812, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Subscriptions cost \$15 per year.

LITN NEWSLETTER

The LITN (Lesbian Teacher Network) is a grass roots organization of about 500 women, mostly from the US and Canada, but also representing several countries around the world.

The network began forming about 5-6 years ago, primarily through workshops at the Michigan's Womyn's Festival. In these workshops, we meet to share our lives as lesbian teachers from various countries, teaching levels and subject areas. We continue to grow yearly, not only through our connection with the Michigan Festival, but also through word of mouth and developing connections with other gay and lesbian networks and organizations.

As we continue to grow, we look for more ways to share information and support among our membership. One way we stay connected all year round is through the network newsletter published four-five times a year and mailed discreetly in a white business envelope. Teachers interested in participating are asked to commit themselves to sending something for the newsletter at least once this year. It could be a note about yourself, what you do, problems as a lesbian teacher, successes, coming out stories, events in your area, poetry, essays, book reviews, clippings from other mailings you receive, cartoons, artwork—**WHATEVER!!**

We want to hear from us as many as we can. We want to feel the strength of all of us and each of us in all of us. To subscribe send a \$5-\$10 donation (more if you can) to LITN, 66 Lakeside Dr., N.E., Solon, IA 52333.

THE COURT IS IN SESSION: THE IMPERIAL COURT

by Joe "Mama" Reed

Mark those calendars for March 14 at The MAX. The Prince, Princess and Lady Royals: Royal, Melissa, and Marie, will be presenting, Snoball, a one-of-a-kind show: "SNO ON 2." Starting time is 9:30; you won't want to miss it. Proceeds from the show will go to benefit the PWA Scholarship Fund for the March on Washington, CLIP—a group in Colorado working to overturn Amendment 2—, the Women's Emergency Assistance Fund (in Lincoln), and ICON. Come join us for what promises to be a spectacular show!

Applications for 1993-94 (Reign Thirteen) Emperor, Empress, and Athena are in the bars now. Application fee is now \$50 (nonrefundable). Think about how much fun you could be having on our June cruise—plus all the friends you would make between now and then and during the next year if you were selected as a Monarch of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. Pick up that application form—today. We invite all interested parties to join us for our next meeting, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX.

Do you have your calendars marked for June 18, 19, 20 yet? The cruise ship is still scheduled for arrival on the 18 with a 6:30 prompt departure on the 19, according to our cruise directors: Steve, Phoenix, and Tami. So get out and start shopping for those special outfits now and plan on cruising with "Elegance and Champagne Aboard the U.S.S. Nebraska." The Monarchs have received letters from our mayor and governor welcoming our out-of-town guests to the gala cruise. Rumor has it Hawaiian court members will be attending. They join the ranks of 12-13 other courts who are currently planning to attend.

ICON wishes warm congratulations to Amanda Foxx as the new Miss MAX. (I was going to try out, but...)

Coming in April: Closet Ball! Applications are in the bars. April 18 will be a night to remember. So get into those closets and grab that gown. Fill out your application form, and we'll

see you at The MAX for a night of nights.

Our Empress, Phoenix Fallentino has been at it again. Traveling, traveling, traveling! She, along with Royal B., Gerald B., W.C., Jennifer Jett, Sybil, and me, cut through the fog all the way up to Minneapolis for their very first Coronation. It was a weekend of fun, which started with cocktails and ended with cocktails—fun, fun, fun. Phoenix was the Mistress of Ceremonies—she even had to change characters for a moment when the minister didn't show up for the myocation. Imagine—the Most Reverend Miss Phoenix Fallentino. She was awesome! Of course, we had to end the weekend with an Omaha salute. We initiated Miss Julie, the Empress of the Twin Cities, into the OOGA BOOGA Club—funny!

Meanwhile, the same weekend, Emperor Steve was in Houston representing the great state of Nebraska at Houston's Coronation IX, "Tara Meets Bourbon Street: An Evening of Southern Decadence." Emperor Steve served as an emcee at this celebration of The Royal, sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star. Pitypat Magnolia Sugarbaker Snow sent a special message to ICON in her program letter, "Jagermeister Forever! I don't know how you girls drink that motor oil. All my brothers, I love you!"

Phoenix, along with another clan of performers—Jennifer Jett, Sammi Bennett, Birdie LaRue, to name a few—and, of course, Royal B. traveled to Colorado Springs for a benefit put on by the Midwest girls. The monies raised (and the monies donated by many of you) went to groups such as Ground Zero, who are involved in overturning Amendment 2. Great job, Phoenix and company!

To all of you monarchs, I say "Hats off! Keep up the great work representing our state."

Well, that's all for this month. Remember our board meetings are open to the public. You can always write us to offer your ideas, comments, or questions: ICON, P.O. Box 3722, Omaha, NE 68102. We will get back to you soon. See you at SNO ON 2!

LB 819 SETS UP HIV TEST SITES/MANDATORY REPORTING

By Panic Staff

Tim Timmons of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department says provisions for anonymous and free test sites is provided for under LB 819, which is scheduled for public hearing on March 10, 1993. Mr. Timmons encourages input from all concerned parties.

The legislative bill will establish and administer a statewide AIDS program for providing education, prevention, detection, and counseling services to protect the public health. LB 819 will require health care providers and laboratories to receive written informed consent prior to confidential screening for the HIV virus; this will provide protection of the public from having an HIV test performed without knowledge or consent. Exceptions would be medical emergencies when consent cannot be given or withheld, or in the case of making an anatomical gift. HIV would become a reportable disease under LB 819 when testing is performed on an informed consent basis. Positive HIV test results would have to be reported to the State Health Department with identifiers, where such

information would become privileged and would not be subject to public disclosure. All reporting by the State Health Department to the CDC, or used in scientific analysis would be done in such a manner as to ensure anonymity. However, the bill does allow to the official state and local health departments of other states "reports and notifications, including sufficient identification and information so as to ensure that investigations as deemed necessary are made." Persons violating any of the provisions of the new law would be guilty of a Class III Misdemeanor.

Timmons cited the provisions in LB 819 for providing free and anonymous test sites as one of the bill's strong points, as this would allow the public to seek testing without the fear of having a name attached to the test. However, he does believe that making HIV a reportable disease, when testing is done on an informed consent basis, will allow for more accurate information concerning HIV. Presently only AIDS cases are reported, not those infected with HIV.

LOCAL NEWS



Dizzy and Luci D



Stormy Marquis and Fantasia

GREATER NEBRASKA

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska hosted a Gala Event February 13, including dancing, entertainment, pizza, and fun!

The event, produced by GLAGN President, Morris Motis, featured performers new to the stage along with the talents of "Old Timers." The Emcee for the evening was Dwayne P., appearing as the fabulous Fantasia. Performers included Steve S., appearing as Dizzy, Luci D., Carla and Sharon, Dwayne P. appearing as Stormy Marquis and Bill doing stand up comedy as Rhonda R.

55 attended the event which was held in the Community Service Building of the Adams County Fair Grounds. In a gesture of support and good will, Titan Security donated the security services for the evening (a \$55 value) and the Adams County Agricultural Society donated the

use of building (a \$125 value).

Morris Motis commented on the evening, saying, "I couldn't have done it without the community. It was an outstanding show and I give a lot of credit to those who performed and those who attended. Those who didn't attend, missed an event of a life time. We are still extending our arms to Omaha and Lincoln and hope to see more of them join us for our events."

