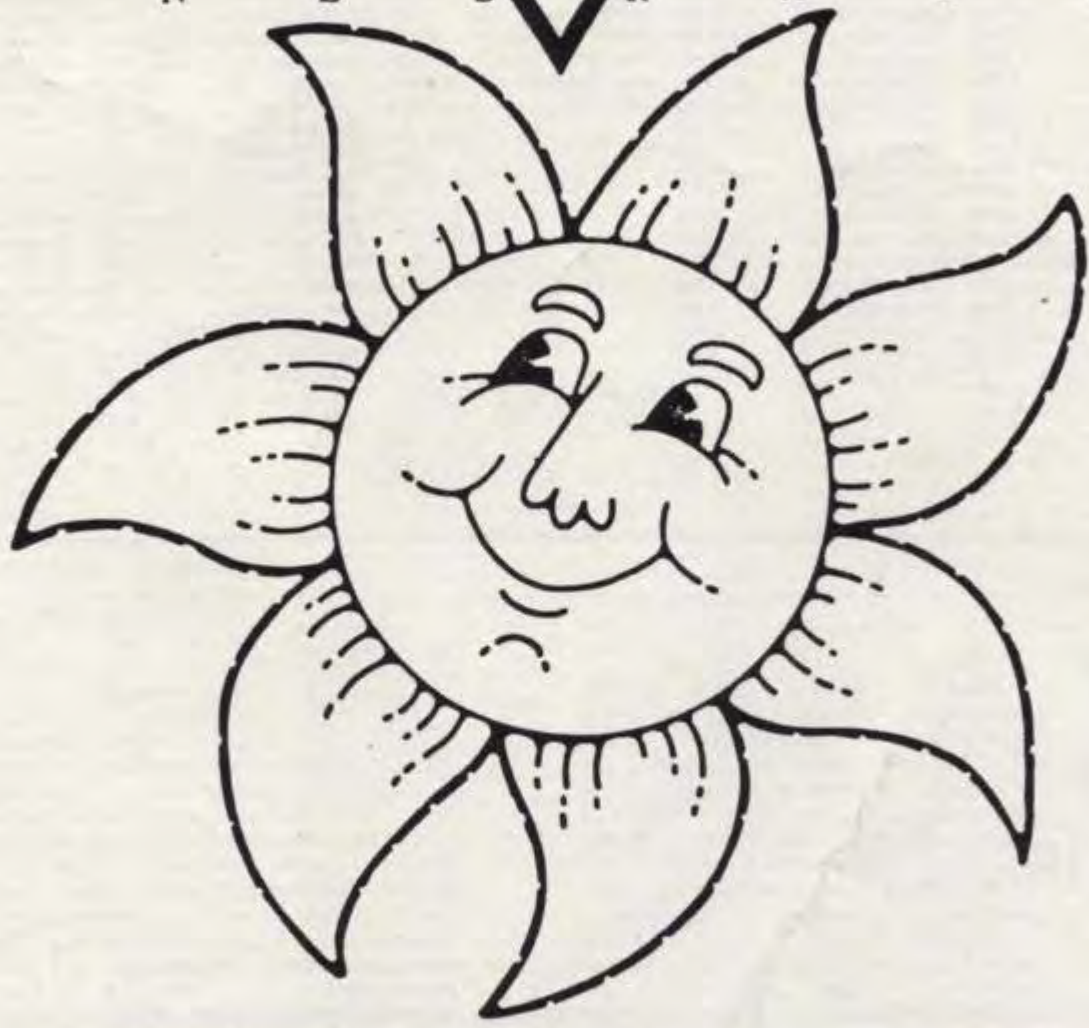


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New Voice*

O F N E B R A S K A



SUMMER

Our Turn

View and opinions by The New Voice staff.

It's Your Turn Now

-Sharon V.

We have now completed six months of operations in Omaha and are asking your input as to how we're doing as a magazine. Please take time to complete and mail the survey found in this month's magazine. The comments we hear around town are positive. People tell us we're doing a good job but sometimes it's hard to tell if we're hearing what they're really saying or if we're just hearing the part we want to hear. That's why we're asking for your input (anonymously, if you prefer).

We'll be tabulating the results and reporting back in the September issue. That gives you until August 10 to get your survey completed and in the mail to us so we are able to compile the results before the deadline. In September we'll print your comments, both positive and negative as well as your suggestions for how we can improve.

It's also your turn to put to rest some of the rumors that have been travelling around Omaha. Yes, there was an apparent misappropriation of funds at the New Voice which put our bank balance to where it was when we brought the magazine to Omaha. At this point no arrests have been made but an investigation is underway. However, the New Voice is alive and well thanks to the commitment of the members of the steering committee. We've been able to raise the money to keep the magazine going and plan to continue working to make this

the best magazine for the gay and lesbian community in the Midwest.

