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# OUR TURN OPINIONS OF THE NEW VOICE STAFF

## CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!

by Sharon Van Butsel

This year's Pride Celebration became even greater when *The New Voice of Nebraska* received special recognition for service to the gay and lesbian and gay/lesbian sensitive community of Nebraska during the Second Annual Recognition Awards Banquet sponsored by A.N.G.L.E.

I couldn't be prouder than I am of the hard work and dedication put in by the Steering Committee and Staff of *The New Voice*. It was your hard work that led to this award. Congratulations!

Of course, like any proud parent, I was sure that my baby (*The New Voice*) deserved special recognition but lots of other excellent organizations were also nominated. So there I sat, as Becky read the list of nominees and Brandon and Tom handed out certificates, just waiting to see who would be given special recognition. Fortunately, Becky is an orderly creature who presents the certificates (which were given to all nominees) in alphabetical order, saving the special recognition award for last. So, those of us who want to know the last of the story first sit back and wait until Becky skips someone in the neat alphabetic list, and then we smile to ourselves thinking that we're really smart for figuring this out. (It doesn't take much to keep some people happy, does it?) Anyway, Becky went down the list — EAGLE, The Gay/Lesbian Youth Support Group, The Imperial Court, River

City Gender Alliance, (At this point my smile spread from ear to ear) River City Mixed Chorus, SHOUT, and then called Rev. Matthew Howard up to present the plaque as she announced that *The New Voice* had been chosen for special recognition.

The presentation got a little crowded because



six of the nine members of the steering committee had also been nominated for their personal contributions to the gay and lesbian community and I called them all to the front to accept the plaque. As a matter of fact, I couldn't keep them all corralled long enough to get a good photo of all six people. Dick Brown, Sharon McCartney, Amy Marie Meek, Pat Phalen, Terry Sweeney, and myself (Sharon Van Butsel) had all been nominated as individuals and were accounted for

between the two pictures that we took. And, of course, our acceptance got a little rowdy as we joined hands for a high school basketball team style cheer, but I guess that's become a trademark of *The New Voice's* steering committee—we do get a little outrageous at times.

In all seriousness, Thank You to the community for your support. Thank You to A.N.G.L.E. for the award. Thank You to whoever it was that was kind enough to nominate us. Thank You to the members of the steering committee who were not able to be present that night (Lee Donehower, Mark Maser, and our newest member, Blake). Thank You to Carla for her ongoing help and support. Thank You to our advertisers and to those who support our advertisers. Thank You to Printing Plus for making us look good. Thank You to

all the individuals and organizations who submit articles each month. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!

Oh, by the way, I went through the same process of elimination as Becky read off the names of those nominated for their personal contributions—only this time she didn't skip any names—she just read right through the list until she got to the last name — Sharon Van Butsel. And then she called Kathy England (selected for special recognition last year for her personal contributions) to present the plaque for personal contributions to the community. I am very proud and very grateful to have been selected for special recognition for my personal contributions. Thank you, A.N.G.L.E., and thank you to whoever was kind enough to nominate me.



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## WE GET LETTERS

### THANKS

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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*The New Voice* will publish only those letters to the editor which include full name and either address or phone number so we can verify authenticity. In the past, letters have been sent to *The New Voice* using fictitious names or initials and, as a result, innocent people have been accused of writing letters that were critical of some business or organization. As a result, we will consider your letters only if they are signed and if we are able to contact you to verify that you did write the letter and that the contents are what you intended.

## RODNEY BELL THANKS NVN

Thanks once again for another unique issue of the *New Voice*. I am enclosing poetry and a monthly column on imprisonment for publication.

Please note my new address. I would like past or current inmates (anonymously) or however to respond to my writing. I am currently incarcerated but not "behind bars," chain link fence or razorwire! I am at Community Corrections, Lincoln. My parole hearing is set for 9/22/92 in Lincoln to parole to Kansas City, Mo.

With pride,  
Rodney Bell, II, B.A.  
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P.S. People who believe I should be paroled can attend the parole hearing or write a letter to: Nebraska Board of Parole, PO Box 94754, Lincoln, NE 68509 Tel. (402) 471-2156.

*Editor's note: The New Voice of Nebraska does not accept submissions as monthly columns unless prior approval is given by the Editor. Anyone wishing to write a regular column must submit material for at least 4 issues and demonstrate on-going commitment to supporting the magazine, meeting deadlines, etc.*

*Over the years we have had too many people start "monthly columns" that only appeared once and we never received even a second column.*

## THANKS FROM ICON

Dear New Voice,

So many times the Imperial Court of Nebraska has tried to thank the community for all that they do to help us during the year at all of our functions. Attempting to do that at shows, while on the microphone, or sending personal thank you letters, does not let the whole community know how greatly we appreciate what others do for us to make each event a huge success. Coronation was held June 20th of this year at the Ramada Inn. We were so proud to have 11 out-of-state courts attend this year, but without the extra effort from people within the community, none of it would be possible. This letter is a SPECIAL thank you to everyone, from private individuals to bar owners to groups, who gave the extra mile. It made the weekend a very regal affair, not only for Nebraska, but for all those who traveled to see what a warm and caring state Nebraska is and the people who make Nebraska a great place to live. To list each person, bar, or group would take most of this edition, but in our hearts, we know who each one is and we thank you deeply. We hope to be able to count on you again, not only during Coronation, but all through the year. Without all of you in the communities of Nebraska, the Imperial Court of Nebraska would not be here today, so God Bless You and Thank you for caring and giving when called.

Connie Henke, President,  
The Board of the Imperial Court of Nebraska,  
and the Monarchs of the 12th Reign:  
Phoenix Fallentino, Empress XII,  
Steve Koeller, Emperor XII  
Tami Griffith, Athena IV

## LOOKING FOR LINCOLN

Dear Editor,

Greetings from Des Moines. I recently attended ICON's Coronation in Omaha and it was a wonderful event. The Board of Governors and Monarchs are to be commended for all the work that they do for the Gay and Lesbian community. As a former Lincolnite for many years, I know of the work they do that so often goes unnoticed.

Like I said before I'm originally from Lincoln and that's why I'm writing this. My question is to all the fine gay and lesbian people in Lincoln—where were you all at Coronation?? I saw three people from Lincoln at the ceremony and I know for a fact that there are many more wonderful people who live in that city. I just can't figure out why they do not support ICON??

I would like to say thank you and commend Janelle Hart - Miss City Sweetheart 1992 for representing Lincoln. Janelle—you deserve a big hug and a pat on the back for representing your community. I only hope more Lincolnites will follow in your footsteps.

I receive the *New Voice* and it keeps me informed of the news from Nebraska. So to Sharon and her staff, I say thank you and keep up the great work—you're terrific!

To the past reigning Monarchs, thank you for all your hard work in the past year. To the newly

elected monarchs—congratulations and may you have a pleasant and fun filled reign. I know you'll continue with the good work ICON does.

Nebraska is still a good place to call home. I only hope more people become involved in your many endeavors.

Sincerely,  
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## AIDS: ANOTHER OPINION

Dear Public,

This is in response to an article I read in the *New Voice*. (The July 1992 issues). I want you the public to view this issue from both standpoints. The article was entitled "AIDS, another opinion." There were just a few things that made me think!

First off, I will state that it is my opinion that our U.S. Government could be behind the making of the HIV/AIDS virus. There are though, a few points to ponder:

If our government were behind the making of this virus, I would seriously doubt that they would have begun the passing of it without a vaccination for our countries leaders. They would have to know that it would eventually get back to our country. But then again, I do recall our country refusing to allow foreigners with HIV or AIDS into our country. Yes, it is possible that our leaders are stupid enough to use the deadly virus without a vaccination, but I'll put money on it that they would not.

(This is an excerpt from a "continued education" pamphlet from the "University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy" June 8, 1992.) *The Etiology and Therapy of AIDS* by W. Franklin Gilmore, Ph.D.

Every 13 minutes another individual in the U.S. becomes infected with HIV and every 3 1/2 minutes another individual is added to the "World Pool" of infected people. The first "clinical" cases of the disease were reported in 1981. There is no doubt that some individuals had been infected

with HIV and perhaps had shown symptoms of AIDS for at least a decade and possibly several decades prior to this date.

Despite many theories, the origin of HIV and AIDS is not known and may never be known. Theories range from proposals that HIV was created in a laboratory as an agent of war or genocide, to proposals of the mutations of a monkey virus or other viruses. Also proposed are the awakening of a dormant HIV by the smallpox vaccine, to the polio vaccine given in Africa which was produced in kidneys of monkeys.

Infection with HIV is not synonymous with having AIDS, but many believe that a large percentage of those infected will ultimately manifest AIDS.

From the first reports in 1981 in the U.S. (Los Angeles) of 5 men, through February, 1992 - there have been 213,641 cases of AIDS reported to the Center for Disease Control. Of those 213,641 - 138,395 have died. It took 9 years for the first 100,000 U.S. residents to die from AIDS related illnesses, and it will take just over 5 years for the second 100,000 at the current rate.

I'm not trying to defend the U.S. government by any means, but want people to look at both sides of the Crisis.

Your article, *AIDS - Another Opinion* stated that the AIDS virus didn't exist in the U.S. before 1978. This may be true for the U.S., but in an article found in the Sept. 1990 issue of *The New Voice* under "AIDS News" (pg. 19). Doctors in

Manchester, England, using a new technique, had isolated HIV in the tissues of a 25 year old sailor, whose death in 1959 had stumped doctors. His symptoms of HIV infection began in 1958.

I know there is a big difference between the U.S. and England, but if the U.S. government were behind this virus - it would have had to had been created as early as the early 1940's if his virus layed dormant for any time.

I remember when AIDS first hit. (At least when we were told of it.) The Gay community took charge and still gives 1,000,000 percent more of themselves than the government. Our community is the strongest support one can have. If it weren't for others such as Elizabeth Taylor, Dionne Warwick, Michael Jackson, Elton John as well as the P.W.A.'s themselves, taking test drugs and treatments - we would not be where we are today.

I've seen first hand what the virus does to the human body and the severity of treatments involved. It is hard for me to conceive in my mind that if our country suspected what this virus would do, why would they risk their family and friends? It make me shudder, but in reality, it is possible! When I think of it finally hitting them, what will our leaders do? This too makes me shudder.

Do you think it is manmade or just Nature taking its' toll as with polio, cancer, leukemia, etc.?

Butch Addleman

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## PERI JUDE RADICEC--PRIDE SPEAKER



Peri Jude Radicec, Deputy Director of the National Gay Lesbian Task Force, was the keynote speaker for the second annual ANGLE recognition dinner. *Pride = Power* was the subject of Peri's speech. Excitement was shared as she spoke of the GAO report that had been announced earlier in the day. The work on the report had taken two years and finally the results were known. The disclosure in the report was that the government is spending millions of dollars discharging gays and lesbians from the military. On January 23, 1993, the Department of Defense law has been in existence and on the books for 50 years. Peri Jude encouraged each person in the audience to turn their pride into power by writing a letter to their Senator and Congressperson to demand that they support a law that would replace the current law.

The second way of turning our pride into power is to write our Senate and Congressional leaders to encourage them to attend the quilt when it is displayed in October in Washington, DC. Tell them that we want them to feel what we feel as we look at the panels of the quilt. Also demand that they co-sponsor and vote for more AIDS research money on the federal level.

The third way of empowering ourselves is to attend the 1993 March on Washington. The March is scheduled for April 25, 1993 and 500,000 to 1,000,000 are expected to be in DC to walk down Pennsylvania Street to shout at the White House and let them know we are proud and we are gay. Peri Jude has a plan in place to have 10,000 gay/lesbian/bisexual people, as well as our friends, family and other gay sensitive people on Capitol Hill. Some of us may be arrested, but we will turn our pride into power.

The final topic that Peri Jude spoke about was the Oregon Citizens Alliance and the impact that those Right Wingers could have on states such as Nebraska. The states that are targeted by OCA are states that have few political organizations and therefore are vulnerable to such attacks. They will be in our malls encouraging people to sign a petition to save the children from the "homosexuals". They may go by another name, but we must be aware that they are out there and their intent is to take away our rights as lesbian/gay people. She emphasized that we as a community must become a coalition, that we must stand as one or that we will have NO rights. She also considers Wyoming, Montana, or course Colorado and Oregon as spots where such alliances

may try to come in and work hard at getting people to sign the petitions. Any state that has few large cities and therefore makes it easy to do such campaigns.

Peri Jude's responsibilities to the NGLTF are to make sure the office runs smoothly; to maintain statistics about anti-gay violence, civil rights ordinances, and families projects, that is to have lesbian/gay relationships recognized as families; and the third most "funnest" thing Peri Jude does is lobby at Capitol Hill. She stated that often times she comes away from the Hill wondering how these representatives keep their jobs when they know so little. Her largest desire today is to meet with the Department of Defense to talk about the military's stand on discharging gays/lesbians from the services. As she said she will just keep at it and eventually they will have to let her in.

Peri Jude was also the rally speaker at the Pride Parade and she delivered much the same message, that we must get out and band together as lesbians/gays and demand our rights. She again suggested that we as individuals and as groups must meet with our local, state and federal representatives and tell them that we expect them to co-sponsor bills that give us equal rights. Tell them if they don't do this we will be on their tails and we will not vote for them. They have become increasing aware of the number of lesbian/gay voters and they want our vote. Above all Peri's message was to be proud and turn the pride into power.

The Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE) also utilized Peri Jude while she was in Omaha. She spoke to a group of about 20 employees in Fremont and then spoke to another group of about 40 employees in Omaha. Her message was much the same in all locations, merely modified to fit the occasion. Peri Jude was the recipient of the Stonewall Award, an award presented each year to a person or group of persons who exhibit the "spirit of Stonewall".

Peri Jude also met with the ANGLE members to about organizing on a local level and how to best get started doing that. She did this during a reception sponsored by ANGLE on Saturday morning.

This is the third time Peri Jude has been in Omaha and she continues to tirelessly pursue creating positive change and empowering others to do likewise.

## TRUE TO MYSELF

By JOE BRACCO

Fresh Fruit Records is pleased to announce the release of *True to Myself*, a new album by Joe Bracco, produced by Paul Phillips, the second half of the well-known gay singing/songwriting duo, Romanovsky & Phillips.

The posthumously-released *True to Myself* is a cassette-only album containing 15 songs by Joe Bracco, a remarkably-talented gay songwriter who was on the verge of achieving national acclaim when he was taken by AIDS in March of 1991 at the age of 30.

*True to Myself*, the first album by an artist other than Romanovsky & Phillips to be released on the Fresh Fruit label, is a delightful collection of songs including *Friend in My Pocket* (encouraging condom use), *With Our Voices* (a stirring anthem written after the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay Rights), and *Window Whacker* a hilarious ditty about an exhibitionist neighbor).

The album also contains *Kiss Me in Spanish* (a passionate cross-cultural love song), *Coming Out*, and 10 more great songs spanning the career of a wonderful singer/songwriter struck down in his prime by AIDS. *True to Myself* is an upbeat and enjoyable tribute to a talented and courageous young man.

The dream of completing this album kept Joe Bracco alive much longer than any of his doctors could have predicted. But unfortunately, he was only able to record 2 songs in a studio before he died.

Utilizing some of the most up-to-date recording technology, Paul Phillips has taken ten of Joe's rough home recordings of his songs into the studio and added rhythm, instrumental and additional vocal tracks to Joe's original vocal and guitar tracks.

The result is a high quality recording with only a few minor pitch and tempo variations, thanks to the creative input of sequencer and synthesizer wizard Jeff Nelson.

Also introduced on the album are three unreleased songs on which the listener can hear Joe all by himself...pure, sweet, and passionate.

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 Aching of the hook.  
 (Too small to be worth our bother)  
 Snail Darters and Louseworts  
 Are hung from our scales  
 And traded into extinction  
 For electricity.  
 (All the world dies to pay for our pleasure,  
 Yet we are not satisfied.)

Well then  
 Let us renew the argument  
 And I will make the point  
 That human life seems seldom if ever,  
 To begin!  
 But that is not quite true,  
 However clever  
 So I will leave you not an Answer  
 But a new Question:  
 Why does human life so seldom grow  
 Beyond Beginning?

-Jean Blackwood

## WATERCOLORS IN THE RAIN

Going through the motions  
 ending up nowhere at all

Can't see the sun on my walls  
 going through the motions

Ending up on a frozen morning  
 with a heart not even broken

Seems I've been running all my life  
 seems I've been running,  
 all my life, all my life

Like watercolors in the rain  
 find a place, settle down

In a city nearby and watch  
 the trains roll on by

I'll find a falling star  
 I've fallen in love with the eyes  
 of a dreamer worth believing

Seems I've been running all my life  
 like watercolors in the rain.

James Drake

## UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

It was 20 years ago that an elementary-school teacher named Jeanne Manford made history. She walked down a street in New York City carrying the sort of poster paper her students sometimes used for projects, except that printed on it were these words: PARENTS of Gays UNITE in SUPPORT for our CHILDREN.

At her side during the Gay Pride march was her son, Morty, her golden boy, the one a teacher once told her would be a senator someday. When he was in high school he said he wanted to see a psychologist, and the psychologist called the Manfords in and told them that their golden boy was gay. But it never changed his mother's mind about his glow. Morty's story, and his mother's, too, are contained in a new oral history of the gay rights struggle, *Making History*, by Eric Marcus. The cheering thing about the book is how far we have come since the days when newspaper editors felt free to use "homo" in headlines.

The distressing thing is how far we have to go, not in the world alone, where homophobia remains one of the last acceptable bigotries, but in our homes, where our children learn that the world is composed exclusively of love and sex between men and women. Even when Mom and Dad have gay friends and raised consciousness, there is too often a silence that surrounds other ways of life and love. And silence begets distance.

Distance between parent and child is one of the saddest things in *Making History*: the parents who try to commit their gay children to mental hospitals, the ones who erect a gravestone and send an obituary to the paper when they discover their daughter is a lesbian, or simply the ones who were told nothing because their children considered the truth untellable.

Greg Brock, a newspaperman, describes how he came out to his parents the day before he was to appear on Oprah's show. Thirty-five years old and the man had never spoken to his mother and father of his central reality. "I was about to destroy my dad's life," he recalled.

Is this really what we want, to obsess about ear infections and reading readiness and then discover many years too late that we were either unaware or unaccepting of who our children were? To keen "What will I tell my friends?" when our kids try to talk about their lives?

In the same borough in which Morty Manford grew up and his mother taught, a Queen school board has rejected a curriculum that encourages respect for all families, including those headed by gay and lesbian parents. Consider that decision, not in terms of gay rights, but in terms of the children. Given statistical estimates, the board is telling 1 out of 10 kids that the life they will eventually lead is not part of the human program. Among their students are surely boys and girls who will discover they are gay and who, from their earliest years, will have learned that there is something wrong with that, and therefore with them. Learned it from classmates, from teachers. Worst of all, from their own mothers and fathers.

Actually, it's probably mothers and fathers who need that curriculum most. Parents should be aware that when they mock or curse gay people, they may be mocking or cursing their own child. All parents should know that when they consider this subject unspeakable, they may be forever alienating their own child and causing them all enormous pain. Paulette Goodman,

president of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, likens to her experience as a Jew in occupied Paris. "I know what it's like to be in the closet," she recalled. "I know all too well." Jeanne Manford didn't want a closet. Her Morty was the same golden boy after she found out he was gay as he was before. She was with him at the Gay Pride march and with him in the gay rights movement.

And she was with him when he died of AIDS, almost 20 years to the day after she wrote her unconditional love on poster paper for all the world to see. She does not reproach herself. She loved and accepted her child the way he was. In a perfect world, this would be the definition of "parent" in the dictionary. The point is not what you'll tell your friends at the bridge table. It is what you'll tell yourself at the end.

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 Freedoms we lose

Freedoms you lose  
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Freedoms you lose  
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-Rodney A. Bell, II BA  
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# NATIONAL NEWS

## STUDY CHALLENGES PENTAGON

The long-awaited report by the U. S. Government on gays and lesbians in the military has revealed that a startling amount of money—\$27 million in one year alone—has been spent to enforce the Department of Defense's anti-gay policy. The report, produced by the General Accounting Office (GAO), was hailed by gay activists as a major exposition of the military's "expensive and destructive" policy.

The report by the GAO—an independent investigative arm of the U.S. Congress—was made available to reporters just prior to its official release at a crowded press conference called by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) in Washington, D.C. The 78-page report, with a 68-page statistical appendix, was commissioned by Representatives John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Gerry Studds (D-MA).

The report's findings include:

— 16,919 service members were dismissed from the military between 1980 and 1990 for homosexuality, at a cost of \$493,195,968 to replace them; 16,750 were enlisted personnel (99 percent) and 169 were officers (1 percent). (Officers were usually allowed to resign.)

— The U.S. Navy discharged 51 percent of all those affected by this policy and conducted 68 percent of all DOD-wide investigations of homosexuality.

— In 1990 alone, 1,000 service members

were discharged at a cost of \$527 million;

— The policy has no factual justification. "Scientific and military studies disagree with the military's longstanding policy that homosexuality is incompatible with military service," says the report.

— Public opinion polls show increasing tolerance for homosexuality among the general public, including a rise in support for hiring homosexuals in the military from 51 percent surveyed in 1977 to 69 percent 1991.

"The new GAO study lays bare the horrible injustice of the U.S. military's anti-gay policy and exposes the Pentagon's outrageous cost of discriminating against capable, honorable, patriotic gay and lesbian service members," said Robert Bray, NGLTF public information director. "It confirms what we've known all along: That tens of millions of taxpayers' dollars are being wasted to ruin thousands of gay and lesbian lives."

In response to the report, Christopher Jehn, assistant defense secretary for manpower, was quoted in The Washington Post as saying the policy is based on "military judgment...and that military judgments about overall combat effectiveness are inherently subjective in nature." Jehn said that "scientific or sociological analyses are unlikely" to affect the policy.

"Every argument used to justify this destructive policy has been discredited," said

NGLTF's Robert Bray. "Gay people are not security risks. Gay people make good soldiers. Gay people serve admirably. Homosexuality is not a disease or mental disorder. The only defense left, according to the Pentagon, is heterosexual insecurity about being around gay people. The only defense is the loathsome stereotype that gay people cannot control themselves sexually in foxholes, submarines and aircraft carriers, and therefore straight soldiers must be protected from gays. The only defense is the "macho" defense.

"Perhaps the Pentagon should spend more of its money on disciplining Tailhook naval aviators who regularly sexually harass women instead of investigating law-abiding gay and lesbian service members," said Bray.

## BOARD OF ED TO DEBATE HEALTH CURRICULUM

The California Board of Education will soon vote on a curriculum proposal that will include, for the first time, fair and accurate references to gay and lesbian people in its health framework. Fundamentalists are currently mobilizing against the health framework, which will set the standard for textbooks to be bought in the future. Since California is such a big textbook market, a new and inclusive health framework could have the potential to impact on the lives of millions of youth, both gay and straight.

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# NATIONAL NEWS



## LIVING IN LEATHER VII

Chicago is gearing up for Living in Leather VII, the annual Leather/SM/Fetish conference weekend event sponsored by The National Leather Association. Early arrival events begin Thursday, October 8th, and continue nearly non-stop through Sunday evening, October 11th. This will make the second consecutive year that the internationally attended Living in Leather Conference has been offered in Chicago and registration is projected to exceed 8900 alternative lifestyle enthusiasts.

Attendees will enjoy a multitude of seminars, workshops, unrivaled social events, the annual Mr/Ms NLA Leather Contest and the opportunity to visit the renowned 'Shop 'Til You Drop' vendors and exhibit area, offering a variety of unique toys, clothers and other indispensables. Craftsmen and merchants from Coast to Coast will be on hand to show their skills and wares. Vendor space has been a 'sell-out' for the past two annual Conferences, providing attendees with maximum shopping opportunities.

The historic Blackstone Hotel will serve as the main Conference site, providing turn-of-the-Century elegance and sufficient space for a

successful, enjoyable Conference. Substantially reduced rates have been arranged for this event and reservations may be made directly with the Blackstone Hotel (800)622-6330 or alternate lodging may be booked at the newly renovated Best Western Grant Park Hotel, (800) 528-1234, a short three blocks away.

Key Note Speaker for Living in leather VII will be Pat Bond, founder of The Eulenspiegel Society (TES).

The sixth annual Mr/Ms NLA Leather Contest will be held Saturday night followed by a Sunday Brunch (\$20 per person) to introduce the new 1993 NLA Titleholders.

Registration for LIL-VII Conference attendance (not including lodging, meals, transportation, shuttle bus and play parties \$95 from 7/1 to 9/1 and \$115 after 9/1/92 for NLA members. (Non-members add \$30.)

Mail check or money order (US funds) to National Leather Association, LIL-VII, PO Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107.

Package registrations including lodging, special events and play parties are available until 9/1/92 from the LIL-VII production company, Paradise Entertainment, 3134 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657 - (312)528-0041 and may be paid by check, money order (US funds) or major credit card. Write or call for Package information.

For more information, program suggestions or questions, contact: LIL-VII Co-Directors: Sallee Huber at (503)735-0429 or Nick Long at (312)404-0478.

## OREGON AND COLORADO BATTLE THE RIGHT

The office of the Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon (CHFO), the gay and lesbian group fighting several Far Right ballot measures, was vandalized and demolished during the night of June 8. Oregon activists attribute the destruction to the atmosphere of hatred created by the Oregon Citizen's Alliance (OCA), which has spearheaded an effort to pass four anti-gay local and statewide initiatives this year.

The attack on the offices followed a tour of the state by NGTLF Executive Director Urvashi Vaid and the May 19 passage of a local anti-gay initiative in Springfield, Ore. The OCA is gathering signatures to place two sweeping anti-gay initiatives. Those measures would mandate discrimination against gay people on a statewide level, and dictate that public schools discourage homosexuality. As OCA organizes, activists fear violence against the gay and lesbian community.

Meanwhile in Colorado, gay and lesbians activist at the Equal Protection Campaign are battling a similar statewide initiative, sponsored by Colorado for Family Values (CFV).

