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RESPONSES TO THE NEW VOICE OF NEBRASKA PRISONER PROJECT

by Sharon McCartney

Our prisoner project is two years old. It was time to send annual letters for the purpose of seeing that the prisoner was receiving *The New Voice of Nebraska* and to determine if the person was still incarcerated. Ten prisoners have received the magazine on a monthly basis. The intention of the project was to link the prisoner with the lesbian gay community and ease the loneliness of their situation.

As I began to receive letters back from those incarcerated, it occurred to me that I would like to share some of the responses from those who receive the magazine. To ensure confidentiality, I will take some statements and not reveal the name of the person responding.

"I appreciate your policy of sending your magazine to incarcerated people free. It shows a very caring attitude, not to mention understanding." "I have been receiving your publication monthly. I do feel closer to the gay/lesbian community because of your magazine. I really appreciate your helping prisoners." "I have been receiving *The New Voice* every month with much pleasure. I want to thank you at *The New Voice* for helping me stay in contact with the gay community while in prison." "Thanks for the love and support you have shown to me and the

rest of us who are behind these walls."

As Dick Brown, Terry Sweeney and I read these responses, it was evident to me that we believe that this is one of the most valuable services we offer. Each of us smiled and said "isn't that great?" as we read the responses.

Recently a prisoner wrote a letter to the editor requesting the magazine, but failed to include his prisoner number. Please write again and include your prisoner number so that we can add you to our mailing list. The prison will not deliver mail without this information.

If you are incarcerated and would like to receive a free copy of the magazine, please write to Prisoner Project, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103.

Finally I want to say thanks to Lee Donehower for his persistence in making this project a reality. He never gave up and always had a concern about those who were in a position of not being able to interact with the community. So Lee, two years later and we are still sending magazines and hopefully meeting your expectations that we would entertain and inform those who could not get a magazine without this project in place. While Lee is no longer a member of the Steering Committee, he makes himself available to teach, encourage, or scan logos for the magazine.

COPIES OF BACK ISSUES OF NEW VOICE NEEDED

The New Voice is working to find copies of certain issues from the early days of the magazine. We have one complete set that is bound and stored in our archives, but want to assemble at least one more complete set which can be put on public display.

We also have scattered copies of other Gay/Lesbian publications which were published here in Nebraska and would like to collect additional copies of these as the basis for what will someday be the archives of gay and lesbian activities in Nebraska.

If you would be willing to donate (or to have photocopied) copies of the issues or publications listed below, please call Sharon Van Butsel at 556-9907, or write to *The New Voice of Nebraska*, P.O. Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103.

Back Issues Needed

New Voice of Nebraska:

- Volume 1, #2 (April, 1984)
- Volume 1, #6 (August, 1984)
- Volume 1, #10 (December, 1984)
- Volume 1, #11 (January, 1985)
- Volume 1, #12 (February, 1985)
- Volume 2, #1 (March, 1985)
- Volume 2, #2 (April, 1985)
- Volume 2, #8 (October, 1985)
- Volume 4, #3 (May, 1987)
- Volume 4, #9 (November, 1987)

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO MATCHMAKERS? OLIS? LLL? LIVE & LET LIVE? NEBR BOOKS? OPEN DOOR ?

HELP!

I have written to Matchall Matchmakers on 2 occasions but have had my letter returned on both times. Do you have a current address or a phone number so I can find out more about their publications?

You have them listed in *The Resource Directory* under the category of "Statewide" in the current issue of *The New Voice*.

Thanks for the help!

Stephen

Editor's Note: Sorry, we didn't have any information beyond what was in the Resource Directory until just recently when we were asked to remove Matchall Matchmakers from our Resource Directory.

It is just the sort of frustration experienced by this reader that we hope to avoid with our current update of our Resource Directory. We have heard back from most groups listed in the Resource Directory but not all.

We are still waiting for responses from the

groups listed below. If you are affiliated with any of these groups, please have them contact us immediately and let us know if they wish to continue being listed in the Resource Directory.

PLEASE CONTACT *THE NEW VOICE OF NEBRASKA* IF YOU ARE INVOLVED WITH ONE OF THE GROUPS LISTED BELOW. WE ARE UPDATING OUR RESOURCE LIST AND HAVE NOT YET HEARD FROM THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

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Lincoln Legion of Lesbians
Nebraska Bookstore
Open Door Ministry

OMAHA

Alcoholics Anonymous
Live & Let Live Grp, Pella Luth
OLIS (Our Love Is Special)

IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU, WE WILL BE FORCED TO REMOVE YOUR ORGANIZATION FROM THE RESOURCE DIRECTORY.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOLDSMITH RECIPIENT RESPONDS

Dear New Voice Staff,

Thank you for the mention of my being a recipient of the Goldsmith Award this year, and thank you to all who have contributed congratulations. I must clear up what appears to be a misrepresentation. I am only one of 17 award recipients for being on the planning and steering committee for the 1992 December Quilt display. We ALL worked very hard and deserve credit. No one worked harder than others. The people with me included Donna Hruska, Bob Power, Jeff Butts, Michael Burger, Jeanie LaBaron, Robie St. Pierre, Bob Boles, Jane Pierson, Bev Mavis, Ron Wilson, Joanne Cooper, Cindi Lauritzen, Ron Harkin, Cindy Leo-Gofta, Kathy and Dave England. They equally deserve credit.

After speaking with your editor, I realized your publication picked up the item printed by the *World Herald*. The *World Herald* edited a press release distributed by my work and intended for Southwest Iowa. Mercy felt proud of my involvement and thought it newsworthy, as well as an opportunity to bring more AIDS awareness to Southwest Iowa. I am sorry that the *World Herald* editing shortened the release. The hospital's public relations staff were surprised *The Herald* even picked the item up, let alone abbreviate it so. I hope this corrects any misperceptions. A pat on the back to us all.

Sincerely,
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RODNEY BELL, II

To the Editor,

Please print this editorial. In response to the November 1992 issue of *The New Voice of Nebraska*, I wish to respond since I wasn't given an opportunity to respond.

To set the record clear, yes there is only one Rodney Allen Bell, II. I was one of the founders of *The New Voice of Nebraska* in 1984, the UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center in 1985, produced concerts for Lynn Lavner in 1985 and Romanovsky and Phillips in 1986. I also, wrote grants, produced programs such as "Being Gay in the Residence Halls", the largest mass media event in Nebraskan gay/lesbian history. UNL Condom Day on February 2, 1987. In addition, I founded the Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association, Inc., the UNL Gay Men's Support Group and pushed for AIDS policy at UNL, including education.

I could list hundreds of activities that I used to catalyze the gay/lesbian community in Nebraska. An interesting fact, I won the Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity in April of 1986 for my work at UNL.

Furthermore, I am glad you do not agree with everything Rodney Bell does. I have had a big city gay/lesbian activist attitude and some things worked and some didn't. Another fact is that I am not imprisoned.

It sounds to me as though there is some insecurity on the part of Rodney Shuey. Furthermore, I did not make changes in Nebraska to win a popularity contest. I did what I thought was the best. None of you have walked the miles in my shoes.

The straight community has always awarded me before the gay/lesbian community. There would be no nondiscrimination policy on the basis of sexual orientation at the University of Nebraska if I hadn't gotten the ball rolling. Many of you were intimidated by me for years, hated my "outlandish" politics and didn't know ME!! Some of you might have different attitudes if you had known me.

People who would like to contact me: P.O. Box 45357, Kansas City, MO 64111 (816) 842-2562. Thanks. I hope to see some of you in Washington, D.C. and the Kansas City Pride Parade and Picnic on June 27, 1993.

With Pride,
Rodney Allen Bell, II

FIGHT FOR GAY CIVIL RIGHTS

Dear Editor,

Many of our fellow countrymen would have us believe that the homosexual community is undeserving of their rights as American citizens and taxpayers. We do not want nor expect special treatment or consideration. All we really demand is our human and civil liberties as promised under the Constitution, to the end, "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Fear and ignorance breeds on the conscious and soul of many homophobes. Tolerance is greatly rare in the camp of the religious right. Do they realize this is the decade of the gay nineties of the Twentieth Century? And of the liberation of American gays to openly and freely express themselves as human beings.

I impress upon every gay American to fight endlessly for the cause of gay politics and its objective for gay civil rights into the 21st Century and thereafter. I implore my fellow gay brothers and sisters to be more responsible and monogamous in their sexual lifestyle. For the sake that others do not condemn us because we were unable to account for our sexual behavior in the previous decades.

I realize many oppose legal homosexual marriages and refuse to extend the same to gay couples under the law. But the truth of the matter AIDS in our society could have been altogether prevented, had society seen fit to legalize marriages between gay couples. On the other hand, the AIDS epidemic will take its toll on American lives until society overcomes its homophobic biases, and recognizes homosexual marriages. That my friends is the cold and harsh realities of our days but of hope for brighter times in the future.

Sincerely,
Alexis Wolf
Lincoln, Nebraska

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A very special "Thank You" to Alma, Chachi, and the Chesterfield staff and patrons for all of your help, support, and for your fundraising efforts for me. I Love You!!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ISOLATED AND ANGRY

Dear Editor and NVN readers,

I'm gay and have spent an eternity trying to figure that out. What hindered this realization is I can't relate to Omaha's gay culture, the fag culture. I feel like a damn forsaken foreigner. And who put the damn padlock on this closet?

Abortion is an example. Why did the gay community brain-wash everyone to be "pro-choice" when it is very obvious this is detrimental to the gay rights movement? I didn't choose to be gay but letters in the World-Herald constantly attack homosexuality as an "immoral choice." It is bad enough that human affection is considered "immoral." People keep saying homosexuals can "change" that they "chose" this "lifestyle." When a homosexual says their "pro-choice" this only makes the situation worse.

I try to explain homosexuals don't "choose" to be homosexuals. We are people who don't understand who Romeo loved Juliet and why Juliet loved Romeo. Bisexuals do by homosexuals don't. Juliet and Romeo aren't related so it is a bit confusing as to what sense a homosexual is to make of it without jumping into political theory. When I was 15, my friends were into getting Hustler and Penthouse magazines. After my initial curiosity was fed, I felt I saw one naked woman I had seen them all. So when my friends had amassed over 20 magazines, I thought they were a bit crazed so I dumped the magazines in a dumpster. They never did figure out what happened to the magazines and I didn't understand what being gay was all about. I thought guys were those fags who wore dresses to attract the horniest of teenage boys or something like that.

With vegetarian pro-lesbians and other politically correct pre-Clinton gays, I find I identify most with an unborn child, unwanted and disposable. An unborn child has a right to privacy and the right to be left alone and shouldn't be forced to die. Gays have a right to privacy, the

right to be left alone and the right not to be forced to change. Both gays and unborn babies are invisible. Am I entitled to believe so? Not in the fag culture I'm not.

I give new meaning to the work "circle jerk" when I go around a gay hang-out for the tenth time. I can't relate to this fag culture. I am as isolated as a Kumquat on the moon. Perhaps this is why so many in the gay community are apolitical and even apathetic. Who wants to surrender their mind?

Perhaps I'm being too open but I think you should know there is danger from isolated homosexuals, like myself, if isolation remains. I'm a pacifist and am not prone to violence but I do have a temper. I saw an attractive young man outside a gay place with a most adorable smile. I was immediately angered, filled with jealousy and rage. It's not his fault that I can't identify with the fag culture or that he is cute, happy, and out of the closet at an age I didn't even know I was in a closet. I felt the rage build in me. The system works for him, but it pushes me out on to a plank and into an ocean to fend for myself.

Suicide seems easier than breaking out into the fag community, especially when there is not much of a support network. What sort of movement is it that relies on therapists to help people out of the closet? This is really stupid. There isn't going to be must of a gay community in Nebraska unless there is much more visibility of the lesbian and gay community and support from it.

I know I can't be the only isolated homosexual in Omaha who feels this way about the fag culture, so if you feel the way I do, please call me so this isolation can be done away with. And as for the rest of the gay community, try harder.

Sincerely,
Andrew Sullivan
551-4998

THANKS FROM HASTINGS

TO: New Voice of America

RE: Appreciation and Thank you's

I would like to say thank you for your efforts at the function "A Night to Remember" held in Hastings.

I felt the night was really a success and to me to say thank you just doesn't seem like enough. I really know and believe that the funds will go to touch those individuals in a way that we will be able to understand but there is one above who will put the funds to good work.

Sincerely yours,
Morris Motes

GAY VET WANTS BAN LIFTED

Dear Editor:

I commend President Clinton for lifting the ban on gays in the military. I am a homosexual who served his country to the rank of Staff Sgt. in the regular/reserve Army for six years. My experience in the Army was enriching in fulfilling my military obligation.

Naturally, I was quite discreet about my true sexual orientation but blended in with the other men of Bravo Co., in Fort Ord, CA., 1974-75. It is my firm conviction discrimination of gays in the military must be banished. The disease of homophobia will be eliminated equal to racism or any other injustice. Therefore, I follow my conscious in asserting these rights and liberties for all gay Americans in the upcoming freedom march in Washington, DC on April 25th, 1993. Let this decade of the Gay Nineties resound with the politics of gay civil rights as equal citizens.

Why shouldn't gays be allowed to serve their country without being ostracized. The gay community an estimated twenty million pay their share of the tax burden. The majority of gays are law-abiding and productive members of society. Who as citizens and taxpayers contribute to the economic wealth of America's prosperity. American gays, regardless of their sexual orientation, are entitled and deserving of the same right to, "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" as guaranteed under the Constitution. Or is the phrase applicable only to heterosexual Americans? Further, the axiom "taxation without representation" of gay Americans is contradictory to democracy and unconstitutional at best.

Likewise, our military leaders remain obligated to defend and uphold the ideals inherent in our Constitution. "All men are created equal", or is the principle intended only for the heterosexual members of our democracy? I implore the Congress to legislate full equal rights for the American gay population in the Gay Nineties of the 20th Century.

Sincerely,
Alex Wolf
Lincoln, Nebraska

MORE THANKS

Sharon and Carla,

Enjoyed your presents and entertainment in Hastings. You are both doing good things for the cause.

Best wishes to you and your staff.

Duane

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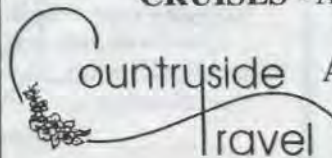
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A SPECIAL PLEA THAT WASN'T ENOUGH

LB133 failed in committee last February and with it came the end of the hope to this year see a state hate crimes bill which includes sexual orientation. Steve Koeller was unable to attend the public hearings, but his personal letter which was sent to Senator Brad Ashford, chairman of the committee, speaks eloquently of the need for a hate crimes bill and its enforcement. Steve was kind enough to share his letter with us.