You can help keep the New Voice healthy by your support as readers and patrons of our advertisers. The New Voice needs your articles, stories, art work, photographs, and subscriptions. If you have a business or know someone who has a business that serves the gay and lesbian community, consider advertising in the New Voice. Our rates are competitive and our readers are supportive of advertisers. Oh, by the way, we also accept donations to help us over these rough times, if you are so inclined.

I want to personally thank you for your support during our first six months in Omaha. You've been great and I look forward to working with you for a long time to come.

The Diamond Sparkles Again

-Bill S.

The Steering Committee of The New Voice of Nebraska welcomes Jimmy and Cindy Sechser and the Diamond Bar back to the fold, where they rightfully belong. After all, The Diamond is the oldest consecutive gay bar in the State of Nebraska. The Diamond and The Voice belong together.

Happiness is a journey - NOT a destination.

The weaker the argument, the stronger the words.

FEEDBACK

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the fine work which you and your staff are doing in publishing the NEW VOICE. Since the reorganization of the New Voice, I have noticed a marked improvement in the quality of the publication and consider it to be one of the finest of its type around. It is not without the dedicated effort of all the volunteers involved, the editor, writers, typesetters, lay out persons, advertising salespersons, proof readers, and any one else I forgot to mention, that this has happened. You all are to be congratulated on the fine work which you are doing.

As a sign of my faith and trust in the work you are doing I have enclosed a check for a one year subscription to the New Voice. However, please save yourself the cost of postage, by not mailing it to me, as I will continue to pick up my copy at one of the advertisers' business establishments.

Thanks again,

Jerry S.

Use the Classifieds

Submission Deadline

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

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Features

Political Inciters

-Jerry R.

The New Republicans

Is there change afoot in the Grand Old Party? At recent National Platform Committee hearings, chaired by our own Governor Orr, representatives of gay/lesbian organizations and other "liberal" causes appealed to the Committee to recognize and accept changing social norms. Chairing the platform meetings in Kansas City, Governor Kay Orr said, "The times have changed. There's a new emphasis that we'll need."

John Thomas, a gay Republican and a board member of the Human Rights Campaign Fund called on the committee to recognize gay and lesbians "as part of the pluralistic society we, as Republicans, champion." Thomas also called on the committee to back an "unprecedented effort" to combat AIDS.

Even some Nebraska Republicans have been touched with this new awareness. Ralph Moody, former chair of the Nebraska Republican Party, testified before Orr's platform committee for reproductive freedom of women and against the plank calling for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. Moody is also a member of Planned Parenthood.

Unfortunately, it appears that real progress will occur slowly in the Republican Party. At June's Douglas County Convention, hard-line evangelical conservatives ousted moderate party officers and wrote a far-right platform that included a constitutional ban on abortion and failed to mention AIDS or gay rights.

And on the Democrats side...

Democrats attending the State Convention in Grand Island heard AIDS/gay rights resolutions introduced by PFLAG, Lancaster County, and the Nebraska Young Democrats.

Yvonne Hardesty, a Lancaster County delegate carried a PFLAG resolution calling for expanded AIDS education programs and non-discrimination toward people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+ status.

Nebraska Young Democrats passed a total of twelve planks

concerning AIDS or gay rights at their State Convention in May, which were expected to be submitted to the State Platform and Resolutions Committee of their senior party.

The Democratic State Convention will select 25 delegates to the National Convention in Atlanta, seven of which will be committed to Jesse Jackson (with 3 of 9 alternates also pledged to Jackson). However, at press time, it appeared that Omaha or Lincoln had not elected any openly gay county delegates to convention, and the only gay delegate would be Jerry Roemer, a Jackson delegate from Dodge County. The final scorecard on the Convention will run next month in this column.

The New Alliance Party made a grand opening splash on the Nebraska political scene by apparently selecting Ernie Chambers, as their candidate for the U.S. Senate seat now held by David Karnes. Although Bob Kerrey was the highest vote getter for the position as a written-in on the New Alliance ballots, he accepted the Democratic Party nomination; who had coincidentally selected him also. This fall, the New Alliance Party will try to displace the Libertarian Party as Nebraska's party of the third choice for presidential candidates. However, so will Spuds MacKenzie, Tanner and Bill 'n Opus.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The opinions expressed in this article are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the New Voice of Nebraska.

Health Care Study

-Rodney A Bell, II

A study of gay men's health care is currently being conducted at UNL by a gay male for his doctoral dissertation. He is currently half-way through the study.

Gay men are still needed to participate in this study. The study involves a one hour interview that can be arranged anyplace or any time. Confidentiality is assured.