On March 20 GLAGN will host a Country Western Dance at Isaac Walton League near Grand Island. This event will be non-alcoholic with a \$3 admittance for the public, voting members of GLAGN free. The doors will open about 7:30 p.m. and the dance will end at about 12:30. For directions or for more information, call (308) 236-8610.

CLUB 2001

By Peaches La Rhuue

January 17th, Club 2001 hosted "Snowball 1993" a fund raiser for P.W.A. and LINK-ON, where we raised \$160 divided between the organizations. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres were served, donated by 2001. Entertainment was provided by Tasha, Lafayette, and a newcomer to Lincoln from Des Moines, Rachael Richards. A heart felt thank you goes out to those "Ladies of the Evening!" Also to Rick Swaink for being the speaker for LINK-ON! Thanks girls!! Be sure to look for our "Field of Flowers '93" coming in the spring.

On January 23rd, Club 2001 took to the highways to pursue the night life of K.C.! Sixteen people joined in to tear up Kansas City. The trip started from 2001 where a pre-trip party started at 10:30 a.m. to see us off. Well, with Gary West and Larry D. driving, and a stop in Syracuse, Nebraska (what a lovely town) we make it to K.C. in no time. After checking in to our rooms, Peaches and Tasha's room automatically became the hospitality suite. We all met downstairs in the Coral Room Restaurant in the luxurious Howard Johnson in beautiful and hospitable Kansas City, where we enjoyed a steak and shrimp dinner (be careful biting into that shrimp, Gary) with cocktails. Then we began our journey to not one, not two, but eight bars. After the night of bar hopping and wife and husband searching, we all

ended up back at Peaches' and Tasha's room, along with about 60-70 other people! I just wish we knew the name of the guy who ended up in Tasha's bed and then found himself in the lobby on a luggage cart. We finally arose on Sunday morning to begin heading back to Nebraska. The trip was concluded by a welcome home party at 2001 where we all proceeded to die! What a night!! There will be another two day journey being planned in June, so keep posted.

On to March: The Rocky Horror Picture Show Party is on March 7 with a costume contest, cash prizes, the movie, and food!! So grab your rice and brown your toast because no Rocky Horror Show would be complete without props! The show begins at 9:30pm. The next week, the Omaha Dream Girls, Kendra, along with Kathy Kline, a former Miss Gay Midwest and Miss Gay Missouri, and Omaha's own Lady Shawn, take to the stage at Club 2001!! Showtime--10pm. Truly a night to remember, girlfriend! On March 21st, Club 2001 will host a good old fashioned country hoe down. So get your boots polished and country attire ready for the Achey Breaky Dance Contest!! And of course, on March 28th the final Amateur Strip Night before the semi-finals that are to be held in April. Also girls, sorry, but because the month of March is so short we have moved the "Miss Club 2001" to April. So keep posted!!

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

At the close of week 24 of bowling, City Lickers holds first place by ten games, but Ernie's Bookstore has moved up from sixth place to edge Running Rebels out of second place on pin count. Both teams have won 104 games. Eight Balls is close upon their heels, having won 103 games.

There is a tie for men's high scratch game between Terry Finck and Darwyn Buechler. Both bowled a 278. Bill Boren holds down third with 275. Terry Finck also edged out Darwin Buechler for the high men's scratch series (684 and 673, respectively). They are followed by Dwight Wages with 663. Men's high average is held by Terry Finck (197), followed by Darwyn Buechler (189.9) and Joe Bloemer (186.3).

Lisa Broadway still has women's high scratch game with 234 and third high game (154). Norma Nelson has second high game (225), series (569) and average (161.8). E. Mueller has third high women's game (224), high women's series (575), and high average (169.8). Cheryl Christensen has third high women's series (549).

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

Noteworthy individual performances during week 24 included Darwyn Buechler tying the high game of 278. Second high men's scratch game for the week goes to Daryl Karlsson who bowled a 229. Terry Finck had high men's series for the week with 655, followed by Daryl Karlsson with 642. Sharon Garrett took high women's game and series for the week with a 185 and 517. Lisa Broadway had the week's second high game with a 180 and Norma Nelson had the second high series for the week with 480. Bowlers scoring well above average included Darryl Karlsson (138 pins over average), Mickey Barns (115 over), Sharon Garrett (79 over), and Roberta Jensen (35 over).

Complete standings are as follows:

	Won	Lost
1. City Lickers	114	47
2. Ernie's Bookstore	104	57
3. Running Rebels	104	57
4. Eight Balls	103	58
5. Stosh's Saloon	99	62
6. DC's	91	70
7. Enterprise Rent-a-car	90	71
8. Gilligan's Pub 2	88	73
9. Delivery Boys	87	74
10. Church Ladies	86	75
11. Gilligan's 1	85	76
12. Fashion Police	84.5	76.5
13. Stosh's Saloon Outlaws	82	79
14. D.C. Babes	75	86
15. Dorothy's Friends	72	89
16. Wild Boys	71.5	89.5
17. Gay Caballero's	68	93
18. Maximum Force One	68	93
19. 3 Guys & a Babe	68	93
20. Jokers	66	95
21. DC's II	45	116
22. Vacancy	20	141

LOCAL NEWS

WHAT IS LB 395?

LB 395, introduced in the Nebraska State Legislature by State Senator Tim Hall, would prohibit discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. The bill is expected to go before the Business and Labor Committee within the next few weeks. Following is a policy brief produced by Citizens For Equal Protection regarding this legislation.

1. WHAT ARE WE REQUESTING?

Your vote in favor of LB 395 which amends the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Sexual orientation is defined as having an orientation for heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality, having a history of such an orientation, or being identified with such an orientation. Sexual orientation shall not include transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments, or any other sexual behavior disorders.

We are not requesting special rights. The right to get and keep a job based on merit is not a special right. This legislation does not promote quotas or affirmative action.

Lesbian and gay Nebraskans seek the same legal protection from discrimination that is now extended to other individuals who have historically been denied equal opportunity to employment.

Employers are free under this bill to hire and fire employees based on their qualifications and job performance.

2. WHO NEEDS THIS BILL?

One hundred fifty thousand Nebraskans are gay, lesbian, and bisexual by most estimates.

We are women and men of every age, who live in every community and work in every occupation. We belong to every ethnic and religious group. Your neighbor, co-worker, or family member - someone you love - may be gay, lesbian or bisexual without your knowing it.

It is not only gay and lesbian Americans who need this bill. When people lose their jobs through discrimination or are harassed, their families suffer and the whole community loses. And, there is discrimination against people who are thought to be gay, lesbian, or bisexual, whether they are or not.

3. WHY IS THIS BILL NEEDED?

There is currently no legal recourse in most parts of the country for people who face discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation. Results from 21 local discrimination surveys reveal that between 16 and 44 percent of the respondents faced some form of discrimination in employment due to sexual orientation - this included being fired, not hired, not promoted, getting harassed and fearing reprisals if their sexual orientation were known. (Source: "Survey Results on Discrimination Against Lesbians and Gay Men." NGLTF Policy Institute, 1992)

When gay, lesbian, and bisexual people face discrimination, just like discrimination by race, sex, or religion, they are not judged as individuals but as part of a group. They are not judged by their job performance but by an extraneous fact. The perceived connection between their private lives and their jobs is based on erroneous stereotypes. And the consequences can be severe.

This bill does not require anyone to approve

of how anyone else lives their private life. Likewise, federal law forbids discrimination on the grounds of religion, but it does not require anyone to endorse someone's religion. This bill is based on the principle that Americans can work and live together despite their differences.