To: Senator Brad Ashford
Dear Senator:

Please hear my plea: On May 18, 1987, I was brutally beaten and I have lost the sight in my right eye. I was beaten in the face repeatedly and my cheek and jawbone were broken and my face was badly disfigured. I have not been the same since.

The nightmare still continues seven years later and every time I look in the mirror it reminds me of the terrible "hate crime" I was involved in.

We desperately need LB133 passed to enable such acts of hate to be dealt with in a judicial manner. I personally would like to be at your side today and voice my concern on these heinous, senseless acts.

Please, Senator Ashford, voice your opinion for myself and all Nebraskans on this crucial matter.

Respectfully Yours,
Mr. Steven Koeller

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IT'S TIME TO GO TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Editor:

Like it or not we/you/me are in the middle of a battle. It is a fight as basic as right versus wrong, good against evil. It is nothing less than that. Like it or not we are front page news. The battle fronts are many, some drawing more ink and air than others.

The Colorado question - to boycott or not. The real question should be: how did the ballot question get asked in the first place? How was the Amendment proposal even validated? If the Amendment dealt with a racial or religious issue, the howls would have been deafening. But instead, the question was put on referendum, and, we/you/me lost. New ballot battle fronts are being drawn. Petition papers have been taken out in California. Likewise Florida, Idaho, Maine, Missouri, Minnesota, Washington, Oregon - again!

How much will it cost to fight this hatred? One thing for certain - it will cost a lot more not to. The sooner we stop it the less that cost will be. The battle is bigger than gaining acceptance in the military. It's bigger than gaining acceptance in the military. It's bigger than the right to legal domestic partnership. It is so big that most of us will never benefit from the fruits of our labors, not even those of us who live to a ripe old age.

Our work is for the future generations of lesbians and gays struggling to accept themselves in a world where being "queer" is taught to be wicked and vile.

While it is all so overwhelming, everywhere we turn, (watercooler chatter about "those" people, televised bashing by the elite of the United States Senate, the hissy fits of the pompous pimps of the

pulpits) the answer is not to bury your head in the sand. Clicking your heels together won't deliver you from it either. For better or worse this is home.

We can make it better. We/you/me have to. If a Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights bill were to pass the Congress our President would sign the measure. It would invalidate these state battles and millions of dollars spent to fight each one of them would be saved. Have you written our representatives? Do you have relatives in those ultra-conservative districts that you "borrow" their address and send your letter from? Letters to the liberals are fine, the target should be the fencesitters. And, perhaps, most important try, try to get to Washington DC for the April 25th rally. It will be our opportunity to show the world our numbers and our diversity. Go! By bus, plane, train or thumb, it will be the singular greatest event you will ever experience. We need this strength, this shared experience, now more than ever.

If there is simply no way your body can be there make certain your spirit and support is. Make out a check for \$5, \$10, or whatever amount you can and send it the March on Washington office, P. O. Box 34607, Washington, D.C. 20043. This national effort is not government subsidized, we/you/me must pick up the tab. It is our responsibility. We must each take up the cause.

David Reid
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NABWMT SUPPORT And THANK CLINTON

The National Association of Black and White Men Together has sent a letter of support and thanks to President Clinton regarding gays, lesbians and bisexuals in the military. It reads:
Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Anti-racism/Anti-oppression Committee of the National Association of Black and White Men Together, a gay multiracial, multicultural organization for all people, we thank you for your endurance in intending to lift the ban of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in the military. We fully support this action of fairness and equality. While recognizing that some of us do not support the military because of its sometimes oppressive actions of those in other lands, (e.g., Panama), or in our own country (e.g. Los Angeles

jurisdiction), we find ourselves supporting an awkward situation. Many Americans join the military because of the opportunity it offers for education, training, and experience that all Americans should be able to access. Therefore, we support your actions for equal opportunity for all. Of course, we do not endorse sexual harassment by gays. Nor do we endorse harassment of gays. We will ask our member chapters throughout the country to phone or write you with their support. Also, we will urge them to let their senators and representatives know that as their constituents, we strongly support you on this issue.

In Justice,
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COLORADO BUSINESSES PREPARING DEFENSE

Boycott Threat Over Gay Law Stirs Action

Rebecca Vories was appalled when Colorado voters unexpectedly approved Amendment 2, the measure banning local laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination. But she didn't figure on the vote affecting her directly.

She figured wrong. Before the November election, Ms. Vories was asked to join a team working on a project for Los Angeles Department of Water & Power. Her firm, Infinite Energy, provides marketing and promotions for energy-efficient products and environmental programs.

After the election, Ms. Vories was notified that she was being excluded from the project. "The feedback I got was that DWP didn't want me involved because I'm from Colorado," Ms. Vories said. For a small, niche business, she added "every contract counts. This hurts a lot."

Ms. Vories is not alone, even though enforcement of the law has been stalled by a state court injunction. While the wrath of organized boycotters and individual protesters was vented immediately on Colorado's convention and tourism industries, other businesses increasingly are feeling their sting.

New York gay activists have announced a harassment campaign against a Boulder magazine subscription clearinghouse and a "tea party" to dump Celestial Seasonings teas into the East River. Mo Siegel, founder and chief executive of the herbal tea maker, has said that an effective New York boycott could severely injure the Boulder-based company.

In dollars, the economic impact of the passage of Amendment 2 is insignificant so far. Boycott Colorado — the organization urging the nation to ostracize the state and its businesses until Amendment 2 is repealed or overturned — says the verified economic damage to date is \$25 million. That sum is not even a gnat on the hide of a \$75 billion state economy.

Even so, any loss of business is source of dismay for a state that was largely left out of the boom of the 1980s and that, until November's election, was being touted as one of the nation's highest economic lights.

"It's definitely been a setback to what was remarkable process," said John Huggins, director of Mayor Wellington Webb's Denver Economic Development Office.

Executives are painfully aware that today's ripple may be tomorrow's tidal wave. How many conventions now in the planning will go elsewhere? How many performers simply will not find time for a Colorado appearance?

A poll of its members by the Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization in Colorado, found that one-third of the respondents believe that their own companies will experience a direct negative impact from the passage of Amendment 2. Two-thirds believe that the state's economy and image will suffer.

Business leaders say the fires of protest have been banked, somewhat, by the January 15 Denver District Court injunction, which postponed implementation of Amendment 2 until the Colorado Supreme Court determines its constitutionality. But nobody anticipates a return to normalcy until the amendment is thrown out.

In the meantime, the initiative's surprise passage — pollsters had predicted that it would fall — has plunged the business community into a sort of regional crash course in political activism and damage control. Individually and collectively, formally and informally, companies are hammering out strategies to combat what they say is a grossly distorted image of Colorado as the "hate state" and to minimize the economic fallout that image is spawning.

Dozens of Denver-area business and community groups have combined forces to form the Colorado Alliance for Restoring Equality, or CARE, a non-profit coalition committed to overturning Amendment 2. Among other actions, the group is planning to hold town meetings on the issue statewide.

Companies that don't have nondiscrimination policies covering sexual orientation are adopting them, and companies that did are letting their position be known.

Ski areas, those snowy magnets for out-of-state winter visitors, have undertaken an array of measures — from passing out fact sheets in Vail's shops and hotels to posting nondiscrimination messages at the base of Aspen, Snowmass and Buttermilk Mountains.

A handful of organizations have taken out advertising to communicate their message to selected markets. The town of Aspen and Aspen Skiing Co., the Denver Metropolitan Convention

and Visitors Bureau and the Denver Center for the Performing Arts all have advertised their messages to key audiences.

One of the region's largest public relations firms has donated services to public and private organizations in need of strategic direction.

A computer software company has provided \$1 million in seed money to establish a foundation that will underwrite projects to educate people about cultural diversity.

Despite the black eye that business leaders believe Amendment 2 has given Colorado — and the resultant corporate agonizing — a number of community leaders contend that the measure is a silver-laced storm cloud.

"Good things always come out of bad things," added Barbara Grogan, president of Western Industrial Contractors, a major construction firm and chairperson of the Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce. "This is bringing people together in the community that have never sat down at the same table together."

- Omaha World Herald (2/22/93)

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FAMILY OF PRIDE CAN LEND SUPPORT WITH FAMILY

by Scott L. Lowther

In 1993 the national theme for the gay community is "A Family of Pride." Our community has much to be proud about. We're a diverse community which includes gays, lesbians, and bisexuals, not to mention representation from every race, creed, religion, age, profession, culture, size, shape and so on.

Traditionally, membership in this proud "family" requires only that one announce his/her

gay orientation, commonly referred to as coming out. Anyone who has completed this process can attest to the trauma associated with this revelation. What about the trauma experienced by loved ones from our families-of-origin who sometimes react with shock, anger, and denial — symptoms of the abrupt onset of grief and loss?

At this stage our families are thrust into dealing with a perceptual loss. They feel that

the person they knew (or thought they knew) is to be has somehow changed. Reality is no different than it has ever been. We're the same persons who were before. Only their perception of who they believed us to be has been altered.

As with all grief, though, given time, patience, understanding and support, our families are often able to come to acceptance. I believe much of the acceptance our families realize relies heavily (though not entirely) on the level of acceptance we exhibit ourselves. In other words, they take their cue from us. And, as is often the result of the painful experiences in life, this crisis can become an opportunity for growth and an increase in closeness.

If our families look to us for guidance and support, where do we secure support for ourselves? I suggest we do this through trusted friends, professional counselors, or support groups. Having a separate source of personal support provides us the necessary energy to deal with the reaction of different family members without depriving us of our strength.

We must also remember that, depending upon how "out" we choose to be, our families are required to come out vicariously. For example, by my choosing to be open about my sexual orientation on television and in print media, my family often encounters questions from their acquaintances who happen to see a broadcast or read an article somewhere. Sometimes we are so emerged in the emotional upheaval of coming out ourselves that we forget our loved ones are dealing with their own issues simultaneously.

Some family members will require special attention during this process. Where children (yes, children) of the les-bi-gay person are involved, age-appropriate information must be shared and updated continually. My son experienced a crisis of his own after appeared on Channel 7 news recently. One of his schoolmates approached him to ask, "Is your dad gay?" My son was caught off-guard and denied the inquiry. I believe that eventually he will benefit greatly by wrestling with this dilemma in his childhood, but it does not negate the pain he is having to endure in the present.

The only antidote for him, and for the millions of children of other previously-married gays, is for us, as parents, to provide the love, support, information, and nurturing these children require. PFLAG — Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays — is also a resource.

These issues notwithstanding, it is my opinion that the greatest gift we can give to our loved ones is an affirmed, happy self who, because of our willingness to share our true inner selves, becomes empowered to develop an honest bond rather than perpetuating a false image or facade.

In this way the foundation for building a "family of pride" truly does exist.

If we are ever to achieve serenity and acceptance, either individually or collectively, each of us has to be willing to take this difficult step.

However, if we carry with us some of the pride our "gay family" has for us, the journey through this process will be much less stormy.

In this way we can lean on one "family of pride" while nurturing and building another.



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OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CLINTON

Dear Mr. President:

Welcome to the Presidency. You have a great responsibility upon your shoulders and I hope and pray you will execute the office to the best of your ability.

There are millions of hard-working, tax-paying, patriotic Americans out there who aren't protected under the law. They can be fired for being who they are, they can be denied housing, loans, college educations. Simply because they are gay. I'm one of those people, Mr. President. I am not a bleeding heart liberal gay on my knees begging for special rights as a minority, rather I am an American knowing I deserve these rights and I demand my equality.

I may be young but I've been called "fag" more times that I want to remember. I might not have been at Woodstock but I've seen more hate and felt more loneliness in my life than most people do in their lifetime. I am tired of stereotypes and homophobia. I am tired of living a lie because of my right to be denied the freedoms that "straight" people take for granted.

I find it truly sad when a country, who prides itself on being this great melting pot of the world, denies equal protection to those who have a different sexual orientation than the "norm" of society. I find it repulsive that teachers never teach homosexuality in the classroom and allow students to crack "fag" jokes in class. It is equally repulsive that churches call being gay a "choice".

I never decided to be the product of gay bashing. I never decided to be made fun of in school. I never decided to give up life-long dreams, and I certainly never decided to give up fundamental freedoms that the Constitution grants me.

This country has extended equal rights to women, blacks, Hispanics, all walks and races, all religions, and all people, yet somehow I have been left out. Why is this? Why is it that I can be denied certain "public" entities that my tax dollars are going to pay for, when my "straight" neighbor can use them? Why is it that I can't legally get married to a man but I can marry a woman? And why is it that the great Constitution of this country works for you and not for me? I feel I deserve an answer to these questions. Don't!

I would ask you that you would live up to

your words as I am sure you will and protect those of us that currently denied equality because of our sexual orientation. I ask you this not because there is political pressure to do so, or because Canada and many other countries have already taken action, but I ask you because it is fair and just and because the Constitution was created with rights. Divine rights that only God can give us, the right to speak, the right to worship, the right to be who we are. You can't change the minds of millions of bigots in this country, but at least you can create equality under the laws of our nation. And I would pray you would do so for the sake of humanity.

Thank you and God bless.

Respectfully yours,
Paul Andrew Pfeiffer

INTERNATL. HOME EXCHANGE OPENS US HOTLINE

Club EX Network, the International Home Exchange and Hospitality Club recently established a Toll Free Number for information in the US. The organization, launched last year and based in London, is the first home exchange and hospitality networking service for Gays and Lesbians worldwide. The home exchange service helps vacationers travel for much lower costs, since the cost of housing is reduced to zero. It also encourages cultural exchange between Gays and Lesbians of different countries. With over 120 members worldwide, the Club was founded as an alternative to "straight" home-exchange organizations, since many Gay and Lesbian travelers prefer to arrange home exchanges without feeling the need to hide their sexual orientation. Club Membership for one year costs approximately the same as one night in a downtown hotel. Member's confidentiality is assured. For more information on the "Club Ex Network" call 1-800-787-0010 or write Doug Rattray, Club EX Exchange, P.O. Box 101, London SW12 0PR, UK, (Tel/Fax +4481 675 6195.)



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SENATOR EXON RESPONDS

Earlier this year, I sent postcards to Senators Kerrey and Exon asking them to support gays and lesbians in the Military. This is the response I received from Senator Exon. As you can see, he does not clearly support lifting the ban. He wants to "listen and speak to Nebraskans." Let Senator Exon know how YOU feel about gay men and lesbians in the armed forces. Senator Kerrey's response is on page 10, Dear Sharon:

I appreciate having benefit of your thoughts regarding homosexuals serving in our armed forces. This is a very important and emotional issue which has fostered intense discussion and hard feeling all over our country.

