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# The New Voice

O F N E B R A S K A



I pledge allegiance to my Flag and (5)  
the Republic for which it stands -  
one Nation indivisible - with liberty  
and justice for all

Francis Bellamy

### Getting Sloppy

-Tom W.

OK folks, another note from your friendly typesetting staff. We've been getting a little sloppy in our submissions recently. Of all the articles in this issue, only four were properly formatted. If we can't read your writing, errors will result. Besides, it makes the typesetters unhappy. Reprinted below is an article describing the proper way of preparing your articles and letters for publication consideration in The New Voice.

### We Can't Read Your Writing

I'm the typesetter for The New Voice and I have a request to make. You see, I have to read what is submitted for publication, interpret it and then type it.

I can't read my own writing after it's 5 minutes old - and some of you aren't much better. So, if you're submitting articles and/or press releases there are a couple of guidelines that I ask you follow.

Please type your submission, double spaced on 8 1/2 by 11 paper. DO NOT use all caps. If you don't have a typewriter available, please print double spaced.

Get your items in as early as possible so that I don't have to try to type this whole magazine in a couple of days.

Use the "third person" when writing an article about your organization.

This is a monthly magazine, so do not use such terms as "last Wednesday", give us the actual date.

Keep titles short. There is a limited space for article titles. We will cut them as necessary, which may or may not reflect what you want as a title.

By observing these common guidelines, you will not only make my job easier, but help insure that your input will get printed.

Tom W.

### Please Be Discreet

The staff of The New Voice cannot be responsible for knowing who in our community wish their full name used in print and who do not. If you submit an article for publication, it is your responsibility to avoid using last names unless you have that person's specific permission to print their full name.

### So Very Sorry

Publication of the October issue of The New Voice was late due to technical delays in printing. We hope this did not cause you any difficulties.

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### About the Cover

This is the original Pledge of Allegiance to the flag in the handwriting of the author, Francis Bellamy, written at the decree of President Benjamin Harrison in 1892 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. The original words have been changed on Flag Day in 1954 by an Act of Congress.



### REMINDER! --New Deadline--

Beginning in December, 1988 (January 1989 issue) the deadline for submissions will be the 10th of each month to allow The New Voice to be published by the first of the month.

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**PWA Booth**

In response to last months article in the New Voice of Nebraska, a contribution was received in exchange for a set of china. This brings the total receipts from the PWA booth to \$435.00. Thanks to the New Voice and to all the contributors to the AL721 research and the PWA emergency fund.

-Jerry Peck



The New Voice is now publishing a calendar of events for the Gay and Lesbian Community. We are happy to list events taking place in your organization or business. Remember that the publication date of The New Voice is the 10th of the month and listings for the calendar must be received by the 15th of the month preceding publication. You'll need to plan well in advance for events taking place in the first 10 days of the following month. The New Voice reserves the right to edit material submitted for length and appropriateness.

**Nebraska Violence**

-Rodney A. Bell, II

Recently, I experienced a horrifying violent act by three college age homophobes. They gave me no warning as they swung a tire rod at my face and windshield. I had gone to the capitol to visit friends and these malicious people assaulted me in my own car. This could happen to anyone of us, as gays and lesbians. I would not be surprised if homophobes kill someone, will you? I feel lucky to be alive.

Anti-gay/lesbian violence doesn't just happen in big cities. Good ole Nebraskans are out there beating fags and dykes. They could attack you outside a bar, your apartment or a cruising area.

We have to start caring for our community. Most gay men in Lincoln seem arrogant, self-centered and cold. A sense of brotherhood and family is needed, not rude attitudes. Would any of you lend a hand to a gay brother in need? How could we have responded to Gene Nwakwe's murder. There have been many incidents of violence and harassment in Lincoln.

According to a National Gay/Lesbian Task force study, more than one in five gay men and nearly one in ten lesbians reported physical assault. More than forty percent had

been threatened with violence. More than 90% had experienced some type of victimization- simply for being gay or lesbian.

What can we do to work on the problem? 1) Have a monthly column in the New Voice on violence, harassment and discrimination, 2) I propose to hold a workshop every 6 months on the topic and 3) make materials available to the community on dealing with violence. Hiding our heads in the sand is non productive, ignorant and idiotic. Let's do something today!



**Editor's Note**

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS LETTER WAS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE SET IN OUR REGULAR STYLE OF TYPE. WE HAVE DECIDED TO REPRINT THE LETTER IN THIS FORM SO THE ISSUE IS PRESENTED IN A TIMELY FASHION.

AS EDITOR I WISH TO THANK THE AUTHORS FOR BEARING THEIR FEELINGS AND REACTIONS WITH US. I WISH TO ALSO EXPRESS MY OWN REGRET THAT THE COLUMN IN QUESTION CAUSED ANY DISTRESS TO OUR READERS.

To the Editor of the New Voice:

In response to the column 'Around the Milkrun' in the Oct. Issue of the New Voice, I and many others take offense to the side door at the Chesterfield remark. The ladies (and gentlemen) have and will continue to use the FRONT door with pride.

There is enough back biting in 'our' community without the likes of Ms. Loveless slamming the few establishments (and their patrons) that welcome 'our' business and support 'our' fundraising needs. Although we must agree, at times it is hard to tell the girls from the boys in any of the bars. In this case it's easy to tell the adults from the children, so Belinda? No hard feelings. Come on in anytime, but please use the BACK door.

Sue B.  
P.J.W.  
and others....



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## Editor's Note

Several members of Metropolitan Community Church have written to the New Voice to express what they consider to be a critical need in our community. Your opinions on this or on any other issue are welcome.

-Sharon V.

## MCC Needs

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha has been an integral part of our community for many years now. All of us have been touched in one way or another by the MCC-O family.

As treasurer of MCC-O, I need to bring to your attention the critical need of our congregation.

In order to keep our heads above water, we have a certain basic needs: our mortgage payment each month is \$389.94. Our compensation package need is nearly \$1550 (this includes salary, insurances, pensions, taxes, etc). Our utility needs approach \$125.00 This means we need \$2064.94 each month for basics alone. Postage, paper, copy machine use, telephones, insurance and other items, (which aren't really luxuries, are they?) need to be considered as well.

Also, as most of you know, pastor Jan is leaving us in January. As we search for a new minister, the financial situation of our church is a critical issue in attracting and hiring someone. Our current average offerings of around \$900.00 per month do not cover the \$2064.94 worth of basic needs outlined above.

I am asking that anyone in our community, MCC members or not, consider this need seriously. We want to remain a viable part of Omaha's gay community. Without your support, this will not be possible.

Please consider visiting our church. We have services at 10:20 a.m. and 7:00p.m. each Sunday. If you are not able to share your time and talents with us, please consider helping MCC-O financially. We do need your help!

-Dean Pierce,  
Treasurer

God loves the thoughts of the heart more than words of the mouth.

## Is MCC Special?

Diana M.

Where else can you find the following?

1. Having a church where you are finally told the true word of God, not someone's opinion of the word.

2. A church where you can confide in the pastor about your past-present and your hopes for the future without fear.

3. Being accepted for who and what you are.

4. A church that leads you to understand and love Jesus Christ.

5. To be able to take Holy Communion with those you love.

6. The honor to be part of a group which includes children without someone trying to worry that you might harm a kid.

7. A place where you can

volunteer your talent, time and tithes to the betterment of the church, your community and yourself.

8. Friends and lovers holding hands or putting their arms around each other.

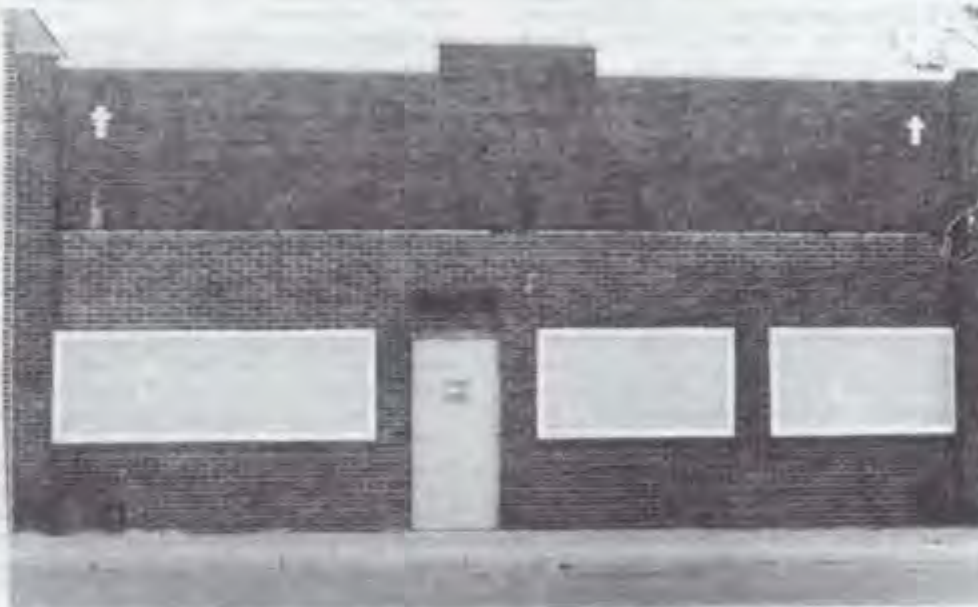
9. A place where value is placed on you and your lover's commitment to each other.