4. IS THERE ANY PRECEDENT FOR SUCH A LAW?

There is growing recognition of the need for legal protection of gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals from discrimination. Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia have outlawed discrimination based on sexual orientation. Similar laws are in effect in over 100 cities and counties in every part of the country, including Pittsburgh, St. Paul, and New Orleans.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has a policy which states: "It is the policy of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln not to discriminate on the basis of sex, age, handicap, race, color, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation." Some other businesses in Nebraska which do not discriminate based on sexual orientation are U.S. WEST and Bryan Memorial Hospital.

Many major corporations have included sexual orientation in their fair employment policies. These include DuPont, IBM, Western Union, A T & T, Apple Computers, Lotus Computers, General Mills, Ford, and General Motors.

Labor Unions have also taken a stand against discrimination. In 1983, the AFL-CIO passed a resolution protesting any personnel actions taken against any worker merely on the basis of sexual orientation. Other unions endorsing this stand are American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Service Employees International Union, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees.

5. WHAT RELIGIOUS SUPPORT IS THERE FOR THIS BILL?

Many major American denominations affirm that discrimination against gay and lesbian people is wrong. These include the National Council of Churches (representing 32 Protestant and Orthodox denominations), the United Methodist Church, The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the United Church of Christ, The Central Conference of American Rabbis, The Presbyterian Church USA, the National Federation of Priests' Councils, the Episcopal Church USA, the National Coalition of American Nuns, the Religious Society of Friends, and the National Assembly of Religious Women.

6. WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF THIS BILL IF IT IS PASSED?

Sexual orientation anti-discrimination statutes are a cost effective means of eliminating discriminatory practices that are harmful not only to individuals, but also to our economy as a whole. A study done at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University looked at the states of Wisconsin and Massachusetts who have had these laws the longest period of time.

In Wisconsin in 1991 only one of 1600 employers had been subject to a discrimination

complaint. And of 7,072 total discrimination charges filed, only 100 or 1.1% were based on sexual orientation. The number of employers affected in Massachusetts was one in 1000 and the percentage of all cases filed that involved sexual orientation was 1.9%. Of the Massachusetts cases, 90% were closed before they reached the public hearing stage or were moved to another forum.

The city of Ames, Iowa passed this legislation in June 1991. One year later, City Manager Sheila Lundt reported four formal complaints filed, with three of those under investigation. Complaints have come from both the heterosexual and homosexual community.

7. WHY SHOULD THIS BILL BE SUPPORTED?

Most Americans believe discrimination is wrong. One poll showed that 80% of Americans agree that gay, lesbian, and bisexual Americans should have equal job opportunities (Penn & Schoen, 1991). Another poll showed that 71% believe job discrimination is wrong (Newsweek, 1992).

Economic models of discrimination also indicate that there are costs associated with discrimination such as training costs to replace terminated employees, undermined employee morale, and decreased labor supply.

Once, biased attitudes against African Americans, Jews, women, and other minorities reigned in the country unchecked and discrimination against these groups was widespread. Many people, including many legislators, privately voiced their support of efforts to end discrimination, but found reason to avoid standing publicly with those being discriminated against. Looking back now, the public inaction served to prolong deeply rooted discriminatory practices that are now widely condemned.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Please contact your State Senator and ask him or her to support LB 395. Personal phone calls and personal letters work best. You can write to your State Senator at:

Senator's Name
District Number
c/o State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

If you would like a free copy of LB 395 or any other legislative bill, call the Bill Room (402) 471-2609.

More On Legislative Issues

Patricia Cain and Jean Love, a lesbian couple who teach at the University of Iowa College of Law, will speak on "Securing Civil Rights For Lesbian and Gays" on Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Student Union, 14th & R Streets, on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

A Free Workshop "Legislative Issues" with speakers from Citizens For Equal Protection, sponsored by Social Action Committee will be held at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, Omaha, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 27. Soup and Sandwiches at 6pm.

LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM THE NEW RUN BAR

By Terry and Mark

The New Run Bar is up to its neck in parties, fundraisers, contests, shows, benefits, and pool tournaments. The goal for The New Run Bar is to stock the MCC Food Pantry until it bursts!! with 7 days of donation opportunities during a 6-day week celebrating St. Patrick's (Day) Week. Starting 6pm, Friday, March 12 thru Wednesday, March 17, 6pm until Midnite St. Patrick's Day, make a donation of 3 cans of food for 6 hours of "free" keg beer. Proceeds to the Food Pantry. On March 23rd, an "Over-the-Hill" Surprise Birthday Party for Steve? So, if your name is Steve with a birthday in March, be here and feed the hungry while we have a few free beers!!

March 5 & 6, Friday and Saturday, is The New Run Bar's "Uniform" Party Weekend. "Anyone wearing Uniform" specials: \$1.00 well drinks and 50 cent draws. Police, military, security is what we have in mind, but if it is really your uniform from work it will qualify. Maybe it'll be COP Nite; "Cop a feeling" at the Uniform Party.

Friday, March 19 - Wet Jockey Short Contest \$100 Keg party as top prize, start at 10 p.m. Saturday, March 20 - Jagger Party - with hats, T-Shirts, prizes 10pm til closing. Friday, March 26 - Spin-the-Bottle Party with T-Shirts, prizes 10 pm to closing. Saturday, March 27 - The Run's Own "Suck Off" Contest Returns (Beer "drinking contest") 10pm with top prize a \$100 Keg Party.

Sunday, The Shows on Sundays in March are: March 9, "Anita's New Show" at 9 p.m.

March 21, Dy' mell's "Spring Fling" at 9 p.m. March 28, The Miss/Mr Run Stepping Down Show at 9 p.m. On Sunday nights from 6pm to closing the New Run Bar's BENEFIT JAIL is open for new prisoners. Jail will benefit AIDS. Put someone you love in the Run's "Glory Hole Jail". \$2.00 will put anyone in jail for "5" minutes, \$3.00 will bail you out....

Music is back live with a new DJ. on Friday, Saturday, Sunday nights, 10pm to close with "Hot Music." Daily Liquor Specials in Ad in "New Voice." Sunday and Tuesday evening the \$50 plus Pool Tournament. Sundays 6pm to close and Tuesdays 8pm to close, Specials are 35 cent Beer Bust, Omaha's only Cocktail Bust 7 times a week and the longest ever (Happy) Gay Hours-3pm to 10pm. Last but not least, 10 years of After Hours continues 1:35am to 4am Friday and Saturday Late Nights Dancing with cover. "Free" Pop and Coffee and great new music.

If you plan a birthday celebration with us, you buy the first keg and we'll buy the second keg. Top That! So, let's party!! See Terry or Mark for details on Contests, Shows, Parties, etc.

Looking A-head (a little pun), April 1st will be a MCC Food Pantry Party - "Free Kegger" 6pm - 12midnite. Friday and Saturday, April 2 & 3, the New Run Bar returns with it's own 2 Day Best Erection Contest with Finale Saturday from 10 to Closing. That's What's Up at The New Run Bar & Disco!

LEV RAPHAEL TO READ AT UNL

The English Department, Women's Studies, and the Research Council of UN-L present Lev Raphael reading from his fiction, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 in the Georgian Suite of the Nebraska Union on Campus of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Lev Raphael, author of *Dancing on Tisha B'Av*, *Winter Eyes*, *Edith Wharton's Prisoners of Shame*, and numerous stories, essays, and contributions to anthologies, is a Lambda Literary Award winner writing out of experiences as the gay son of Holocaust survivors. His fiction has appeared in *Christopher Street*, *Commentary*, *James White Review*, *Midstream*, *Redbook*, and other magazines.