The study consists of studying what kind of health care gay men are getting, whether we like the quality of our health care, whether it costs too much, whether it's adequate and some general questions about AIDS. There are no questions about sexual behavior or any particular disease a person may have.

Gay men who are interested should contact Joel Brodsky at (402) 483-1491 or Helen Moore at 472-1197. If you wish to write, the address is Joel Brodsky, Sociology Department, 711 Oldfather Hall, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588-0324.

Most people justify the way they live; that is to say, instead of fitting their lives to a philosophy, they invent a philosophy to fit their lives.
-Bishop Sheen



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Support Groups
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It's been six month months since the New Voice of Nebraska moved operations to Omaha and we'd like your help as we evaluate our performance. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions below, add any comments you feel are important and mail the survey to The New Voice, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103-0512.

I would rate the overall performance of the New Voice as:

Excellent Good Average Poor

I feel the New Voice appropriately and adequately represents the gay and lesbian community in Nebraska:

Always Sometimes Never

Overall, I would say that the articles in the New Voice are:

Timely:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Interesting:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Well-written:	Yes	No	No Opinion

I feel the New Voice exercises good taste in:

Articles:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Art Work:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Advertisements:	Yes	No	No Opinion

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Local Events:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Features:	Yes	No	No Opinion
National News:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Sports News:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Humor:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Fiction:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Women's News:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Poetry:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Photographs:	Yes	No	No Opinion
Other Art Work:	Yes	No	No Opinion

Other (please specify) _____

I find the paper and print style satisfactory and easy to read:

Yes No No Opinion

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Yes No No Opinion

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Layout
Distribution
Selling Advertising
Fund Raising
Typesetting
Other

I would like to subscribe to the New Voice. I have enclosed \$16.

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"Dear Diary"

-Sharon V.

When I was a child it seemed that everyone I knew kept a diary where they could write their innermost secrets and pour out the trials and woes of their first loves. I was never very successful at keeping a diary. I'd started one but after a few days I'd get busy and forget to write in it and then forget where I'd put the book. Now that I'm grown (in my second childhood, perhaps) I still don't keep a real diary, but I have begun to keep a record of the trials and tribulations of being in love. Of course, I haven't exactly kept my love life a secret. After all, when you're the editor of a magazine you might as well take advantage.

All of this is a very long introduction to the latest in a series of articles that Carla and I have chosen to call "The Great Kansas-Nebraska Merger". You'll find the first installment back in the February, 1988 issue of The New Voice ("An Open Letter to Kansas") and the second installment in the April, 1988 issue ("Kansas Replies").

And now, with great pleasure, I present The Final Chapter of The Great Kansas-Nebraska Merger.



Kansas-Nebraska Merger

-Carla P.

"Leaving Kansas, Come Again" --those words echoed in my mind for miles as I travelled up Highway 77 through Beatrice, to Lincoln and then finally arrived in Omaha.

Omaha. My new home. It should have sounded great, but it didn't. Omaha - undoubtedly the name of some fierce tribe of Indians - just the sound of it scared me that May night as I travelled alone with all my belongings packed snugly into my "covered wagon".

The traditional canvas top had a rather peculiar look to passersby. My lover swears I looked like an "Okie" arriving during the depression. (Guess that dates her. Of course, I responded "Huh? What do you mean?") But after all, the load

looked great to me. Chair legs and lamps hung from the left and the right. Plants and paint cans and little odds and ends were jammed into every nook and cranny, but it was all held together by the canvas top -- the canvas that lined my all foam couch. It folded out neatly to form a perfect top for the load. It seemed a rather ingenious way to secure objects that would have otherwise littered a two state area.

Omaha -- home at last. My lover greeted me with arms opened wide, but a quick embrace and a peck on the lips were all there was time for before the unloading began.

Fortunately a friend had come by to help with the unloading because my lover had come down with back problems for the first time in her life and couldn't lift a box. (What a lucky twist for her! Perhaps the injury was a ploy just to see how devoted I really was. I sure fooled her, though. I unloaded the truck and I stayed.) Do you know how many boxes of s--- one can load on a B" truck bed if you load it 5" high? TOO MANY!!

Now two weeks later boxes are still stacked to the ceiling in the basement, the garage, and the porch, but a sort of routine has developed in our lives. Someday the boxes will come down and be unpacked. But there's no rush. (I sure like the sounds of that!) We have forever.

I've gone past the point of no return. My house in Kansas is rented. My former job has been filled, and the postman has found me long enough to deliver a bill from Sears. Even an Omaha bank has had long enough to screw up my one week old bank account.

I'm home at last and it feels so good. Nebraska, I love you!!