10. Being able to have a Holy Union in front of God, family and friends to publicly acknowledge your love and commitment to each other.

11. A special place to meet people who don't go to the bars or other gay activities.

12. A place where you can meet others who are "coming out" and receive support and caring in a different time.

Is MCC special? You Bet!!!



## Who Needs MCC?

Dear Editor--

I don't really need MCC anymore. I know that God loves me just as I am. I have learned to see God's hand in my daily life. I have learned the power of prayer, praise, and healing. God gives me joyful days and quiet days. God gives me strength and courage through personal difficulties with family and work. I know God abides in my heart, and I can worship him anytime and anywhere.

So why do I choose MCC as a place to worship, to fellowship, and to support? MCC has become my family. I have found God's love there in

my greatest times of need. That love has come from the pastor, the members, and the friends of the church. They have given me support and encouragement day by day, week by week, and year by year. They support my relationships with my lover and my family. I could worship in other churches, but I choose MCC where I have found God and where my lifestyle is accepted.

Come and worship with us. Discover joy, support, and strength. We need each other and a vital, active church in Omaha.

-Mets Brandi

## Leonard Matlovich

-Washington Blade

Leonard Matlovich, a former Air Force technical sergeant whose battle to stay in the military after he acknowledged his homosexuality to a superior officer landed him on the cover of Time magazine, died June 22, at a friend's home in North Hollywood, CA, from complications associated with AIDS. He was 45.

After his doctors informed him that there was little that could be done for him, Matlovich opted not to be readmitted to the hospital so that he could spend his last days with his friend Michael Bedwell and his family. Matlovich, the son of an Air Force Sergeant, was born in a military hospital in Savannah, GA. He was raised on Air Force bases around the world.

After graduating from high school, Matlovich joined the Air Force in 1962. During his three tours of duty in Vietnam, Matlovich was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and 2 Air Force Commendation Medals. After leaving Vietnam, Matlovich served as a counselor in the Air Force's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program and Race Relations Program, where he was praised by superiors for his "bold and innovative classroom technique."

In 1975, after going to a Gay bar for the first time, Matlovich decided to write a letter to his Superior officer acknowledging his homosexuality. In his letter, Matlovich wrote that he considered himself to be "a homosexual, and fully qualified for further military service. My almost 12 years of unblemished service supports this position."

7 months later, after 4 days of administrative hearings, a military board recommended that Matlovich be given an honorable discharge. Shortly after he was discharged, Matlovich filed suit in US District Court challenging his removal. That court ruled that the Air Force had been justified in discharging Matlovich, but 2 years later an appeals court reopened that case.

In 1980, a federal judge ordered that Air Force to reinstate Matlovich to the rank and salary he would have

obtained had he not been discharged. Matlovich, conceding that he had made his point, decided not to return to the military. In an out-of-court settlement with the Air Force, Matlovich received \$160,000.

Because of his battle with the Air Force, author Randy Shilts called Matlovich "the country's first certifiable Gay hero."

By the time of the ruling, Matlovich had already moved to San Francisco, where he entered the fray of local politics. He challenged openly Gay Supervisor Harry Britt in 1979, claiming that Britt was too liberal. Matlovich, hoping to win because of his strong recognition, came in last place with less than 400 votes.

In 1984, Matlovich put his energies into a campaign to close San Francisco's bath-houses. After that effort failed, Matlovich moved back to Washington, where he had lived for 3 years after being discharged, and started a similar campaign there. He dropped his campaign after strong negative reactions from members of the Gay community, and returned to San Francisco.

After being diagnosed as having AIDS in October of 1986, Matlovich redoubled his efforts to fight the disease. He led a boycott of Northwest Airlines because of its policy not to serve people with AIDS, and was arrested at a protest in front of the White House last summer to call attention to the Reagan administration's slow reaction to the AIDS crisis.

Friends said that Matlovich often talked about the positive things the AIDS epidemic had done for the Gay community.

"The AIDS crisis allows us to share far more by bringing us closer together," Matlovich said. "For this much caring and compassion to come out of this community proves that we truly are a people of incredible love. We're going to be a better community because of this."

D.C. gay activist Frank Kameny, whom Matlovich consulted when he began his legal fight to remain in the Air Force, said Matlovich "greatly advanced" the Gay rights cause. Through his

forceful and articulate statements to the press and to the Gay community, Kameny said Matlovich became the "perfect" test case and role model at a time when no Gay person with Matlovich's status had come forward to challenge the military.

Ellen Nesbitt, a lesbian fighting her own military discharge, urged the gathering to continue Matlovich's work in combatting the AIDS epidemic as well as his push for Gay rights. Nesbitt, looking toward Matlovich's mother and father, who were holding hands, said the Matlovich parents "deserve a lot of credit for instilling in Leonard so much love, courage, and self-respect."

"He was the most patriotic American I ever met," Jenney said. "He had courage, strength, love, and compassion. He never turned on anyone who showed hate for him."

A horse drawn caisson carried the body to its final resting place as some 250 friend and supporters followed on foot in a funeral procession through the streets of Capitol Hill.

8 members of the Air Force honor guard served as pall bearers at a service at Christ Episcopal Church and at the cemetery, and a separate team of 6 Air Force rifleman fired 3 volleys at the cemetery in a salute to Matlovich. An Air Force bugler played taps.

Matlovich's friends said they were certain that Matlovich would have been proud of the military participation in his funeral, despite the decision by Air Force officials to oust him from the service after he declared publicly he was Gay.

Events surrounding the funeral began with an Episcopal Mass at Christ Church, where the D.C. Gay Men's Chorus sang and Charles Gibson, co-host of the abc television program GOOD MORNING AMERICA, gave a eulogy.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the Air Force honor guard dressed in full ceremonial uniform carried Matlovich's flag-draped casket from the church to the caisson. Following in a procession were Matlovich's parents and family members and a contingent of 7 Gay activists who served as

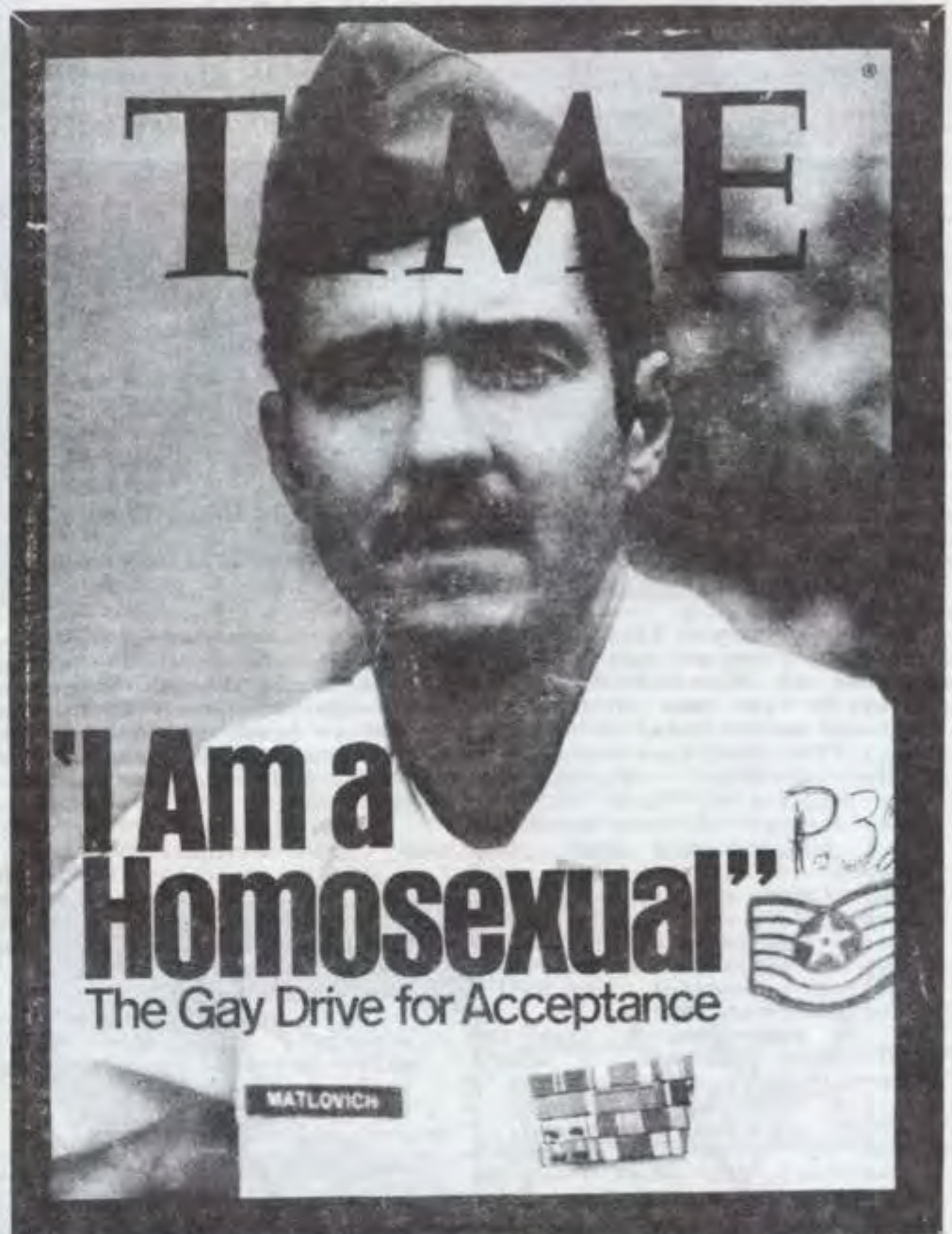
honorary pall bearers.