Major funding for this program was provided by the Nebraska Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Co-Sponsors of the reading include Judaic Studies Program, UN-L; Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights; Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG).

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PANIC PARTIES

By Nosey Q

Panic continues a tradition with the 5th Annual Beach Party to be held March 19 and 20. The two day extravaganza brings a sand beach to Panic, replete with palm trees and tropical drinks. This annual bask is always fun!

Linda Mackie and Vicki Clark bring their show to Panic on Sunday, March 7, country sound mixed with comedy. The show is free and an ASL interpreter is provided for the hearing impaired; concert continues on the dance floor after the 7pm show.

The curtain rises on March 12th for the 3 Penny Review. The show is an exciting evening of improv, music and comedy provided by the 3 Penny Cast. The cast includes Beth, Mikki, Channing, and Freida Lae, and special guest Eva Destruction, runner-up for Miss Max 1993. Special music guest will be One Straight Guy, a local jazz and R&B band. Performances start at 9pm and there is a 3 cents cover charge.

Panic's chef will be preparing the house favorite of corned beef and cabbage in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. This famous dish will be served up with the best of Irish drinks on March 17th, 4pm to 8pm, with cocktail specials running all evening. With a proprietress by the name of Kelly it will truly be an Irish day.

CC Rae brings his great talents to Panic on Friday, March 26, performing fabulous impersonations of Pee Wee Herman, Barbara Streisand, and The Church Lady. The 3 Penny Cast will be performing with CC Rae. Showtime for this most fun show is 10pm.

Panic has added new weekly specials, including the wheel of Libations, and Military Maneuvers. As always, a cheap drink is available every night at Panic. Check our daily specials advertised elsewhere in *The New Voice*. Military Maneuvers is Panic's continued campaign to remain active in the gays in the military issue. Come and play military games, wear fatigues, and write your congressmen. Thanks to those who signed the letters provided by the Panic and addressed to the Nebraska Delegation in Washington. Over 500 letters were forwarded to the Nebraska senators and representatives.

Panic welcomes to its bartending staff: Eddy, Dan, and Brad, and to our DJ staff: Ted. Come and meet the finest staff in town, while enjoying your favorite beverage and entertainment revue at Panic.

Coming April 1 will be the variety and comic acts of *Oil the Cuff II: Cuff Link*, performances start at 9pm. And, yes, spring arrives in April!

See You at the Panic during the month of March for it's many traditions.

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LOCAL NEWS

SUPPORT GROUP TAKES NEW PATH TO COMMUNICATION

by RJ

There was a good turnout, for the G/L Support Group. Fifteen turned out and of these 15, two were of the fairer sex! Way to go, ladies, after all, this support group is for you as well. It was swell to see you there!

A new path was taken by the the new co-moderator, who gave a presentation of "communications in a relationship". As he pointed out, only 7% of communication is verbal. The remaining 93% is non-verbal. It is a wonder any of us get along! There is a wide gulf out there in communications. As it was stated in *Cool Hand Luke*, what we have here is a failure to communicate. That 93% of nonverbal language does get down right complex. Much of it, we do, without being aware of it. But we need to be aware of this nonverbal language. We need to understand it's complexities better. There is a lot of space out there, and there is much room for misinterpretation. The misinterpretations can be costly.

Yet, for all it's complexity, we can't just freeze up, and be robots. Sometimes it would be easier, yes. But we are who we are, for a long list

of various reasons. As Popeye the Sailor man said, "I yam who I yam, and that's all I yam." This is pretty much my philosophy, I am who I am, and that is all I am. So, many times, just be who you are, and don't worry about it. After all, God made us like snowflakes, no two alike.

But, at the same time, keep an open mind. This is very important. After all, even the least among us, also have their stories to tell, as well, if only would just listen. We all want to talk, nobody wants to listen. I'm guilty of it. We all are. But I believe, listening is a big part of communications, and listening well.

It was a good evening, an interesting presentation, a warm time of sharing. Won't you come join us, Tuesday evening, for the Gay and Lesbian Support Group? You'll find warmth, acceptance, a friendly, non-threatening atmosphere, and be very welcome.

**Community-wide PRIDE Meeting, Mon., March 8
7:30 p.m. MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St.**

CHORUS NOTES

A Scavenger Hunt on April 3! A Pride Concert on May 22! A Gay/Lesbian Film Festival in June! Plus a handful of "mini-concerts" for community events. Such is life for the River City Mixed Chorus this spring.

With a record 50 singing members on board—including 5 new women—RCMC has a busy time ahead, under the direction of John Bennett. John and former director Jonathan Cole have pushed the bounds of musical excellence for the Chorus, as a packed house at the January concert at Strauss Performing Arts Center. Thanks to the great support from the community...to the hard work by chorus singers and nonsingers...and to fantastic direction by John. Now, on with the show.

Two fund-raisers are coming this spring, including the Chorus's first Scavenger Hunt. Hunt-sters unite! On Saturday, April 3, gather at DC's Bar to register from 2-3 pm. Registration is \$5 per person, with teams of up to 4 people. The Hunt starts and ends at DC's, from 3 pm to 7 pm. Cash prizes go to the winning teams — \$50 for first place and \$25 for second place. For more information, call Harry the Scavenger at 345-7169. More exciting news is that RCMC is putting together plans for Gay/Lesbian Film Festival in Omaha as Part of Pride Month in June. Watch this space for more details.

The RCMC Pride Concert, "Songs of Struggle, Freedom, and Hope" is Saturday, May 22. If January's sellout is any indication, it might be a good idea to contact your favorite Chorus member pretty soon and let him/her know you want a ticket for the May performance. Besides all that, mini-concerts are planned this spring at MCC, the AA Roundup, and the AIDS Memorial Service, among others. RCMC is proud to support its community.

And finally, CONGRATULATIONS to RCMC tenor Joel Cason, crowned Miss Max 1993 last month. Joel had a wonderful news story written about him in Tony Moton's column in the *World-Herald*. Good job, Joel!

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LOCAL NEWS



Mike Spencer and Bob Myers, Kansas City.



We're Frozen - Not Frigid: Ron Deatherage, Mike Spencer, Brian Clevenger, and Bob Myers, Kansas City.

ICE BOWL TOURNAMENT A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

by Daryl Karlsson

The past eight months of dedication and hard work from the various committees of the first annual Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament to be held in Omaha resulted in a very successful bowling tournament over the weekend of February 12-15. Representatives from six other regional gay tournaments participated. The Board Member At Large, Marty Rogers, of the International Gay Bowling Organization also competed in the tournament.

The tournament had 136 competitors from the metropolitan areas of Cincinnati, Decatur, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Lincoln, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Houston, and Santa Monica. The participant totals were Ohio - 1, Illinois - 2, Wisconsin - 2, Minnesota - 25, Iowa - 7, Nebraska - 59, Missouri - 30, Oklahoma - 2, Texas - 7, and California - 1.

Almost \$11,000 was paid out from the prize fund. During the tournament competition there were these events: singles, doubles, and team. The scores of each of these events were combined to form a fourth event call All-events. The top three winners in each of the events receive both cash and trophy.