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Community Calendar

July 10 - August 10

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

Metropolitan Community Church
420 South 24th St., Omaha
Worship Services 10:20 am, 7 pm

The Max
1417 Jackson, Omaha
Shows - 9:30 pm

Mondays

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

Fridays

Gay AA
Lutheran Medical Center
8:15 pm

Gay AI-Anon
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th
8:15 pm

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 10

River City Mixed Chorus
Summer Concert "It's a Grand
Night for Singing!"
Strauss Performing Arts Center
UNO - 63rd & Dodge, 7pm

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

Monday, July 11

Lesbian Rap Group
Dale Clark Library, Omaha
Meeting Rooms 2 & 3
7 - 9 pm

AIDS Interfaith Network
Prayer Service
St. Cecelia's Cathedral
701 N. 40th, Omaha, 7 pm
Sunday, July 17

The Common Woman
1065 N. 33rd, Lincoln
"Ice Cream Social"
KZUM Fund Raiser, 12-3 pm

Monday, July 25

Lesbian Rap Group
Dale Clark Library, Omaha
Meeting Rooms 2 & 3
7 - 9 pm

Tuesday, July 26

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

Tuesday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 3

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

Thursday, August 4

Bars and Organizations of Omaha
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Local Organizations & Events

Metropolitan Community Church

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCCO) has been serving the gay/lesbian community of Omaha/Council Bluffs (and to some extent Nebraska and rural southwest Iowa) for over 14 years. We are a chartered church in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). MCC is a church where all people are welcome but our primary outreach since our founding has been to gay men and lesbian women that they might come to know and experience God's love for them through Jesus Christ.

We are a Trinitarian Christian Church in our theology and practice, but those of other faiths are welcome to worship and fellowship with us.

Attendance at our 10:20 am service is currently averaging between 35-45 and at our 7pm service between 10-15.

Some of our current ministries and activities include:

- Worship Services
- Spiritual Counseling
- Hospital and Home Visitation
- "Coming Out" Support Group
- Prayer Groups/Bible Rap
- Food Pantry (Emergency)
- AIDS Referral and Support
- Newsletter-The MCC Messenger
- Social Activities -
 - Dances
 - Pot-lucks
 - Game Nights
 - Holiday/Seasonal Parties

We are located at 420 S. 24th St. Our mailing address is P. O. Box 3173, Omaha 68103. Telephone (402)345-2563. Normal office hours are 1-6pm, Tuesday - Friday. Sunday Worship Services are at 10:20am and 7pm.

Most of our faults are more pardonable than the methods we think up to hide them.

The man who does only what is required of him is a slave. The moment he does more he's a free man.

River City Mixed Chorus

RCMC was founded in 1984 as a volunteer chorus for gay and lesbian sensitive men and women. The goal of the chorus is musical excellence in performance. The River City Mixed Chorus is a member group of GALA Choruses, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, which has 60 men's, women's and mixed choruses in the United States and Canada.

Rehearsals are held Monday evenings and new members are encouraged to join. The Chorus puts on 2 to 3 major performances a year as well as several minor appearances.

July 10 is the date for the summer concert of the River City Mixed Chorus to be held at 7:05 pm in Strauss Performing Arts Center on the U.N.O. campus. This concert is entitled "It's a Grand Night for Singing" and features a wide selection of old favorites and delightful new pieces.

The Chorus is recruiting new members to join for the upcoming year which includes the fall rehearsal season through next summer's International Gay and Lesbian Choral Festival in Seattle. For information, please phone (402) 342-4775.

Lesbian Rap Group

How often have you said, "I wish there was some way to meet people and make friends without having to go to the bar to do it"? The Lesbian Rap Group was formed in an attempt to meet that need for the women of our community.

The Rap Group meets twice monthly in a meeting room at

the downtown public library and provides a safe environment where women can share their ideas as well as gain support for dealing with life's everyday frustrations.

If you would like to meet new friends and share your ideas, your hopes, and your dreams, then give the Lesbian Rap Group a try.

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Catholic and Gay with DIGNITY

DIGNITY/Omaha accepts Roman Catholic gay men and lesbian women, giving them a place to maintain their Catholic faith and upbringing through monthly Mass and other social events.

Locally, DIGNITY still is a nuclear core with a regular active membership of eight to ten persons and 12 to 15 persons attending monthly mass or other functions periodically. Being the only known Catholic organization for gays in the state, membership includes persons from Lincoln, Kearney, Beatrice and other parts of Nebraska, plus some from Iowa. The group publishes a monthly newsletter of announcements, book reviews, news and topical essays.

Besides the monthly mass at 7pm the second Sunday of each month in the Celebration room, lower level of St. John's Church on the Creighton campus. DIGNITY/Omaha has a social function the fourth Sunday monthly. This they call The Gathering. Its location rotates among members' homes, even in Lincoln. The evening's sponsor plans the program which varies from vespers to topical discussions to attending a movie theatre as a group then discussing the film afterwards ("Mass Appeal").