When the procession began its 1 mile journey from the church to the cemetery, a limousine carrying the Matlovich family moved behind the caisson, and a contingent of about 2 dozen people carrying lavender and rainbow striped flags fell into formation behind the limousine. The procession as television news camera and press photographers and reporters looked on.

Ken McPherson, Chairman of the national group Mobilization Against AIDS and a friend of Matlovich's from San Francisco, said funeral arrangements were carried out according to instructions left by Matlovich.

Matlovich was buried July 2, 1988 in Washington's Congressional Cemetery. Lee Jenney, a Matlovich friend in Washington and an official with Congressional Cemetery, said Matlovich purchased his cemetery plot and installed an anonymous black granite headstone there in 1986, with the intention of making the stone a symbol for all Gay Vietnam veterans. The inscription that Matlovich had placed on the stone states, "When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing 2 men and a discharge for loving one."

McPherson said that at Matlovich's request, the Air Force veteran's name will not be inscribed in the headstone, only the date of his death. The date of Matlovich's birth and the inscription, "A Gay Vietnam Veteran," had been placed on the stone at the time of installation in 1986. McPherson said Matlovich's name will be inscribed in a simple stone border which will be placed around the gravesite.



Matlovich's personal copy of the famous edition of *Time*: "P. 32" is his own notation.

# REMEMBER

# Reflections On the Wall

-Tom W.



On December 13, 1969, a scared young man got off of a plane at Bien Hoa Air Force Base in Viet Nam. Thirteen and a half months later on February 1, 1971, that same young man - older and wiser - returned home to Maguire Air Force Base in New Jersey. In those months, a lot had happened that took years to accept. The real acceptance of that experience took place on July 28, 1988, over 17 years later. That's the day I visited The Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial ("The Wall") for the first time.

My experience in 'Nam was different than most. I wasn't out in the boonies carrying a rifle, nor was I totally a "REMF" at a rear base camp. I was a "71M20" Chaplain's Assistant. That meant I was the Chaplain's body guard, driver, secretary, chapel organist and chapel builder. In addition, I visited our wounded at the evacuation hospitals and assisted in memorial services.

That may not sound like much to you. I didn't see actual combat - instead, I saw the aftermath. I haven't talked much about it except to other Viet Nam veterans - we've had a propensity to keep our feelings to ourselves. At the most, we'll discuss it with other Viet Nam Vets. Recently, with the building of "The Wall" and some of the programs on TV we've started to let our feelings come to the surface. They call it "Delayed Stress Syndrome" or something like that.

In the meantime, we've kept to ourselves. I have a very close friend in Des Moines who saw a lot of combat. We've

spent several nights just talking. Occasionally he will have a flashback. Our mutual friends know that that's the time to leave us alone. I know I'm one of the few men who understands what he's going through.

When I visited "The Wall", my first thoughts were that I wished he could have been there with me to share our feelings and, yes, cry on each others shoulders. The memorial invokes those feelings. It is truly a moving experience.

As you approach the memorial, its almost like entering sacred ground. Signs request "No Smoking", "No Food", "No Running".



published by the Parks and History Association fittingly describes the memorial "Like a roll call of time, the memorial lists casualties by the date of loss, starting at the vertex. The first name, Dale R. Buis, is inscribed under the date 1959 on panel 1E. Names continue eastward to panel 70E, reaching May 1968 at the end of the East wing. The sequence continues at the wall's opposite end on panel W70 as if the memorial has circled underground and surfaced again. At the Vertex, the toll ends with Richard Vande Geer at the bottom of Panel W1 above the date 1975. End meets beginning; the circle is complete."

On my visit to the memorial I noted an envelope sitting against one of the panels. A soldier's name had been copied from the memorial. Written on the envelope was "Dear Dad, I'm sorry I never got to know you, Love, .....

It is a memorial not only to those who lost their lives, but all who served. This is best described by the inscription at the base of the memorial's flagpole "The flag affirms the principles of freedom for which they fought and their pride in having served under difficult circumstances..."

Anyone visiting Washington, D.C., whatever their political stance during the Viet Nam war, should visit the Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial. Take in the wall with the veteran standing beside you, tears in his eyes and try to understand the necessary heal of the nation that is taking place. We, the Viet Nam Veterans do not expect the general public will every fully understand what we went through. We only ask that you accept that we served our country as have other veterans.

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## Reflections on Another Wall

-Sharon V.

Last summer I stood before the moving wall, a memorial to those who died in the Vietnam War, quietly choking back tears for people I had never known. The Moving Wall is a 1/2 size replica of the Vietnam monument in Washington D.C., designed so that more Americans could experience the awe felt by those who do go to Washington.

The day was cool and windy with rainshowers pelting those who were gathered. The wall was festooned with little squares of white paper; each with the name of someone who had died; each left behind by someone who grieved. Wreaths, flags, and flowers were left in tribute by the wall and occasionally a photo and a message--"Did you

know this man? He is my husband--missing in action."

As I looked at the names, it struck me that this list did not discriminate because of race, religion, gender, nor sexual orientation. Only occasionally would a surname give a clue that this person may have been oriental or hispanic or native american by ancestry. Most of those listed were male, but women's names appeared also.

Nowhere did it say--this person was gay or this person was a lesbian--the wall only shows that these people died in military service during the Vietnam era.

I felt the same sense of awe as I walked with my

grandchildren through the panels of the quilt. You could tell so much from these panels but yet so little. Was this one gay? Was this one a drug user? Was this panel with teddy bears for a child or for someone young at heart?

As with the wall, you cannot really tell anything but that this person died prematurely--killed by forces that prey on the young and strong.

I walked away from the wall choking back tears and praying that war will never again slaughter our sons and daughters. I walked away from the quilt holding tightly to my grandchildren, praying that no other sons and daughters will die needlessly.

## Fighting for Freedom

### But Having None

-By Susan E. Blankman

I had served the military to do my part, to make our country a better place to live, and to keep our freedom of choice but I was not allowed to have any.

I had to be careful with whom I saw on a social aspect; not looking too romantic at any females, what I said how I said it and to whom, being seen with a male once in a while, dating if people started to talk, or wonder about my sexual choice. The letters I wrote or received had to be in code from my lover

so no one would know that it was from a female.

The military wasn't all bad, I met other gays and lesbians from all over. It was interesting on how we all seem to know who the other Gays and lesbians were. My time with other Military Lesbians was great and the best time I ever had while serving my country.

I still get upset with the fact that I served for freedom and wasn't even allowed basic human rights.

Don't forget - beginning with the January 1989 issue, classifieds are due by the 10th of the preceding month.



## The Hole

-Bear

I sat in the hole I dug for myself  
 And nobody saw me watching.  
 I sat in the hole I dug for myself  
 And nobody saw me crying.  
 I sat in the hole I dug for myself,  
 And nobody saw they were filling it in.  
 There is no more hole; there is no more me... and nobody saw I was gone.



## "Yes, Sir!"

-by C.B.

I won't ever have to call him "Sir" again. No, I was not into S/M. I was in the service for the past eight years.

Now I am making my way into the civilian world with a bit of trepidation mixed with excitement. The service takes care of things such as hospitalization and life insurance. Starting now, I will have to take care of that.

Some of the other things I will miss about the service will be the chow hall (when was the last time you had a 75-cent breakfast?), the free gymnasium, and \$1000 flights overseas. Plus I never had to make a choice as to what I should wear to work since it was always either "blues" or fatigues (but I did more boot and shoe polishing than other people did).

The obvious things I won't miss about the service are the homophobia and discrimination I encountered, I was fortunate enough to "get out" unscathed by any investigations into my personal life, but I know some others not as fortunate as I.