The threat of these initiatives does not stop at the borders of Oregon or Colorado - any town or state could be next if the Right Wing continues to succeed. Send funds and statements of support to CHFO, P.O.Box 3343, Portland, OR 97208; (503)232-4501; Equal Protection Campaign, P.O. Box 300476, Denver, CO 80203; (303) 839-5540.

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Tickets will go on sale August 15th at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre, TIX, or for reservations call 346-8833.



## COMING OUT OF THE CLOSET FOR LIFE

Donna Marie Kearney

As the great Christian theologian and philosopher Thomas Merion was quoted as saying, "Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ has come uninvited. His place is with those others for whom there is no room those who are rejected by power because they are regarded as weak, those who are denied the status of persons, who are tortured, bombed and exterminated... It is these that He hides Himself, for whom there is no room." As I was recently driving down a street the other day, I read a bumper sticker on a car that said it as clearly as could be said - "No one is free when others are oppressed."

It then occurred to me to dare touch on a subject virtually unbroached. Being a professed Christian lesbian, and believing fervently in a consistent life ethic, meaning that I oppose violence against humanity, however minimal or great human development may be, regardless of age or stage in life, my questions are as follows: Why is that the outspoken majority of the gay population overwhelmingly support the pro-abortion stand? And why does a segment of the pro-life movement involve themselves in working against gay and lesbian rights?

My purpose in raising these questions is in the hope of building bridges to replace walls among people of diverse philosophies and walks of life, to perhaps dispel unnecessary fear and misunderstanding among people of various lifestyles and sexuality, and to remind us that Jesus died for all of us on the cross and loves us all, and asks us to love one another. He warned us against self-righteousness and against judging others, Only God can judge one's heart.

Reaching out in love to our brothers and sisters, whether heterosexual or homosexual, does not imply that it's right to adopt another's lifestyle for ourselves. We may not even completely understand a different sexual orientation, but we try to live non-violently and lovingly together. To live a true Christian faith means loving and serving those who are rejected and seen as weak, those who are seen as non-persons. To remember what Christ has said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do to me."

In walking the selfless and sometimes difficult path of Christianity amid the moral transgressions ever present in today's broken world, such as legalized abortion and euthanasia, nuclear arms buildup and economic injustice, we must put others before ourselves. The violence of legal abortion is used as a cheap, quick "solution" where the so called "choice" implies death for those who are the weakest. Justice and life are forsaken, concerning unborn lives. Free thinking and critical analysis succumb to conformism. Abhorrence of violence necessitates a break with those embracing abortion as a solution.

Those involved in the pro-life movement who oppose rights for gays are also guilty of subjugating an oppressed population. To persecute those among us for having a different sexuality, to impose laws against gay and lesbian rights, is no less an act of violence. And violence is not in accordance with the laws of God. The pro-life movement is obligated to freely extend the pro-life invitation to all, without exclusivity. We, as an

oppressed people, as gay and lesbian Christians, are morally obligated to "come out of the closet" and respond to the pro-life invitation.

Cross-referencing the gay rights/pro-life issues tells us that all life is sacred. However, these two issues are totally contentious when pro-life activists work to protect unborn lives, while denouncing civil rights for the gay population. It is as wrong as gay rights advocates working against rights for the unborn. It is difficult to understand why so many gay and lesbian people can support the so-called "woman's right" to abortion. While living as an oppressed people, they are blind to subversion of the right of the unborn, the weakest and most powerless among us.

Some arguments are that the fetus is not human, or is human in some rudimentary way; that is part of its mother and has no rights of its own; that a woman's right to control her own body supersedes any right of the fetus, and that those who believe the fetus is a human being with human rights should not impose their beliefs on others through the medium of the law. Biologically, the fetus is not only a human being but an individual by virtue of its unique genetic inheritance. Six weeks from conception it looks like a very small baby a functioning heart, brain and nervous system. The appearance and behavior of the very early fetus show definite individual patterns. From the implantation of the fertilized ovum (and many would say from the first fusion of the parent cells) scientists are unable to pinpoint any stage at which something "subhuman" becomes a human being.

I asked some of my male and female friends in the gay and lesbian community why they so adamantly support the pro-abortion side. One of the reasons they gave me was that they feel that if the government can restrict easy access to abortion, it can also dictate what people do in their own bedrooms. To think that the next step after government abortion restriction is regulation of sexual behavior is not adequate reason to advocate laws perpetuating violence against the unborn. Laws cannot regulate one's sexuality, but laws should ensure that the rights of all, including the unborn, are protected. Pro-life people should support the civil rights of gay and lesbian people, and insist that attacking such rights is contrary to pro-life principles. It is important for pro-life people to build bridges among diverse populations, to freely extend the pro-life invitation to all, to oppose any group being ostracized, to welcome all at the Inn.

Survey after survey has demonstrated one out of every ten people as gay or lesbian by nature. Being part of a numerous population enables us to carry our great influence toward promoting life.

We can extend our hands and hearts to the weakest among us, the unborn. When we can stand with strength and integrity for life, we are then living as Christ would, and walking a non-violent path of love and peace. All are welcome at the end.

Donna Marie Kearney is a peace activist, a member of the Faith and Resistance Community; is on the advisory board of Common Ground of Upstate New York; and is Treasurer of Feminists for Life of Western New York State.

## OUTRAGE OVER ABORTION DECISION

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, joined numerous women's rights and civil rights organizations in expressing outrage at the Supreme Court's decision in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*. In the most significant abortion decision in three years, the court changed to standard established in *Roe v. Wade* and upheld state's rights to restrict access to abortion by requiring a 24-hour waiting period and parental notification.

Tim McFeeley, Executive Director for the Campaign Fund, said "Lesbians and gay men stand united with the majority of Americans who support abortion rights. We will not stand by while women's fundamental right to choose is thrown to the winds. We will take our fight to Congress, to the streets, and to the voting booths. It's no coincidence that the candidate we endorsed for President, Bill Clinton, will make it his job to ensure both that women have the right to choose and lesbians and gay men have civil rights."

The Human Rights Campaign Fund plans to join demonstrations in Washington, DC protesting the decision and will work in coalition with abortion rights leaders to support passage of the Freedom of Choice Act. Kay Ostberg, the Campaign Fund's new Lesbian Program Director will participate in civil disobedience in front of the White House if abortion rights leaders urge supporters to risk arrest.

Ostberg explains, "This decision, like the *Hardwick* decision, is the work of an extreme, ultraconservative court which is systematically dismantling people's constitutional right to privacy. We will not stand by while the court endorses government interference with people's basic right to control their own bodies."

## PARTNERS MAGAZINE

SEATTLE-- *Couples: A Gay and Lesbian Newsletter on Coupling* ceased publishing and turned over its 500 subscribers to *Partners Magazine for Gay and Lesbian Couples*.

Issued monthly from March 1991, *Couples* newsletter served readers throughout the United States and Canada. Published by TWT Press, of Boston, *Couples* was the work of a male couple, Publisher Sherwood S. Hughes, and Editor Kenneth A. Osherow, who decided to discontinue publication after becoming busy with other pursuits. *Partners Magazine* is again believed to be the world's only publication expressly for gay men and lesbians in committed relationships. Founded in 1986, the quarterly magazine features news stories, advice, and interviews of committed couples. Publishers and editors, Stevie Bryant and Demian, Ed.D., are 10-year partners and the authors of a national survey of 1,266 gay and lesbian couples. The publication's spring 1992 issue features a report on domestic partnership benefits. Topics such as same-sex marriage and joint child custody are frequently addressed. Annual subscriptions cost \$21 and sample issues cost \$5.25. Contact *Partners Magazine*, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109; (206) 784-1519.



# AIDS NEWS

## AIDS RESEARCH \$\$ IN JEOPARDY

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has requested \$1.195 billion HIV/AIDS budget for fiscal year 1993. The Bush administration's proposal cuts that amount to \$873 million for 1993. The President's budget will mean a cut in actual HIV/AIDS research spending given the inflation rate and the rapid growth in new cases of HIV infection and AIDS. The budget battle is now in the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies. Call, write or visit your Senator and ask that he or she support the NIH 1993 AIDS budget request of \$1.195 billion. Write your Senator at U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. The Senate information number is (202) 224-3121. For more information about the issue, contact Project Inform, 1955 Market St., Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94103; (415) 558-8559.

NGLTF Activist Alert

## LIFETAPES VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE

North South Films introduces *LIFETAPES Volume 1: Nutrition and HIV* as a video resource for person with HIV and their care givers.

*Nutrition and HIV*, the first in a series of LIFETAPES, is a 20 minute instructional video designed for people with HIV and their caregivers and produced to fill a gap in general health information for HIV positive people. Nutrition was chosen as the first topic based on medical research showing strong correlation between wasting and death in people with AIDS.

*Nutrition and HIV* presents concepts of well-balanced diets as well as practical information for maintaining proper nutrition.

Topics include: Fortifying the Diet, Avoiding Diarrhea, Overcoming Appetite Loss, Defensive Eating and Food Shopping, Home Food Handling, and an introduction to Total Parenteral Nutrition. Some example demonstrations include methods for preparing safe salads and good kitchen hygiene.

*Nutrition and HIV* is written and presented by

Dr. Larry Waites, a San Francisco physician specializing in HIV patient care and research, and Laurie Mello Udine, a registered dietitian specializing in immuno-compromised persons.

*Nutrition and HIV* runs is available on VHS for \$19.95 (California residents must add 8.5% sales tax. Currently, the tape is available directly from North South Films at PO Box 460910, San Francisco, CA 94146. The price includes shipping and handling with checks or money orders made out to "North South Films."

Delivery takes 2 to 4 weeks. *Nutrition and HIV* is a not-for-profit venture of North South Films and Clinical Homecare Corporation.

North South Films is currently producing two other tapes for the LIFETAPES Series on *Preventing Opportunistic Infections* and *Women and HIV*.

These tapes will be available in late summer. For further information, call the LIFETAPES Hotline at 415-281-8375.

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# AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

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

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

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

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept, 2200 St  
Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 (402) 471-8065  
Alternate test site at The Panic, 200 South 18th,  
2nd Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays-Lincoln  
(P-FLAG) AIDS Support Group, Box 4374,  
68504 Wednesdays, 7pm, (402) 475-2437

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

## LEGAL

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

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

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

## PASTORAL CARE

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

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Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

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

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

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

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

## AFTER YOU SAY GOODBYE

We have already said goodbye to more than 116,000 Americans who have died of AIDS. The Center for Disease Control estimates that this number may triple by the end of next year.

According to the newest statistics, one out of every 250 Americans is infected with the HIV virus and another person contracts the disease every thirteen seconds.

And, as Magic Johnson continues to make clear to millions of television viewers, HIV attacks anyone, regardless of their age or sexual preference.

Johnson tells us, "you've got to have a positive attitude."

No one understands that better than Dr. Paul Kent Froman, author of the new book, *After You Say Goodbye*, the first self-help guide to coping with the loss of a loved one from AIDS.

A Los Angeles psychotherapist, Froman has spent the last eleven years working with people with AIDS and with those who love them. *After You Say Goodbye* comes out of that experience.

The depth and the force of grief from an AIDS death may be no more nor less than grief over deaths from other causes, writes Froman, yet the loss of someone to AIDS is different.

Societal prejudices often isolate the survivor while fear, ignorance, guilt, and outrage compound the grief.

Members of the gay and lesbian

community face an especially harsh situation: they often grieve the loss of not one but several friends, while arming themselves for the loss of yet another.

A friend's grief will differ from a life partner's grief. In separate chapters, Dr. Froman addresses the distinct emotional needs of these and others who loved the deceased.

In addition, his chapter for caregivers addresses the possibility of burnout, the need to take care of oneself, and methods of coping with the jealousy and anger others (family members or friends) may feel as a result of our taking the time to care for those ill with AIDS.

Froman's sensitive, supportive, and inspiring book is a practical, step-by-step manual for coping with an AIDS loss. Eschewing the Kubler-Ross five stage process, Froman tells readers there is no "Right Way" to grieve.

The powerful emotions surrounding grief overwhelm us erratically, not in stages, one after the next in a predictable pattern.

Instead, in *After You Say Goodbye*, Froman advocates "grieving well" acknowledging and expressing feelings, challenging unworkable beliefs, learning from experience, and getting on with life.

*After You Say Goodbye* is available by calling (800) 722-6657. The cost is \$10.95.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of *After You Say Goodbye* is being donated to AIDS research and care organizations.



# LOCAL NEWS

## POLICE REFUSED BOOTH AT PRIDE PARADE

As the *News-Telegraph* goes to press, the organizers of the St. Louis Celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride have turned down an offer by city police to have a booth at this year's picnic. Police made the offer at a private meeting which included this reporter. Many organizations and businesses sponsor booths each year and the police had hoped to have uniformed officers at a booth with information on such topics as protections against crimes and how to report hate crimes.

The committee was concerned about safety and discretion. Apparently there was some fear that officers would somehow take down names or license plate numbers, although such actions seem unlikely by uniformed officers at a booth. Another fear was that officers who had not received appropriate training to deal with the Gay community might precipitate some sort of confrontation. A community activist who asked to remain anonymous also said there was an unspoken fear that Gay and Lesbian activists might actually precipitate the confrontation by taking action against the police representatives.

"We have a good relationship with the police," said Lackie, "because we obviously have to deal with them on security concerns every year. I look at this as more of a postponement of the issue rather than an outright denial. We are interested in sustaining good relations and will continue to deal with the police department."