President Clinton, during the recent campaign, stated his intention to lift the current ban on homosexuals in the military; however, it did not receive much attention. Shortly after the election, the issue erupted into a full-scale confrontation. I believe the President made a mistake in pushing for this type of change before we tackled the most important national problems such as the economy, deficit and health care. Also, as a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a World War II veteran, I would not have proposed such a change. However, as Commander-in-Chief, the President has the authority to lift the ban on homosexuals although Congress has a role to play with regard to its own Constitutional authority and responsibility for our armed forces. I feel the President should have acted with more deliberation and consultation with the men and women in the services and the Congress.

I met with the President on this issue and played a key role in crafting a compromise which forced the President to slow down. Under the interim compromise plan announced on January 29th, a draft Executive Order to lift the current ban will not be proposed until July 15th. This agreement is temporary only and automatically expires in six months. The Senate voted in early February to uphold this compromise plan. Under this interim agreement, between now and July

15th, extensive Congressional hearings and consultations will be held involving all sides. During this interim period, the services will stop asking recruits about their sexual orientation; cease conducting investigations of those already in the services based solely on their status; and stop formally discharging service personnel based solely on their status. Service members who are identified as homosexuals based solely on their status will be subject to formal proceedings resulting in their transfer to the Standby Reserve and loss of all pay and benefits. Following the July 15th decision on whether or not to lift the ban, they will either be discharged or allowed to petition to re-enter the service.

I want to emphasize that the changes made for this interim period apply solely to service members' status only, not their conduct. Any homosexual conduct contrary to the long-standing military code will continue to be punishable as before. This is very important and a key to my agreement to this compromise. In addition, during this interim period, any commander can transfer a person, as they can now, if it is deemed in the interest of the military.

Again, while I believe the President erred in his handling of this issue, I will keep an open mind on the end result. I cannot and will not decide on what, if any, changes are in order until we have held hearings and considered this matter in-depth and in an orderly fashion. It is entirely possible that we could go back to the status quo in July or come up with a workable compromise.

The first priority of the armed forces is the national security of the United States. The services are not designed and should not be used to be on the cutting edge of volatile social changes. The open flying of the gay banner in our military simply will not work. Congress has a special obligation to those in uniform of whom we ask so much.

On the other hand, we have always had homosexuals in the armed forces. Many of them have served with distinction. There are many

questions to be answered on this subject and these are questions which have never been fully explored in depth. I believe that just because we have done something one way in the past does not necessarily mean we should be bound to never consider changes in the future.

I will use the period between now and July 15th to listen and speak to Nebraskans, play an active role in the Senate Armed Services Committee hearings and consult with those in and out of the military as we work through these difficult problems. There are no easy answers and I appreciate your views which are very helpful.

Thank you again for taking the time to let me know your thoughts.

Cordially,
J. James Exon
United States Senator

WOMEN'S VETERAN'S NETWORK CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The Pallas Athena Network was formed by women veterans to provide ALL women veteran's a "safe space" in which they can share experiences with other women who "have been there." The voice of the network, the bimonthly newsletter, *Pallas Athena*, prints interviews, articles and history as well as letters and creative works by women veterans. The Pallas Athena network has added several new services designed to provide additional opportunities for women veterans to share experiences, opinions, ideas. "The primary goal of our Network has always been to provide an open environment in which all women veterans could feel free to express themselves about their experiences," says Barbara Sweatt, Network Coordinator. "Our new services reflect our commitment to opening lines of communication between women veterans." Discreet services by/ for lesbian veterans are available by requesting our supplement. For more information, contact Pallas Athena, P.O. Box 1171, New Market, VA 22844. (No postcards please.)

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GAY/LESBIAN TRIVIA #1

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1. Who was nicknamed Mr. Showmanship?
a) Wayne Newton, b) Elvis Presley, c) Liberace, d) Michael Jackson.
2. What was the style of dance made famous by "Miss Blond Ambition" and rooted in gay black and hispanic communities?
a) The Charleston, b) The Foxtrot, c) Vogue, d) Mashed Potato
3. Which of the following hasn't died of AIDS related causes?

- a) Rock Hudson, b) Keith Haring, c) Jim Nabors, d) Sylvester.
4. Who is the famous lesbian comedienne who hosted *In the Life*?
a) Lynn Lavner, b) Kate Clinton, c) Holly Near, d) Meg Christian.
5. Who was the famous Nebraskan authoress claimed to be a lesbian?
a) Kay Orr, b) Willa Cather, c) Katherine Olston, d) Phyllis Schlafly.

6. Who was the gay male assistant to Senator McCarthy?
a) Roy Blaine, b) Roy Cohn, c) John Denver, d) Jeff Stryker.
 7. Which of the following represents gay liberation?
a) an alpha, b) a crucifix, c) a lambda, d) a spade.
 8. Who was the famous artist depicted in a Derek Jarman film and has on painting at the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum in Kansas City, Missouri?
a) DaVinci, b) Pluto, c) Carravaggio, d) Keith Haring.
 9. Pick the lesbian tennis player:
a) Martina Navratilova b) Jeane Kane, c) Alice B. Toklas, d) Sappho Rhonda.
 10. Which of the following isn't a gay/lesbian street?
a) Broadway, b) Castro, c) Lingo, d) Hollywood Boulevard.
- Answers: 1. c, 2. c, 3. e, 4. b, 5. b, 6. b, 7. c, 8. c, 9. a, 10. c.
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SEN. KERREY RESPONDS

Dear Ms. Van Busele:

Thank you for contacting me to express your views of lifting the ban in the military. I appreciate knowing of your interest in this matter.

As you know, President Clinton has stated his intention to remove the current ban on gays serving in the military. I support this proposal in principle, as I believe that those who wish to serve their country should not be prevented from doing so on the basis of factors that do not affect their ability to perform the tasks required of them. I have reservations, however, about the ramifications of this policy change for our armed forces, and feel strongly that this initiative be implemented in a way that does not undermine the morale of our military personnel.

In early February, the Senate passed a resolution designed to reflect a compromise worked out by Congressional leaders, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the President. Under terms of the agreement, which I supported, Congress will hold six months of hearings to explore this issue from all perspectives in an effort to anticipate and prepare for any problems that may arise. It is important that strict discipline and decorum be maintained within the military, and careful consideration be given to the concerns of our military leaders during these hearings. I believe that a strict code of conduct must be developed defining standards for appropriate and inappropriate behavior by all members of the armed forces, and that if properly adhered to, this will help to facilitate the transition and minimize the effect on our military readiness.

You can be sure that I will continue to follow up hearings closely, and that I will keep your views in mind.

Again thank you for writing. I look forward to hearing from you again about any matter of concern.

Sincerely,
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"I'M IN ANOTHER WAR"

By Lucian K. Truscott, III

In the Korean War in 1951 I commanded a rifle company. We had a gay soldier with us in combat. Last November I wrote an article for *The Washington Post* and described the death of that young man.

As a result of the article I received a call from the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The caller asked if I would be willing to come to Washington to lobby Congress on behalf of gays in the military. I was impressed by the "Human Rights" portion of his organization, but it turned out that it is the nation's largest gay rights political organization.

Well! That was a shock! Here I am, a retired Army Infantry Colonel, West Point graduate, father of 5 kids, 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way, son of a World War II four star general, numerous friends both among my West Point classmates, other friends from my Army service, and my friends from my post-retirement civil life. What would all of them think?

The fact that have that question in my mind is the crux of both the military and national problem concerning gays. We think there's something "wrong" not only with being gay but also associating with them.

After much soul searching, or perhaps just searching my soul, I decided that I had to stand up and be counted. I couldn't deny my article. Nor could I deny my very strong faith in the words of my 5th great-grandfather penned some 217 years

ago: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..."

So for two days in the Senate and the House recently I became a 71 year-old retired soldier activist, not specifically for racial rights or gay rights or women's rights but for equal rights. And several times during the 2 days people asked me if I agreed with General Powell's asserting that "Skin color is benign, non behavioral characteristic. Sexual orientation is perhaps the most profound of human behavioral characteristics." I certainly do not agree with him. Skin color was certainly not "benign" back in the 1948 to mid 50's period when we were integrating blacks into the military. General Powell could not now, nor then, understand or feel the emotions of some of the whites during those days. Some of them were every bit as emotional about that integration as some people are about this one, even more so. And I dare say a few still are! And I remind the General that we had a hell of a lot more trouble integrating the Officer's Clubs than we did the battlefield.

I strongly suspect that like so many others, the general considers homosexuality to be a moral issue: homosexuality is immoral. But is it any more immoral than slavery was? Is it any more immoral that segregation of and discrimination against blacks and women and gays has been and continues to be? And not letting women vote for the first 144 years of the 217 years we've been a

nation?

After my 2 day Washington adventure, I received a letter from my daughter-in-law, Debbie, who lives in Northern Virginia. She told me of being in the checkout line at the local grocery store and having a nice looking man she guessed to be about 50 ask her about a pin on her coat lapel. She had forgotten she had put one there and looked down to see that it was an Inaugural pin with President Clinton's picture on it. Aloud she read the words, "Let the Celebration Begin!", and the man started calling her names, "Queer" and "Lesbian" chief among them. Then he started including the President: "Gay! Homo!" She was shocked and embarrassed and hurried out of the store. But before she left she paused to take a good look at this man who she described in her letter as looking "so normal, like he was a teacher or an accountant or even a retired military officer. And suddenly I felt incredibly sad."

These were her closing words in the letter: "Halfway back to the office it occurred to me that this gays-in-the-military thing isn't about gays at all. It's about hate, and its target could be anything. When you came to Washington this week, you didn't just do it for gays (or even the military). You also did it for Blacks and Jews and Asians and Women. Thanks."

Her "thanks" brought tears to my eyes, and I hope she's wrong about the hate.

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NATIONAL NEWS

CHRISTIAN GROUP OFFERS YOUTH OUTREACH

The United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (UCCL/GC), a recognized group of the United Church of Christ, has created a new position serving the needs of bisexual, lesbian and gay youth, and youths questioning their sexuality. Gregory Anderson of Worcester, Massachusetts, the UCCL/GC's Coordinator of Outreach to Youth and Young Adults, will be responsible for participating in workshops and speaking engagements; developing resources for youth, young adults, and youth serving adults; networking with other organizations providing bisexual, lesbian, and gay young and young adult outreach; and providing a listening ear to individuals in need.

In Anderson's words: "Bisexual, lesbian and gay youths often internalize messages from society that devalue same sex relationships and focus on negative sexual stereotypes. Because of these messages bisexual, lesbian and gay youths learn that their sexual orientation is something to be ashamed of, and they should hide it at all costs, including [the loss of] honesty, integrity and dignity."

Any questions regarding the work of UCCL/GC will be answered by Rev. Jan Griessinger at UCCL/GC National Headquarters, (614) 593-7301.

GOLDEN THREADS Celebration Announced

The Seventh Annual Golden Threads Celebration will take place on June 25-27, 1993 at the Provincetown Inn in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Lesbian women from all over the United States, many from Canada, and some from other countries, will converge in Provincetown to celebrate what they are and their age, whatever it is. Entertainment will be provided by Julie Woods. A banquet will be followed by dancing with our own DJ, mixing in the pre-rock oldies. Sing-a-longs and rap sessions will be offered, also feminist videos. Attendance is limited to 250 women. In continuous existence since 1985, Golden Threads is a worldwide social network of Lesbian women over 50, and women who are interested in older women—no Lesbian woman is excluded. Members receive a contact publication *Golden Threads*, published four times a year. It lists many self-descriptions of Lesbian women, resources, book reviews, etc.—all addressing the interests and concerns of the older Lesbian woman. For more information please contact: Christine Burton, Golden Threads, P.O. Box 3177, Burlington, VT 05401-0031.

SCUBA AND SNORKEL PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

Undersea Expeditions, the gay scuba and snorkel travel specialists, have published their 1993 dive travel catalog, detailing a new series of warm water adventures for gay and lesbian scuba divers and snorkelers for the upcoming year.

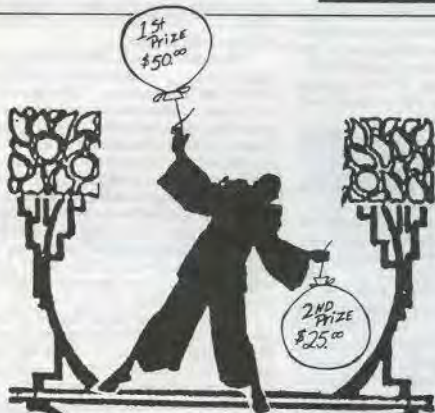
Easter Break will find the adventurous in Costa Rica (April 2-11) for ten days of rain forest exploration, hiking and scuba diving. Additional trips include expeditions to the South Pacific Parade of Fiji (September 9-26) and a trip to explore the Red Sea and the antiquities of ancient Egypt (October 2-17). A special expedition to Micronesia (Truk Palau and Yap) is planned for June 5-19, as well as an all-gay liveboard dive boat expedition aboard the Wave Dancer to the offshore reefs of Belize, the largest reef in the Western Hemisphere, November 13-20.

Prices start at just \$399 for accommodations and transfers.

For further information, contact Undersea Expeditions at 415-398-2189 or 1-800-669-0310 (outside No. Calif.)

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The FBI released its first statistics on the incidence of hate crimes since passage of the Hate Crime Statistics Act—the first federal law to include sexual orientation in a non-negative manner. In 1991 FBI statistics are shockingly low—noting, for example, only five total bias crimes in the state of California, while NGLTF documented 473 anti-gay incidents in San Francisco alone. The data collection system mandated under the federal law requires only voluntary compliance from local law enforcement agencies.

If your local police department does collect data on anti-gay violence, thank it for doing so. If your police does not do so, encourage the departments to comply with the federal law and help stem the tide of rising anti-gay/lesbian violence. Also contact Martin Hiraga, NGLTF anti-violence project director, NGLTF for other information on anti-gay/lesbian violence.

USOC HOSTS FEDERATION OF GAY GAMES

San Francisco, CA—The executive committee of the Federation of Gay Games visited the U. S. Olympic Committee's headquarters recently in an effort to open a dialogue between the two organizations.

The meetings were an informal exchange with several USOC staff members explaining to the group how the USOC operates in a number of areas including event operations, membership, marketing, and administration. The two groups also discussed such issues as HIV in sports and sexual orientation sensitivity.