The organization also has gone camping, participated in ecumenical Easter sunrise services at Central Park Mall, and helped plan rallies, prayer services and thoughtful moments in connection with Omaha's annual Pride Parade.

The local chapter is affiliated with DIGNITY/International and DIGNITY/U.S.A., subscribing to DIGNITY's beliefs that gay Catholics are members of Christ's mystical body and included among the children of God. Gay persons are as God created them, and can practice their sexuality in a manner consistent with Christ's teachings, in an ethically responsible and unselfish way.

DIGNITY believes it has a responsibility to promote the gay community to the Catholic Church, to society and to individual lesbian women and gay men.

Promoting the gay community to the Church means working for development of a sexual theology and acceptance of gays

as full and equal members of the one Christ. Promoting the gay community to society means working for justice and social acceptance through education and legal reform. And promoting gay and lesbian persons to themselves means building or reinforcing self-acceptance and a sense of dignity, and helping gays to become more active members of their Church and society.

Persons interested in contacting DIGNITY/Omaha may attend the mass at 7pm the second Sunday monthly at St. John's Church, phone Jerry at 331-4919, or Russ at 341-1460, or write to DIGNITY/Omaha at PO Box 31312, Omaha, NE 68131.

Metropolitan Club

The Metropolitan Club of Omaha has several upcoming events of interest. They are as follows:

The "Belle of Brownville" will again be under the direction of the Metro Club for an evening in July. The 2nd Annual Cruise has been scheduled for early in the evening of July 31st. The cruise is open to anyone interested. It is a fund raiser for the Metropolitan Club. Tickets are \$10.00. If you didn't attend last year, you missed a great time.

A dinner evening on the Fremont Train will be held on August 20. The cost is \$25.00 per person for both members and guests. Only Metropolitan Club members and their invited guests are eligible to participate. One car which will accommodate 40 people has been reserved for this event. If there is sufficient interest, it is possible that a larger car can be reserved. In the meantime, first come, first served. A waiting list will be created after all seats have been sold. Reservations must be paid for in advance and there is no refund for cancellations.

New members are always welcomed by the Metropolitan Club. Our membership consists of business and professional members of the community. For more information about the Club or any of the above events, please call 449-9377.

Two-Wheelers of Omaha, M.C.

The Two-Wheelers of Omaha, Motorcycle Club (TWO), was formed in 1984 "by a group of individuals interested in motorcycling as a form of entertainment...". The club has since expanded to include those into leather/levi.

The members of TWO endeavor to nurture a bond of fellowship among persons of like interest, seeking friendship aggressively through club sponsored activities.

Further, the membership vows to assist others whenever possible and to work for the rights of all persons in improving conditions relating to those areas which affect our mutual social, sexual and cultural interests.

The T.W.O. is a founding member of the Midlands Communications Network.

Regular events include: Mr. Gay Nebraska Contest, New Year's Eve Pig-Out Buffet, Labor Day Weekend Picnic, and an annual motorcycle/club run. Also scheduled are various demonstrations, lectures and benefit functions.

The club meets the first Sunday of the month at 2pm. Contact the club at P.O. Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103 for further details.

Two-Wheelers Auxiliary Troop

The Two-Wheelers Auxiliary Troop is a social-support group for women interested in the levi/leather scene. We will work for the rights of all people in improving legislation and conditions relating to those areas which affect our mutual, social, sexual and cultural interests. For more information write: Two-Wheelers Auxiliary, P. O. Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103.

NAMES Project

TOUR SCHEDULE

Chicago	July 8-12
Minneapolis	July 13-18
Seattle	July 22-26
Portland	July 26-31

-Scott Rezek

Washington, D.C. played host to the International Gay Bowling Organization's (IGBO) annual tournament over Memorial Day weekend. Seven members of Omaha's River City Bowling League attended the tournament which had over 800 bowlers.

The tournament began with registration at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on Thursday, May 26. Following registration, the contingency from Los Angeles hosted a party for all tournament bowlers to entice IGBO representatives to "Vote L.A." for the 1990 tournament (which they were granted). The evening ended with much partying at D.C.'s various bars.

Friday began quietly with breakfast and then the annual IGBO meeting at 9am. After a three and a half hour meeting and some sight-seeing, our bowling shift of singles and doubles began at 6:30 at Annandale Bowling Lanes in Annandale, Virginia. This shift lasted until almost 1am. (The bars there close at 3am) Saturday's bowling for our team event was at 2pm at Alexandria, Virginia. Throughout bowling, there were some good scores from Omaha bowlers with Charley Wade; 203, Bob Andresen; 224, and Scott Rezek with a 243 game and 624 series.