From The St. Louis News

## WHAT'S HOT AT THE MAX

By Gloria Revelle

Thanks to all of Omaha for making our Fourth of July Weekend so terrific. Our after hours party was such a success that we're doing it again on Labor Day Weekend. Thanks to MCC-O for the tasty brunch they served.

August 2, Omaha welcomes Reign Twelve of ICON during Investiture at THE MAX. Good Luck to the new Monarchs and their Royal Families.

Sunday, August 9, our General Manager, Wayne Tietzort, along with Mr. Don Flowers, Velvet, and Gloria Revelle will present our Third Annual Benefit Show for Nebraska Persons With AIDS (P.W.A.) Emergency Relief Fund. This is one of our most important benefits of the year. All of Omaha's brightest stars will shine on THE MAX stage. Live performances as well as the finest male and female impersonators combine to help our own community. Our Miss Max Alumni will be there along with Mr. Max 2 & 3, Rusty, Dick, Sharon, Carla, The Babes Behind Bars, The Meatpackers, Jennifer, Mae, Margo, Sammi, and many more talented and caring people. Please be on hand to help those who cannot help themselves.

Sunday, August 16, Blade Thompson will be on hand to entertain the men of Omaha. This blonde hunk will dance, strip, and show all he has to offer. This show will be hot, hot, hot. After the show Blade will be available for autographs as well. If you miss this Sunday, you'll be sorry on Monday.

Our August Hunkfest doesn't stop with Blade. On Sunday, August 23, Kevin Andrews returns to THE MAX with The First Class Male Review. These are some of the best Male Entertainers around and Kevin always puts on a terrific show.

In April of 1993, the Outspoken, Political, and Extra Special 10% of Americans will take a stand and "March On Washington." It's the Gay March for you and me, to be seen and heard and to make a statement to America and to those who make changes. The Nebraska M.O.W. Committee, headed by Amy and Emerson, will host a benefit on August 30. The theme of the show is "Fantasy Night." Everything you ever dreamed will be on stage before your eyes.

Labor Day weekend will be one long party at THE MAX. We'll feature another After Hours Party and on Monday we'll welcome back the Omaha Meatpackers. Omaha's original Queens of Camp bring you their annual holiday extravaganza. This group is one of the funniest and creative groups anywhere, as well as one of the most generous. This annual show raises many needed funds.

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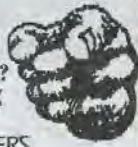
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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

NAP and the Omaha Metro area were saddened with the news of the death of Penny Sexton on June 12. Penny fought AIDS for 4 years and was relatively active as a state-wide speaker up until the time of her passing. In addition to her speaking, Penny was a 1992 recipient of the Jefferson Award presented by Channel 7, past NAP board member, and volunteered her time as an office worker for nearly a year at the NAP office. On June 15, a private burial was held with her family and close friends in attendance. A public memorial service was held in her honor on July 18 at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. Penny's positive attitude and her friendly cheerfulness will be missed by all who knew this brave woman. She brightened lives with rainbows.

Last month we were happy to announce the grant monies that were given to NAP by the United Way for the funding of a volunteer coordinator. This month we are even happier to announce that Audrey Gowen has been hired to fill the position. Audrey comes to NAP from REM where she provided Case Management to mentally and physically handicapped individuals. Audrey is also a past practicum student at NAP and a graduate of the Social work Program from Dana College. The volunteer coordinator will be working with current NAP volunteers and also instigating a program in order to recruit more volunteers for the future. We want to extend the

best of luck to Audrey, and thanks for joining the NAP staff. NAP also has two new faces around the office for the summer, Karen Anderson and Kathy Moffitt. Both are practicum students from Wayne State College and Metro Community College, respectively. Welcome Aboard!

Douglas County Health Department and the Nebraska AIDS Project have been conducting weekly group sessions with inmates at Douglas County Corrections who are currently being held in the medical module, (E-MOD). These inmates include individuals who have tested HIV+ and those diagnosed with AIDS. Contacts were made to other AIDS Service Organizations in New York State, in order to discuss issues concerning inmates and HIV. A module was provided by the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, which was used in a 12 week program for incarcerated men who have contracted the HIV disease at a New York facility. This guide will be tailored to the program which will be utilized at Douglas County Corrections.

As a national campaign project, the Salvation Army has put into effect AIDS education on a quarterly basis. NAP has begun a local program with the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center in Omaha. Beginning June 24, presentations have been given to the male residents of the Center. Approximately 50 persons attended the Wednesday educational program.

NAP Case Management Census for June	
Open Cases as of June 1	189
New Cases	6
Clients Deceased	3
Cases Closed	1
End Total as of June 30	191

Client Services Provided in June	
Advocacy	201
Transportation	157
Shopping, Cooking, Sitting, etc.	131

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.

### SIX HOURS OF VOLLEYBALL EXCITEMENT-SHOVE

Summer SHOVE (Six Hours Of Volleyball Excitement) '92 is just around the corner and promises to be bigger and better than last year! This year's sand volleyball extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th from 10 a.m. (note the earlier start time) until 5 p.m. We will once again be at Racquetball of Omaha at 68th & Grover Streets.

This year's goal is to raise \$3600. Can we count on your help? To participate in Summer SHOVE '92, write to Bob Power, American Red Cross, 3838 Dewey, Omaha, NE 68105.

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# REFLECTIONS OF PRIDE





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## REFLECTIONS OF PRIDE PARADE '92

By Sharon Van Butsel

On June 21, Omaha held the 8th annual Gay/Lesbian/Bi Pride Parade. The parade was like many we've held in the past but it was also different in many ways.

This year's route again started from 31st and Dodge, went east to 24th and then returned to Turner Park. As in previous years, there were virtually no spectators along the sidelines. The police escort was there, as were the camera crews from all three television stations. The Condors Drill Team marched with us again this year. But this year there were differences—

It was the largest parade ever. The official count was 278 persons marching in the parade along with an additional 50 who attended the rally.

There were new allies in the parade — The National Organization of Women were present and visible and vocal in their support of our common struggle for equal rights.

There were floats, decorated vehicles, open convertibles, and children — lots of children marching with their parents.

Peri Jude Radecic of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force rode in an open convertible.

The new Emperor, Empress, and Athena of the Imperial Court rode in the parade. That hasn't happened since the 2nd Pride Parade.

There were also carloads of out of town visitors who had come to take part in ICON's coronation and stayed to march in the parade.

The Live and Let Live Group joined the parade as did Citizens For Equal Protection.

Half of the marchers were marching for the first time. A handful had been in every parade.

And, for the first time in seven years I did not march in the parade (I've been at every parade except the very first one). This year it was my turn to stand on the sidelines and run the video camera.

There were differences and similarities to previous years but, like every other parade, it was our chance to take a public stand and say "We Are Proud To Be Who We Are."

The photographs on these pages are courtesy of Joseph Sousa.



# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE OMAHA CHAPTER OF PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS

by Kathy E.

Pride Celebration 1992 has come and gone. Friday, the 19 was an evening to remember.....the awards banquet sponsored by ANGLE found one of our dads, Dave England, serving as Master of Ceremonies, and two of our moms, Neva Cozine and Sandy Kershaw, honored for their work with CFEP. Neva and Sandy, along with Sean Kershaw (who just recently moved to Minnesota) and others, choreographed the presentation of LB1270 (the 1992 Civil Rights Act) in the Unicameral. Returned to committee for further study and additional sponsors, we hope to see this landmark piece of legislation reintroduced at the next session. Congratulations Dave, Sandy, and Neva! We are so proud of you! The evening was celebrated in song with the presentation by the River City Mixed Chorus. And to top it all off, the out of towners show presented some wonderful talent for our viewing pleasure. An historic evening—three key groups, ANGLE, RCMC, and ICON planning and celebrating together.

If you haven't attended the pride activities, consider doing so next year. What a thrill when Dave, Neva, and I walked for PFLAG during the coronation of ICON monarchs. (ICON may be compared to Ak Sar Ben for its philanthropic work and fun in the gay community.) We felt like theroyalty as we were greeted with grand applause and a standing ovation from our local friends as well as the visiting delegations from courts

throughout the Midwest. And then there was the parade and rally on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in the park. More than 200 strong, we marched displaying our pride and the rainbow colors of the gay movement. Thanks, Neva, the new banner was great! And we cannot forget the special feeling of family and friendship celebrated during the Interfaith Service at First Congregational Church and at the reception we hosted afterward in the parlor. Our numbers at every event are growing!

July marks the beginning of our organizational year. Individual and family dues are due. Your monies help us share the newsletter with other families and organizations, purchase books and pamphlets for our lending library, and continue the work of educating ourselves and others while providing support to families and friends through presentations to companies and social organizations and funding the PFLAG information line. Three positions on our board of directors have rotated and new officers will be elected from the board members this month. One position remains open at this time.....give it some thought, we meet once a month to plan meetings and activities. It is a great way to have some input to the directions we take. Remember, when you feel that you no longer need the group for support, that's when we need you the most to help us support others.

August will be an opportunity to step back and look where we have been and where we would like to go for the coming year. Please plan to join us on Sunday, August 9, at 2 p.m., First United Methodist church, 70th and Cass, for an informal discussion and time of sharing.

Anyone interested in attending the 11th National PFLAG Conference in Seattle over Labor Day weekend, call the information line for details. Wishing you a happy, safe, and productive summer!

## MCC SIOUX CITY REFLECTIONS

by Marty Ver Meer

It's six o'clock, May 17, 1992, and I've just finished getting the church set up for services when Matthew and Michael pull up. Where's Brian? I thought he was to be here tonight. Did I read last week's bulletin wrong? I ask them where he is, and their response is that Brian wasn't feeling well, so Matthew graciously came in his place. I still have this feeling of uneasiness, kind of like the calm before the storm feeling, but I let it slide. Seven o'clock comes and I start SingInspiration. We do all the rest of the opening of the service, then our world came crashing in. My feelings of uneasiness were not unfounded. Due to all of the setbacks in Brian's health, he is forced to resign as our pastor. His last day was June 21, 1992.

My heart sank at the news, and from that moment on my mind went racing with thought after thought—mostly thoughts of terror about the future of our church. Okay—we had a month left. Let's make the best of it. We can rally together, make phone calls, build our strength. And we did just that! We made our budget for May. We had a marriage ceremony—or was that in April? We've prayed a lot. I've cried a lot. We even managed to keep Brian an extra week. We all ended up in Omaha to march in the Gay Pride Parade. To me that was the proudest day for us. It was my second year in the parade, but for many, it was the first time ever in a parade. We were a family, a family united with pride and God's love and strength.

Then the final service with Brian came after a fantastic potluck dinner hosted by Aleta and Jean. It was sad, but I kept thinking back to the week before and the parade and the rally. We are a church, and we will continue to grow. God brought us together. God will not separate us. We have been blessed by having MCC-Omaha as our sister church. They have been with us from the very beginning. I thank you MCC-Omaha, and I pray for you. But as Matthew said to us one time a few months ago: we are the church. We need to take on the responsibilities, and so we are.

July 13 we had a class at Aleta and Jean's on how to do a worship service and communion service. We have to continue on with help from others and God, but we will survive. One of my favorite songs is *The Church Alive*, and though we are small in numbers, WE ARE THE CHURCH ALIVE! So Brian, rest assured that even though we love you and will miss you, we will remain the church alive. We are gay, we are Christians, and we are proud!

## NEWS FROM THE COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT

by Carla

June brought us three new monarchs. The Board of Governors extends congratulations to Tami—Athena IV, Steve—Emperor XII, and Phoenix Fallentino—Empress XII. We look forward to working with them throughout Reign XII.

And as usual, we put the new monarchs right to work in July as we again hosted a Fourth of July Picnic at Progressive Park. Over 250 community members took advantage of the sunshine and joined us for a day on the river. A special thanks goes out to Kenny at Gilligan's for helping us out and giving the community something new. Thanks, Kenny, for providing a bus and free rides out to the Picnic!

Coming your way very, very soon, ICON will be hosting the Investiture Ceremony for the Royal Family members selected by the new monarchs. August 2 at 9:30 p.m. at The MAX we invite you to come and meet the Royal Families. The first half of the show will be a time for the goodbyes of Prince Royale XI, Princess Royale XI, and Lady Royale XI, and then the second half of the show will be devoted to welcoming the new families and celebrating before we again tackle our biggest fund raiser of the year: the Labor Day



Picnic!

And speaking of the Labor Day Picnic—it's not too early to get your raffle tickets. This year again we will be offering cash prizes: \$500, \$300, and \$200. Chances will be one dollar. The drawing time will be announced

(usually it's at the Meatpackers' Show, but I don't know if anyone has asked if we can do it then or not, sooooo...). You do not have to be present to win. Yes, the Labor Day Picnic is on! Again we'll go to Progressive Park. There'll be the usual little raffles with lots and lots and lots of chances to win all sorts of prizes: t-shirts, free meals, movie passes, theatre tickets, novelty items, etc. A.N.G.L.E. will be hosting a food booth, and all of the proceeds will be going towards this year's designated recipients: the Nebraska AIDS Project, the American Cancer Society (funds will be designated specifically for work with breast cancer), and another group, to be announced). We hope all of you will plan to join us in this fund raising event. Yes, come to the picnic, and spend some time playing volleyball and basketball, but bring a little extra cash and support these very worthwhile causes! See you Monday, Sept. 7!