For the singles competition, the tournament paid cash to the top twenty-six (26) places. The top three winners were a tie for second place with a score of 695; Roy Fry, Oklahoma City, and Paul Hollis, Dallas. The first place winner with a score

of 699 was Ron Deatherage, Kansas City.

For the doubles competition, the tournament paid the top thirteen (13) places. The three highest doubles winners were: in third place with a score of 1300, Debbie Eddings and Dorothy Curtis, Kansas City; second place with a score of 1305, Paul Heavin and Roy Fry, Oklahoma City; and the first place winners with a score of 1317, Bob Myers and Mike Spencer, Kansas City.

For the team competition, the tournament paid the top seven (7) places. The three highest teams were: in third place with a score of 2568, Hannas and Her Sisters, Paul Davidson, Stuart Hannas, Kansas City, Paul Heavin, Roy Fry, Oklahoma City; second place with a score of 2574, City Lickers, Bob, Kevin, Norma, and Joe, Omaha; and first place winners with a score of 2587, We're Frozen - Not Frigid, Mike Spencer, Bob Myers, Brian Clevenger, and Ron Deatherage, Kansas City.

For the combined All-Events, the tournament paid the top twenty-six (26). Finishing in third place with a score of 1982, Gloria Sheer, Santa Monica; second place with a score of 1997, Dean Vanderpool, Omaha; and the first place winners with a score of 2002, Ron Deatherage, Kansas City.

The tournament also paid cash and awarded trophies to the team that placed highest in the combined All-Events. The winner was the team

Pho Hung Lo, Paul Hollis, Mark Parker, Jerry Petrizzo, Dallas, and Dan Cooper, Council Bluffs. These combined scores totaled 7624.

The Tournament also awarded trophies for men's and women's high series-scratch; Tony Wallner, St. Joseph, 701, and Gloria Sheer, Santa Monica, 570, high game with handicap, Mike Spencer, Kansas City, 300, and Geri Vautour, Medicine Lake, 271; high game-scratch, Rick Fancy, Omaha, 268, and Gloria Sheer, Santa Monica, 223; and high series with handicap, Tony Wallner, St. Joseph, 744, and Dorothy Curtis, Kansas City, 677.

The tournament weekend culminated with an impressive banquet, produced by Tom Cech, with exciting entertainment produced by "Budda." The dining hall at the Ramada Inn-Airport had been converted to represent a winter wonderland. Lighted white trees were placed around the room. The presentation stage and trophy display was represented as a snow structure, as was the entertainment stage. The entertainment stage was lighted with a light blue back-drop. The entertainment was designed and did present a variety to please the preferences of all the guests. The entertainers for the evening were Ron Walters, Ron Brown "Veronica", and Clyde McNeal. The audience was stunned and surprised as Veronica made her entrance in a Jeep that drove through an illusion of an ice wall.

All cash and trophy presentations were awarded at the spectacular banquet along with numerous and impressive raffle prizes. New officers for Ice Bowl II were also announced. The new officers are director, Joel Gaub; co-director, E. Mueller; co-director, Scott Rezek; secretary, Scott Hummel; and treasurer, Charley Wade.

The finale of the evening was presented by Carla, of *The New Voice*, as she appeared as Braun Hilda. The fat lady sang and the show was over.

Deep thank-you's are extended to all the persons and businesses that contributed extensive time and money to help make Omaha's first Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament a huge success. The out-of-town guests left impressed after enjoying a competitive and festive week-end. Complete results of the tournament standings have been published and are available from any of the officers.

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LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

Effective January 1, 1993, the Centers for Disease Control announced several new classifications for the diagnosis of AIDS. Under the revised definition, recurrent pneumonia, invasive cervical cancer, pulmonary tuberculosis, and a CD4 count of 200 or below are considered to be clinical manifestations of full-blown AIDS. Due to this revision, the Nebraska State Health Department reported 22 new cases. Since 1983, the total number of reported cases is now 333. We are, therefore, expecting a great increase in our Nebraska monthly statistics as this definition greatly encompasses the present members of the HIV community.

Shortly after the Holiday season, the Nebraska AIDS Project began the Partner in Prevention and Caring Membership Drive. Contributors are categorized in the amount of their donation, (\$1000.00—Visionary, \$500—Patron, \$100—Benefactor, \$35—Supporter, \$15—Friend). The over \$7000 received through this solicitation goes directly to NAP's general operation fund and will be needed for the 1993 budget. Thank you to all those who contributed to the support of NAP and its services.

Chris Connell, a continuing supporter of the Nebraska AIDS Project recently provided monies donated at an art exhibit at the Garden of the Zodiac. NAP thanks Chris for donating his talent for a very good cause.

Also during January, the Nebraska AIDS Project trained 28 new volunteers. The

participants went through a HIV Basic Training Course, upon which general information regarding disease progression, transmission, prevention, and safer sex information is given. These volunteers may now take additional training for the Hotline, Practical Support, or the Buddy Program. New volunteers are greatly appreciated as the number of HIV+ persons and those diagnosed with AIDS continues to increase. Thank you to those who have given their time to the AIDS project.

For those of you who recently read articles in newspapers or who saw the outcome of the National Research Council's report on the AIDS Epidemic on television newscasts, the NAP staff wants to provide the public with an address to write individual responses and/or comments. The report stated that the Council sees little threat from AIDS, concluding, "AIDS will disappear, not because, like smallpox, it has been eliminated, but because those who continue to be affected by it are socially invisible, beyond sight and attention of the majority population." Anyone who finds this statement as disturbing as the Project and its supporters is invited to respond at the following address: National Research Council

2101 Constitution Ave. N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20418

ATTN: CBSSSE

NAP Case Management Census January 1993

Open Cases as of 1/1/93 231

New Cases 9

Clients Deceased	3
Cases Closed	5
End Total as of 1/31/93	232
Clients Services Provided in ... January 1993	
Advocacy	221
Transportation	170
Shopping, Cooking, Sitting, Etc	181
If you know someone who is HIV+ or has AIDS, feel free to refer them to the Nebraska AIDS Project. If you would like to volunteer, call Audrey for an application: 800-782-2437	

INTERNATIONAL PRIDE

THEME "FAMILY OF PRIDE"

At the meeting of the International Gay/Lesbian Pride Coordinators Conference, held in October, 1992, in Long Beach, California, the theme for 1993's pride celebrations was selected. The national theme "Family of Pride" was proposed by Wichita, Kansas, delegate Bruce McKinney.

ST. LOUIS CIVIL RIGHTS CODE INCLUDES GAYS AND LESBIANS

With no fanfare, the St. Louis Board of Aldermen passed a major civil rights code revision in October which included, among other things, sexual orientation as a protected category in every facet of the city's law. The bill was signed into law by Mayor Vincent Schoemehl on October 6.

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LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA

by Carla

March is off to a busy start for MCCers! We invite you to join us at any of our many activities. Membership Classes will begin Friday night. They will meet each Friday in March and the first Friday in April. Then Easter Sunday these new members will officially be accepted into membership. Interest is strong, and it looks like this could be a record-breaking class. Our last membership class confirmed 17 members the Sunday of our Dedication Ceremony. Lenten Family Groups will be meeting weekly from now until Easter. These groups provide friends and members of MCC-O an opportunity to get to know one another in an environment of study over the six weeks of Lent.