Sunday night was the



banquet, also held at the Grand Hyatt. The banquet room greeted us with a huge ice sculpture of a giant panda (the tournament's logo. After a wonderful meal (salmon or stuffed chicken breast and mornay) the entertainment began with a wonderful monologue from Queen Elizabeth II. The main entertainment was Mr. Jimmie James, who fascinated the audience with live interpretations of Marilyn Monroe, Bette Davis, Katharine Hepburn, Patsy Cline, Dinah Shore and numerous others.

One of our own personal high lights was the announcement that Skip Newharth and his teammates from Dallas placed

3rd in team all-events.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were used up taking in the sights and sounds of beautiful Washington, D.C., saying good-bye to old and new friends, and looking forward to upcoming city tournaments and IGBO '89 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Some of the upcoming tournaments Omaha bowlers will be attending are Columbus, Ohio; Dallas, Texas; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri.

I would like to thank the community for the continued support you have given Omaha's gay bowlers.

Hundreds March in Dubuque

Nearly 600 lesbian and gay activists and their supporters marched in the Dubuque (IA) Second Annual Gay/Lesbian Pride March in what one organizer called "a dream come true." Marchers poured into Dubuque on April 30 from the Upper Midwest, with busloads coming from Madison, Wisconsin, St. Louis, Chicago, Des Moines, Iowa City, Janesville, Atlanta, New York City, San Francisco, Miami and Washington, DC.

March organizer Stacey Neldaughter told the cheering crowd, "They said it couldn't be done. They said Dubuque can't be changed, but we will change Dubuque. This day is a dream come true for me."

Neldaughter reminded the crowd of the terrifying events at the first pride march, held on September 19, 1987, in which 30 marchers were pelted with

obscenities and eggs by about 300 angry counterdemonstrators while local police watched. This year's marchers were heckled by a few observers, but Dubuque police officials adequately staffed the event and discouraged any outbreaks of violence.

Police reported that 16 eggs were confiscated during the day. One man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for an egg-throwing incident at last year's march and was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon at this year's event.

Rep. Tom Jochum (D-Dubuque) addressed the rally, condemning acts of violence against lesbians and gay men. "I stand here before you today calling for an end to violence and an end to discrimination because I believe in justice. The Constitution is not

negotiable."

NGLTF Privacy Project Director Sue Hyde told the crowd, "We gather in Dubuque today so that none of us, not one lesbian and not one gay man, ever again feel afraid to walk this city's streets...We have come to Dubuque to challenge it to be the best city it can be and to recognize and welcome its lesbian and gay citizens. We will return to Dubuque every year until we no longer need to."

The Dubuque Human Rights Commission has agreed to consider amending the city ordinance to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Commission chairperson Ken Hindman said in the Des Moines Register, "It's a tough problem all over Iowa. There's a real need for good workshops on homophobia."

The Cradle Will Fall

A Talk With a Street Kid

-Don Longmore

"Hi, like to take a little ride?"

"Well, I might man, but I have to ask you a question first."

"OK, ask."

"Are you a cop?"

"No, I'm not a cop. In fact I'm a little uneasy stopping my car on this corner. I understand the cops cruise around here and jot down license numbers. Hop in."

"What's your name young man?"

"Jimmy, what's yours?"

"I'm Don. Are you from Omaha?"

"Not originally, I just came to town not too long ago. Been moving around some since I left home."

"How old are you Jimmy?"

"I'm 17, how about you?"

"I quit thinking about it a long time ago. How long have you been on the street, doing whatever it is you do?"

"Come on man, you know what I do or you wouldn't have picked me up. I've been hustlin' since I was 14."

"What's your specialty?"

"Anything the customer is willing to pay for."

"Let me ask you something Jimmy, do you practice safe sex? That is, are you careful, do you use condoms?"

"That depends on the customer. Some of 'em insist on it and some don't like to use 'em. They're paying so its up to them."

"Do you know about AIDS Jim?"

"Yeah, I guess everybody talks about it. That's why I came to this town cause there's not so much of it going on here. I don't sweat it though."

"Oh sure, you're real safe here. I understand there are a couple gays who tested positive and everybody in the bars knows it, so they are out on the street getting it on with unsuspecting victims."

"What does tested positive mean?"

"It means they had the blood test and are probably carrying the AIDS virus, understand?"

"I guess so."

"Do you use drugs?"

"Hell man, you're just one big bundle of questions ain't ya. I don't believe in drugs, I've never even smoked more than 2 or 3 joints in my life, they didn't do anything for me,

and I've seen a lot of guys get all screwed up on drugs."

"You know about the dangers of drugs, but don't know the deadly implications these days of exchanging bodily fluids. I can't believe you're so wise about dope, and so terribly uninformed about AIDS."

"Look Don, that is what you said your name is, right?"