# LOCAL NEWS

## ICON ANNOUNCES CONTRIBUTIONS FOR REIGN XI

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is pleased to announce that during Reign XI over \$3,500 was distributed to organizations within the gay and lesbian community.

Recipients include the following:

EAGLE	\$ 40.
Human Rights Camp, Fund	100.
Empty Closet Supt. Group	50.
ANGLE Phone Line	704.
COALITION Talk Line	300.
Toys for PWAs' Kids	523.
MCC-O Food Pantry	200.
QUILT Display	591.
P-FLAG Kearney	97.
P-FLAG Lincoln	97.
Citizens for Equal Prot.	97.
MCC-O Building Fund	260.
P-FLAG Omaha Youth Group	225.
River City Mixed Chorus	250.
ANGLE Pride Activities	125.
Nebraska AIDS Project	100.

The funds distributed were raised over the past twelve months from the picnics and various shows: Closet Ball, Food for Thought, Toys for Tots, Black Night, etc.

The Monarchs of Reign XI (Gerald, Mae, and Tami) and the Board of Governors of ICON thank all of you in the community for your support. They look forward to Reign XII and working with all of you in the community.

## OMAHA COMMUNITY DEMANDS REPEAL OF DEFENSE POLICY

The *Omaha World Herald* published a front page article based on the following Press Release:

The Omaha gay and lesbian community today [Sunday, June 21] called for an end to Department of Defense Directive 1332.14 section h.1. The reaction came in response to the release of a Government Accounting Office report detailing gross expenditures to discharge gay and lesbian service members.

"DoD Directive 1332.14 section h.1 is nothing more than taxpayer funded discrimination," said Dick Brown, an openly gay veteran living in Omaha and current Advertising Manager with the *New Voice of Nebraska* magazine. "The recent GAO report tells us what we've known all along: That millions of taxpayers' dollars are being wasted to ruin thousands of patriotic gay and lesbian lives."

According to the GAO report, nearly 17,000 service members were discharged because they were lesbian, gay or bisexual between 1980 and 1990. The total cost to investigate and discharge gay, lesbian and bisexual personnel was over \$490 million during that 10 year period.

"As the gay and lesbian community of Omaha marches today in celebration of gay and lesbian pride, we call upon every Member of Congress - including the Nebraska delegation - to support Congressman Schroeder's bill (HR 5208) that would rescind DoD Directive 1332.14 section h.1," said Brown. "We further urge President Bush to immediately issue an Executive Order banning discrimination against gay, lesbian and bisexual military personnel."



## A NEW ANGLE ON PRIDE

Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors (A.N.G.L.E.), the River City Mixed Chorus (RCMC), and the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) joined together Friday, June 19, at the Ramada Inn Airport, to provide an evening of recognition, celebration, and pride. It was the first time that these organizations coordinated efforts to combine their variety and diversity and to share that with the community.

The evening began with a social hour where people had the opportunity to discuss pride week activities, spend time with friends, and meet new people in a relaxed atmosphere.

After sharing a meal together, Peri Jude Radecic, Deputy Director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task force in Washington, D.C., spoke about changes in the lesbian and gay movement, grassroots involvement, and what people in the immediate community could do to unite and fight against homophobia.

Immediately following the guest speaker was the recognition celebration. Approximately 125 friends, family, and interested persons were there to formally thank and recognize those who had contributed a special part of themselves towards the betterment of the gay and lesbian community's reputation, image, and success. There were 3 categories for which 28 nominations were received: organizational—7, professional—7, and personal—14. All nominees received a certificate and one from each category received special recognition with the presentation of a plaque.

Special recognition in the organizational

category went to *The New Voice of Nebraska*; special recognition in the professional category went to Dee Moritz, school counselor; and special recognition in the personal category went to Sharon Van Busetel.

As a continuation of pride, more people joined for the free mini concert by the River City Mixed Chorus. The Chorus performed the music set that they would take to the International GALA Choruses Festival in Denver, Colorado. RCMC was directed by John J. Bennett. Jonathan D. Cole, co-director, was unable to attend. The Chorus performed, with the permission of Jesse Kane *Hand in Hand* from *A Decade of Aquarius* and Don Pippin's arrangement of *I Am What I Am* from *La Cage Aux Folles*. As a guest soloist, Kathy Tyree joined the chorus in *Hold Strong Together* with music by Jonathan Cole and lyrics by Susan Baer-Beck.

The evening's finale was hosted by the Imperial Court of Nebraska as they welcomed participating courts to share in their coronation festivities. Approximately 60 more people joined the audience to welcome the out-of-town guests. The Imperial Courts represented were from Denver, Colorado; Lexington, Kentucky; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Reno, Nevada; Cincinnati, Ohio; Portland, Oregon; and Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio, Texas. The various courts provided an entertaining show as coronation weekend began. The evening displayed "A New Angle On Pride"—an expression that pride does equal power.

## MURPHY BROWN:

An openly gay character named Rick joined the staff at "FYI" (the series fictional news program). The show sensitively provided insight into heterosexual angst (Murphy's straight boss, Miles, became worried after he dreamt about Rick) while slamming false stereotypes about gay men. In real life, gay staff on shows such as "FYI" are increasingly open about who they are. Unfortunately, Rick only appeared once this season. Ask that Rick and other gay and lesbian characters be included as *regulars* by writing Diane English and Joel Shukovsky, Executive Producers, Murphy Brown, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91522. Copies to Jeff, President CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036. -*The GLAAD Bulletin*

## NAMES PROJECT QUILT TO BE IN KEARNEY

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is coming to Kearney!!

A portion of the Quilt will be on display at the Health Sports Arena on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney from September 11 to 13.

The Quilt Display is being supported by different organizations on the UNK campus. Along with the main display, there are plans for the opening ceremony and also seminars on various topics being planned by several organizations. As always, donations of time, talent, and financial support are needed to make this display a success.



# LOCAL NEWS

## GALILEO'S—THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK ATTRACTS BUSY PIZZA, PASTA, AND SANDWICH LOVERS

Ask Ms Leather Nebraska what she was up to earlier in the day and you are likely to hear her say, "Working at Galileo's!" Yes, Ms Leather Nebraska—our very own Amy Marie Meek—a member of the New Voice Steering Committee—a leader of the Nebraska contingent for the March on Washington—spends her days in the kitchen of Galileo's.

Galileo's, located in the Kellom Knoll Shopping Center just north of 24th and Cuming Street, offers pizza, pasta, and sandwiches. I've only had a chance to sample a few of the sandwiches: barbeque turkey, barbeque ham, and barbeque beef, and the appetizers: mushrooms, breaded cheese sticks, and okra, but they were great.

Sandwiches can be bought separately, or one can get them with a side order of salad: cole slaw, macaroni, pasta, etc. and a drink. The same goes for spaghetti. The cost is just right, either \$1.99 or \$2.99 for a sandwich or \$2.99 or \$3.99 for the combo.

Galileo's is quick, and they even have delivery service for those with only the time to make a call. Check it out! I'm sure you'll find something to tempt your palate. I'm going to try the spaghetti the next time I go there—that is if I can pass up the barbecued ham. Umm! Umm! Good!

## THE MAX HOSTS ITS FIRST, BUT NOT ITS LAST, AFTER HOURS DANCING!



The Fourth of July weekend, The MAX hosted its very first After Hours Dancing! By midnight, the bar was packed, and the late crowd was keeping the staff at the door busy taking their admission and checking IDs.

MCC-O had a crew of workers back in the kitchen area, busily preparing breakfast for the dancers. Proceeds from their efforts were designated for the building fund. From 2 til 4 they served scrambled eggs, ham, toast, fruit, hashed browns, and donuts.

The plan had been for the breakfast to take place out on the patio, but rain earlier in the evening, and a threatening storm coming in from

the west moved them into Stosh's Saloon, where they set up a serving line and most breakfasters stayed to eat. About 65 were served!

The change over went smoothly between 1 and 2. It was clear that the staff at

The MAX had been well-coached on what to do.

Around 300 dancers remained for the After Hours Dancing. The music was hot! The lights were the max. Everyone deemed the evening a success.

When asked if The MAX would be doing After Hours Dancing on a regular basis, General Manager Wayne Tietzort said, "No, but we are planning something very special for Labor Day weekend."

## It's Bowling Time Again

The River City Bowlers begin a new season with a general meeting on Sunday, August 23 at 1:30 p.m. at Skylanes, 42nd & Center Sts. on top of The Center Mall. Bowling will begin at 3:00 p.m. after the meeting.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up  
Space is limited to 24 teams  
All teams and individuals are welcome

For further information, please contact  
Mike Shearer at THE MAX, 346-4110  
Cheryl Christensen at 334-7699  
or in Lincoln, contact  
E. Mueller at 466-1789



# LOCAL NEWS

## GALA FESTIVAL IV

by Bob

What a thrill it was for me to be in Denver over the Fourth of July to witness part of the GALA Festival that was held from June 28 through July 4 and hear our River City Mixed Chorus perform. They brought the house down like no other group of any size.

Nearly 70 choruses from all over the U.S., Canada, and Europe performed during this period, and most of the talent was terrific, and some of it was awesome.

The Festival was held at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts in the Boettcher Concert Hall and neighboring Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre. Each group was scheduled to perform once at each location. Our RCMC performed first in the Buell at about 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2. The theatre was fairly well occupied as the preceding group finished their program. But I guess few of them wanted to hear from Omaha. And maybe some of the people had heard the RCMC perform three years ago in Seattle, before they were under the direction of their current director, Jonathan Cole (who was later joined by the talented John Bennett as co-director). As people filed past me, I wanted to stand up and plead with them to stick around, but I sat on my hands and said nothing. And our group sang their hearts out to a sparse, although enthusiastic, audience. And they were spectacular.

Before their performance in the Concert Hall

about 45 minutes later, people were streaming in rather than out. The word had spread. They sang their first three numbers: *Russian Picnic*, *The Road Not Taken*, and *Two Spanish Villancicos* flawlessly to an exuberant crowd. When Jonathan introduced Kathy Tyree, soloist, to join the chorus, the audience, which had greeted her with only warm applause at the Buell, stood and cheered. Part way through the number, "Hold Strong Together," which Jonathan helped write two years ago, the audience was on its feet again. Everyone joined hands and held them overhead while swaying to the music.

The pride I felt for our hometown "kids," coupled with the emotional impact of the song's lyrics, is indescribable. By the time the number was finished, people were screaming, stomping their feet, and literally rocking the house.

Ms Tyree left the stage and the Chorus struck again with their final song, "I Am What I Am," and they never sang it more perfectly. The audience remained standing. Who could sit? Everyone, it seemed, was as high as I was. And when the Chorus belted out the line "...so it's time to open up your closet...", the cheering was at a fevered pitch. At the conclusion, Ms Tyree came back on stage to join the co-directors and the Chorus for a final bow and the house went wild.

When Jonathan escorted Ms Tyree out of the theatre about 30 minutes later, men were bowing

at her feet, requesting autographs and snatching her hugs. She was in town for only 24 hours, and later that evening, I was in the hotel elevator with her and Jonathan as he was preparing to take her to the airport. She said she probably wouldn't come back down to earth for a week. My sentiments exactly!

I want to extend my most sincere gratitude to Kathy, Jonathan, John and all the wonderful Chorus members for letting me share this most memorable event with them.

## ARBOR MOON

The Arbor Moon will be closed August 10th through the 17th for inventory and vacation. Wally wishes all of you a wonderful summer.

The Arbor Moon Bookstore is in the business of providing you with alternatives. The Arbor Moon has one of the largest selections of Lesbian, Gay, Nonsexist Children's Books, Recovery, Self-Help, Natural Healing, Feminist Spirituality, Ecology, Multicultural, Black, Latino, and Native American books in the Midwest.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OMAHA PRODUCTION OF *Bent* TO BENEFIT NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

Martin Sherman's *Bent*, a powerful play depicting persecution of homosexuals in Nazi Germany during World War II, will be staged in Omaha as a fund raising event to benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP). Performances are September 20-23, 1992 at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre. Funds are being solicited to underwrite production and performance costs so that all proceeds from ticket sales go to NAP. Tickets will go on sale August 15 at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre, TIX or for reservations call 346-8833.

Producer Roger Reeves said that an unusual number of extremely talented actors tried out for the auditions which were held July 12 & 13. The cast is currently in rehearsal under the direction of De Moreland, who is being assisted by Alicia McGarr. The rehearsal space on South 13th Street is being provided by McGregor Interests, Inc. Original scoring for the production is being created by composer David Vosika and recorded digitally at Soudtrek Studio/Omaha by Jeff Schiller.

Martin Sherman's play *Bent*, is an intense drama that provides a challenging artistic opportunity for theater makers as well as theater

goers. This gritty, electrifying, and compassionate drama is about oppression. It shows the cost of survival and the deep need and sustaining force of human affection in dire adversity.

The story of *Bent* concerns homosexuals living in Berlin in the early 1930s when they were referred to as "bent" and were rounded up by Nazis and sent to concentration camps. There Jews were forced to wear yellow stars and homosexuals - pink triangles.