The Deacon's Coffeehouse is going strong. The first and third Saturdays of each month we invite all of the community to join us in our Social Hall for a time of music, games, conversation, dancing, and light refreshments—all in an alcohol-free setting. The cost is only \$1.00 and a canned good for our pantry, but no one is denied admission for lack of the entrance fee. Come join us for an evening of fun, fun, fun! Five new deacons completed their studies for the diaconate in Feb., and have entered a 3 month internship before their training is complete.

MCC-O is pleased to be able to offer our Social Hall for a Community-wide Meeting for everyone interested in organizing and participating in the 1993 PRIDE CELEBRATION activities.

Royal Bush, PRIDE Chair for 1993, under the auspices of ANGLE will be moderating the meeting, Monday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. We encourage all of you to get involved in this year's celebration. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to look at our new building, this is an excellent opportunity to browse. MCC-O is currently providing meeting space to five non-church related groups.

We invite all of you to join us Saturday, March 27 for Soup & Sandwiches at 6:00 p.m. and then at 7:00 p.m., representatives of Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP) will speak to us regarding their organization and what has been happening with LB133 and LB395, the 1993 bills in the Unicameral dealing with hate crimes and job discrimination. This activity is sponsored by the newly formed Social Action Committee.

Sunday School continues with the numbers growing almost weekly. The Adult Class has anywhere from 15-20 participants, and the Children's Class ranges from 3-5.

Plans are underway for the Mid-Central District Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, which will be held in Omaha at the Red Lion over Memorial Day Weekend. Clergy and representatives from a ten state region will be present. Sharon Van Butsel has been named local coordinator.

In February Rev. Howard began attending

classes weekly in Kansas City. Currently our office is staffed every morning from 9 til noon and on Mon., Tue., and Fri. in the afternoons. Call 345-2563 for an appointment.

Watch for details regarding our upcoming Holy Week Services—including the Easter Sunrise Service. Worship Services are held weekly on Sundays at 10:20 a.m. and the second and fourth Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to join us this Sunday. Til next month, that's it from my pew.

LESBIAN PROFESSORS OF LAW SPEAK AT UNL

Patricia Cain and Jean Love, who were hired as a lesbian couple to teach law at the University of Iowa College of Law, will speak on "Securing Civil Rights For Lesbian and Gays" on Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Student Union, 14th & R Streets, on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. The lecture is sponsored by the NCLU Student Chapter of the University of Nebraska College of Law and is open to the public.

Jean Love stated in an interview with the *New York Times* that she searched for seven years before finding a place where she and her partner, Patricia Cain, could find employment. The couple have been teaching at the University of Iowa since last fall.

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LOCAL NEWS

A NEW "ANGLE" IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

ANGLE sends a big thank you to the staff and owners, Dan and Charlie, of DC's for hosting our first fundraising event this year. Our Sloppy Joe night raised close to \$100. We appreciate the support of the community, especially the MCC Members and the River City Bowlers.

I'm sure you all came out for our third annual Chili Feed at the Diamond on February 21, but if you didn't you missed a great chance to sample a variety of delicious chili! We would like to thank Cindy and her staff at The Diamond for hosting the event again this year. We appreciate everyone's support of our food fundraisers. I'll tell you how much we raised in next month's column.

All the money raised at ANGLE's events goes into our general operating fund which helps support the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line, ANGLE's Pride and Coming Out Day events, and our day to day operating expenses.

Our Pride Committee is working hard to make this year's Pride events successful but more committee members are needed. If you are interested in helping with the committee, please contact Royal at 399-9298 or plan to attend our Community Pride Planning Meeting to be held at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, on Monday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Our third annual ANGLE Recognition awards and dinner will be on Friday, June 4, with more details coming soon. If you are interested in nominating a business, organization, or individual for recognition, please see the related article for details.

We still need more representatives from other organizations and businesses to be a part of ANGLE. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow Blvd., at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line at 558-5303.

HIV SCREENING AT THE PANIC

By Panic Staff

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department offers a walk-in HIV screening clinic the second Tuesday of each month at Panic. The clinic which has been in operation for over a year has been very successful and provides an opportunity for many individuals to be screened whom might otherwise be reluctant to seek testing.

The clinic provides free and anonymous HIV counseling and testing with follow up for test results at the Health Department. The Panic provides an environment which seems to encourage a relaxed and positive attitude towards testing by participants, many of whom are from outside the community. Tim Timmons of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department says the success of the clinic has been tremendous and that the walk-in clinic will continue. In addition to HIV testing the Health Department distributes pamphlets concerning STD's and provides free condoms available at Panic. The State Health Department has put together Q & A Regarding HIV Antibody Test Reporting which Mr. Timmons said is informative and available by calling the State Health Department.

Free and anonymous HIV testing is performed at the Panic, 200 South 18th, Lincoln on the second Tuesday of each month. The walk-in clinic hours are 5pm - 7pm.

THOSE "OVER 50" TO BE HONORED AT JUNE EVENT

by Sandy Vopalka

Mark your calendars. The Big Event we all need to be a part of will take place June 5, 1993. On June 5th there will be going to be a "50 and Older Potluck." Everyone under 50 will bring food and goodies for the older members of our community.

Round up all your friends and bring everyone you know that is 50 and older to Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th (on city campus of UN-L) in Lincoln. There will be lots of food, fun stories, and the video: *A Family Portrait*. The video is done by SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment). They also produced *Silent Partners*.

MARCH 14TH

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LOCAL NEWS

A.N.G.L.E.'s 1993 RECOGNITION NOMINATION PROCESS

ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) invites your participation in the third annual recognition of members of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual sensitive community. The categories for recognition are **Community Service** and **Individual Personal Achievement**.

The **Community Service** categories are: 1) Business, 2) Organization, and 3) Individual - Community Service. Recognition is given for the enhancement of the community, unselfish contributions to the community through involvement and awareness, for promotion of community strength and unity within diversity, and being a positive role model. Special recognition for each category will be determined by use of the Licker Evaluation Model by the Special Recognition Committee appointed by ANGLE consisting of local and impartial out-of-town members.

Individual Personal Achievement is given to a Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual in recognition of an outstanding personal accomplishment which reflects positively on the community.

All nominees will be acknowledged at the Recognition Dinner on June 4, 1993. Special Recognition will be given to one nominee from each category who has not received Special Recognition in the last three years.

Please complete the attached nomination form and return it to A.N.G.L.E., P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131 no later than April 25, 1993. You may submit only one nomination for each category. Please include your name and phone number. Anonymous nominations will not be considered.

This is the community's chance to say "Thank You" to the many who have given so much of themselves this year.

CATEGORY OF NOMINATION (please check one)

Community Service - Business Community Service - Individual
 Community Service - Organization Individual Personal Achievement

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITIES/SERVICES/ACHIEVEMENTS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NOMINEE:

HOW HAS THE COMMUNITY BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS NOMINEE OR HOW HAS THE NOMINEE'S PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT REFLECTED POSITIVELY ON THE COMMUNITY?

WHY WOULD YOU GIVE THIS NOMINEE SPECIAL RECOGNITION?

Thank you for completing the Nomination Form. Your assistance in this recognition process is very important.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

(Your name, address, and phone number will be confidential. We are unable to accept anonymous nominations.)

TAKE IT TO THE MAX

By Gloria Revelle

What a terrific winter it's been, entertainment wise of course. Our Ninth Annual Miss Max Contest was one of our best yet. We were treated to some outstanding presentations by our eight contestants. I know that all of Omaha joins me in welcoming to THE MAX family Miss Max 9, Amanda Foxx.