"The Federation of Gay Games approached us about opening up a line of communication, and we were happy to meet with them," said USOC Executive Director Harvey W. Schiller. "It was an excellent informational exchange."

The Gay Games are held every four years and have been in existence since 1982 and is an athletic and cultural event that emphasizes "personal best" and "inclusion for all." Gay Games IV is scheduled for New York City in 1994 and is expected to attract 15,000 athletes from more than 50 countries. The Federation, which is the Gay Games umbrella organization, has no staff and is run completely by a volunteer board of directors from around the world.

"The meeting was very positive and productive," said Federation of Gay Games Co-Presidents Susan Kennedy and Rick Peterson. "We talked about everything from HIV in sports to event logistics. We feel this is the beginning of a long, beneficial relationship."

For more information about Gay Games IV, contact New York in '94 at 212-633-9494. For information about the Federation of Gay Games, write to The Federation, 584 Castro Street, Suite 343, San Francisco, CA 94114.

PARADISE RECOVERY CENTER OPENS

Paradise Recovery Center, a new facility for the treatment of gay, lesbian and bisexual alcohol and drug abusers, will open in Key West at 611 Truman Avenue, currently the home of a world-famous health spa, the Russell House.

Only four other facilities in the country offer specialized treatment for specific gay and lesbian issues as they relate to chemical dependency.

Paradise Recovery Center, with 60 beds, will be the largest such facility, followed by Pride Institute, in Minnesota. Paradise will offer a greater range of services than all of the other centers. The intensive treatment for alcoholism, drug abuse and co-dependency will include special detox facilities and rehabilitation programs, all offered in a safe, non-clinical resort setting that includes a heated pool, whirlpool and sauna. This relaxed atmosphere will eliminate many of the fears that patients have when entering a hospital-like facility.

The choice of Key West as a location for the center is an important part of the treatment approach, because of the large gay population and the supportive nature of the entire community. The most effective way to treat gay and lesbian patients is in a safe gay environment.

Since treatment centers evolved about 25 years ago, men and women who are gay often found themselves in an environment that, however well intended, was ill-equipped to devote needed time and support to historic gay issues such as ostracism, fear, phobias and shame by a dysfunctional society.

Alcoholic detoxification should always be handled in a properly equipped and staffed medical facility, such as Paradise. After detoxification, the primary concentration will be on intensive counseling, along with education about the disease concept of alcoholism and drug abuse.

Part of the treatment will include dealing with sexual issues and addiction, AIDS awareness, and issues relating to adult children of alcoholics. Paradise's treatment will rely heavily on 12-step programs like Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous for continuing support, once patients leave the center. Daily AA or NA meetings in the community will be an important part of the treatment.

Complementing the treatment of drugs and alcohol, Paradise will offer the first inpatient co-dependency treatment program for gays and lesbians in the country. A co-dependent is one who is only able to fulfill his/her own needs by dependence on others, thus feeding a feeling of low self-esteem that often results in self-defeating behaviors. Treatment for this condition consists of intensive counseling to determine the root cause of the problem and to help the patient to overcome it.

Paradise also operates a crisis, information and referral service which is available to the public at no charge. The toll-free number is 1-800-285-7853. Those in need of help can call 24 hours a day and speak with the center's medical, counseling or administrative staff.

**ANGLE Nominations for 1993 Recognition
Banquet are due April 25. Send yours today!**

NATIONAL NEWS

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

The March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights and Liberation is just around the corner—and NGLTF has a host of events and activities for visiting queers.

—NGLTF and the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) will jointly sponsor lobby visits with legislators. On-site lobbying with training and debriefing sessions, will be held April 21, 22, 23, 26 and 27. Other lobby-related activities include letter writing events for those in D.C. just for the weekend; expert briefing sessions with Congressional and federal agency staff members; and a targeted "contact day" on Thursday, April 22 for activists unable to come to D.C. for the march, featuring calls, faxes, and visits to home district offices.

—NGLTF Open House, Friday, April 23, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

—NGLTF Fight the Right Town Meeting, Sat., April 24, 1-4 p.m., Washington Hilton.

—NGLTF Honoring Our Allies annual reception—theme: Lifting the Military Ban, honoring members of Congress and the Administration who have made significant contributions toward ending military

discrimination. Sat., April 24, 4-7 p.m. Site to be announced.

—NGLTF concert featuring Romanovsky & Phillips, Margie Adam and Karen Williams. Sat., April 24, 8p.m. University of the District of Columbia.

—Gay Rites dance, co-sponsored by NGLTF, HRCF, MOW. Sat., April 24, 9 p.m. - 4 a.m. Washington Hilton.

—March on Washington, Sun., April 25: NGLTF will sponsor state contingents and needs organizers now. NGLTF also needs volunteers to help sell merchandise and canvass for new members.

—Freedom Rings dance, co-sponsored by NGLTF, HRCF, MOW. Sun., April 25, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m., Washington Hilton.

For information about lobby days, contact Mark Stevens, NGLTF acting director of public policy; for details about other events, contact Ken Hill, NGLTF director of special projects; for information about volunteering and organizing contingents, contact Michelle Crone, NGLTF MOW coordinator. (202) 332-6483.

—NGLTF Activist Alert

TOGETHER PROUD AND STRONG

Shock-T Music is pleased to announce the release of *Together Proud and Strong*, official anthem for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, which takes place in Washington, D.C. on April 25, 1993.

Early in 1992, the Executive Committee for the 1993 March on Washington invited Lynn Thomas to write an official anthem. Lynn produced an outstanding piece of music. She then traveled around the country with a 24 track master, enlisting the help of other lesbian and gay performers. The anthem slowly built in scope and the final product has sixty-two artists singing on it.

This is the first time that a march of this magnitude has had an official anthem, and *Together Proud and Strong* is truly inspirational. We are aware of the power of music to bring people together in strength and joy. We invited the entire nation to join us in the singing of our anthem in support of our rights, our liberties and our freedom.

Together Proud and Strong is available now exclusively from Shock-T Music, P.O. Box 54, Perkaskie, PA 18044, (215) 795-0615.

Cassettes are \$5.00 each. T-shirts with the logo on front and autographs of performers on the back are \$15.00, sizes large to 3XL.

**WANTED: G/L Information & Referral Phone Line
Committee Members - Call 558-5303**



NEBRASKA'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON

LOCAL NEWS

GAY/LESBIAN PROM

Did you not go to your prom or did you go with someone you didn't want to? Now's your chance to be "out" and be seen with who you want at the Gay/Lesbian Prom. This grand event will be held Friday, April 9, in the Ballroom of the Nebraska Union at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Paper Parade will be doing the decorating. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m. At 9:00 the band "One Straight Guy" will perform. A Drag Show will be presented at 10:30. Dancing will begin at 11:00 with D.J. Ted from the radio show *Industrial Maneuvers*. Food and drink will also add to the festivities.

If you are interested in performing for the Drag Show, please contact the Gay/Lesbian Resource Center at (402)472-5644. Tickets for this exciting and entertaining event will be available at the door or may be purchased prior to the Prom at the Gay/Lesbian Resource Center located at 234 Nebraska Union. The cost is only \$3 and door prizes donated by local businesses will be awarded. This Gay/Lesbian Prom is for everyone in the community and is assured to be an exciting, fun and energetic time for everyone. For more information call (402)472-5644.

THE COALITION'S FIRST SATURDAY IN JUNE

Sat., June 5, 1993, the Coalition's First Saturday will be a 50 & over potluck. The older members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community are welcome to come and enjoy themselves and the younger community members will provide all the food. Please come and bring your friends.

The First Saturday events are held at the Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th St., Lincoln (on UNL campus, parking is available in the back).

NEBRASKA SIXTH HEALTHIEST STATE

According to a study by Northwestern National Life Insurance Company (NWNL), Nebraskans have reason to be proud. Nebraska is included in the list of the ten healthiest states.

NWNL's annual study uses 17 components that measure disease, lifestyle, access to health care, disability, and mortality to obtain the ranking. Based upon these factors, the 10 healthiest states are: 1) Hawaii, 2) Minnesota, 3) New Hampshire, 4) Utah, 5) Wisconsin, 6) Nebraska, 7) Connecticut, 8) Iowa, 9) Kansas, and 10) Colorado. At the other end of the list, the least healthiest states, are: West Virginia, Alaska, Mississippi, New Mexico, Louisiana, South Carolina, Nevada, Florida, Alabama, Arizona, and Arkansas.

AUCTION
The Diamond
Sun., April 18
4:00 p.m.

GREAT PLAINS ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR PAGEANT TO BE HELD

Laura Lee is the new producer of the Entertainer of the Year Pageant which has been expanded to be the second Regional Pageant occurring in Nebraska. Renamed the Great Plains Regional Entertainer of the Year, this promises to be a premier production.

The Great Plains Regional Entertainer of the Year Pageant will be held on May 9, 1993 at 9:00 p.m. at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha. Applications for the pageant are now available.

THE MAX

By Gloria Revelle

Just when you thought the cold was over, it's back. But the excitement at THE MAX never goes away. Spring is here and we've got some terrific shows for Omaha.

Tony Di Angelo, Mr. Gay U.S.A. 1991, brings an all new show to THE MAX when Male Order Review returns on Sunday, April 4. Chase will also be returning, along with newcomer Colby. Don't miss them.

Miss Gay Omaha 1992, Dorian Drake, will show us how the best entertainers in the Midwest wear their Easter Bonnets on Sunday, April 11. This is our fourth show in our Superstar Series of 1993. Dorian is one of the #1 performers in the entire Midwest so this is sure to be a terrific show.

It's an Omaha tradition that gets bigger and better every year. It's Closet Ball 1993, presented by I.C.O.N. on Sunday, April 18. This has become a stepping stone for some of our legendary performers such as Katrina Kane, Gloria Ravelle, Phoebe Tate, Shana Stone, Quinci, Taja, and Miss Ricki De Schlong. See who'll become this year's hottest new talent.

You've asked for it and we hear you. Sunday, April 25, THE MAX presents Sunday Night Live. We will be presenting the best in comedy performances by our local celebrities and "live" performances by some very talented individuals. I hope you support this show so we can feature other live acts in future show. If you're interested in performing in upcoming Sunday Night Live Shows, please contact our show director, Gloria Ravelle.

Every night of the week is time to celebrate at THE MAX. Our everyday specials include Pick A Price Monday where every drink gets a pickle. Pick the right flap and you could get your drink for half price or maybe even 25¢. Tuesday we feature THE MAX Beer Bust. \$2 for the first 16 oz. draw and 50¢ refills. Wednesday you can get Jaegermeister shots on special for just \$1. And Thursday is our famous FIESTA THURSDAY. We have Omaha's best margaritas, original or strawberry, for just \$1 with all the free chips and salsa you can eat. We'll also have Cuervo and Corona specials, too. Friday and Saturday dance to the hottest new sounds in our disco with Omaha's finest High-Tech lighting system, or mosey on over to Slosh's Saloon for the best in country music and maybe even take a few country dance lessons free. And every Sunday we present the finest entertainment anywhere. We give you it all. We're the original. We're THE MAX.

NAP NEWS

The newest thing at NAP in the month of February can be found by simply walking through our front door. Jeannette Bisamunyu was hired as receptionist for the NAP Omaha office beginning Feb. 22. Jeannette works part time in the afternoon, Monday thru Friday and acts as a clerical assistant, receptionist, and Hotline counselor. Ms. Bisamunyu, a native of Kampala, Uganda, comes to NAP from the Environmental Solutions Company and has a background in business and marketing. Welcome to NAP Jeannette; we are so happy to have you on board!

NAP would like to thank the Oriental Trading company who hosted a Volunteer Brunch Buffet for the volunteers who helped with the Quilt Display in December, 1992. The event was held at the Aksarben Club House, February 7. A video tape was shown of both the opening and closing ceremonies. The Nebraska version of the signature panel was also present. This panel can be used for future speaking engagements and booths, and looked at with fond memories of the Quilt Display in Omaha. Again, a very special thank you to all involved in the organization and the presentation of the Quilt.

During the month of February, DC's was a great supporter of NAP. A food donation for persons with AIDS restocked the shelves of NAP's food pantry. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Many people will benefit from this donation.

Safe Sex a Harvey Fierstein play presented by SNAP Productions (Support Nebraska AIDS Project) was held on February 26 and 27. NAP Honorary Board Member, David Catalan was the producer and the moving force behind SNAP. Five hundred people attended the performances, and \$8000 was raised for NAP. Thank you to David, the performers, and to those who supported the event.

NAP also trained 18 buddies for the Buddy Program. These newly trained volunteers will provide emotional support services to persons with HIV and AIDS. We are very happy to have them with the Project.

Mark your calendar for the Third Annual CUT-A-THON. The event will be held May 2 at the Capitol School of Hairstyling. Be watching for more information.

NAP Case Management Census Feb. 1993	
Open Cases as of 2/1/93	231
New Cases	10
Clients Deceased	4
Cases Closed	7
End Total as of 2/29/93	230
Client Services Provided in Feb.	
Advocacy	212
Transportation	158
Shopping, Cooking, etc.	187

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.

The Star City Gay Men's Club

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AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

HIV TESTING*

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2201 N. 30, Omaha 68111 (402) 453-1333

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 Developm't
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

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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 Cecelias 40th & Webster

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

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

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

American Red Cross,
1701 E. Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997
3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 (402) 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
StMarys, Lincoln 68502, 471-8065 Testing,
counseling

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESEARCH GROWS AT MED CENTERS

The HIV clinic at the University of Nebraska medical Center is trying to expand its research activities for people with HIV infection and AIDS. This will mean more people can have access locally to promising new treatments.

Dr. Sue Swindells, medical director of the HIV clinic, has been given permission from the National Institutes of Health to participate in national protocols, but without any funding as yet. Money is needed for medications, clinic visits and salary support for coordinators. The hospital has agreed to underwrite the costs of tests and X-rays.

The clinic cares for more than 400 patients and hopes to enroll at least 30 into research protocols. The average annual cost for this is \$60,000. If you are interested in contributing, please send a tax-deductible donation to:

The University of Nebraska, HIV Research Fund, Section of Infectious Diseases
600 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE 68198-5400

Dr. Swindells would be pleased to answer questions and can be reached at 559-8650.