Originally *Bent* was presented as a staged reading at the Eugene O'Neill Playwright's Conference in 1978. It was produced in London at the Royal Court Theater in May of 1979. On December 2, 1979, *Bent* opened at the New Apollo Theater in New York. This production cast Richard Gere as Max, David Dukes as Horst and David Marshall Grant as Rudy. The play, Mr. Dukes emphasized, does not merely concern homosexuality. "It's about loving and bravery and spirit and survival." In 1980, Michael York replace Gere as Max.

"*Bent* is not 'entertainment' as the word is customarily used, but in its tensile strength and nerve risk taking, it is audacious theater."

—Time News Magazine.

## DC-TV

So, are you going to Washington?

Have n't we convinced you that this is just the coolest place to be next April, if not definitely the most politically correct?? If you haven't decided call Amy or Emerson and they'll be sure to tell you many glorious things about this event, all of which are true, of course. If you have decided to go and don't want to be the only there from your neighborhood, then here's an idea: why don't you have a DC-TV party??!

They're the rage. The in thing, you know?? What we are talking about is having a private party viewing DC-93 promotional tapes. I know sounds like a drag, right? WRONG!! These tapes will give you a glimpse of what will go on in April. They show footage of the 1987 MOW. They will bring laughter and tears, but most of all they will show you the importance of your participation in the movement to have the largest Civil Rights demonstration in UNITED STATES HISTORY!!

What we will do is provide you with a tape and help with your plans. You have a party- mud wrestling, cocktail, champagne, BBQ, sailing, whatever trips your trigger and will draw your friends attention. Then you charge a cover or ask for donations towards the DC '93 committee fund. FYI: a complete financial report of all monies raised and expenses incurred is now available, just call Amy for a copy.

Until you have your party, make sure to make it down to the Max on August 30th for our variety show. We will be raffling of several prizes including a 50/50 drawing. To obtain more information, contact Amy at 451-7987 or Emerson at 451-7987. Can't wait to see you in DC!, love Amy.

P.S. The yellow flyers we handed out at Pride Day had the incorrect phone number for the travel agency, oops- the correct one is (913)599-3700.

## REGIONAL ARTIST WINS LOGO CONTEST FOR NATIONAL MARCH

Local artist David Westman, a 1986 graduate of the Kansas City Art Institute, has won a nationwide competition to design the logo for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. Westman said he attended the 1987 march in Washington and came away with a greater sense of pride in himself and his community. "I wanted to capture some of the excitement and energy of that march in this logo," he said.

The triangular logo shows an image of the Capitol building with symbols created by Westman for the cornerstones of our movement: Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals." There are four colors in the logo. "Symbols representing the three groups spiral outward from the center, "representing the source of our pride and power coming from deep within ourselves," Westman wrote in his notes on the logo. "This shows one of the ways in which we are alike, what gives us common bonds. And yet they are slightly different. . . this emphasizes our diversity." Westman also won the design contest for this year's Gay and Lesbian Pride t-shirt, the Human Rights Project's "I Support Human Rights" t-shirt, and has designed logos and graphics for several other Gay/Lesbian and AIDS-related groups.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## CHORUS NOTES

by David Brady

Unbelievable and unforgettable. There is no better way to describe the GALA Choruses Festival IV, held June 27 through July 4 at the Denver Performing Arts Center. I have never seen anything like it. The festival was sandwiched between Denver's Gay Pride celebration and the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver's annual gay rodeo). And that scheduling - a coincidence? - magnified the experience.

Most of the River City Mixed Chorus arrived in Denver on Saturday. For us, the week began on Sunday with Denver's Gay Pride parade (estimated attendance of 30,000) and the post-parade rally. RCMC marched in the parade. On Sunday night the host city choruses—the Denver Gay Men's Chorus, the Denver Women's Chorus, and Harmony: A Colorado Chorale (a mixed chorus)—performed the opening ceremony.

Performances by the delegate choruses began at 9:00 Monday morning. There are two performance halls in the complex, and each chorus performed once in each hall. RCMC performed the afternoon of Thursday, July 2. A total of 63 choruses from the United States, Canada, and Europe performed in the five day festival. The largest chorus had over 100 members; the smallest had 15 members. I'm sure everyone had his/her own favorites. In addition to the full choruses, there were a number of ensemble groups that performed in the evenings.

Thanks to all the hard work and dedication of our directors, John Bennett and Jonathan Cole, RCMC gave a great performance. Kathy Tyeer was phenomenal as the soloist for *Hold Strong Together*. Those of you who heard her perform at our Pride concert a year ago know what I mean. We received a lot of positive responses from the people who heard us and from the people who didn't hear us (word of mouth). It was a wonderful experience for all of us.

The AIDS Memorial Concert was Friday night. It was a beautiful and very emotional

service. The festival men's, women's, and mixed choruses (mass choruses built from all of GALA membership) performed on Saturday night. And that was the end of GALA Festival IV.

There were many other highlights during the week. We all got very good at singing *Happy Birthday*. The Toronto Gay Men's Chorus ensemble even had us singing *Happy Birthday* to Canada, in French, on July 1. We did the Wave at the opening concerts. There were the parties hosted by the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, Harmony: A Colorado Chorale, and the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. There were the non-chorus activities: driving into the mountains, gambling in Central City, shopping in Denver, going out to dinner, the rodeo, and partying in the bars (particularly a certain Country/Western dance bar).

GALA Festival IV was a class event produced by gay people for the enjoyment of gay people and their friends. The experience of living, working, and socializing with 3000 other gay men and women for a week is indescribable. It was

uplifting, ennobling, carefree, sobering, sometimes (most times) a hormonal overload, and a thousand other things. I, for one, will never forget it. The next GALA Festival is in Tampa, FL in 1996. I would recommend it to anyone to attend it, if only as a non-singing delegate.

GALA Festival IV is over, and GALA Festival V is four years away, but there is still tremendous satisfaction in performing for our Omaha audiences. If you like to sing and want to be part of a growing, supportive, talented, fun organization that accepts you for who you are, then please consider RCMC. River City Mixed Chorus will accept auditions for all singing parts on Monday, August 17 and Monday, August 24 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 N. 40th St., upstairs. Please call for more information or to make an appointment for an audition. The audition is painless. Our rehearsal and performance spaces are handicapped accessible.



## JESS HAWK DAKENSTAR TO APPEAR

Jess Hawk Dakenstar, feminist singer and songwriter, will appear in Omaha at 1 p.m. on September 2, performing for KVNO-FM's River City Folk Music. She will also appear at the Old Time Music convention in Avoca, Iowa, on September 4, and in Des Moines, Iowa, on August 29. Jess Hawk Dakenstar was born and raised in Zimbabwe where she performed on television and in a teen band. She made New Zealand her home from 1979-1990, during which she was involved in women's music as a guitarist/singer/songwriter. She has written and performed music for feminist theatre and revues. One revue, *Born to Clean*, for which she wrote several songs, had hugely successful seasons in Auckland, Wellington, and Sydney in 1987/88.

Jess is doing contemporary, upbeat originals which are sometimes moving, sometimes funny, and always delivered with knockout Kiwi style. Since arriving in the U.S. she has performed in a total of 23 states and recorded her first solo album, *Leave a Little Light Behind*, with full bank backup. The album, released May 26 on the Hallows Records label, covers a wide range of subjects including women's heroism, friendship, and unity, our legacy, and Desert Storm. Stylistically the songs range from country rock to ballads with even a little Mississippi Delta sound.

## ICE BOWL TOURNAMENT UPDATE

We've been busy this past month trying to organize fundraisers for the future to help us meet our goal of \$10,000. The fundraising committee consists of around 9 people with Scott R. and Charley W. as co-chairmen. Be on the lookout for flyers telling when and where these events will be held. At the present time, we will be holding a Bar-B-Que at the Max on Sunday, August 16th from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Future fundraisers will include shows, another Bar-B-Que, a pig roast, an Ice Queen Contest, an empty closet sale, and other events. We are also looking into the possibility of acquiring corporate funding. At ICON's 4th of July picnic, we held two 50/50 raffles which raised \$234.50. A special thank you is extended to ICON for allowing us to hold the raffles. We have decided to house people and hold the banquet at the Ramada Inn Airport though no contract has been signed yet.

The tournament will be held the 3rd weekend in February, over President's Day Weekend. We are looking to draw bowlers from Omaha, Lincoln, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, and Dallas. We still need as many volunteers as possible as we will be forming many more committees. This promises to be a great weekend for Omaha, so get out and attend our meetings, held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and 2 Sundays a month at a time to be determined. August meeting dates and places are:

- \* August 4 — Fundraising — 7pm — Chesterfield
- \* August 9 — General Mtg. — 4pm — Diamond
- \* August 11 — Fundraising — 7pm — Gilligans
- \* August 18 — Fundraising — 7pm — D.C.'s
- \* August 25 — Fundraising — 7pm — Diamond
- \* August 30 — General Mtg. — 6pm — Gilligans
- \* September 1 — Fundraising — 7pm — The MAX

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# LOCAL NEWS

## MCC-O CONDUCTS FIRST SERVICES IN NEW CHURCH

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha conducted its first services in the newly acquired church at 819 S. 22nd St. Over 125 friends and members gather for the Opening Morning Worship Service on July 12. The Service began with a procession of the Cross and the congregation. After the opening songs, the altar cloths and communion vessels were brought into the sanctuary and placed on the newly constructed altar. Craig, Rev. Howard's spouse, built the new altar. Rumor has it a pulpit that matches is now in the making! Our new chairs got delayed for two weeks and missed the opening service, but that didn't spoil the celebration. That evening over 40 MCCers gathered for a special Song Service and time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall in the church basement. A.N.G.L.E. contributed by hosting a Celebration Brunch at The MAX following the morning service.



Just a few more boxes and truck loads and we will be all settled in. But, of course, the greatly increased yard size will keep many of us busy long into the fall, just trying to keep ahead of the rain and continual growth. Pat G. and Glen F. have been busy the past couple weeks weeding and planting and dreaming of gardens to come. Our volleyballers have been busily gathering team mates to join in the upcoming SHOVE

Until then, that's it from my pew. See you in church.

Team coordinator Jeff hopes MCC will have three competing teams this year. They hope to top last year's donations.

EXCEL team members have begun their preparations for another exciting EXCEL retreat. This year's retreat will be in mid-September and promises to be even bigger and better than last year's.

Next month we'll be announcing our official dedication service for the new building. We hope all of you will join us during this special time.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## FANTASY '92 IN DALLAS AUGUST 14, 15, & 16

Dallas, Texas, is the host city for Fantasy '92, sponsored this year by Fantasy Productions, IIR Productions, and The Leather Journal. This is the fourth year titleholders from across the nation have gathered for a weekend of workshops, a leather fair, demonstrations, and performances of fantasies while they raise money for national and local organizations. This year's event benefits LifeLink of Dallas, The MCC-Omaha Building Fund, and the National Leather Association.

Fantasy is a unique celebration with no competition. Titleholders come together to work, to learn, to play, and show off the talents. The weekend will feature a special performance by Pamela Stanley, along with appearances by Woody Bebout - Mr. Int'l Drummer '91, Judy Tallwing McCarthey - IMSL '87, Brian Dawson - Mr. Drummer '89, San Carr - IMSL '88, Chuck Higgins - NLA Co-Chair '92, Jim Richards - TLJ Man of the Year '92, Pat Sullivan - Mr. Oklahoma Leather '90, Corky Davis - Ms. So. Calif Leather '88, Larry Arbo Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer '90, Mark Frazier - Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer '91, Mike Miller - Mr. Oklahoma Leather '92.

Tickets for Fantasy are available through advance sales only at a cost of \$35 each. Tickets must be ordered from Fantasy '92, P.O. Box 568746, Dallas, Texas, 75207-9998. You will receive a confirmation letter which will allow you to pick up your tickets in Dallas during Fantasy '92.

The Host Hotel is Bristol Suites, offering special rates for Fantasy '92 participants of \$67 per room with occupancy of 1 to 4. Includes complimentary breakfast. For reservations or more information, call 1-214-233-7600 or (fax) 1-214-701-8618.

American Airlines is the official airline for Fantasy '92. A discount of 40% off unrestricted day coach fare, purchased 7 days in advance. Cancellation penalty. 5% discount available on promotional fares, subject to availability and applicable restrictions. To book your flight call 1-800-433-1790, ask for STAR # SO5824R, 7 a.m. to midnight, CST, 7 days a week.

## SUMMER SPORTS FEST '92

In an effort to begin another tradition to the Gay/Lesbian Community here in Nebraska and Western Iowa, A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) is sponsoring Summer Sports Fest '92. The Summer Sports Fest will include three events this year. These events will be DARTS (301 only, four person teams, and league rules); VOLLEYBALL (6-9 person teams, sand league rules); and POOL (singles and doubles). Registration fees are \$30 for volleyball, \$20 for darts, and \$10 and \$15 for singles and doubles pool. You must register and pay fees by August 21 so that schedules can be prepared in advance. The Sports Fest is scheduled to take place on September 11 - 13. We need both players and persons willing to assist us with rules, staffing and any other aspect of the games that you would like to see and participate in. Please call A.N.G.L.E.'s Gay and Lesbian Information Line at 558-5303 to receive information and/or a registration form or pick up a registration form at your local area drinking establishment.

## RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE BEGINS '93 SEASON

Attention!! The River City Bowling League will begin its 13th season on August 23rd. A meeting of all members and those interested in joining a team will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Sky Lanes, Center Mall, 42 & Center. League bowling will begin at 3:00 p.m. on the same day. All individuals and previously formed teams are encouraged to attend this meeting as the rules for the coming season will be discussed and voted upon. All beginners and current bowlers interested are encouraged to attend. This is a handicap league and is a BLAST!! All young and old "Trolls" are welcome. Prize fund is determined by total games won. This is a Four Member team league, but teams may consist of more than four members (substitutes). EVERYONE WINS MONEY!! For further information, contact E. Mueller at 466-1789 in Lincoln, Mike Shearer at the MAX 346-4110 or Cheryl Christensen at 334-7699 in Omaha. Hope to see you there!! Good Luck and Good Bowling!!!

## AFFIRMATION HOLDS FINAL MEETING

by RJ

The first Friday in July, Affirmation met for the last time for the summer. It may be for good. Plans were drawn up to tackle this problem in the fall. But it does not look good for Affirmation. This evening, Dean hosted the final meeting with a back yard get together. Opening with prayer, about nine were in attendance, sharing with each other each person's joys, and, yes, the concerns as well. A short business meeting was then held discussing the future of Affirmation. At this time, the future of Affirmation looks pretty dark. It was agreed not to hold any more meetings until September, then go from there. But though tinged with sadness at the bleak future of Affirmation, still the evening was a fine time spent among friends. Following the services, Dean served a most delicious barbecued beef, taken from an old Southern recipe, handed down by an aunt of Dean's. Everyone else brought fill in dishes, and there was plenty of food to go around, and then some. Affirmation in Lincoln died out. Will Omaha's follow? Time will tell.



## EMERSON BRINEY CHOSEN 1992 MR. GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER

Leather men and women from across the region filled both D.C.'s and the MAX for the weekend festivities of the 1992 Mr. Great Plains Drummer Contest, produced by Fantasy Productions. The festivities began with a reception and introduction of contestants at D.C.'s on Friday night. Preliminary judging and the final pageant were held at the MAX on Saturday. The contest brought together 7 contestants who were title holders or runners up in Drummer contests held in Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City, and St. Louis. Contestants included:

Doug Stover — Mr. St. Louis Drummer 1992  
Dwayne "Cubby" Brown — Mr. Iowa Drummer 1992  
Jeff Baumgarten — 2nd Runner Up to Mr. Iowa Drummer 1992,  
Beauford Stowell — Mr. Kansas City Drummer 1992  
Darren "Shark" English — 1st Runner Up to Mr. Kansas City Drummer 1992  
Emerson Briney — Mr. Omaha Drummer 1992  
Verdell Bohling — 1st Runner Up to Mr. Omaha Drummer 1992

The contestants were judged on a personal interview conducted by the seven judges prior to the stage appearances, jockstrap competition, performance of their sexual fantasies, and an on stage interview.

"Shark", 1st Runner Up to Mr. Kansas City Drummer 1992, took 2nd Runner Up. First Runner Up was "Cubby", Mr. Iowa Drummer 1992. Omaha's own Emerson Briney became the fifth Mr. Great Plains Drummer, adding the title to his already impressive list of titles which include Mr. D.C.'s Leather, Mr. Omaha Drummer, and Mr. Leather Nebraska. Emerson is also a leader of the '93 March on Washington Nebraska Contingency and a co-founder of the Omaha Players Club.



# LOCAL NEWS

## NAMES PROJECT QUILT DISPLAY

**OVERWHELMED AND OVERJOYED!** That's how Donna Hruska and I felt after the first open meeting on June 17. We had nearly 100 people join us for an evening of information and sharing. Almost half were familiar faces, folks we worked with during the last round of activities leading to the display in Lincoln in 1990, while many others are joining us for the first time. Welcome to all - and there is room for more! - you have a real experience ahead of you!

The display will be at the Omaha Civic Auditorium, easily accessible from both Iowa and Nebraska off I480, with lots of space not only for the QUILT, but also areas surrounding the arena for educational and special services displays (more on this later!) We have been offered the use of Trinity Episcopal cathedral (directly across Capitol St.) as a training area for on-site volunteers and for the workshops planned for health care workers, pastors, and pastoral care teams, and youth and counselors on December 4. There is much work to be done and room for lots more ideas and willing spirits.

We have begun to assemble an advisory board of outstanding folks who have consented to help us reach out into specific corners of our communities, such as ARTS, EDUCATION, BUSINESS, POLITICS, FAITH, SERVICE, and COMMUNITY AT LARGE. Please feel free to share names of individuals or organizations that you think might be helpful in our work. We'll be happy to talk with you about how they might be involved as we continue to build our teams.

Nonsense will already have been a great success artistically and financially! If you missed one of the five performances, maybe you can catch a number or two at one of the upcoming benefit shows being planned. I'm sure the sisters will find it hard to break their "habits." Thanks GUYS! Your energy and talent is much appreciated.

SHOVE is about to be played again - anyone still want to enter a team? Call Bob Power

at the Red Cross. This has become, not only a great and annual event to raise awareness and funds for NAP from the folks at our own Red Cross chapter, but Bob has been asked to share the idea with a number of other chapters across the country. Way to go, Bob!

Bev and Laura have much to do in planning the education presentations for our schools and community groups as well as the preparation of the workshops for professionals and youth on December 4. We are really excited about what we are planning between now and World AIDS Day

### The time has come for all of us to take an active part in the educational efforts and support work surrounding HIV and AIDS.

Jeff is working on a letter and personal follow ups to a number of companies and businesses in the area. Anyone who can help by providing a personal contact at the business, professional association, foundation, or corporation, please give us a call. The time has come for all of us to take an active part in the educational efforts and support work surrounding HIV and AIDS. This is not a disease of one or two groups of people, it is touching all of us in our professional as well as personal lives. A recent report from the World Health Organization estimated that 1 in every 4 families by the year 2000 will have someone living with HIV/AIDS or will have lost someone to AIDS.

Ron is anxious to share his time and skills with anyone who might want to make panels for someone they knew or assist families and friends with a panel for a loved one. You don't have to be a master quilter to create a panel in memory and celebration of a life. Invite him to your place of work, your church group, school or community organization to show you how you can share your talents and memories.

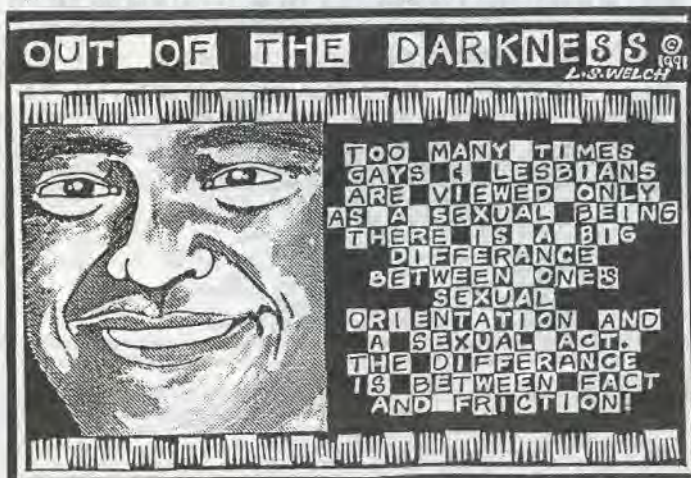
Names merchandise has begun to arrive and can also be shared with your group and friends.....profits from all sales go towards our expenses (such as shipping, publicity, rental, storage, etc.) and when those obligations are met, the remainder will stay right here at the Nebraska AIDS Project to help continue their work in education and direct services to PLWAs throughout Nebraska and western Iowa.

in December. You don't have to be a professional teacher or trained counselor to give a hand with sharing information and activities that will heighten awareness of AIDS as it impacts our families and communities. Cindi and Colleen are providing outreach to professional corners of our communities (faith, health care social services, etc.) offering presentations tailored to specific interests and offering ways to become involved with our work.

Tom and Michael will be working on ways to include all people, including those with special needs such as hearing impaired, visually and physically handicapped, ethnic and racial minorities, youth, families and friends, and, of course, PLWAs during the opening and closing ceremonies. Give us a call with your ideas on how we might celebrate this special event. Ron is keeping us open to special needs with ceremonies and the facilities - we will have access to a TDD, handicapped parking, wheelchairs, signers during the display, and maybe braille programs and specially trained monitors to assist with a number of special needs (in addition to the whole spectrum of on-site volunteers). JoAnn and Cindy are organizing the volunteers for specific tasks and committees and sharing the work of recruiting for both long term projects such as fund raising as well as the work just before, during, and after the display. They would be happy to have your name and phone number and an idea about what part you'd like to play.

While it may seem that the logistics team has little to do, they are charged with some awesome details including the layout, including the mechanics of raising the panels above the arena floor, insurance coverage for guests and workers, storage and setup/breakdown. Bob and Bob will be concentrating on the QUILT details, while Jerry will be primarily responsible for the concourse area and the educational and organizational displays. Any detail oriented folks who love to dream about possibilities and then find the means to carry them through? Logistics and Fund raising committees would love to hear from you.

We have a little over two months to go before the entire QUILT (est. over 22,000 panels) returns to Washington, D.C. and just four months before we have the privilege and responsibility of sharing nearly 1100 panels that have meaning and memories for us in the Midwest. Anyone wishing to check about a panel for a friend or loved one (there may be more than one for each person), or wanting to request panel for our display may contact the NAP office (Gary has a directory of existing panels as of March 1992) or the QUILT Committee at 291-6781. We are looking forward to hearing from you over the next few months and to seeing you at the Quilt on December 4, 5, 6.





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# LOCAL NEWS

## CITIZENS FOR EQUAL PROTECTION (CFEP)

After a brief reprieve, we are again active in planning and organizing the steps to re-introduce a civil rights bill to the state legislature and to work for its passage, which will protect gays and lesbians against discrimination in the areas of housing, employment, and public accommodations. We are also working towards adding the phrase "gays and lesbians" to the city of Omaha's Hate Crimes ordinance.

In June, Scott Lowther and Neva Cosine were voted co-chairman and co-chairwoman of the Executive Steering Committee. At that time four committees were established.

- Public Relations
- Legislative Action (Lobbying)
- Community Outreach
- Fundraising

CFEP meets each month on the first Thursday evening, while the committees will meet on different days and times yet to be set.

As always we continue to search for examples of discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, and/or any other type of discrimination directed towards lesbians and gays which will support the need for this legislation. We continue to keep all names and all specific information confidential unless permission is given otherwise.

In order to find out the times and locations of the different meetings and/or to share examples of discrimination, call the A.N.G.L.E. Information and Referral Line (402) 558-5303 or write to:

Citizens For Equal Protection  
P.O. Box 55548  
Omaha, NE 68155-0548

Please join us. Each person has the choice of being as visible or as non-visible as they would like to be in our meetings. We would like your ideas and support to help protect our community.

## A SOULFUL AFTERNOON FOR THE INFORMATION LINE

By Marshall Burnham

Cornbread, black-eyed peas, barbecue, greens, red beans and rice, cabbage, smoked pork loin, and cole slaw—sounds like a good ole holiday meal back home. Only this time our tummies can thank the folks at the Run for a fabulous and tasty fundraiser for our phone line (A.N.G.L.E.'s Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line 558-5303). Arthur's cooking and the Run's beer bust kept our spirits high while we ate, enjoyed soulful oldies, and ate some more. I can't thank the folks at the Run enough, as well as all those who came down to chow.

Future phone line plans such as increased advertising and live response need our community's support and Soul Sunday reaffirmed my belief that Omaha's gay/lesbian people are starting to realize the importance of communication on a grass roots, local level in getting our rights legalized and protected.

A special thanks to: Jim Mactier, Bobby Erb, Michael Russell, Pete Ketchum, Mark and Annie Holzapfel, Freddie, Cipriano, and Arthur.

If you are interested in contributing, being listed as a resource, or just have questions, write to us at P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131, or call 558-5303.

## THE FRONTRUNNERS/ WALKERS ADOPT A NEW MISSION STATEMENT

FROM THE FRONT EAR—The June business meeting attendees voted to adopt, and make policy, the following Mission Statement for the Omaha Chapter of the Frontrunners/Walkers:

*The mission of the Omaha Frontrunners/walkers is to promote health and wellness for members of the gay and lesbian community of Omaha, and surrounding areas, primarily through running and walking. The organization will serve as a vehicle for distributing health and fitness information and encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle through club-organized runs, walks, and social functions.*

## WHERE CAN I GET A COPY OF THE NEW VOICE?

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- Gilligan's Pub
- The MAX
- Metropolitan Community Church
- Nebraska AIDS Project
- New Realities
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
- The Run
- Council Bluffs:
- Adult Emporium
- Ernie's

### Lincoln:

- Arbor Moon
- Club 2001
- Nebraska Book Store
- The Panic
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
- UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center
- Women's Resource Center

### Grand Island:

- Support Group

### Hastings:

- Support Group

### Kearney:

- Support Group
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays

### Des Moines:

- Blazing Saddle
- Brass Garden
- Club 508
- D & M's

### St. Louis City:

- Metropolitan Community Church
- Three Cheers

Of course, if you find that your favorite place is always out of the magazine before you get there, you might consider subscribing. For only \$19 per year you can have The New Voice delivered directly to your door (in a plain, brown envelope, of course).