While I was in the service I tried to keep a professional demeanor at work and also insisted on professionalism from my co-workers. Sometimes I had to bite my tongue because I felt that my opinions and feelings would bring the spotlight down on me and I didn't want that.

Still in all, the service is a good life but not for every one. To "make it" one should be street wise and cautious.

I really "have it made", because for the past eight years, I have been all over the world, learned a good skill, and now, when I want to settle down, I have my lover. I'm going to move in with him and we are going to start out life together even if he does like me to call him "Sir!"

### Submission Deadline

The New Voice has a submission deadline on the 15th of each month. Submissions received after the 15th will be held for publication at a later date. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ACLU Challenges Army Exclusion

The leading case challenging the Army's exclusion of gay and lesbian soldiers was heard by U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, sitting en banc on October 12 in San Francisco.

The ACLU represented Perry Watkins, who was drafted in 1967 and then compiled an exemplary record in 14 years of service as an openly gay man. During that time, Watkins re-enlisted three times without objection from the Army. In 1981, Army regulations were changed to mandate discharge for all gay soldiers without exceptions and Watkins was denied re-enlistment. The ACLU in Washington state brought suit on his behalf.

The ACLU brief argues both that the Army's blanket exclusion of gay and lesbian soldiers is unconstitutional and irrational, and also that the Army's expulsion of Watkins after years of service, when it had previously permitted several re-enlistments, violated principles of equity law.

"We have strong grounds for winning this case as to the policy in general and as to Perry's case in particular," said Nan D. Hunter, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

"Despite the Army's arguments that openly gay soldiers will undermine morale, the undisputed facts of this case demonstrate that there was no negative effect on morale here. At bottom, the Army's policy amounts to no more than perpetuation of private bias," said Hunter.

Hunter and the national ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project also coordinated amicus (friend of the court) briefs which were filed in the case. "I'm very happy that civil rights and professional organizations from outside the gay community have recognized the importance of this case," she said.

Organizations filing amicus briefs in support of the ACLU position included the American Psychological Association and the Women's Legal Defense Fund, as well as gay organizations such as the Gay Veterans Association, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, Lambda Legal Defense Fund, the Lesbian Rights Project, and National Gay Rights Advocates.

A different panel of the Ninth Circuit heard arguments previously in another ACLU case involving the rights of military personnel. ACLU cooperating attorney Mary Newcomb pressed case on behalf of Capt. Dusty Pruitt, a lesbian member of the Army Reserve, who was discharged after having been quoted in the Los Angeles Times commenting on her homosexuality. Newcomb argued that the Army's action violated Pruitt's First Amendment Rights.

The Pruitt case was brought by the ACLU in Los Angeles. The lower court ruled that the military's action was justified by its "rational" policy of exclusion based on homosexual orientation.

Decisions in both cases are expected in 1989.



SSGT Perry Watkins

# Frolicking at Fort Hood

## A Tour to Remember

-By Thom Jeffers

My tour of duty at Fort Hood, Texas was one that I will never forget. Besides my rather pressing duties for my job, I had rather "pressing" encounters that would make your head spin.

First of all let me say that being a Gay man and a soldier at Fort Hood was a very pleasant and very exciting time in my military service. But at that time I had to act "straight" so I would not be singled out. I would go on a few dates when people would get nose about my social life.

But little did I know that one day everything would change and things could go better with my life. One day, my C.O. called me to his office and wanted to talk, being it was a routine talk for all the new soldiers. It was just that mine took a little longer and the other troops got to know me a little.

My C.O. shocked me by coming out and just asked me whether or not I was Gay. And I said "Would it make a difference?"

But he never answered me. I guess he just kind of figured it out. But ever since that day I really wasn't treated any different as far as my soldering went, but as far as my being a Gay soldier, the troops loosened up and accepted me for what I was and not because I was strange,

I guess the reason they really accepted me was after the weekend I spent with my C.O. But of course I never kiss and tell, so figure it out for yourself. But as far as being a Gay soldier in the Army, mine was a feeling of acceptance and wanting, and not one of "why do you do that and this and that and the other".

I did my job and lived my life the way I wanted too and in the comfort of my lover and I's home on base. But that is another story for another time.

So if anyone tells you that being Gay in the Military is unenjoyable and full of stress, just send them over to me and I'll tell them of the most fantastic time of my life at Fort Hood, Texas.



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10:20 am & 7:00 pm

Gay/Lesbian Support Group:  
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Praise & Prayer Service:  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 pm

## Around the Milkrun

### With Belinda Loveless

This being the season of the first frost, it has been declared "Do not pick the (on) Flowers month." Nuff said.

Cindy at the Diamond Bar is really upset. She just finished the big project and her old decorator came back to town. Guess it's back to the wallpaper samples and carpet swatches again. Maybe there'll be a light in the penthouse again.

Heard that the Max is considering having a Pari-Medic in attendance at all Friday Night cocktail hours. That's in case any of the older members of our community should suffer Cardiac Arrest while the male strippers are really letting it fly.

If you missed Halloween downtown, you really missed the ultimate. All the lovely ladies and some not so lovely were on the streets and in the bars. It could remind you of a giant cast party for "The Bride of Frankenstein."

## AIDS Anthology

Poems of 1 to 10 pages are being solicited from throughout the United States by Andrew Miller, a Washington DC poet. Miller plans to edit and publish selected works into an anthology, and give all proceeds to AIDS research. Publication is set for June of 1989.

The City Paper of Washington DC has previewed several of the poems as "provocative... straightforward..." Miller says the anthology is determining itself as "often forward-looking, and unusual in its interplay between the poets speaking for the people and the people speaking for themselves"

Works may be sent to:

Andrew Miller  
P.O. Box 25711  
Washington DC 20007

Unpublished manuscripts will be returned if a self addressed, stamped envelope is included. All works must be postmarked by February 1st, 1989.

## Daring to Be Aloof

-Jerry Peck

Recently I had the opportunity to attend opera Omaha's fall festival. Among their offerings was a one-act opera that told of a couple that persisted in printing pamphlets during the holocaust. The music told of how we cannot effect change by remaining aloof.

My memories took me back to my ancestors. They fled from Germany in the mid 1700's with the German Baptist people that were being persecuted. They had a printing press which they used to print tracts proclaiming religious freedom. The barn that housed the press was burned and their livestock slaughtered. With something as private as their religious beliefs, it would have been easy to remain aloof, practice their religious lifestyle in private and continue to be safe. I, for me, am glad they did not segregate their religion from their daily living. As depicted in the opera, many people (Jesus, homosexuals etc,) did not allow their religious or sexual natures to be put into a closet during the holocaust. They suffered, but their ideals survived.

Today many gay men and lesbians remain aloof in their closets, failing to get involved in any gay or lesbian social or political activities. Our barns are not being burned nor are we put through a holocaust. We have many anti-discrimination laws on the books-so why not remain aloof?

We have the rights which we can take into a court of law; however, not all aspects of being gay or lesbian are courtroom material. We are not free from social prejudices that keep many brothers and sisters closeted. We will not be arrested for appearing in public as a same gender couple, or for holding hands as we walk through the streets and parks, or for putting an arm around our partner at a movie, or even embracing at a worship service-but we don't do these things. We are not free to be "natural" outside our closet or in "our bars" or under the cover of darkness in back streets.

It is time to stop being aloof. We need to stop being unnatural. We have that right.

## AIDS

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Lincoln-Lancaster County	(402) 471-7800
North Platte	(308) 534-6780 ext 134
Scottsbluff	(308) 632-1299

## Two Little Words

-Don Longmore

Have you ever stopped to think about how many times we hear the word "hate" used? It is really not a very nice word. Let's see what the big fat Daniel Webster book has to say about it: Strong dislike, ill will, loathe, detest, shrink from, despise, utter abhorrence and repugnance, just to mention a few.

I heard guy say, "I hate that newscaster." Well now, he may not like the guy but how can you hate somebody you don't even know. Does he really loathe the man? I don't think so.

You may hear someone say "I hate anchovies." Granted, they are a little salty for my taste, and I've tasted a few salty things; but this gut is saying he feels ill will toward poor little anchovies.

A friend told me one day that he hated little dallywaggers, c'mon, you know what I'm talking about. I can't say the real thing because then the editor says "your naughty" and sends a muscle man around to rough you up. So go ahead, send in an article with a bunch of dirty words, if you're in to S&M that is. I got even with the last guy, I took his pants down and licked him. Funny thing, he keeps coming over even when I'm not naughty. Anyway, you know what a dallywagger is. I never saw one I didn't like, and going back to the description above, maybe the dallywaggers are shrinking from him. One gal said "I hate football." Get out of Nebraska honey, you cannot detest football and live here. You always hear "I hate my boss." Lets see here, the last one I had would never get invited to my house, but despise him, never. The a-hole almost cried when I left.

So you see, "hate" is not a nice word, so watch your tongue. Use it for something nice.

What's really disgusting is "I hate him or her", or, heaven forbid, you. That is feeling utter abhorrence and repugnance. Please don't say that.