We've got just the thing to get you in the mood for summer. On Sunday, March 7, we welcome back our favorite natural resource from the west, California Male. Chris and Lee return with some new guys that need to be broken in and THE MAX is the place that can do it. If California Male doesn't get you worked up enough, join Aunt Mike in our Video Bar on Thursday, March 11, for Underwear Night 11. It's only for men and only in your underwear. The mind just wanders with all the possibilities. Don't miss another one.

I.C.O.N. celebrates the season in the only way they know how, in style. On Sunday, March 14, it's I.C.O.N.'s Snow Ball 1993 only this year it's "Sno on Two." On St. Patrick's Day, there's only one place to catch that Irish Spirit and THE MAX is the place. Don't miss our specials.

Their's new and fresh, so please, control yourselves. On Sunday, March 21, welcome for

the first time in Omaha, the Midwest's own Dream Team.

Where else in Omaha can you celebrate and party in the style of Hollywood Celebrities? Right again! Only at THE MAX. Join Us on Oscar Night, March 22, when we celebrate with the stars at our own Oscar Party. You'll also be able to enter your guess on who will take home the little gold man and you may win some terrific prizes.

Our new Miss Max, Amanda Foxx, will present her first show as reigning Diva on Sunday, March 28. With Amanda's background and talent, this is sure to be a super show.

Besides all of this terrific entertainment, parties, and hot men, I don't want you to forget for a moment our Weekday Happy Hour with Mae, or Pick a Price Monday's where your pickle picks the price of your drink. The Fiesta continues every Thursday with Fiesta Thursdays, now an Omaha tradition. You can get the best Margaritas in town, Original or Strawberry for just \$1. Cuervo and Corona Specials, along with all the free chips and salsa you can eat.

Who gives you it all? Right again. THE MAX.

BEARHUG

Mid-America's first Bearhug was held in Wichita, Kansas on the weekend of January 23rd and 24th. The Bearhug was a new annual event honoring masculinity and removing the stereotypes of gay men. The term "Bear" usually refers to a big burly man. Along with that image is the bear attitude—an image of self-confidence and self-awareness; a man who is big enough to be strong and strong enough to be gentle. A bear knows who he is and what he wants. Those who like men with meat on their bones revel in the animal magnetism of a bear. There is nothing like being embraced in a bear hug by a big strong man — a man confident in his masculinity.

Scotty from Oklahoma City won the Mr. Grizzly (Over 40) contest; Jerry from Ankeny, Iowa, won best beard; Mark from Omaha won the best chest contest; and Andy from Ankeny won the Mr. Bear contest.

Full color pictures from the Bearhug are available, write for a brochure. The 1994 Bearhug will be held on the weekend of January 21-23. In conjunction with the Bearhugs, a regional publication called *Hirsute Pursuit* is also being published. Call the Wichita Gay Info Line at 316-269-0913 (269-4208 fax) for more information, or write to: The Land of Awe's; P.O. Box 16782, Wichita, KS 67216-0782.

LOCAL NEWS

PLGC HAS LIGHT TURN-OUT

By RJ

PLGC (Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns) met in the moderator's home to watch the most interesting video, *Q Network*. The video showed the ruckus in Oregon over Amendment 9, which, Thank God, failed. One of the buttons worn by a demonstrator really made a point, "I'd rather be Queer than be an asshole." The coalition that formed to defeat this measure really saw some strange bedfellows.

There was also a good segment on Marvin Liebman and aging Gays and Lesbians. Some of the very real problems the "older" generation of gays and lesbians face, in the military and in civilian life, I can relate to. Gay bars were definitely off limits when I was in the service. The CID frequently checked these bars and if any personnel were in these bars, the Shore Patrol was called and the person checked out. Many learned the hard way not to wear spit shined low cut shoes as this was a dead giveaway. Here in Omaha when the police frequently checked out the Diamond and, across the street, the Cave under the Hill, same gender close dancing was not allowed. Same gender people couldn't hold each other — they had to stand apart and dance.

Another segment featured a lesbian comedienne, Lynda Montgomery, who was really, really funny. Ms. Montgomery, who is a vegetarian, told about coming out to her mother, whose response was "My God, Lynda! First a vegetarian and now a Lesbian? Girl, you're not

getting any protein!"

The video also touched on gay and lesbian marriages. Various couples commented on how their marriages are not "sanctioned" and the trouble with sharing with spouses what the "straights" take for granted, such as insurance, survivors' benefits, taxes, etc. These perks, available to straights, are not available for most gay and lesbian couples.

The video ran for 2 1/2 hours but, like all good videos, the time slips by and no one notices.

The next meeting of PLGC is the last Saturday of February, the 27th. So mark your calendars. We hope to see more of you Presbyterians there.

PASTOR OF CHURCH OF NEW HOPE MCC RESIGNS

At the regular Sunday evening church service on December 20, 1992, the Rev. John P. Boyd announced his decision to resign as pastor to the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Metropolitan Community Church. Pastor Boyd cited personal reasons and time constraints as being part of his decision.

Anyone interested about the position of Pastor, Lay Pastor, or Pastoral Leader, please write P.O. Box 34, Waterloo, IA 50704 or contact Beki Lavenz, Board of Directors Clerk at 319-234-5762 or Paul Danielson, Board of Directors Treasurer at 319-234-6531.

ACCESS Line

COALITION HOSTS FIRST SATURDAY EVENTS

The Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights hosts an alcohol free social event for the community the first Saturday of every month. These "First Saturday Events" are held at the Cornerstone, 640 N. 16 Street, Lincoln, from 7-10 p.m. The March First Saturday Event will be a Costume Ball and Party on March 6. Let your imagination run wild and come as your favorite character. Of course, you are welcome whether or not you choose to come in costume.

The April Event will be a "Music Talent Night" on April 3. As always, admission to First Saturday events is free. While all community members are welcome, the Cornerstone is not completely handicapped accessible. There is limited parking available behind the Cornerstone. The Cornerstone is a smoke free facility.

COLLEEN KIBBIE-VEST RECEIVES CAREGIVER AWARD

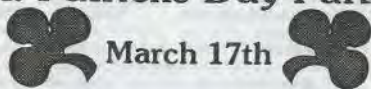
Colleen Kibbie-Vest, a mental health therapist and supervisor, has been named one of the 1993 Jonathan Goldsmith Caregiver Award recipients. This award is given annually to people or organizations who have displayed a significant contribution to AIDS work in the community.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, March 1

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

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

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

TUESDAY, March 2

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

THURSDAY, March 4

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

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

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

FRIDAY, March 5

"Uniform Party" The **NEW RUN BAR**, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

SATURDAY, March 6

Coffeeshow, MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 7-10pm, Informal, alcohol-free event

Coalition 1st Saturday Event, "Costume Ball", Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, **Lincoln**, 7-10pm

Cris Williamson & Tret Fure Concert, 8pm, Witherspoon Concert Hall, Joselyn Art Museum, Presented by Women Of The Plains

"Uniform Party" The **NEW RUN BAR**, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

SUNDAY, March 7

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

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

Gay/Lesbian Student Org., Box 8171, Omaha, NE 68108 7pm, Downtown Grounds Coffee House, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha** All are welcome!