"That's right. I was beginning to think it was 'Man' there for awhile."

"Well what I'm trying to tell you is that I've got another job, but it pays minimum wage and I can't live too well on that. I don't do this because I'm nuts about it, I just need the extra money, and in the meantime I can't sit and worry about some dumb disease thats going around."

"I think you would be wise to start worrying about it kid, its a killer."

"Well, it ain't gonna happen to me. Hey, what are we doin' back on the milk run, don't you wanna do anything?"

"No, I don't want to do anything, I just wanted to talk."

"Hell man, in the time we've ridin' around shootin' the bull about nothin' I might of got picked up by somebody who would have paid for some action. I'm good."

"I'm sure you are Jimmy. Here, take this money, and I hope by taking up a little of your time that I may have saved you from a customer who could give you something more deadly than my conversation."

"OK Don, thanks for the ride and the easy money. And listen man, don't worry about me, what I do is not what I am, its just the money, get my message?"

"Yes Jim, I got your message, and feel real bad that you didn't get mine."

"Well anyway, I got plans for the future, this life is gonna be over with one of these days."

"Yes my young friend, I'm afraid it will."

Knowledge without common sense is folly.

Sometimes the only way to convince a fool he is wrong is to let him have his own way.

The art of conversation is as much the art of listening as it is the ability to express one's self.

AIDS Education Grants Announced

The United States Conference of Mayors released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for funding of community based AIDS risk reduction education programs targeting racial and ethnic minorities. Approximately 15 grants will be awarded for projects up to 12 months in amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$42,000.

Between January 1981 and June 1988, over 62,000 persons have been diagnosed with AIDS; a disproportionate number of these persons are in black and Hispanic communities. The primary goal of this RFP is to provide education on AIDS and HIV infection to racial and ethnic minorities through funding of community based, community service organizations with an emphasis on those organizations with established ties to racial and ethnic populations.

Funding for these grants was made available to the Conference of Mayors by the Federal Centers for Disease Control. Over \$1 million in grants has been given to fund over 50 projects in the five previous rounds of funding.

Copies of the RFP and additional information are available from Matthew Murguia at the Conference of Mayors, (202) 293-7330.

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Natural Theology

-Jean Mortensen

In the first chapter of Genesis in the Bible, as part of the creation story, we are told that God created man. "...male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply...'" Many people use this reference to tell us that is the natural, divine order of the world, and that God's plan was for Adam and Eve, not for Adam and Steve, as singer Donna Summer (also a born-again Christian) has been heard to remark.

And then there is a troublesome reference in Romans 1:26-27. "For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another..." These 2 verses constitute what is known as "natural theology." They propose what is supposed to be natural for men and women, and that is an attraction to the opposite sex.

Sounds like 2 strikes already against homosexuality. But let's take a closer look at the natural theology. Who wrote the book of Romans? Saint Paul did. Most theologians and Biblical scholars agree now that Paul was a heterosexual who had no understanding of what it meant to have homosexual feelings and drives. In other words, he simply could not conceive of anyone having desire for someone of the same sex, as most straights cannot. Paul could see no way for that to be "natural" because it was not natural to him. So it is only natural for him to think of homosexual acts as something unnatural. His view, then, was probably that heterosexual people sometimes engaged in homosexual acts. He felt this was somehow morally wrong, and wrote these 2 verse in his letter to the Romans to warn people not to go against their supposed heterosexual nature.

But what about the homosexually oriented person, to whom desire for the same sex feels natural? Well, since Paul couldn't conceive of that situation, perhaps we can infer that the verses are directed only at heterosexuals. And if the message therein warns us that we should not try to go against what is natural to us, perhaps we can take away one of the strikes against us.

But there are still the people who say, "Homosexuality isn't part of God's plan." (Isn't it nice that they are so intimate with God as to be privy to all the details of His cosmic plan?) We still have to deal with them. And there is an answer, even if they may not like it or want to hear it. When they say that only heterosexuality is natural, we can say to them, "Yes, it is natural -- for the purposes of procreation." That's the only way babies can be made, by the union of the male sperm and the female egg. Heterosexual sex is necessary for the continuation of our species. But not every sex act results in children being born. Some acts are done solely for pleasure, and in that case, gay sex acts serve the same purpose.

Maybe the next thing we'll hear is "But at least I'm normal." Yes, they may engage in acts normal for a heterosexual. But those same acts are not what is normal to a homosexual. Perhaps they mean "normal" is terms of what most people do; that is, the average or the norm for the majority. Then they need to be reminded that "the norm" means something different than "normal." The norm deals with a large group of people, while normal is something based on an individual. What is normal for one person is not always for another. For instance, one person's normal body temperature may be 98.5, while another's is 98.7 and the norm (of all human beings) is 98.6.