Now lets take a look at a nice word, "love." I like the sound of that, and I'm full of it, love that is. Danny W. describes it as: Fond of, desire, affection, devotion, enamored, passion, warm tender feeling, and get this one kids, embracing and fondling. I do like that one.

Everybody knows we feel different degrees of love. There is a love of parents, love of siblings, love of friends, spouses, and of course what most of us know about, love of lovers.

You'll hear people say "I love pizza." They like pizza but they're sure as hell not enamored with it, are they?. We hear a lot of people around here say "I love football" - I may have said that. Do we mean we feel like embracing and fondling it? Well, there are those tight ends.

You might hear, "I loved that movie." Maybe they did come away with a warm and tender feeling.

Here's a good one, this guy says, "I love ice cream." Oh! really-he has a passionate desire for ice cream? He wants to get it on with a box of ice cream? That is cold, and before you got through, it would melt all over you. Might be okay if you have someone to like it off. I might try it with a carton of yogurt, if I could find a deep enough carton.

The World Herald was on a real love-hate kick one Sunday.

The Mayor loves to grocery shop and cook, his wife hates it. She loves to do house repairs, he hates it. Well now we know why he got rid of all those maintenance workers. She's doing it.

I'm not kidding now, I actually do love people, and you should also. Go ahead say it, "I love you". Didn't that feel good? I love you too. Don't forget this however, don't use that other word we talked about around me, I just hate that. (Whoops).

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Oh, just a minute, before I sign off, Here is an update on that commercials articles I wrote for the August issue:

You've seen the dancing raisins on TV, right? Now they have walking jalapeno peppers. Well hear this, I read in the paper that they are going to approve advertising condoms on TV. I can hardly wait to see what will be skipping across the screen when they start that.

## Love of My Life

-Bear

At night wher I'm not there  
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you.

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its true,  
When you awaken and see we're  
together

I say, "I love you always and  
forever."

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# The Second Most Important Room in the House

-by HEDDA LETTUCE

It's time to talk turkey, and as I said to Virginia Hamm the other day: "Virginia, it's time to plan ahead." Start planning your feast day menu NOW! It really doesn't matter if you buy a frozen or fresh turkey. If you buy the frozen variety, thaw it in the refrigerator, NOT on the kitchen counter. What size bird you get largely depends on how much leftovers you want. And as I told Virginia and her friend Rusty Hinge, there are many things you can do with leftover turkey: Soups and stews, Tetrazzini, casseroles of all kinds, and turkey loafs, just to name a few.

Anyway a 10 to 12 pound bird should be large enough, unless you are going to have dinner for all the "house guests" you have had the past 7 months. For turkeys weighing less than 12 pounds, allow 3/4 to 1 pound per serving; for turkeys larger than 12 pounds, figure on 1/2 to 3/4 pounds per serving.

Of all the stuffings I have tried, and girls, let me tell you I have tried many, I still return to the traditional bread stuffing.

**OLD FASHIONED BREAD STUFFING**  
(enough for a 12 lb bird)  
1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion  
1 1/2 cups finely chopped celery  
1 stick (1/2 cup) margarine  
1/2 tsp poultry seasoning  
1/2 tsp sage  
some black pepper  
8 cups dried bread cubes  
4 to 6 tbl water

Cook onion and celery in butter until tender. Mix seasonings together and sprinkle them over the bread cubes. Add cooked onion mixture and water. Stir all together, stuff the turkey and roast immediately. Note: 12 slices of bread cubed and left to dry overnight will give you about 9 cups of dried bread cubes.

Preheat your oven to 450 degrees. Remove turkey from the refrigerator and stuff and pop it into the oven. You should allow about 20 to 25 minutes per pound for a turkey in the 12 to 16 pound range. If, for some reason, you are not into stuffing turkeys subtract 5 minutes per pound for an unstuffed bird. You should consider using a meat thermometer to test for

doneness. Insert the tip of the thermometer into the inner thigh muscle making sure it does not touch the bone. (Oh how phallic) The turkey is done when the internal temperature is between 180 and 185 degrees and the center of the stuffing is at least 165 degrees.

After putting the bird in the oven, reduce the oven temp. to 325 degrees. This preheating to 450 insures that the turkey meat is sealed and produces a superior finished product. One more tip: Place the bird upside down when you put it into the oven. When the cooking time is half over, remove the turkey from the oven, turn it over, and replace in oven to finish cooking. This is the time to start basting the bird with the pan juices, about every 10 to 15 minutes. Sorry girls and boys, there is no way you will get a delicious meal without basting.

Let the finished product sit about 1/2 hour after it is cooked before carving.

A wonderful potato dish is a simple mixture of sweet potatoes, bananas, and bourbon.


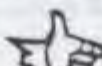
4 pounds of sweet potatoes  
1 tsp salt  
6 medium bananas  
1/4 cup orange juice  
1/2 cup light brown sugar  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
4 tbl butter  
2 to 4 ounces bourbon

Put scrubbed potatoes and salt in a pot of boiling water. Make sure there is enough water to cover them. Bring back to a boil, cover and let them cook until tender, about 30 minutes. Drain, peel, and cut potatoes crosswise into 1/4 inch slices. Grease a 2 quart souffle dish or any ovenproof deep dish that

hold 2 quarts will do. Peel bananas and cut into 1/4 inch slices. Put the slices in a bowl and toss with orange juice and bourbon. In another small bowl mix brown sugar and cinnamon. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In the bottom of the greased souffle dish, arrange 1/3 of the potato slices in a single layer, slightly overlapping. Top this layer with 1/2 of the bananas. Sprinkle 1/2 of the sugar mixture over the bananas; and dot with 1/3 of the butter. Repeat layering again with another third of the potatoes. Reserve 12 banana slices for the top of the dish. Put the rest of the bananas on top of the second layer of potatoes. Sprinkle with 1/3 of the sugar mixture and dot with 1/3 of the butter. Top the dish with the remaining third of the potatoes. Arrange the 12 bananas slices over the potatoes. Again sprinkle the rest of the sugar over the top and dot with the remaining butter. Pour the orange juice-bourbon mixture on the casserole. Bake 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serves 12.

Maybe next month I'll share with you my egg nog pie. For this month time and space are running out. This is not intended to be a commercial but Libby's has an excellent pie recipe on their can. Besides Hugh Midd and Willie B. True need my attention.

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# "All Iowa AIDS Benefit" Local Organizations

## Building Community

-J.R. Jones

Sunday, October 9th, 1988 marked another major milestone in the continuing growth and development of unity between Nebraska's and Iowa's Gay Communities. On that evening, the Corn Haulers L & L Club of Iowa, Inc. sponsored the 1988 "ALL IOWA AIDS BENEFIT".

Together, with the participation and attendance of our friends from Nebraska and Iowa, we raised over \$5000 for three of Iowa's AIDS service agencies serving PWAs.

Above and beyond the monies raised, the spirit and emotions expressed in the room that evening proved that pride in being a member of our Gay Community is a powerful force. The expressions of genuine feelings from laughter to tears, from confusion to strength, from fear to pride, surpassed all the hopes I had for this event. We as a diverse community, with all the different factions on which our Community is built, united for an evening of entertainment, to join hands in needed support for each other. This night proved to me that regardless of all the doubters and doomdayers, we can find that common ground upon which we can build a community bound together for common purposes.

Our very diversity is one of our greatest strengths. We have now begun to find those methods of communication which will provide all of us a future of strength and security. It is my most cherished hope that the expressions of Community which overwhelmed one room on one evening in late 1988 will not fade as time goes on. Let us all dedicate ourselves and our groups to the continued advancement of our Gay Community.

To our friends in Omaha and all of Nebraska who joined us on stage and in the audience, there are no words I can find which accurately express my gratitude. I could not have done it without you. You deserve to be proud of your efforts. I'm proud of you, I love you... and I promise to continue my efforts to help ALL of us. Just call. I will be there if I can, and I can with all confidence promise the same from the Corn Haulers.

To Tom W., I.W.O. and

Friends, Muffy Rosenberg, Dorian Drake and Mr. Dick Brown, ten thousand thanks. You people epitomize Gay Community to me. To all of Omaha and Nebraska, our gratitude eludes words. It may not sound like much, but these words are honest, "Thank You".

Ed: J. R. Jones was the Coordinator for the 1988 "All Iowa AIDS Benefit".

## An Iowa AIDS Benefit

-Jerry Peck

The best laid plans, etc... Fate took me to Des Moines, Iowa rather than Illinois. Through the marvel of the telephone, I found a ride with three men that I am indeed proud to call my friends, arranged a meeting with a man from 28 years into my past, and found housing in the home of another friend. Most importantly, I was able to attend an Iowa AIDS benefit.

The entertainment, which lasted over six hours, was fantastic. We saw a large number of female impersonators, several vocalists, the Des Moines Men's Chorus, stand up comics, male lip-sync artists including Mr. Gay Nebraska, a member of the Des Moines Ballet, and a chorus line made up of I.W.O. members and Omaha friends including yours truly.