BRING A QUILT PANEL TO WASHINGTON

Unique Quilt display at March on Washington to highlight new panels

The NAMES Project calls for all who are going to the March to bring new three-by-six panels commemorating those who have died of AIDS for inclusion in a unique display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. NAMES Project co-founder Mike Smith says, "Nearly everyone going to the March has watched friends suffer through a losing battle with AIDS. Many of us had planned to attend the March with a lover or friend who didn't live long enough to see it. This display is a way for us to include those lost friends in an historic event — the largest gathering of lesbian and gay and people ever." Whereas most Quilt displays are composed of panels received by the NAMES Project since it began in 1987, this display will feature only those panels actually received during the March on Washington weekend. Throughout the weekend, visitors may add new panels directly to the Quilt. NAMES Project volunteers will escort panel-makers onto the Quilt, and then pin newly-presented panels together to form the display. Organizers expect that the Quilt display will reflect the hope, anger, joy, and sadness of the March participants. Forming the foundation of the display will be 240 twelve-by-twelve-foot "Signature Squares," fabric blocks on which visitors to previous Quilt displays have inscribed their names, written notes to departed loved ones, and captured their feelings and thoughts on fabric. To include a panel in the display, panel-makers or friends serving as carriers must present panels in person. Because the display will contain only new panels, the NAMES Project cannot accept requests that other panels be included. For more information about the display, call 415-403-3627. For information on how to make a panel for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, call 415-863-5511.

LOCAL NEWS

JSAT SPONSORS WORKSHOP

By RJ

February 20, JSAT (Joint Strategy and Action Team) sponsored a workshop "Good News in the Church?" dealing with issues of Faith and Sexual Orientation.

The workshop, which addressed scriptural issues often used to bash gay and lesbian people, was for all people, laity and clergy, of all sexual orientations, to share in both the good and bad in the Church, to offer lesbian and gay persons and their families resources, support, and encouragement over this most difficult and divisive issue.

Ruth Kruse of PFLAG gave the introduction to a packed audience. I saw many from Omaha in attendance and also from Lincoln, Sioux City, and other communities. Tables were set up offering resources from PFLAG, New Realities, and PLGC.

Opening the workshop with a hymn, *Morning Has Broken*, Mrs. Kathy England of PFLAG introduced the keynote speaker, Rev. Matthew Howard from the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, who gave his now well known presentation "Homosexuality and the Scriptures." I have attended these presentations several times before and each time the presentation seems like a fresh presentation. Many times a person just "parrots" the presentations given before. Not so with Rev. Howard. It is obvious he continues to study,

research, and improve upon each presentation. Each time Rev. Howard appears to be more sure of himself and what he is saying. During the questions at the end of the presentation, Rev. Howard holds his own against other clergy who may not be "friendly" to gay and lesbian issues. This workshop, though, seemed upbeat with no hostility—just a need to learn and to understand.

One point, well made, was that a majority of people out in the pews read and interpret the Bible, over all, the same as the fundamentalists read and interpret the Bible. All in all, it was a good morning session, with good material and a good discourse of ideas and opinions.

After the noon break for lunch, a panel of six people discussed pertinent issues within the church. The moderator was from the United Methodist Church and panelists included one from the Presbyterian Church who is heavily involved in PLGC; one with the United Methodist Church in outstate Nebraska; an Episcopalian who has counseled gay and lesbian people; a cradle Catholic who is now exploring the MCC faith; and a former Lutheran Pastor now working with PWA's. The panel represented a wide age spread and viewpoints from the early 20's to over 50.

A wide range of subjects were covered from negativism in the churches, to more understanding and open mindedness in the church. It was

brought out that when asked why they are so against gay and lesbian people, most people don't know why—they just are. Polarization of mainline denominations, fear, and people's natural resistance to change were all discussed.

Following the afternoon break, people gathered in groups to further discuss issues. My group was most interesting. Five people, most diverse. A Presbyterian, a Methodist minister from a small town, a Methodist Lay Leader, a Gay Lutheran, and a Gay Multi-faceted Christian. How's that for a mix! But we did have a good discussion.

The workshop closed with singing *Ubi Caritas* and with a silent prayer.

It was a good positive workshop and a good turnout in spite of poor weather. Let's hope there will be more of these workshops. We, all of God's Children, no matter our differences, need to work more together, pray more together, understand each other more. But be assured the gay and lesbian issue won't go away. It is here to stay. We will not go back into the closet. We, too, are also God's Children.

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RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

After 28 weeks of bowling, City Lickers still holds first place. Eight Balls has moved into second place, followed by Stosh's Saloon in third. Ernie's Bookstore has dropped to fourth place and Running Rebels is in sixth place behind DC's.

The tie for men's high scratch game continues with Terry Finck and Darwyn Buechler both having a 278. Bill Boren continues to hold down third with 275. Men's high series is still held by Terry Finck with a 684, followed by Darwyn Buechler with a 673 and Dwight Wages with 663. Terry Finck's average has increased to a 199.1, followed by Darwyn Buechler (188.2) and Charley Wade (185.2).

The women's high standings are unchanged. Lisa Broadway still has women's high scratch game with 234 and third high average (154). Norma Nelson has second high game (225), series (569) and average (162.9). E. Mueller has third high women's game (224), high women's series (575), and high average (169.1). Cheryl Christensen has third high women's series (549).

There are also no changes in the high team handicap game and series. 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 28 included Les Erickson with a 256 game and Terry Finck with a 235. Terry Finck had high men's series for the week with 651, followed by Dan White with 593. Norma Nelson had the high women's game with a 179, followed by Cheryl Christensen and E. Mueller who both had games of 174. Bowlers scoring well above average included Joe Kendall (112 pins over average), Tim Jones (82 over), Donna Hoden (48 over) and Sharon Garrett (46 over).

Complete standings are as follows:

	Won	Lost
1. City Lickers	136	53
2. Eight Balls	125	64
3. Stosh's Saloon	120	69
4. Ernie's Bookstore	118	71
5. DC's	112	77
6. Running Rebels	110	79
7. Fashion Police	107.5	81.5
8. Enterprise Rent-a-car	104	85
9. Stosh's Saloon Outlaws	101	88
10. Gilligan's 1	101	88
11. Church Ladies	98	91
12. Gilligan's Pub 2	97	92
13. Delivery Boys	97	92
14. Gay Caballero's	87	102
15. Dorothy's Friends	84	105
16. Wild Boys	82.5	106.5
17. D.C. Babes	82	107
18. Maximum Force One	80	109
19. Jokers	77	112
20. 3 Guys & a Babe	77	112
21. DC's II	59	130
22. Vacancy	24	165

SHARE YOUR PRIDE

By Royal D. Bush, PRIDE Com. Chr.

During the next few weeks I will be collecting information on PRIDE events that organizations and businesses are sponsoring. If your organization or business is planning any special events, please share them so they can be listed in the upcoming calendar of events. Thank you for helping make this PRIDE year the best! I can be reached at Work: 399-9298 or at Home: 397-2521.

BISHOP JESSON VISITS LUTHERANS CONCERNED

By RJ

A very interesting Lutherans Concerned meeting was held. Bishop Richard Jesson of the Nebraska Synod E.L.C.A. was invited to attend. And attend he did.

Bishop Jesson told the group he did not come with a prepared agenda — he was there to listen and to learn. He also pointed out gently that he has to minister to both sides of the aisle.

This meeting was well attended with many from outstate and four pastors as well. One pastor told of attending seminary which was their first real exposure to gay and lesbian people. This person found it say to see so many who were gay and lesbian, who were so talented, so caring, so loving, yet dropped out of seminary so they wouldn't have to lie about who they were while so many straight people who were mediocre went on through.

One person bore witness to how they were in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and how their pastor would tell them that they would burn in hell if they didn't stop being homosexual and change their ways (as if they could, just like flicking a light switch.) This person had switched to E.L.C.A. and after attending a Lutheran church in this group found the difference like night and day. In the E.L.C.A. church they were warmly welcomed by the pastor just as they are, with no condemnation. They recounted how this restored their faith in God and made their faith stronger.

Other good points raised and discussed were "Is Homosexuality an ethical issue, or is it a theological issue?" A point well taken was that the gay and lesbian community needs moral guidance from the Church, but how can the Church give gays and lesbians moral guidance unless the Church accepts gays and lesbians.

Also discussed was the issue that, all in all, gays and lesbians are welcomed in the E.L.C.A. But the big issue, and a most divisive one, is the ordination of gay and lesbian people.

Discussed was the "Study on Sexuality within the E.L.C.A." which covered three main issues: Sexual Infidelity, Homosexuality, and Gender Abuse. It was pointed out that the Bishops responded negatively to the document. They stated the document needed to be of higher quality and that there was a definite need for more talk and study.

Discussed was "Are gay and lesbian people asking for 'Special Rights?'" I've heard this many times before. What "Special Rights?" Is it a "Special Right" to be treated like a fellow human being, instead of something sub-human, akin to how women were treated and are still treated in many patriarchal societies, of which the Judeo-Christian heritage is a part. Is it a "Special Right" to just be accepted as who we are? To be accepted by God, created by God? Is it a "Special Right" to be guaranteed what the straight world takes so for granted, that of "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness?" Call these "Special Rights?" Bovine Feces!!

This was a good evening—a real good evening. It was encouraging to see someone "high up" in the church accept an invitation and attend to just "listen and learn." This is a good start.

After the close of the meeting, I had a chance to chat a little with the good Bishop. Bishop Jesson came across to me as a very warm, compassionate person. Someone with an open mind. Someone who is willing to listen and to learn. E.L.C.A. is surely lucky to have such a loving, caring Bishop.

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MISS GAY NEBRASKA USA PAGEANT IN BLACK AND WHITE

By B & G

"A good time was had by all," was the quote given to us by Mr. Jim Gau, The MAX's show director about the 1993 Miss Gay Nebraska USA Pageant held the 28th of February at the MAX in Omaha.

A record eleven contestants vied for the coveted crown this year, representing the Midwest region. This was the year that Nebraska will send a delegation to the Miss Gay USA finals to be held in San Antonio, Texas.

This year's pageant was hosted by Miss Dorian Drake, Miss Gay Nebraska USA 1990 and Miss Muffy Rosenberg, Miss Gay Nebraska USA 1989. Dorian was an exceptional Mistress of Ceremonies. Moving the show along at "breakneck" speed she introduced the Talent performances, evening gown competition, special entertainment performances, and added her usual slices of wit and humor, playing to the audience beautifully.

Special entertainment performances included Miss Tandy Andrews, Miss Gay USA; Miss Victoria Wells, Miss Gay Nebraska USA 1992; Dina Cass, Miss Gay Iowa USA; Muffy Rosenberg, and Dorian Drake. In our opinion, the performances which deserve applause were the numbers performed by Dina Cass, Dorian Drake, and Muffy Rosenberg.

The eleven contestants featured some of the top talents of the Midwest region. They included Ramona Baker, Christy Roberts, Ashley Houston, Amber Michaels, Barbara Love, Phoenix Fallentino, Loreal, Quincy Valentine, Misty Leigh, Kartier, and Nina Foxx.

During the Talent competition the musical numbers ran the gamut from 50's love songs to 60's ballads, country and western to gospel, 70's disco to 90's rock. Some of the highlights worth mentioning were Quincy Valentine's medley of songs, *Leader of the Pack/My Boyfriend's Back/Chapel of Love*. Her rendition with bobbie socked back up singers and the Frankenstein monster was a real show stopper. We'd also like to mention Amber Michaels' performance in which she used sign language while performing the song *Love in any Language*. We applaud the return of Misty Leigh to the stage. Her

performance of *Orange Color Sky and Right on Time* brought cheers from the audience.

The evening gown competition featured a stunning array of evening ensembles by many top courtiers. Nina Foxx, the winner of the competition bedazzled the crowd in a sparkling, sequined, emerald green gown which bought oohs and aahs from many in attendance.

Before the the crowning ceremony commenced, we were once again entertained by Dina, Tandy, Dorian, and Victoria. This gave the judges ample time for their final tallies.

The crowning ceremony commenced immediately after Miss Victoria Wells' final performance as Miss Gay Nebraska USA. Winning Miss Congeniality was our own Phoenix Fallentino. Phoenix also received the nod for Best Interview. Quincy Valentine from Omaha was selected for the Best Talent Performance. Nina Foxx was selected for Best Evening Gown. Miss Foxx was again surprised when she was selected as 1st alternate to the crown.

We both felt that the biggest surprise of the evening was the crowning of Loreal of Kansas City, Missouri, as Miss Gay Nebraska USA 1993. We were informed later that evening that even though Loreal had not placed first in any one category, she had accumulated enough total point scores to win the crown.

What a spectacular set designed by Mr. Tom Cech and the back up work performed by Mr. Jim Gau! Celebrities in the audience included Past Miss Max's Viktoria Towne and Gloria Ravelle; the Current Miss Max, Amanda Foxx and her first runner-up, Eva Destruction; Miss Gay Nebraska USA 1987, Dietra Snow; and Laura Lee, former Empress of the Imperial Court. We might mention that all of the aforementioned were dressed down for the evening's festivities, but it was great to have their support for the pageant.

One final note, our thanks to the MAX and staff, Mr. Wayne Tietsoot, "Stosh", Jim Gau, Dorian Drake, Ken Cox, Tom Cech, Tandi Andrews, Victoria Wells, Muffy Rosenberg, all contestants, and the audience for your support of this pageant. "A good time was had by all!" including us!!!

OPINIONS FEATURED IN NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE

by Amy Marle Meek

The March 5th Issue of the New York Times featured the results of a nationwide poll conducted by the Times in February. The poll sampled 1154 adults and found wide variations based on age, sex, education, geography, and religion. Women were more supportive of gay civil rights than men, as were people under the age of 45 and those with higher levels of education. Southerners, Midwesterners, rural residents and those who said religion was extremely important in their lives were all more opposed to "gay rights." As part of the follow-up to this poll, Times reporter, Jeffrey Schmalz, came to Omaha to determine "Middle America's Response."

I was sitting at home on a Friday afternoon. I never could have predicted receiving a phone call from the New York Times. Jeffrey Schmalz, a feature writer for the Times, was looking for a nice cross-section American town to find good old average homosexuals. CBS and the Times had recently conducted a poll on America's views of Gays and Lesbians in Society. They wanted to come to Mid-America and find out how we thought being gay or lesbian affected our lives and the way

we're received by others.

Jeff requested to meet with a panel of gays and lesbians from diverse backgrounds. So, the urgent phone calls began and we all managed to meet at the Neon Giosse one Sunday. Reporters are often interviewing our community, but this interview was different. He asked all of his questions from the personal perspective as he was gay himself. He didn't inquire of our sex lives as some reporters do. He wanted to know about our own day-to-day lifestyle as gays and lesbians living in a discriminatory society. After a lovely brunch, he and an Associated Press Photographer hit the streets of Omaha to get "The Other Side" of the story. Jeff found the Midwest to be surprisingly tolerant of our lifestyle with a "live and let live" theory from most.