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST HOSTS INTERFAITH SERVICE

By RJ

Kicking off Pride Week '92, Interfaith Services were held at the chapel at the First Central Congregational Church at 36th and Harney. Representatives were present from Dignity, PLGC (Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns), Affirmation, Mishpachot Chavarium, Lutherans Concerned, PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays), and Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. Unable to participate but joining in spirit was Seventh Day Adventist Kinship.

Special music was furnished by the River City Mixed Chorus, directed by Mr. John Bennett. Selected numbers were *The Road Not Taken* and *Hand in Hand*. A very special scripture reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, taken from Exodus 2:11-15 and 3:1-14, was first read in English by Rev. David Ruhe, and then Lay Rabbi, Marti, read the same passage in Hebrew. This really made the reading special. Rev. Ruhe then read from the Christian scriptures, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5a. The message was given by Rev. Matthew Howard of MCC-Omaha.

A special ritual was held with everyone forming a circle and then each one passed a line, running the line through a "chain link" they were given at the start of the service, binding each to each, while everyone sang the song, "Bind Us Together." The service closed with the song *Singing For Our Lives*. Most everyone met in the Parlor after the service where PFLAG served refreshments. It was a remarkable service, with a lot of meaning, a lot of symbolic meaning, a sharing together of everyone being one with God, Jew, Christian, Catholic, Protestant, various denominations of Protestant faith. Our God is one, and we are, all of us, the children of God, despite our different ways of worship.

Around 65 people were there. Many thanks to the United Church of Christ for the place of worship, to PFLAG for the refreshments, and to the many people who put on the service, and those who came to worship as one in the spirit.

## 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 504 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508

The D & M 424 E Locust St.,  
243-9629

### Omaha (A.C. 402)

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys,  
342-1244

DC's 1019 S. 10th, 344-3103

The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595

Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth,  
449-9147

The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110

The Run 1715 Leavenworth,  
449-8703

### Lincoln (A.C. 402)

Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764

Club 2001 500 Sun Valley Road,  
476-2001



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, August 1

River City Mixed Chorus Garage Sale, 1315 South 52nd, To donate items call 455-6199

Nonsense/Benefit QUILT Display, 345-8948 for Admission \$5, 8pm, Center Stage, Omaha

Coalition 1st Sat Event, "Night at Movies", 7-10pm, Comerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln

## SUNDAY, August 2

Nonsense/Benefit QUILT Display, 345-8948 for Admission \$5, 8pm, Center Stage, Omaha

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

"Investiture" of Reign XII of Imperial Court of Nebr, MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

## MONDAY, August 3

Imperial Court of NE Board of Governors Mtg The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 6:30pm.

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

## TUESDAY, August 4

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

Ice Bowl Regional Tourney, Fundraising Mtg, 7pm, Chesterfield, 1951 St. Mary's, Omaha

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

## THURSDAY, August 6

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

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

## SATURDAY, August 8

P-FLAG Youth Grp for gay, lesbian, youth questioning sexuality, 13-21 Omaha, 291-6781

## SUNDAY, August 9

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

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha, 291-6781, 2pm, 1st Methodist Church, 6900 Cass, West Entrance

Ice Bowl Tournament, General Mtg, 4pm, The Diamond, 712 S. 16 St., Omaha

Wayne's 3rd Annual Benefit for Nebraska (P.W.A. Emergency Relief Fund, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

## MONDAY, August 10

Deadline for September New Voice

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

## TUESDAY, August 11

Free, Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster Co Hith, 5-7 pm The Panic, 200 S. 18 Lincoln

Ice Bowl Tournament, Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, Gilligan's, 1853 Leavenworth, Omaha

## SATURDAY, August 15

Arbor Moon Closed for Vacation (Aug 10-17)

Six Hours Of Volleyball Excitement, 10-5pm, Racquetball Omaha, 68th & Grover

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

## SUNDAY, August 16

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

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

Bar-B-Que on Patio, For Ice Bowl Tourney, 2-7pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

Blade Thompson, Male Dancer

The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

## MONDAY, August 17

River City Mixed Chorus Open Auditions for All Singing Parts, 6 - 9pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40, Omaha, 551-6517

## TUESDAY, August 18

Ice Bowl Tournament, Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, D.C.'s, 1019 South 10th, Omaha

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, August 19

DC'93 Nebr ContPlanning Meeting, 7:30pm 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, Omaha, 451-7987

## THURSDAY, August 20

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business Mtg, Rm 342, NebrUnion, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

## SATURDAY, August 22

P-FLAG Youth Grp for gay, lesbian, youth questioning sexuality, 13-21 Omaha, 291-6781

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

## SUNDAY, August 23

River City Bowling League Meeting, 1:30pm, Sky Lanes, Center Mall, 42nd & Center, Omaha. Bowling Begins at 3pm

Kevin Andrews & First Class Male Review The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

## MONDAY, August 24

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

River City Mixed Chorus Open Auditions for All Singing Parts, 6 - 9pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40, Omaha, 551-6517

## TUESDAY, August 25

Ice Bowl Tournament, Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, The Diamond, 712 S. 16th, Omaha

P-FLAG-Lincoln Chapter, 7pm, Small groups with separate youth group, and Program: "Equality in the Workplace," Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', 435-4688,

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

## SUNDAY, August 30

Ice Bowl Tournament, General Meeting, 6pm, Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth, Omaha

Benefit Show for '93 March on Washington. The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

## MONDAY, August 31

Imperial Court of NE Board of Governors Mtg The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 6:30pm.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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

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

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

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 7:30pm 14 & R, Nebr Union, Women Resource Center

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, 1st Plymouth Cong Church, 20 & D, 438-5214

Omaha G/L Alcoholics Anonymous 8:15pm Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

### SATURDAY

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

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



# CLASSIFIEDS

**LOOKING FOR LOVE?** Make sure that's all you find. Use a latex condom every time. DCHD at 444-6875. 4-93

**LONELY?** Looking for a friend/lover? Call Infinity, a nationwide matching service and video club for gay men and women. 1-602-848-6780. 30 cents or less per call. 10-92

**558-5303**  
For all the news in the community, call A.N.G.L.E.'s Information and Referral line at (402) 558-5303 9-92

**HAVE YOU BEEN A NAUGHTY BOY?** Deserve a spanking? GWM, 35, 6'5", 240 lbs. offers firm but loving discipline and more. Write Boxholder, P.O. Box 6162, Omaha, NE 68106 with personal information, picture if possible, and tell me how naughty you've been. 8-92

GWM, 34, short, stocky; equal parts creative, sensitive, funny; fiercely loyal to those who matter to me; seeks similar-minded GM for friendship/relationship. Write with photo to NVG, 2312 S. 142 Ct. #6, Omaha, NE 68144 8-92

Quiet Gay Italian Male, 32, healthy, new in town. Wants to meet guys for friends or fun! 436-9460

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S.W. Nebraska Gays & Lesbians looking for others for fun, social, & companionship. Write to SWNGL, P.O. Box 612, McCook, NE 69001

Would like to meet gay white women for Friendship/Relationship. My hobbies are: camping, movies, starlite nights. Drug/Alcohol Free. Please write: Special Request, P.O. Box 6055, Omaha, NE 68106 9-92

GWM coordinating semi-nude retreat in South Lincoln Private Home. B.Y.O.B. Free Mix and Ice. Ample Parking, Undressing Rooms, 25" XXX Videos, Two Group Rooms. Date: Group Decision — Discrete, confidential, friendly. Welcome are men 25-55. Doubly welcome are Bearded, Whiskered, Hairy, Stocky, Cut and Hung, Smoke OK. No Skinnies. Our of Towners Lodging Match Up. Call Jim (402) 489-3155. LET'S DISCUSS YOUR RESUME!

**ROOMMATE WANTED:**  
College student seeks same to share 2 bedroom house, good location. \$125.00/month + utilities. Mike 344-3562 8-92

**RETIRED MAN** wants a lonely, liberal minded male or female for steady company. Call from 6a.m to 9p.m. 339-4320 8-92

**ENJOY GAY SAN FRANCISCO**, stay in the homes of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals. 7 nights accommodations, some meals, gay events/resources, fun! \$525 + transportation. Western Exposure (510) 869-4395. P.O. Box 2116, Berkeley, CA 94702 8-92

**NATURE SUNSHINE:** Encapsulated herbs, extracts, vitamins, and minerals. Independent Distributor: D.K. Sterling Phone: 402-345-4717 3-93

GWM looking for GWM for friendship, tennis, biking, golf, swimming, nude sunbathing, etc. Boxholder, Box 37921, Omaha, NE 68137-0921

**COUNSELING**—Individual and relationship—lesbian/gay issues, life changes, identity, decision making, disability, abuse. Judith M. Gibson, M.A. (402) 477-6985 9-92

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# The New Voice RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## LINCOLN

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

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

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

**Gay Mens Support Group**, Counseling Center, 1234 Admin Bldg, UNL, Lincoln 68508, 472-3461. Confidential support for gay men

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## OMAHA

**Affirmation** — Not active at present time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Lutherans Concerned**, First Sunday 7pm. Kountze Memorial Luth Church Lounge, 2650 Farnam, Omaha. Call 345-4080 or 453-7137.

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

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

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

**Omaha Players Club (OPC)**, PO Box 34463 Omaha, Ne 68134, (402) 451-7987, (402) 342-3512. Leather/SM education and play group. Men and women group. Call for more information.

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

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

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

**Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns**, (402) 733-1360: Cleve. Last Saturday January-October, 2nd Sat in December, No Nov meeting

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

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

**River City Mixed Chorus**, P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267. 558-9900. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.

**Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc** for Gays Lesbians (402) 451-5631 or 1-800-4-GAY-SDA

**Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club**, Box 3216, 68103. Not active at present.

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

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

**Youth Support Group**, sponsored by Parents & Friends of Lesbians/Gays Omaha Chapter. For gay, lesbian youth and those questioning sexuality issues, ages 13 to 21. Meets 2nd & 4th Saturdays, For Info: call 291-6781.

## STATEWIDE

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

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

**Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights**, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy group lobbies for G/L civil rights, has newsletter, socials. Business Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, St Marks, 15 & R; 1st Saturday Social Event, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7-10pm

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

**Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska**, Send Self-Addressed, stamped envelope to: GLAGN, Box 1546, Kearney, NE 68848

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

**Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects**, 610 "J", Lincoln, (402) 475-5161. Outpt treatment for chemical dependency while affirming sexuality. Sliding Fee Scale

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

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

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

\*Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504. (402) 435-4688. 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' 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 Sunday at 2 p.m., 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass Street.

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





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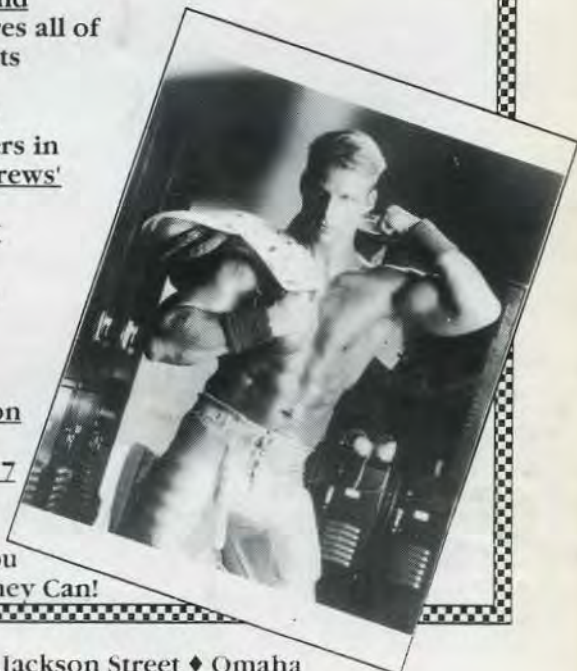
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**TUE**

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**WED**

Country Western  
 Dance Lessons 9 pm  
*Complimentary Drink*  
 Coupon w/Dance Lesson  
 Beer Bust 8-1 am  
 \$3.00 + .25c refills  
 50c goes to Ice Bowl Fund

**THU**

Jager \$1.50 Shots Party  
 Plus  
 Johnny Walker \$1.25  
 Domestic Bottle  
 Beer \$1.25

**FRI**

Country Western  
 Dance Lessons 9 pm  
*Complimentary Drink*  
 Coupon w/Dance Lesson  
 Your very own  
 Cowboy Cocksuck \$1.25  
 Draws @ .75c

**SAT**

Beer Bust Noon-4 pm  
 \$3.00 + .25c refills  
 \$1.00 goes to RCB  
 Tournament  
 .25c off ALL Liquor  
 Bacardi \$1.25

**SUN**

Beer Bust Noon-4 pm  
 \$3.00 + .25c refills  
 DC's \$1.00 Eye Openers  
 Draws .75c  
 Cactus Juice Shots .50c  
 Country Western  
 Dance Lessons 9 pm  
*Complimentary Drink*  
 Coupon w/Dance Lesson