However, the thing that impressed me the most was not the entertainment - it was the sense of unity that prevailed. The benefit was held at a neutral site. The bar owners were in attendance. "Prestige tables" were purchased by the various bars, the MCC of Des Moines and other groups. The benefit was put together by the Cornhaulers (Iowa's motorcycle club), but flags and banners indicated that they didn't do it alone. The talent was even more diverse than the organizational participation. Even greater diversity was present in the contributors. There was no evidence of any diversity in the purpose. Organizers, entertainers, and contributors were there to demonstrate a loving concern for those diagnosed and those to be diagnosed with AIDS.

My perspective is undoubtedly influenced by my ignorance of any personality conflicts, power struggles, bar wars, etc. Shouldn't all AIDS benefits reflect such absences?

## 1988 AIDS Benefit

-Sgt. Joe Friday

On Oct. 9th at the "Top of the Tower" of the park Inn international, in beautiful (?) downtown Des Moines, the Corn Haulers L&L Club of Iowa Inc. presented the 2nd "All Iowa Aids Benefit. The club had definitely put its best foot forward in the production of this benefit. Under the direction of J.R.-Secretary/Editor and Bob E. (Mongo) President of the Corn Haulers, with help from all the performers, many of which were from Omaha and the I.W.O., M.C. Inc., the show was a complete success.

I normally write an article "drag net" for the local D.M. area newsletter "CornTalk" in which I review shows and community functions, but I am not going to critique any performances because that night it was not whether a performer was good or bad, which is just one persons opinion, (usually mine), but what mattered was that these loving people cared enough to give of their own time, talent, and money for a cause that effects all of us directly or indirectly, gay or straight,

Though the show lasted almost 6 hours, it flew by quickly with performances that ranged from live music to lip sinc, from comedy to very serious themes, and that is not easy to do.

I myself am not a member of the Corn Haulers or helped put the benefit together, but I would like to say thank you to all who attended and/or performed to help raise over \$5,000 for A.I.D.S.

I would like to recognize people like the I.W.O's of Omaha, Muffy Rosenberg the ultimate Miss Max, Dorian Drake-Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A., Tom W. President of I.W.O. Dick B. Emperor VII of the Imperial Court of Nebraska and Mr. Gay Nebraska 1987-88, the Des Moines Men's Chorus, and Sister Woman from California, who by coming together showed that AIDS is not just something local, but of world wide concern.

Again, thank you Nebraska for all of your loving support - Iowa loves you.

## UNL Student Group

The UN-L Gay/Lesbian Student Association (GLSA) began its regular weekly meetings this fall on September 1. We still feel some students and non-students of the gay community are uninformed about the group's existence.

GLSA is a non-profit student organization funded primarily through donations and fund-raising events, and is staffed by dedicated volunteers who wish to improve the atmosphere on UNL campus and the greater community for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and straight people who are empathetic to gay/lesbian issues.

The Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (GLRC), which is located in Rm. 342, NE Union, offer many services and resources which include:

- weekly group meetings on Thursdays at 8:00p.m.-10:00p.m.
- support through peer socialization
- speakers bureau for various occasions upon request
- building resource library
- up-to-date information and referral on AIDS and other STD's
- roommate referrals
- distributor of many free publications

You can access the GLRC during times when volunteers are staffing the office.

To find out about these times, check our office door (rm.342, union) or call the center at 472-5644.

Our schedule of topics for our meetings for the remainder of the semester are:

\* November 10 GLPC/video  
Gay/Lesbian programming  
Committee will discuss more plans of future events and we will show a short presentation titled: "Tidy Endings"

\* November 17 Open (to be announced)  
Come and meet new friends (or old ones)

\* November 24 NO MEETING--  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

\* December 1 Religion and the homosexual

Find out how being gay or lesbian and your faith in God correlate (what does the bible say?)

\* December 8 GLPC/video  
Gay/Lesbian Programming  
Committee returns to update us on information on events and a movie (tba) will be shown.

We sincerely apologize for not getting this column in an earlier issue of the New Voice.

## Nebraska Civil Liberties Union

Recent attacks on the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) as part of the presidential campaign should not be ignored by gay and lesbian persons. Part of the controversy surrounding the ACLU is its strong support of gay and lesbian civil rights. The ACLU and its Nebraska Affiliate (NCLU) believe in equal protection under the law for all persons. To us that means that there will be no discrimination based on sexual orientation, sex, race, religious or political beliefs, age, or handicaps. To allow discrimination against one group means that no one is safe.

In Nebraska, the NCLU has worked tirelessly for the rights of gay/lesbian persons. We worked on the 1982 referendum campaign in Lincoln to extend discrimination laws based on sexual orientation. We have represented gay and lesbian parents in custody and visitation cases where the orientation of the parent was the issue. We lobbied successfully to keep HIV antibody tests from being

reported by name. We successfully sued to stop ENCOR from implementing a mandatory HIV antibody testing procedure for employees. And we are the only Nebraska organization providing legal help to those persons who have been discriminated against on the basis of AIDS, ARC, or HIV antibody status.

The NCLU is a membership organization. All of our programs expenses come from dues or tax deductible contributions to the NCLU Foundation. Since dues go to support our lobbying efforts, they are not tax deductible. For the NCLU to survive and continue to support the rights of gay and lesbian, we must increase the number of members. Gay men and lesbians are encouraged to join the NCLU to show your support for what we do. Dues are \$20 per year and should be sent to: NCLU, P.O. Box 81455, Lincoln, Ne 68501. For more information call John Taylor at 476-8091 (LINCOLN) Or 346-5025 (OMAHA), or write to the above address.



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# Mr. Gay Nebraska

-Tony Z.

On October 15th, Dick Brown (Mr. Gay Nebraska 1987) relinquished his title to Dustin Logan of Omaha. First runner up went to Mike Sheehan and Second runner up to Thom Jeffers, both of Omaha. Mike Null received honorable mention. The contestants and entertainers provided a pleasurable evening.

The judges had their work cut out for them. The contestants, representing a cross section of the community, displayed their abilities well. They all deserve a round of applause.

The entertainment was provided by Craig D., Connie Leigh (Grandmother of the Diamond Bar and Official T.W.O. Drag Queen), Dick Brown and Geraldine Scratch-and-Sniff. I wish to thank them for their efforts for a successful contest.

Thanks to our judges: Phil (Boardwalk - Lincoln), Russ (Dignity - Omaha) and Danielle Logan (Empress VIII - Imperial Court of Nebraska).

A special thanks to Marc E. (Cornhaulers) for being M.C. for the evening. It was great to see him and the large group of Cornhaulers who came over for the weekend. Thanks to Jeff D. on camera, Dennis McK. and Tom W. on sound, and Cindy for the use of the Diamond Bar.

Congratulations again to the contestants and winners. Special thanks to Dick Brown for a positive year for the community. I am confident that Dustin will continue the positive representation of the Gay community in Nebraska.

One of the first activities for the new Mr. Gay Nebraska will be attending the Mr. Gay Iowa contest in Des Moines. Watch for further details regarding this first contest for Iowa, sponsored by the Cornhaulers L&L Club.

One last word, thank you to all our advertisers. Your support helps produce the Mr. Gay Nebraska contest. Watch for details about next year's contest - Mr. Gay Nebraska 1990. (That's right, we'll be skipping a year in the title designation to put it in sync with the reign.)

Play safe to be there to play.

I give the devil the benefit of law for my own safety's sake.

# Lesbian Parenting

Over the years, attempts have been made to develop a support group for lesbian parents. To date, none have really materialized beyond a few moms and partners meeting up with a few others here and there. The reasons for this are many: we are a minority within the already isolated lesbian community, many of us are concerned about custody issues and maintain a low profile for legal reasons (how many lesbian mothers have been awarded custody here in Nebraska?), it's very difficult to get information to meet others when we don't know who or where they are, or perhaps our children are older now and the need for the company of other lesbian parents is no longer a priority. Despite whatever reasons held us back before, we'd like to try again to resurrect the Lesbian Parenting Group here in Lincoln.

The Lesbian Parenting Group is a confidential mutually supportive group for lesbians who parent. The group is open to lesbian parents and/or partners as singles or couples (custodial or not) as well as friends who wish to explore parenting and lifestyle issues. Group members share a commitment to keep identity and discussion confidential. Information regarding the group, its meeting dates and locations is available by writing to the address listed below. All replies will be sent in plain envelopes.

It is our hope that we can organize a cohesive lesbian parenting group here in Lincoln. There are many issues that need to be addressed as we continue the pioneering of lesbian families. Read through the following questions that should be addressed when entering into a lesbian family:



- 1) To be a good parent, I should....
- 2) If my lover and I parent together, she should....
- 3) I expect that my parenting partner will....
- 4) As an "adoptive" parent, it is my responsibility to....
- 5) If I move in with my lover and her child(ren), I should....
- 6) If I become a co-parent with my lover who has children, I should....
- 7) If I am going to have our baby, I should....She should....
- 8) Any men who share in parenting our child should....