Recently I received a call from the photo editor of *The New Yorker* who also donates his time to *Out*. Omaha is now one of 25 cities to be featured in a 20 page photo spread in *Out* for the Gay Pride Celebration. It will be a day in the life of Gay America.

LOCAL NEWS

LEATHER UPDATE

By Emerson Briney

Mr. Drummer International 1993

Hey, Omaha! Now that I'm settled in San Francisco, I thought I'd update my Midwest family on what I've been up to. But first I would like to thank all of the people and organizations who were there before, during, and after winning Mr. International Drummer. I could not do this without the love and support of my family in Omaha, as well as my new family here in San Francisco.

January proved to be a busy month in California — with acting as an M.C. at the Ms Sacramento Leather to numerous fund raisers locally. I barely had time to play (barely is the key word here.) There's always a fundraiser somewhere — and talk about variety, how's about having a "spanking" fundraiser. Hey, it works! Any some of even get to enjoy it. That's what I call putting the "fun" back in fundraising.

February proved to be busy as well. With the passing of a close friend in Dallas, I visited my old stomping grounds and did a little "Drummer P.R." Then it was off to St. Louis for the Mr. and Ms. Midwest Leather Competition. Boy, us Midwest people sure know how to have a good time. Then it was off to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the New Mexico Drummer Contest. As head judge, I had my hands full (so to speak.) but, of course, all this has its quirks. From rushing out of work to the airport, into the men's room to change out of my corporate drag into normal clothes, then off to the gate, only to hear the little lady at the check-in counter say "Your flight's been delayed an hour." Well, at least I could stop and eat.

March is setting up to be busy with the Pantheon Awards in Orlando, Florida, and off to San Diego for Leatherfest Weekend. After that, San Francisco hosts the International Ms Leather Contest on March 20th. I'm what they call the "Contestant Coordinator." Another title — ha, ha.... Then I'll be in Kansas City (just can't stay away can I?) March 26th for a Fantasy Show. Then it's back home where I'll be coordinating the contestants in the Mr. San Francisco Leather Contest.

Let's see, am I forgetting anything? Oh, yea, then it's time to conserve energy for the National March on Washington. Of course, that in itself will make for a busy weekend. Those of you wanting to get additional education on leather/sm/fetish or wishing to learn different techniques of networking, you are more than welcome to attend the Leather S/M Fetish Conference being held on April 24th at the Mellon Auditorium (Constitution Avenue between 12th & 14th NW). It runs from noon to 6:00 p.m. Now, the fun actually begins Friday Night at the "Quorum" (56 L Street SE) where we're having a fundraiser/fantasy show.

All this leads up to the big March on Washington on Sunday. I'll be looking for the Nebraska contingent — look for me — I'll be where the leather men/boys are.

LB395 HAS PUBLIC HEARINGS

On March 22 the Nebraska Unicameral's Business and Labor Committee held public hearings on LB395 which would add "sexual orientation" to the State's Fair Employment Practice Act. Several members of the gay and lesbian community appeared before the committee in regard to issues of discrimination in employment. As of the time we went to press the outcome of these hearing were not yet known. Watch for details in next month's issue.

FROM THE 1992 NAP/NAMES QUILT DISPLAY COMMITTEE

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

As we wind down from this display, compile final reports, etc.....

1) Anyone who may have or may know the whereabouts of 2 quilted panels (No Names on them) made by G. Farrell, Council Bluffs, please contact the Quilt Committee. The log cabin, lavender back panels were loans for predisplay activities.

2) Anyone with film, video, or photos of the display or related activities who might share their work with the committee for our report, please call 291-6781.

3) We have just received word of a special display, April 24 - 26 in Washington, DC (MOW). Anyone interested in having a new panel taken to this display, please call Kathy England (Quilt Committee, 291-6781) for information and to arrange for transportation.



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CEDAR FALLS, IOWA HOSTS PREMIERE OF STAGE PERFORMANCES

"The Circus Without Children" by Trevor McKenzie Hendrickson and "Voices" by Jennifer Lakin will premiere together as a single production on April 30 and May 1 at 8 p.m. in Stanard Auditorium at Cedar Falls High School.

Both one-act shows are fast-paced, colorful and dramatic. "The Circus" is a performance art piece and dance showcase exploring the emotional range of love found and lost. "Voices" is a surrealistic play about AIDS and its impact on relationship.

This world premiere production will be dedicated to people with AIDS and proceeds will be donated to the Cedar AIDS Support System, a service of Cedar Valley Hospice in Waterloo, Iowa, which provides emotional and physical support for individuals and families in Northeast Iowa who are affected by HIV and AIDS.

Admission is \$10 (\$5 for students) and may be obtained by calling (319) 292-1450 during weekday business hours or by writing to: CASS-tickets, 2101 Kimball Ave. #401, Waterloo, IA 50702.

GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL FILM FESTIVAL TO BE HELD APRIL 15 & 16

The Committee Offering Lesbian And Gay Events along with the Gay/Lesbian Student Association and Resource Center will present the 1993 Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Film Festival on April 15 & 16 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, 12th & R, Lincoln, Nebraska.

There will be a 21 films shown in 4 sets on each of the two days. The films include Elevation, Women of Gold, L Is For The Way You Look, Beyond Gravity, Nancy's Nightmare, A Woman In My Platoon, Lesbian Impress Card, Fun Down There, Foolish Things, Keep Your Laws Off My Body, Voices From The Front, A Maffie Called Simon, Beauties Without A Cause, Exposure, Ecco Homo, Rosebud, Want, Gus Van Sant's Diary, Women Like That, Her Giveaway, and Pedagogue.

Ticket prices per set are \$4 for UN-L Students, \$5 for non-students. Passes for the entire Festival are \$12 for UN-L Students and \$15 for non-students.

For more information call 472-5644.

NOTICE!! NOTICE!! NEBRASKA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION FORMING By Dan Johnson

The Nebraska Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA) is HERE! On Saturday, March 6, the initial meeting was held at DC's. 16 people attended this meeting to discuss procedures to follow in establishing the official organization, getting recognized by the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA), non-profit status, etc.

It was determined that the initiation and first year membership fee would be \$25. Most in attendance have already paid. Pat and Larry from Lincoln will be working on establishing our own By-Laws. Dan J. will be temporary treasurer and Pat G. temporary secretary. The NGRA should be recognized by the International Gay Rodeo Association at its next regularly scheduled meeting. After being recognized, NGRA members will be entitled to compete in any Regional Rodeo, have delegations walk during the Grand Entry of any Rodeo, a voting seat at the National Convention (in Billings, Montana this year) and a vote on the IGRA Board of Directors, and to carry our Flag in any Regional Rodeo.

The first year's membership in the IGRA is \$250 for the State Organization. At our next meeting, scheduled April 3rd at 4pm at DC's, we will elect the officers for the first year, sign up any new members and collect dues, listen to reports on Incorporation, review, revise, and adopt the Nebraska Gay Rodeo Association By-Laws, set meeting dates, future direction of the organization, and address any other business.

All interested parties are urged to be at the next meeting. There were several people unable to be present at the first meeting who had expressed interest in joining the organization. Tell your friends and be at DC's on April 3 at 4pm. Thank you!

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Everyone who is planning to attend the March — Please call Amy at (402) 451-7987 for more information and to give us an idea of how many Nebraskans are going!!

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AROUND THE TOWN: IN BLACK AND WHITE

by B & G

Let's talk about our hectic weekend. We just spent two days staying as busy as Stan and Brandon or Carla and Sharon!

Special friends celebrated their Holy Union on Saturday. Through much preparation (approximately 3 months) we made it to Saturday, March 13th. The ceremony, held at Metropolitan Community Church in Omaha brought tears to many in attendance. We would like to wish Tina and Charlotte many, many years of happiness together. They reception, held at our home, was attended by about 50 people. It was a full house, but we did meet many new friends and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

After the last guest left and a quick clean up, we met Stan and Brandon at DC's. It was the first time we had been there for an actual night out. Those of you who haven't been to DC's on a Saturday evening are missing a good time. There's great country music, line dancing, and many nice looking men.

We left DC's for our first visit to Gilligan's. We're sorry we haven't been there before now. We walked into a friendly neighborhood bar atmosphere with lots of friendly people. Gilligan's has Karaoke in a separate part of the bar and while we were there we were treated to several outstanding performances. It was a great place to spend a Saturday Night.

Sunday morning (early) brought us back to MCC. Some of the friendliest people in town can be found there every Sunday morning. Since we have joined the congregation, we have come in contact with some very fine, outstanding people of the gay community. MCC has a very welcoming atmosphere, a nice musical program, loads of good fellowship, and a great man behind the pulpit, Rev. Matthew Howard.

After a Sunday brunch and a congregational forum held at the church, we headed home for a few hours of rest.

Later that evening we headed back to DC's for a rehearsal for the upcoming MCC Benefit "Sister Act". From the rehearsal, we were given the task of distributing flyers for the benefit to some of the several bars in the area. We chose to go to the New Run Bar. Again we had not been there since their remodeling and we found it well lit and not as congested as it used to be. There was a good crowd and several of the patrons were in the midst of a pool tournament. We were invited to play, but we had to run down the street to catch the ICON show.

Carla Petersen, president of ICON, on behalf of the Board of Governors, welcomed the audience to a very entertaining show with a high variety of talents. Carla opened the show by introducing the Mistress of Ceremonies, Phoenix Fallentino. Phoenix moved swiftly into the first half of the show, bringing us performances from Tasha Black; Sammi Bennett; Miss Max, Amanda Foxx; and Victoria Towne, whose performance of "Hanky Panky" was a crowd favorite. We then saw performances by Jennifer Jett, Dietra Snow, and the Princess Royale Melissa Morgan.

It was a real treat to see performances by Athena, Tami Griffith; Emperor, Steve Koeller, and Empress, Phoenix Fallentino, who performed the wacky but entertaining "Seafood Tonight." The first part of the show ended with a number from the very beautiful and talented Jasmine Starr.

A raffle was conducted during intermission and a great many prizes given away. (We didn't

win anything.)

The second half of the show started off with a bang as Tasha performed as a pregnant Whitney Houston singing *I'm Every Woman*. Other highlights included Jennifer Jett's *Boots* by Nancy Sinatra (Thanks, Jennifer, we grew up with that song); Sybil belly dancing to *Erotica*; and one of our favorites, the live performances of Joel Cason, AKA Amanda Foxx, singing *A Place in This World*.

Before the last performance, it was announced that Tom Cech has been asked to do the set for the Miss Gay USA Pageant. We talked with Tom later that evening and he seemed very excited and proud to be selected to do the set and was looking forward to it.

Before the last number, Carla announced the winner of the raffle, Mr. Mark Hasstead, who donated his winnings back to ICON. A great gesture — we thank you Mark.

The show ended with another crowd favorite, Dietra Snow performing *Think About You* by Patti LaBelle. Dietra continues to be a favorite of our community. We spoke with her after the show and she stated she really enjoyed helping out with benefit shows and is looking forward to doing her own show in the future.

After the conclusion of the show, we spoke with Carla Petersen who stated "All the performances were great. Everybody put a lot of hard work into the show, and I am very happy with the success of the evening."

Our thanks to Stosh, Bruce, Wayne, Jim, the Imperial Court of Nebraska, all the performers and everyone who attended. This show was a great wrap-up to our busy weekend. We wanted to let you all know what a great group of people we have in our community and what a variety of entertaining things there are to do.

Until next time!

HEARTSONG CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL GROUP TO APPEAR AT MCC-O

Heartsong, a division of Heartsong Ministries, Inc., a national touring group headquartered in Dallas, Texas, will be appearing in concert at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, on April 20 at 7pm. This appearance is part of a tour that will take Heartsong to the March on Washington.

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LOCAL NEWS

A NEW "ANGLE" IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

Thanks to all of you who came out on a cold winter's night for ANGLE's Third Annual Chili Feed at the Diamond Bar. We raised approximately \$170 and appreciate the help and donations from the Community. Another big thank you to Cindy who is always willing to help Support The Community in many ways.

Our next fundraising event will be at Gilligan's the end of this month. Look for information about the event on flyers at all the bars, or call the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line, 558-5303, for details.

I always mention our Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line in this column but some of you may never have called the line or have needed to use it. The line is set up as a voice mail line, so you leave your message and number where you can be reached. The volunteer who is staffing the line will check for messages daily and return your call as soon as possible. If the volunteer cannot provide you will the information you need, he or she will refer you to the person, organization, or business that can help. We receive many calls concerning a variety of needs, and the line is especially helpful to people from out of town, new residents, and people coming out.

The volunteers of the line play an important role in our community and we thank them for their time and concern. Also, a big THANK YOU, to Marshall who has been the chairperson of the phone committee for the past two years and helped to get the line started when he was moderator of ANGLE. We appreciate Marshall's hard work and dedication to this Valuable Service for the Community.

ANGLE is seeking persons interested in applying for the Chairperson position of the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line Committee, as well as volunteers to staff the line. If you are interested in either, please write to ANGLE's moderator, Dave England, 2912 Lynnwood, Omaha, NE 68123 or call the line, 558-5303, to leave your name and telephone number.

Look for more information about our upcoming Pride Recognition and Pride activities in other articles in this issue.

PARTY NEWS FROM THE NEW RUN BAR

by Mark & Anne Holzapfel

The parties are starting to pop-up from everywhere. The April Fool's Party, No-Foolin, first day of "free beer" in April '93—bring three cans of food or \$2.00 and help The New Run Bar keep stocking the MCC-O Food Pantry Shelves!! There are seven more days of "free keg beer."

Day #2, April 6—Aries/Full Moon Party—celebrate your sign with the full moon above (same donation—with proceeds to MCC-O Pantry). Days #3 & 4 are Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 9 and 10 (6:00 p.m. til 12 midnight—"free keg beer"—same donation). Day #5, April 14, Wed., is Jim S's Birthday. Jim is a cornerstone of The New Run Bar's earliest of 35 Beer Bust a week. Come help Jim "blow out" the candles for his 39 birthday for the 10 or 15 time (kinda like Jack Benny—ha ha). This keg party (with the same donation) starts early—3:00 p.m. til 10 p.m. Day #6 is a very important date—April 15. Yes, it's our IRS Tax Filing Day Deadline Party. So, drop off your taxes and paperwork and let's put those taxes behind us and lift a glass of beer since tax time is over for another year. Party begins at 6:00 p.m. til midnight. Day #7, April 25, is Earth Day in Omaha. This is a special time to remember to recycle everyday. Please attend Earth Day—downtown at the Heartland Park all day Sun., April 25. Then finish the day with an Earth Day "Free Keg Beer." The donation is MCC-O again; this time three cans of food or \$3.00. The party starts at 5:00 p.m. and goes til 1:00 a.m. Day #8 is Taurus Birthday Party 6:00 p.m. til midnight with "free keg beer" again. Same donation for MCC-O Food Pantry.