Rocky Horror Picture Show Party, 9:30pm, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

Linda Mackie & Vicki Clark, music and comedy ASL Interpreted, 7pm, Panic, 200 S. 18, **Lincoln**

"Anita's New Show", 9pm, The **NEW RUN BAR**, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

Chris, Lee, and California Male perform at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

MONDAY, March 8

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

TUESDAY, March 9

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

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

Lev Raphael Reading from His Fiction, Georgian Suite, Nebraska Student Union, 14 & R, UNL Campus, **Lincoln**, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, March 10

Deadline for **March New Voice**

Public Hearing on LB 819, State Capitol Bldy, **Lincoln**, See related article

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

THURSDAY, March 11

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, **Omaha**, 291-6781, 7pm, First Methodist Church, 6900 Cass, West Entrance

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

Join Aunt Mike for Underwear Night 11, In the Video Bar, only for Men, only in your underwear, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**

FRIDAY, March 12

MCC Food Pantry Party, "Free" Keg Beer with donation of 3 cans of food, The **NEW RUN BAR**, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

3 Penny Review, improv, music, and comedy, 3 Cent cover, 9pm, Panic, 200 S. 18, **Lincoln**

SATURDAY, March 13

Omaha Players Club Workshop, "Flogging," 10828 John Galt Blvd., Suite 106, 451-7987

River City Gender Alliance, For Transgender and Crossdress community. All welcome. Info: Write: Box 680, **Council Bluffs** 51502

MCC Food Pantry Party, The **NEW RUN BAR**, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

"We are a Family" Forum, with Ann DeGroot, executive director of G/L Community Action Council of the Twin Cities, 7:30pm, Sponsored by All Souls Church and Sioux Empire Gay/Lesbian Coalition, 9th & Cliff, **Sioux Falls, SD**

SUNDAY, March 14

MCC Food Pantry Party, The **NEW RUN BAR**, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

Omaha Dream Girls Perform at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

Lesbian/Gay Focus Group, NASW, School of Social Work, UNO., **Omaha**, 2pm

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

MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, Worship, 7pm

I.C.O.N. presents "Snow on Two" Proceeds benefit ICON, Colorado Legislative Initiatives Project, Women's Emergency Assistance Fund, and fund Scholarships for PWA's to attend the March on Washington, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

MONDAY, March 15

MCC Food Pantry Party, The **NEW RUN BAR**, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

Lesbian Law Professors, Patricia Cain and Jean Love, Speak on "Securing Civil Rights for Lesbians and Gays", Nebraska Student Union, 14 & R, UNL Campus, **Lincoln**, 7:30pm

TUESDAY, March 16

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

MCC Food Pantry Party, The **NEW RUN BAR**, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

WEDNESDAY, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day Bash
Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

DC'93 Nebraska Contingency Planning Meeting, 7:30pm, **Omaha**, 451-7987

THURSDAY, March 18

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

2nd Annual P.A.L.S. (People and Animals Living and Sharing) Benefit Auction/Show, The Precinct, **Lincoln**, 7-11pm

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

SATURDAY, March 20

All Female Show — Your Favorite Male Impersonators, 3 Cheers, 414 20th Street, **Sioux City, IA** (712) 255-8005

SUNDAY, March 21

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

P-F.L.A.G./**Kearney**, St Luke's Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752 or 595-5490, 3pm

Gay/Lesbian Student Org., Box 8171, Omaha, NE 68108 7pm, Downtown Grounds Coffee House, 1117 Jackson, **Omaha** All are welcome!

Dy'Mell's "Spring Fling" 9pm, The **NEW RUN BAR**, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

Country Hoe Down, Achey Breaky Dance Contest, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

First time in Omaha, Midwest's own Dream Team, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

MONDAY, March 22

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, for further information contact Rev. Norman Leach, **Lincoln** Interfaith Council at 474-3017.

Oscar Party, celebrate with the stars. The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, March 23

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), 7pm, **Lincoln** Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Program: "Parents Come Out" Also small group sharing sessions with "Under 21" group meeting separately. For more information call 435-4688

"Over the Hill" Surprise? Birthday Party for Steve, The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

THURSDAY, March 25

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

FRIDAY, March 26

CC Rae & Friends performs impersonations, 10pm, Panic, 200 S. 18, **Lincoln**

SATURDAY, March 27

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

"Legislative Issues" Workshop speaker: Citizens for Equal Protection, Sponsor: Social Action Committee, MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, Program-7pm, Soup & Sandwich Supper-6pm

"Suck Off" Beer Drinking Contest, 10pm, The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

SUNDAY, March 28

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

Amateur Strip Contest Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

Miss/Mr Run Stepping Down Show, 9pm, **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

Miss Max 9, Amanda Foxx, reigning Diva Show The **MAX**, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

THURSDAY, April 1

Variety & Comedy with Off The Cuff II: Cuff Link, 10pm, Panic, 200 S. 18, **Lincoln**

MCC Food Pantry Party, Free Keg Beer with Donation of canned food, 6pm-12midnite The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

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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)236-8610 or 382-0240.

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, The Gathering Place, 1448 "E", **Lincoln**, 489-4634, Open 1-4pm

P-FLAG Youth Grp, age 13-21, gay, lesbian, those questioning sexuality, **Omaha**, 291-6781

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

Bars & Restaurants

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1993 PRIDE LOGO to be announced at Community Pride Planning Meeting Monday, March 8, 7:30pm, All welcome. MCC-O, 819 South 22, Omaha. (Mr93)

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Men interested in Trail Bike Riding - forming new group. Please call 496-8992 (Ap93)

Want to Help with 1993 PRIDE Celebration? Community meeting Monday, March 8, 7:30pm, All welcome. MCC-O, 819 South 22, Omaha.

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Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, Gathering Place, 1448 E, Lincoln 68502. Open Sat 1-4pm, Wally 489-4634/476-7398

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644. Social, info & referral, library. Support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30pm

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

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

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

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

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Alcoholics Anonymous, Info: 345-9916
Gay Men's Stag Group "An Alternative", Friday, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, 455-7916;
Live & Let Live Grp, Pella Lutheran Church, 303 S. 41, Omaha. Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

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

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

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians. Resource grp of US WEST. For info: Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha 68102.

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

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

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

Lesbian & Gay Focus Group, National Assoc. of Social Workers, Nebr Chapter, Meet 2nd Sunday March, 2pm. Conference Room, School of Social Work, Annex 40, UNO Campus, info: Jennifer Nelson (402) 556-4776. Open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and supportive social workers. Do not have to be member of NASW

Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran Church, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 345-4080 or 453-7137, Meet 1st Sunday 7pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRIDE-Gay/Lesbian Student Organization (PRIDE-GLSO), Box 8171, Omaha 68108. Meet 1st & 3rd Sundays, 7pm, Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Support Group, sponsor: Parents & Friends of Lesbians/Gays Omaha Chptr. For gay, lesbian youth and those questioning sexuality, ages 13 to 21. Meets Saturdays, Call 291-6781.

STATEWIDE

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

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

DC in '93, Box 34463, Omaha 68134-0463, Org for Nebraska Contingency in 1993 March on Washington. Amy Marie Meek (402) 451-7987

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

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,) 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr. Outpatient chemical dependency treatment while affirming sexuality, Sliding Fee

MATCHALL MATCHMAKERS, P.O. Box 82281, Lincoln 68501-2281. Write for info. Also publish G.L.B. Date Book, cost of personal ad: \$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 68501-2281.

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

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG)

*Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St Luke's Episcopal. Call (308) 382-0752 or (308) 995-5490. Direct correspondence to: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

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

*2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, 291-6781. Meets 2nd Thursday at 7 p.m., 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass Street.

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