If you have the answers to these questions, come share your knowledge with those of us who are searching for some information. If you don't know, come explore the possibilities with us - either at the forums or at the Lesbian Parenting Group meetings. If you're not sure you want to come, but would like more information or have some questions write to us at LPG, P.O. Box 6284, Lincoln, NE 68506.

## New Parenting Resource

-Equal Time News

"50/50 Parenting" is a newly released book by Gayle Kimball that provides help for parents in meeting the needs of family life in the 80's. It is based on interviews with over 300 parents who are married, divorced, lesbian and gay, stepparenting, full-time fathers, and living in groups. (\$17.95). Order from: Lexington Books/DC Health, 125 Spring St., Lexington MA 02173.

She left him on the sofa when the phone rang, and was back in a few seconds. "Who was it?", he asked.

"My husband," she replied. "I better be going," he said, "where was he?"

"Relax. He's downtown playing poker with you."

-The Ohio Motorist (AAA)

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The nobility of England would have snored thru the sermon on the mount. - 1530 AD

# Community Calendar

## Nov. 10 - Dec. 11, 1988



### Weekly Events

#### Sundays

Metropolitan Community Church  
420 S. 24th, Omaha  
Worship services 10:20 am, 7 pm

The Max  
1415 Jackson, Omaha  
Shows at 9:30 pm

#### Mondays

Adult Children of Alcoholics  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th  
7 pm, 346-9561

Womyn Together  
Dale Clark Library, Omaha  
Meeting Rooms 2 & 3  
7pm

#### Tuesday

MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th  
"Coming Out" Support Group  
7pm

#### Fridays

Gay AA  
Lutheran Medical Center  
8:15 pm, 345-9916

### Sunday, November 13

Dignity  
St. John's (lower level)  
Creighton Campus, Omaha  
Mass - 7pm

Lesbian Parenting Group  
Movie "Not All Parents are  
Straight"; Panel - Children of  
Gay Parents.  
3 pm - Lincoln  
Call for location: 464-6309

### Monday, November 14

AIDS Interfaith Network  
Prayer Service  
St. Cecelia's Cathedral  
701 N. 40th, Omaha, 7pm

### Tuesday, November 22

P-FLAG/Lincoln  
Call for location  
(402) 435-4688

### Monthly Calendar

### Thursday, November 24

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

### Sunday, November 27

Dignity  
"Gathering"  
Call for location, 331-4919  
7pm

### Tuesday, December 6

P-FLAG/Omaha  
First Methodist Church  
(Northeast Entrance)  
69th & Cass, 6:30 pm

### Thursday, December 8

Bars and Organizations of Omaha  
(BOO) 6:30 pm  
Call for location, 345-2563

### Saturday, December 10

MCC-Omaha  
420 South 24th  
Church Bazaar/Flea Market  
10 am - 4 pm

River City Mixed Chorus  
Winter Concert  
Strauss Performing Arts Center  
UNO, 60th & Dodge  
7:05 pm

### Sunday, December 11

Dignity  
St. John's (lower level)  
Creighton Campus, Omaha  
Mass, 7pm

MCC-Omaha  
420 South 24th  
Church Bazaar/Flea Market  
1 - 5 pm

MCC-Omaha Benefit Show  
The Max  
1415 Jackson - Omaha  
9:30 pm



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## Senate Passes AZT Funding

(Washington, D.C. September 30, 1988)...The United States Senate approved a bill by Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT) to extend by six months the federal government's funding for AZT (Retrovir) for low income individuals. The program expires today, the end of the 1988 fiscal year, and requires further Congressional action to continue. The Public Health Service has estimated that 6,000 people are on the program.

"Weicker took the critical first step," said Human Rights Campaign Fund executive director Vic Basile. "He put together the political coalition needed to win in the Senate."

The Weicker bill would provide up to \$15 million to continue the program through March 31, 1989. Weicker also persuaded Burroughs-Wellcome, the manufacturer of the drug, to contribute \$5 million to pay for the drug.

In the spring of 1987, Weicker first moved to enact the program which was established with \$30 million. At that time, it was seen as a stop-gap measure to cover the cost of AZT-which then cost \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year for people who otherwise could not afford it. However new drugs to treat AIDS have been slow to enter the market and the cost of AZT has fallen only slightly, to about \$8,000-\$10,000 per year.

The proposed funds, if given final approval, will be distributed through state health departments. Each state may develop income guidelines for distributing the funds.



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

## Lawsuit Against Private Clinic

San Francisco... Trial Lawyers for Public Justice (ILPJ) and National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) filed a precedent-setting lawsuit in San Francisco superior court charging a private HIV(AIDS) antibody testing clinic with using shoddy testing procedures. Plaintiff Gerard Brogan was charged \$80 for testing by Kimberly Services of San Francisco which gave him his results over the phone without counseling, and incorrectly told him that he had tested positive. Only upon bringing his wife and infant child to Kimberly Services for testing did Mr. Brogan learn that clinic employees had simply misread the sheet with his results. His lawsuit seeks damages for professional negligence and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

"We believe this case will establish important legal principles requiring private AIDS testing centers to conform with established testing protocols," said ILPJ Executive Director Arthur H. Bryant. "Hopefully, the case will compensate Mr. Brogan, make other private AIDS testing centers more careful, and spur the state and federal governments to act."



## Menopause Study

-Equal Time News

Two feminist researchers have developed a questionnaire of lesbians about sex at menopause. If you are a lesbian in the midst of or past menopause, and would be willing to complete a confidential questionnaire, please write to Dr. Ellen Cole, Goddard College, Plainfield, VT 05667.

## 10th Anniversary of Assassination

The Harvey Milk Remembrance Committee, an ad hoc group organized by the Gay services Network of Kansas City and the national Gay and Lesbian Task Force has declared Sunday, November 27--the 10th anniversary of Harvey Milk's assassination--to be Harvey Milk's Remembrance Day. The Committee urges gay and lesbian groups across the United States to hold events--such as vigil's and workshops--remembering Milk and focusing attention on the growing problem of anti-gay violence.

Harvey Milk, a tireless and outspoken advocate for the rights of gay people and other oppressed groups, was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the U.S. On November 27, 1978, Milk--along with San Francisco Mayor George Moscone--was assassinated by Dan White, another city Supervisor. That night, more than 40,000 marchers converged on San Francisco's City Hall to mourn the deaths of both men. Months later, Dan White was acquitted by a jury of first degree murder and convicted of manslaughter--for which he served only five years in prison. The lenient sentence shocked and outraged many, sparking angry protests and violence.

Commented Scott Smith, Executor of the estate of Harvey Milk, "A national day of remembrance is appropriate because Harvey's legacy extends beyond San Francisco to the entire world. Ten years later, his example continues to inspire and energize gay and lesbian people everywhere."

"The tenth anniversary of Harvey Milk's assassination allows us to not only recall his enormous contribution to our movement," said Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-violence project, "but also to focus attention on the violence that still plagues our community, still threatens our freedom to live and love as we choose. It is my hope that local observances will encourage more of us to combat anti-gay violence and to demand equal protection from the criminal justice system."

## Gay/Lesbian Alumni/ae

Washington, D.C.- The network of Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae groups, has announced its new referral service to help individual graduates wishing to make contact with their college or university GALA.

NetGALA has found that a large number of graduates do not know whether or not there is a GALA for their college or university, if there is one they do not know how to make contact with it, or they are unaware how to contact others from their college or university who may be interested in forming one.

NetGALA is aware of nearly all the GALAs with contact names and addresses. In some cases where there is no GALA NetGALA has contacts for individuals who are interested in starting a GALA.

Alumni/ae who wish to make contact with their college/university GALA, or who wish to start a Gala, should send a stamped self addressed envelope along with their college/university affiliation and year of graduation to: NetGala, P.O. Box 15141, Washington, D.C. 20003.

## VA Adds More Gays to Program

-Windy City Times

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Service personnel discharged from the military for homosexuality prior to December 31, 1979, will now be eligible for veteran's benefits, the Veterans Administration (VA) has announced.

A new VA rule applies to pre-1980 discharges the same standards used to determine the eligibility for benefits of persons discharged since then, officials said.

Prior to 1980, discharges for homosexuality were characterized as being less than honorable, which precluded such persons from receiving the VA benefits they had earned while on active duty. Since then, persons who were declared to be homosexual were awarded honorable discharges if there was no aggravating circumstance or poor job performance associated with their leaving service. Such persons were eligible all along for VA benefits.

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GAY WRESTLING CONTACTS! 500+ men (all 50 states). Fun / Fantasy/hot action. Infopixpak \$3.00: NYWC, 59 West 10th, NYC 10011.