Okay! That was eight days of partying and fund-raising. But you want more? How about contests you say??? Yes, we have some great contests coming up for you; so let's get busy!!

"First Up" is "The Best Erection Contest." This is an art contest with help of a couple of cans of "Play-Dough." This two day contest starts at 10pm Thru Midnight, Friday and Saturday. Finals are set for Saturday, Midnight. Finalists from Friday's 10pm contests and Saturday's 10pm contest will compete at midnight Saturday. Don't miss your favorite sculpture at the "New Run Bar." The audience will be the judge!

Easter Sunday — 10th Annual Gay Easter Egg Hunt. Over 100 eggs will be hidden, with drinks, candy, and surprises in every egg. \$1 donation or 2 cans of food. The Gay Egg Hunt

starts at 7 p.m. Then, starting at 9:00 p.m. is The Run's own 2nd Annual "Easter Bonnet Contest and Show!!" \$100 Keg Party is the top prize. So dig out your best creation to salute Easter.

Some surprise Guests are being planned for when the Run declares a "Roman Holiday" Friday and Saturday, April 16th & 17th. The Party starts at 6pm until closing. "Roman Toga" attire is requested. "Roman Toga Contest" judging starts at 10pm until 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday. Finalists compete at Midnight Saturday for a \$100 Keg Party. Again "Two TOGA" opportunities to qualify. So win a Party for all your Roman friends. The audience will be the judge.

Another Party/Contest with drink specials for everyone is Bathrobes to Pajamas on April 23 & 24. Bring your special "Nightie" for the "Best Nightie in the Neighborhood" Contest! Starting time is 10pm both nights with finalists competing at midnight for a \$100 Keg Party for their friends.

On April 30th, the last day of the month, it's "Mr. Buns Contest" 10pm to midnight. So RUN your Buns down to the Bar.

Pick up a "Monthly Calendar" at the New Run Bar to keep current on all Parties, Contests, Fund Raisers, and Shows!!

Last, but not least, April 18th, Sunday Nite at 9pm, get ready for the "Mr. Run Contest and Show." Who will rule for '93 as Mr. Run? Applications will be available April 2 — at the Best Erection Contest.

Two Pool Tournaments a week with a \$50 plus "Cash Prizes" every Sunday at 6pm and Tuesday at 8pm. Volleyball Season opens Saturday, April 17th (Weather permitting). Drink Specials are everywhere, everyday it seems. For example, \$1.50 Super Busch Beer Bust with 25¢ Refills (that's really a great deal!) for 5 hours (5-10pm) daily. Cocktail Bust continues in April — 1st drink \$3.50 with 50¢ refills** (for 3 hours) 9pm-midnight and the Longest Gay (happy) Hours in Downtown Omaha — (7 hours long) 3pm-10pm. \$1 well drinks and \$1.50 jars** (add 25¢ for juice). AFTER-HOURS is the place to be for that Late Nite Crowd. So, stop on by and Dance "til the Cows Come Home" to some of the best music in town. Speaking of music, the New Run Bar has a new D.J. named Gary. Come on down and make a request. The Disco opens at 10pm 'til 4am Friday and Saturday nights. 10pm - 1am on Sunday. Gary is also available for Keg parties' Birthday parties that are held at the bar. AFTER-HOURS is bigger & better than ever with Pety sharing D.J. Duties now with Gary. The Pop & Coffee are still "Free" for only one cover price. 1:35am - 4am Friday and Saturday Late Nites. "Party on Garth, Party on Wayne!!"

New Special Party IDEAS from Anne and Mark at the New Run Bar. Have your Birthday Party with us and we'll buy the second keg. That'll be our gift to you!!

So, let's party with music, good friends, food, specials, games and fun here at "The Run". The "Glory Hole Jail" is available for any of your fundraisers — Just Ask US!! Bring in a "Jailer" and put your friends into our own private "Jail". Lots of fun... Really!!

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LOCAL NEWS



SUSAN HERRICK AT DOWNTOWN GROUNDS

Susan Herrick is a healer and an entertainer who calls up her exceptional music to deliver a lively and compelling performance. With eighteen years of entertaining and performing to her credit and extensive clinical experience in music therapy, Susan has shaped over 1500 musical events, many on a national level. Susan is in a vanguard of the first generation of womyn who had the opportunity to grow up on womyn's music. Thus, she conveys the power and energy of the pioneering foremothers while establishing a richly original niche of her own. At age ten Susan began songwriting and musical study and through her sixteenth year was a prodigy in a regionally-acclaimed womyn's band. With that band she made her first recording. After receiving a BS in Music Therapy and establishing a private practice, Susan went on to release two solo recordings: *Loving Me* (1986) and *Truth and the Lie* (1991) on her own WATCHfire Records label.

Susan, as observed in performance, steps fully into herself and her voice. She organically embodies her music and leans deep into the audience with her voice and energy. She skillfully punctuates provocative and halting songs with upbeat and humorous pieces, and frees up a particular Amazonian spirit with her drumming. She brings a woman-identified perspective to issues such as healing sexual abuse memories; falling in and out of love; unlearning racism, ableism and homophobia; loving ourselves and being fully who we are; spiritually, sensuality and passion; returning to earth-centered values; celebrating our foremothers; and nourishing the art, healing and politics in our community.

Susan Herrick explores new approaches and material while always providing a consistent presence of heart, humor and hope that audiences can't resist. After 18 years of working, watching and rising to the call of womyn's music, Susan offers a rare and refreshing perspective of lesbian culture and herstory. Dedicated to building community and conscious womyn's culture through the vehicle of music, she brings a moving, exciting and widely-dimensional show to her audience.

Susan Herrick will be performing at Downtown Grounds Thursday, May 6 at 8:00 pm.

"Her 2-1/2 octave range voice is equally comfortable with haunting whispers and resonant power. Her voice is sometimes Judy Collins-full-sometimes Cris Williamson-smoky. Her melodies innovatively blend folk, jazz and pop styles, and the words she writes offer revolutionary gifts of personal revelation and precious insight. She is Susan Herrick, singer-songwriter, guitarist, pianist, drummer and sacred healer..."

- Laura Post (internationally syndicated columnist)

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LOCAL NEWS

IOWA STATE TO ALLOW GAY COUPLES IN MARRIED STUDENT HOUSING

After five hours of intense debate, the Iowa State University Senate passed a resolution that would allow same sex couple to reside in married student housing. This resolution would also offer gay and lesbian couples insurance, facilities, and services under the same terms as heterosexual couples.

OMEN SUPPORTS AIDS FUNDRAISER AT THE RUN

By Denny D

Omaha Men supported a benefit for The Nebraska AIDS Project on Sunday, February 28 at the New Run Bar. The benefit was a variety show with a number performed by two of the club members. The evening raised in excess of \$500 for NAP. The club made the Awareness Ribbons available at the door, raising an additional \$50 toward the cause. Six members were present to help with the evening's events. It was a nice evening for all who attended. The club will also make the Ribbons available at the new "Outreach" Shelter provided by NAP next to the Run. It is an after hours shelter, open every other Friday and Saturday night to provide a place to get people off the streets. Omaha Men have made the AIDS Awareness Issue a high priority in '93.

SUNRISE SERVICE TO BE HELD IN GARDEN AT MCC-O by Carla

Easter is quickly approaching, and all of us at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha would like to invite the community to participate in our Holy Week activities. On Thursday, April 7, we will celebrate both the Jewish traditions and Christian beliefs with a Seder. Participants are asked to bring a dish for the Seder Potluck that upholds the Passover tradition. Call the church office for suggested dishes. The Seder begins at 6:30 p.m. On Friday, April 8, MCC-O will hold a Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m. At midnight that same night, MCCers begin a Prayer Vigil that will run until 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning.

Easter Sunday we invite you to join us for any or all of the three worship services we will have. Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 a.m. in our Meditation Garden at 819 S. 22nd St. (This is a change from previous years.) Following that, prior to the Morning Worship Service, there will be a Breakfast served in the church social hall. At 10:20 a.m. we have our regular Morning Worship Service. That evening at 7:00 p.m. will be our Evening Worship Service. We hope you will join us in "Celebrating Life in Christ" this Easter!

In preparation for Easter, some MCCers have been participating in Lenten Family Groups and have been meeting weekly to learn more about the teachings of Jesus and to get to know one another better. Others—friends of MCC-O have been participating in membership classes. Easter Sunday about a dozen new members join MCC.

Plans are rapidly progressing for the Mid-Central District Conference to be held at the Red Lion Hotel here in Omaha over Memorial Day Weekend. The District Conference will bring around 200 clergy and lay representatives into Omaha for a time of business meetings, learning, and fellowship. Worship Services will be conducted Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday morning at the Red Lion. These services are open to all of the community. Watch next month's *New Voice* for details.

The Deacon's Coffeehouse continues to thrive. We invite anyone in the community to join us the first and/or third Saturday of each month for an evening of relaxation—music—games—conversation in an alcohol-free environment. Admission is \$1 or a canned good for the food pantry.

March was a busy month for us with a Breakfast and Congregational Forum one Sunday, a work day both indoors and out one Saturday, a benefit show at DC's, and, of course, Sunday School and choir. Thanks to all of you who helped support these activities. March also saw the initiation of a new group within the church—the Council of Ministries. This group is made up of the leaders of the various ministries of the church: music, deaconate, EXCEL, worship, social action, social committee, volunteers, etc. MCC-Omaha just continues to grow. Praise God!

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LOCAL NEWS

CHORUS NOTES

By Todd

On behalf of the Chorus, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the people who made our January 16th concert a major event.

We set an all time attendance high by selling out the UNO Strauss Performing Arts Hall. They even had to set up folding chairs in the aisles. I know I speak for the Chorus when I say it was quite an overwhelming feeling to see that much support and love. Then, to cap the evening, a group made a very touching gesture by lighting candles during our last song *Light One Candle*. It was truly an evening of unparalleled magic.

For those who were unfortunate to have missed that performance, mark May 22 on your calendars and plan to join us for our Spring Concert. We are featuring "Songs of Struggle, Freedom, and Hope." The Concert will highlight Negro Spirituals, African Freedom Songs, and a piece by Nebraskan Composer, Howard Hanson.

The Chorus has some fundraising projects in the works, a gay/lesbian film festival in June and the most recent, The Hunsters, the chorus's first Scavenger Hunt is set for April 3, at DC's. The registration begins at 2 p.m. and is \$5 per person, with teams of up to 4 people. The Hunt will begin at 3 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. at DC's. Cash prizes! For more information, call Harry the Scavenger at 345-7169. See Ya at the Races!!

SNAP PRODUCTIONS SCORE SUCCESS #2

The weekend of February 26 - 28 saw SNAP Productions returning to the Firehouse Dinner Theatre with another smash hit supporting the programs of the Nebraska AIDS Project. *Safe Sex*, a trio of one act plays by Harvey Fierstein, brought a combination of talents that seemed on a par with any road company production.

The first play, *Manny and Jake ...a casual encounter* was directed by Carolyn Rutherford and featured the talents of Eric O'Brien and Robert Scott Shanks. This segment served as a spring board for the emotional intensity of the later segments. The second play, *Safe Sex...an argument* was directed by Gail Erwin and featured the talents of Jim Hoggatt and Scott Gofta. The talents of the actors were second only to their ability to keep their balance on the teeter-totter that comprised the entire set. The final play in the trio, *On Tidy Endings...a confrontation*, was directed by Doug Marr and was performed by Laura Marr, Star Graham, Marty Magnuson (who also appeared in Bent) and Andy Rannels. The raw emotion of this segment involved the audience in both tears and laughter.

The members of SNAP Productions have demonstrated their ability to present first class productions consistently. We salute SNAP Productions and look forward to their next effort.

BRUNCH AT THE MAX APRIL 4

A fundraising brunch will be held at The MAX on Sunday, April 4, starting at 11:30 a.m. The fundraiser is a benefit for ANGLE's Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line. The cost is \$5 per person. Marshall B., chairman of the phone line committee, has advised us that the menu of ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, and fruit is certain to please the palates of everyone. Dine early or dine late, there'll be plenty to go around.

DC's TO HOST INDOOR RODEO

DC'S will be hosting an Indoor Rodeo Challenge Match on April 17th. This event will begin in the afternoon, check with bar for specific details.

This event is the result of a challenge issued by SideKicks in Kansas City, Missouri, and promises to be an exciting competition as our own cowboys and cowgirls challenge their friends from KC to see who is best at conquering the great indoors at DC's.

CORONATION XIII

A NIGHT OF ELEGANCE AND CHAMPAGNE ABOARD THE USS NEBRASKA

USS NEBRASKA
OFFICIAL MEMO

TO: Cruise Director
FROM: Captain

RE: Entertainment
Selections for
June 18-20, 1993

Upon reviewing your proposals for "A Night of Elegance and Champagne" I find myself questioning your choice of "The Morning After" as an opening production number... please consider alternative choices.



APPLICATIONS FOR
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LOCAL NEWS

A WOMAN'S PLACE

A Woman's Place is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering women; serving as a catalyst for change to empower where power has been denied; celebrating women's voices, and women's vision.

A Woman's Place, 440 S. 44th Street, Lincoln, NE 68510.

Purpose: Our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing center where all women are welcome. Our goal is to help women grow in such areas as spirituality, economics, education, health and entertainment. Our focus is to empower where power has been denied.

Herstory: A Woman's Place was incorporated on November 5, 1992. The idea of a Woman's Center was conceived as a result of myriad conversations and a heartfelt need throughout the community.

Services: We envision providing space for group meetings, centralized information and

referral, performance art, arts and crafts, bookstore, workshops, classes, phone, speakers bureau, and media production.

Funding: Our funding comes from individuals like you, and from local and national foundations, churches, businesses and organizations.

Our Vision: We expect to be a catalyst for change as a part of a larger transformation of society. For example, we want to restore balance by encouraging women in the areas of strength, leadership, achievement, and authority.