I'm interested in information pertaining to Gay/Lesbian deaf community. Contact: Susan B. 9667 Suffolk Plz #114, Omaha, 68127, 339-2130.

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WANTED- Enthusiastic people willing to volunteer several hours one weekend per month. The New Voice needs people to help with layout and production. You needn't be experienced as we will teach you, however, you must be dependable and willing to work. If you are interested in volunteering for the layout staff please call 455-3701 and ask for Pat or Terry, or leave a message.

WANTED. W/M, 19-30, healthy, no beard, who want to be bound and gagged for fun. No pain, no sex. Novices, couples, OK. Phone gets quickest response. Write GFLH, PO Box 3671, Omaha, NE 68103.

Exhibitors Wanted for MCC-O Bazaar/Flea Market Dec. 10 and 11. Card-table size booth spaces available for \$10 one day and \$15 for both days, plus 10% tithe on all sales. Booth space is limited, so reserve your space now. Call 556-9907 for details.

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# Resource Directory

## NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

**Affirmation of Nebraska**  
Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501  
United Methodists for Gay Lesbian Concerns. Meets alternately in Omaha and Lincoln, second Friday.

**Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights**  
Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509  
Advocacy, lobbies for Gay/Lesbian civil right educational presentations, newsletter, cultural programs.

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**  
Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102. Social organization for advancement of gay society. Omaha meeting first Monday each month, except holidays.

**The New Voice of Nebraska**  
Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103  
Monthly magazine serving Lesbian/Gay community.

**UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center**  
(402) 472-5644  
Nebraska Union, Room 342-Meetings, (Mail Room 222)  
UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588  
Social activities, AIDS education, roommate referral groups, library.

**Presbyterians For Lesbian/Gay Concerns**  
(402) 733-1360-Cleve

**Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.**  
PO Box 31351 Omaha, NE 68131  
Wes Perry (402) 558-1186,  
Meetings, information, understanding and support for Lesbians/Gays

## LINCOLN

**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Call (402) 466-5214  
AA Central Office for location.

**Gay/Lesbian Information & Support Line (GLIS)**  
Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509  
(402) 472-4697 eves. Referral, support phone line staffed by peer counselors.

**Lambda Resource Center**  
(402) 474-1205  
2845 "R" Street, Lincoln, NE 68503

**Lesbian Support Group**  
(402) 472-2597  
Women's Resource Center, Room 117,  
Nebraska Union, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588. Informal weekly discussion group for Lesbians.

**Lincoln Legion of Lesbians**  
Box 30317, Lincoln, NE 68503  
Lesbian feminist collective  
Newsletter, support, confidential referral, cultural and social programs.

**Nebraska Wesleyan Student Group**  
(402) 465-2351 (Dr. Mary Smith)  
Meets weekly and confidentially.

**New Directions Center (402)**  
475-2802 Short term counseling, support groups, classes, workshops dealing with coming out, parenting and relationships. Sliding scale fee.

**Open Door Ministry**  
(402) 474-3390  
Orthodox spiritual counseling to all in need. No charge.

**Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) (402) 435-4668**  
Box 4375, Lincoln, NE 68501  
Support group, parents, friends, relatives of Lesbians/Gays. Meets 4th Tues.

**The Common Woman**  
(402) 464-6309 1065 N. 33rd  
(33 & Apple), Lincoln, NE 68503  
Bookstore-Coffeehouse  
(Women's social Fri, 7pm-mid.)

**The Wimmen's Show**  
12 Noon-3pm every Sunday.  
KZUM Radio 89.3 FM Stereo.

**Women's Journal-Advocate**  
Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

**Women's Assistance Emergency Fund**  
Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

## OMAHA

**Dignity of Omaha**  
(402) 331-4919 or 341-1460  
St. John's (lower level)  
Common bonds thru Mass; meetings for Lesbians/Gays their friends. 2nd Sun., 7pm

**G/L Adult Children of Alcoholics**  
Monday 7:00pm  
(402) 346-0561  
MCC-O 420 S. 24 St.

**Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon**  
Meeting weekly, Fri. 8:15pm  
MCC-O, 420 S. 24th., Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 345-2414

**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Meeting weekly, Fri 8:15pm  
(402) 345-9916

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC-O)**  
420 S. 24th St.,  
Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 345-2563  
Sun. worship 10:20am and 7pm

**Metropolitan Club**  
Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103  
(402) 449-9377  
Networking organization of business and professional persons. Meets third Wednesday monthly.

**Omaha Meatpackers**  
2116 N. 16th St. #8, Omaha, NE 68110  
(402) 341-4233 Scott Cruza, Sec.

**River City Bowling League**  
(402) 345-5118 Scott or  
(402) 493-6118 Charlie

**River City Mixed Chorus**  
(402) 342-4775  
Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101  
Volunteer community chorus for gay/lesbian, gay/lesbian sensitive men and women. Goal of musical excellence in performance  
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**Two Wheelers of Omaha Motorcycle Club (TWO)**  
PO Box 3216 OMA, NE 68103

**UNO Student Group**  
(402) 558-1186, (Wes)  
For men: Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131  
For women: Box 34463, Omaha, NE 68134. Lesbian and gay student social/support group

## AIDS AIDS AIDS

### INFORMATION & REFERRAL:

**Nebraska AIDS Project**  
(402) 342-4233  
1-800-782-AIDS  
3624 Leavenworth St.  
Omaha NE 68131  
Support Groups, Buddy's,  
Aids info & education

**Viral Syndrome Clinic**  
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE  
(402) 559-6202 Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith, MD

**Lincoln Cancer Center**  
Barb Morton (402) 483-1827  
4600 Valley Rd., Lincoln, NE 68510

**Lambda Resource Center**  
2845 "R" St., Lincoln, NE 68510

**American Red Cross**  
1701 "E" St., Lincoln, NE 68501  
(402) 471-7997

**American Red Cross**  
3638 Dewey Av. Omaha, NE 68131  
(402) 341-2723

### CONFIDENTIAL TESTING:

**Nebraska AIDS Project**  
Alternate test site, anonymous testing Thurs. 7pm to 10pm  
3624 Leavenworth Omaha, NE.

**Douglas County Health Dept.**  
4th Floor Civic Center, Omaha  
NE 68102 (402) 444-7214

**Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Dept.**  
2200 St. Marys Ave., Lincoln, NE  
(402) 471-7800

### COUNSELING AND SUPPORT:

**Open Door Ministry-Lincoln**  
Fr. David (402) 474-3390

**Parents/Friends of Lesbian and Gays (PFLAG)**  
(402) 556-7481 Ruth  
Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103  
Support for parents, friends, relatives of lesbians/gays.

**Brother William Woeger**  
c/o Omaha Archdiocese  
100 N. 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

**AIDS Interfaith Network**  
1108 N. 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

### FINANCIAL:

**Mary Caudy**  
Director of Social Services  
Lincoln General Hospital  
(402) 475-1011

### LEGAL:

**Nebraska Civil Liberties Union**  
633 S. 9th St., Lincoln, NE 68508  
John Taylor (402) 476-8091  
Omaha Telephone # (402) 346-5025

**Mowbray, Chapin & Walke, P.C.**  
201 N. 8th St., Suite 242,  
Lincoln, NE 68508.  
Jim (402) 476-3882

## Omaha Bars, Clubs & Lounges

The Chesterfield, 1951 St. Mary's Ave., 342-1244  
The Diamond, 712 So. 16th St., 342-9595  
The Max, 1417 Jackson, 346-4110  
The Run, 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

## Lincoln Bars, Clubs & Lounges

The Boardwalk, 20th & O Sts., 474-9741  
Cherchez la femme, 200 So. 18th, 474-9162  
The Club, 116 No. 20th St., 474-5692  
Panic, 200 So. 18th St., 435-8764

## Grand Island Bars, Clubs & Lounges

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EDITOR'S NOTE: ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL WAS HELD AT THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING IN LINCOLN. THOUGH MANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE INVITED, NONE WERE PRESENT. HOWEVER, ONE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE VIGIL AND THE ATTEMPT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR MORE FUNDS FOR AIDS TREATMENT AND RESEARCH WAS RECEIVED. THAT LETTER FROM MAYOR WALT CALINGER OF OMAHA IS REPRINTED BELOW.



City of Omaha  
Office of the Mayor

Omaha-Douglas Civic Center  
1819 Cornam Street, Suite 300  
Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0940  
(402) 444-5000

Walter M. Calinger  
Mayor

October 20, 1988

Fellow Concerned Nebraskans:

Although I am unable to attend this evening's Nebraska AIDS Candlelight Vigil, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Gatherings, like the one tonight, are so important as we strive to increase public awareness and empathy for those dealing with AIDS.

We all need to look within ourselves to realize that there is always the strength to help our fellow human beings no matter what the situation is or how difficult it may be.

It is my hope and prayer that we may have the wisdom to know what is a threat to our society -- and to support the research needed to conquer it.

Sincerely yours,

*Walter M. Calinger*

Walter M. Calinger, Mayor  
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