The work of A Woman's Place is to provide a context where women can explore, and recreate their inner world of symbolism, imagery, values and beliefs. We also provide a context where our outer world can be transformed through the process of changing our personal lives, our relationships and thereby our community.

For more information call 476-7692.

CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURE CONCERT SUCCESSFUL

By Sharon McCartney

The Cris Williamson and Tret Fure concert presented by Women of the Plains was attended by at least 250 lesbian, gay and gay sensitive people. Cris talked to the concert goers as if they were old friends and kept a dialogue going the entire concert. She talked about how and she and Tret had been traveling a lot in the past year. They had been to Australia, Tasmania, Greece, Mexico, Alaska, Paris and Canada. However the most exciting place they performed was in Russia for the International Women's Week celebration. They talked about the Russian people and the great amount of courage and endurance they displayed. Roy Clark is the most famous entertainer in Russia. The Russian people were in awe of Cris and Tret because they "are brave American women, come without men."

They performed several numbers including *Surrender*, *Dorothy, Millworker*, *My Father's Hands*, *Garden Ring*, and *In the Best Interest of Children* from the album of the same name. Cris said this was her pride and joy because children are our next generation. Concert goers were smiling, happy to connect with each other, and to enjoy the music of these two brilliant women. Thanks to Women of the Plains for making this event available to Omaha.

PRIDE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES ANGLE PRIDE GUIDE

By Royal Bush

We are getting ready! Hi, this is Royal with some GREAT news. The ANGLE PRIDE Committee has been working hard on making this year's PRIDE celebration one of the biggest and best yet. The committee has decided to publish a PRIDE GUIDE for this year's celebration. The PRIDE GUIDE will include information about on-going activities with area organizations, businesses, the PRIDE Parade route, and other up-to-date information. Lots of room for advertising is available. The committee needs EVERYBODY to help make this year a success. Watch your mail for more information. If you have questions or need information, please call STEVE JACKSON at 558-8121. Ads must be camera ready and be received by April 25, 1993.

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Sun., April 18, 9:30 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM THE COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT

by Caria

A flurry of activity has been seen throughout the community as our many talented and well-know impersonators rehearse, rehearse, rehearse their entries in the 1993 Miss Closet Ball Pageant. What an exciting and thrilling night April 18 promises to be! You won't want to miss it! Shanna, Miss Closet Ball '92, and her committee have a most delightful evening planned for the community. See you at 9:30 at The MAX April 18 for Closet Ball 1993. For those who might still be trying to make up their minds—applications are still available in all the bars or by calling 556-9907. You still have a few days to send them in—but do put them in the mail. No hand-delivered applications will be accepted. Speaking of Applications—Applications are also available in the bars for Emperor XIII, Empress XIII, and Athena V. The application fee is \$50—nonrefundable, and applications must be postmarked by April 15. Again—no hand-delivered applications will be accepted. Join us at our April meeting to find out more about the Imperial Court of Nebraska. We will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Stosh's Saloon on Mon., April 5.

Start making your plans now to attend the Memorial Day Picnic. Once again we have rented Progressive Park. Our picnic committee has been busily making plans for and afternoon of fun in the sun! Come to the April meeting and get in on the discussion as we finalize those plans!

Coronation XIII is just around the corner—

should I say—just beyond the horizon! Local organizations should now have the information regarding times, days, advertising, etc. in hand. If you have not yet received a packet and you'd like one, please call 556-9907 and one will be sent to you immediately. We anticipate 15 out-of-state courts to join us in the celebration. We hope the local community and all organizations that we support throughout the year will take this opportunity to extend thank you's and congratulations to the monarchs and the Board of Governors of Reign XII for their service to the community. June 18, 19, and 20, we invite your participation in Coronation XIII at the Ramada Inn Central—note the change of location from previous years! Book your room now! Just remember to get it in the block reserved for the Imperial Court of Nebraska. Celebrate with Elegance and Champagne Aboard the USS Nebraska.

Thank-you's are in order for the performers who helped to make Sno-on-2 a success: Jennifer Jett; Dietra Snow; Victoria Towne; Amanda Fox; Joel, Jasmine Starr, Taja Black; Sybil; Phoenix Fallentino, Empress XII; Steve Koeller, Emperor XII; Tami Griffith, Athena IV; Melissa Morgan, Princess Royale; Marie Hazel, Lady Royale; and Sammi Bennett. Thank you's too go out to our Board members—Gary, Ed, Joe, Connie, Michael, Antonio, Chris, Marie, Amy Marie, Paul, Steve, Phillip, and Tami for all their help!

THE SUM OF US

The Spring 1993 Theatix season at University of Nebraska-Lincoln will include a production of *The Sum of Us* by David Stevens. The play traces the relationship of a grown gay son and his widowed heterosexual father through their humorous and painful attempts at forging permanent romantic relationships. Subtitled *A Comedy of Love*, the work is noteworthy for its realistic treatment of caring and accepting family structure. Michael Kuchwara of the Associated Press applauded *The Sum of Us* as "an old-fashioned play in the best sense....Best of all, its sentiment and emotion are earned honestly."

David Stevens won the 1991 Outer Critics Circle Off-Broadway Award for Best Play for *The Sum of Us*.

The UNL Theatix production will be directed by graduate student Julie A. Schanke, and will be performed April 28, 29, 30 and May 1 at 9:00 pm in Studio 301, Temple Building, 12th and R Streets. Tickets, which are \$2, will be available only at the door. The Theatix program at UNL stages original, experimental, and student-directed works with minimal set, lighting and costume support, providing alternative theatrical opportunities. A special feature this spring is a season-long commitment to support the Nebraska AIDS Project by providing donation opportunities and literature distribution at all Theatix performances. For more information, call 472-7009.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, April 1

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

April Fool's Party, "Free" Keg Beer with Donation of 3 cans food for MCC-Pantry, 6pm-12midnite The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

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

SATURDAY, April 3

Scavenger Hunt: 3-7pm, Registration at 2pm, Start and Finish at DC's Bar, 10th & Pacific, **Omaha**. 1st prize \$50, 2nd prize \$25. Limit 4 persons per team, Entrance Fee \$5 per person. A fundraiser for River City Midsouth Chorus

Nebraska Gay Rodeo Association, 4pm, DC's, 1019 S. 10, **Omaha**

Coalition, 1st Saturday Event "Music Talent Nite" Cornerstone, 640 N 16, **Lincoln**, 7-10pm

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

SUNDAY, April 4

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

ANGLE Phone Line Invites you to Brunch at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 11:30-1:30pm

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!

"Under the Sea Party", 10pm, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

Tony Di Angelo, Mr Gay USA 1991, & Male Order Review at The MAX, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

MONDAY, April 5

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

"Male Order Review" Male Dancers perform at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

TUESDAY, April 6

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

"Aries Full Moon Party" Keg Party, donate 3 cans food, **NEW RUN** Bar, **Omaha**

THURSDAY, April 8

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, **Omaha**, 291-6781, Program and Sharing, 7pm, First Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, West Entrance

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

Passover Seder Potluck Dinner, MCC-**Omaha**, 6:30pm 345-2563

FRIDAY, April 9

Good Friday Services, MCC-**Omaha**, 7pm

Prayer Vigil Begins, MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22

"Keg Party" Donation 3 cans food, 6pm-12midnit, The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

SATURDAY, April 10

Deadline for *May Issue of New Voice*

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

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

Premier Party for Left of Center, 3 Cheers, 414 20th Street, **Sioux City, IA** (712) 255-8005

"Keg Party" Donation 3 cans food, 6pm-12midnit, The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

SUNDAY, April 11

Sunrise Services in MCC's Inspiration Garden, MCC-**Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 6:30am There will be a Breakfast following Service

Easter Services, MCC-**Omaha**, 10:20am

Easter Buffet, 10am-2pm, By Reservation Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

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

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

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

Miss Gay Omaha 1992, Dorian Drake performs at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

"10th Annual Gay Easter Egg Hunt" 7pm, "Easter Bonnet Contes and Show" 9pm, The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

MONDAY, April 12

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

TUESDAY, April 13

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

WEDNESDAY, April 14

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

Celebrate Jim S's birthday, "Keg Party" Donation 3 cans food for MCC Pantry, The **NEW RUN** Bar, **Omaha**, 3pm-10pm

THURSDAY, April 15

"IRS Tax Filing Deadline Party", 6pm-12midnit, The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

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

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

1993 Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Film Festival, Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, 12th & R, **Lincoln**. Ticket prices per set: \$4 (UN-L Students), \$5 (non-students). Festival Passes: \$12 (UN-L Students), \$15 (non-students). Info: 472-5644.

FRIDAY, April 16

1993 Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Film Festival, Mary Riepma Ross Theater, 12 & R, **Lincoln** 472-5644

"Roman Holiday & Roman Toga Contest" The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

SATURDAY, April 17

"Let Go Of Those Hangers-Annual Closet Ball" 3 Cheers, 414 20th Street, **Sioux City, IA** (712) 255-8005

"Volleyball Begins" (Weather Permitting) The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

Omaha Players Club Wkshp. "Role Playing: Pt 1," 10828 John Galt Blvd, Suite 106, 451-7987

Indoor Rodeo Challenge with Sidekicks from Kansas City, Time TBA, Plan on an Afternoon Start Time, DC's, 1019 S. 19, **Omaha**

"Roman Holiday & Roman Toga Contest" The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

SUNDAY, April 18

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

Art Auction, 4pm, The Diamond, **Omaha**

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

Gay/Lesbian Student Org., Box 8171, Omaha, 68108 7pm, Downtown Grounds, **Omaha**

"Mr. Run Contest & Show" The **NEW RUN** Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

"It's a Surprise!" Club 2001, **Lincoln**

"Closet Ball" Sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska, The MAX, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

TUESDAY, April 20

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Gospel Concert by "Heartsong"
MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7pm

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

THURSDAY, April 22
Grand Island Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr Support Group, 8pm, (308) 236-8610

FRIDAY, April 23
"Best Nightie Contest" **NEW RUN Bar, Omaha**

SATURDAY, April 24
Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, call for info: Cleve, 733-1360

SUNDAY, April 25
"March on Washington for Gay-Lesbian-Bi Equal Rts, Liberation, & Justice, **Wash., D.C.**

Earth Day, Heartland Park, **Omaha**
"Earth Day Keg Party" Donation 3 cans food for MCC Pantry or \$3, 5pm-1am, The **NEW RUN Bar**, 1715 Leavenworth, **Omaha**

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

MCC-Omaha Evening Worship Service, 7pm,

"Miss Club 2001 Pageant" 9pm, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, **Lincoln**

Live Comedy and Live Performers in Sunday Night Live at The MAX, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

MONDAY, April 26
Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, call Lincoln Interfaith Council at 474-3017.

TUESDAY, April 27
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), 7pm, **Lincoln** Unitarian Church, 6300 A Program: "20th Cent. G/L Literature" Small group sharing sessions, "Under 21" grp meets separately. For more info call 435-4688

WEDNESDAY, April 28
"The Sum of Us", Off Broadway Hit, "father-son play with a big heart...balances pathos and humor". Studio 301, Temple Theater 12th & R **Lincoln**, Tickets \$2, Available Only At Door

THURSDAY, April 29
"The Sum of Us", Temple Theater **Lincoln**,

SATURDAY, May 1
Coalition. 1st Sat Event, "Gay May Dance with G-L Music". Cornerstone, **Lincoln**, 7-10pm

"The Sum of Us", Temple Theater **Lincoln**,

"Mr. Buns Contest" **NEW RUN Bar, Omaha**

SUNDAY, May 2
3rd Annual "Cutathon", Capitol School of Hair Stockyards Plaza, 3339 L St. & Westwood Plaza, 2819 S. 125th Ave, 11am-5pm

"The Sum of Us", Studio 301, Temple Theater **Lincoln**, Tickets \$2, Available Only At Door

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY
Metropolitan Community Church of **Omaha** 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Worship 10:20am
Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers, 10am.

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
Test Site, 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 Cong Church, 20th & D, 438-5214

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

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

After Hours 1:35-4am, The RUN, **Omaha**

After Hours Dancing, 1:35-4am, DC's, **Omaha**

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, Gathering Place, 1448 "E", **Lincoln**, 489-4634, 1-4pm

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

Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12m, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

After Hours, 1:35-4am, DC's, **Omaha**

After Hours 1:35-4am, The RUN, **Omaha**

Bars & Restaurants

Des Moines (A.C. 515)

Blazing Saddle 416 E 5th St., 246-1299
The Brass Garden 112 SE 4th St., 243-3965
Club 508 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508
The D & M 424 E Locust St., 243-9629

Omaha (A.C. 402)

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys, 342-1244
DC's 1019 S. 10th, 344-3103
The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595
Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth, 449-9147
The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110
The New Run 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

Lincoln (A.C. 402)

Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764
Club 2001 500 Sun Valley Road, 476-2001

WHERE CAN I GET A COPY OF THE NEW VOICE?

We've listed many of the regular distribution points below. If your group or business would like to be included on our distribution list, please contact us

Omaha:

The Chesterfield
D.C.'s
The Diamond
Downtown Grounds
Gilligan's Pub
The MAX
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Nebraska AIDS Project
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Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
The Run
Council Bluffs:
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Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Mtg Friday 8pm, 1st Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214

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 & Lesbian Assoc., Counseling Ctr, 1234 Admin Bldg, UNL, Lincoln 68508. 472-1804. 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, Box 84245, Lincoln 68501-4245 Feminist collective, newsltr, 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 Lincoln, Gay Studies Section: Books on G/L Life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OMAHA

Alcoholics Anonymous, Info: 345-9916
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.s, Inc. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endorsements), 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, 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: (712) 366-1791

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 GLAGIN, Box 1546, Kearney, NE 68848-1546 with upcoming events or to receive newsletter.

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

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

Nebraska Gay Rodeo Association, Organizational meetings in progress, First Saturday of each month at DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha, NE 68102

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. Meets 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St., Groups for family of people with HIV, and Gay Lesbian Youth Group meet same time & place.

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



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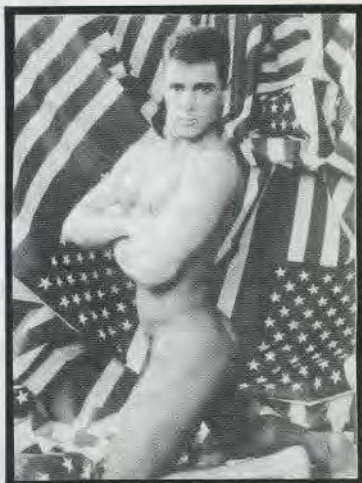
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