So while heterosexuality is the norm (normal and natural) for the majority of people, it is not so for all. It is only so for the straights of this world. For gays, homosexuality comes naturally and is very normal. And that puts us back to no strikes against us in the ball game.



Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns

The Nebraska/Iowa chapter of Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (PLGC) was organized in February 1987. We meet on the last Saturday, January through October, and the second Saturday of December. Our meetings are held in the homes of members in Omaha and various small towns in Iowa. Meetings in Iowa usually involve a potluck supper, while Omaha meetings usually end with a meal in a local restaurant.

PLGC exists primarily to minister to lesbian and gay male Presbyterians and their loved ones, and to educate the members of the Presbyterian Church on gay issues. Nationally PLGC sponsors an outreach at the yearly General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), holds midwinter conferences in three locations, and encourages individual Presbyterian churches to declare themselves "More Light" congregations who welcome lesbian and gay persons as full members with the right to be ordained as elders and deacons. So far locally we have been mainly a fellowship group, giving each other support in our spiritual journeys. We have discussions on topics like how the church can support gay relationships and what our Christian faith means to us. Within the year we hope to add occasional worship services to our local meetings.

PLGC is open to all Presbyterians, gay or non-gay. Our meetings are open to all and locally we have Jewish, Roman Catholic, and Baptist associate members who attend. For more information call Cleve Evans at (402) 733-1360

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ECCL. 6:14-17

RCMC Seeks Director

The position of music director/conductor for the River City Mixed Chorus is open effective July 11, 1988. This position included a negotiable honorarium and appropriate credits in programs and other applicable publications. The music director/conductor will be directly responsible to the River City Mixed Chorus Board of Directors, a body elected from singing and non-singing members of the Chorus. We prefer the successful applicant to contract with us at least through the GALA Festival III in Seattle, however, shorter term applicants will be considered. Applicants with a degree in music are preferred. Otherwise, a varied musical background is desired. Interested parties should contact: Director Search Committee, River City Mixed Chorus, P.O. Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101-0315.

Hats Off!

-Sharon V.

A young woman asked me the other night if there were really any gay/lesbian organizations in Omaha. She was amazed to learn that there are in fact at least 15 different organizations serving the lesbian and gay community. These organizations range from religious to social to recovery programs to support groups and each serves a slightly different section of our community. A glance at the resource page inside the back cover of each issue of the New Voice will give you an idea of the scope and complexity of organizations available.

Despite this, there are needs still not being met and people who are asking, "How can I find a group that meets my needs?" Here at the New Voice, we attempt to provide information on what's available. If you know of a resource that's not listed, let us know. You are our only source of information.

So, our hats are off to you, our readers, and to the organizations attempting to meet the needs of our community. Keep up the good work!

Practice Safe Sex

It's a New
Adventure



A Midlands
Thanksgiving

-Tom W.

The Cornhaulers L & L Club of Des Moines and the Two-Wheelers of Omaha, MC are breathing a little easier these days. Their combined outdoor run "A Midlands Thanksgiving" is over, and considered a success.

Over 50 men and women attended the function held east of Omaha last month. Represented were 10 clubs, including the host clubs. Attendees came from as far as San Diego, Las Vegas (via motorcycle) and Atlanta as well as from the Midwest. An additional 10 people attended the Saturday night dinner and show.

Activities included opening ceremonies with the U.S., Nebraska and Iowa flags being brought in on motorcycles, a road rally / motorcycle enduro, people games, motorcycle games, veranda club (that's for those 35 and older), a show and lots of trophies. It is now confirmed that neither the Cornhaulers nor T.W.O. can be considered a show club!

The clubs wish to thank their run book advertisers and cocktail party hosts for helping to make the weekend a success. Thanks are also extended to the club members and GDI's in attendance.

MCC Notes

June 11 marked our 7th annual trip to the Henry Dorley Zoo. 26 people gathered together to fight the traffic and compete for parking places. (After all, who ever would think that so many people would be attending the College World Series?) As usual, we had a fun-filled day as we stared at the animals and they stared back at us. I wonder what they really thought of us?

Along with River City Mixed Chorus and Dignity, MCC had a food booth at the Nebraska Gay Games. It was a good fund raiser for us as well as being a great opportunity to meet some new friends. Our thanks go to ICON for allowing us this opportunity.

MCC was well represented at the AIDS Interfaith memorial service as well as at the Pride Parade as we marched in unity to tell the world that we at MCC-Omaha are truly "Celebrating in Christ."

On a more serious note, while I use this column to tell you about the many activities that go on, MCC-Omaha is first and foremost a Bible-based church where you can worship openly as a gay person or as a gay/lesbian couple. We have both morning and evening services. Please join us for worship in an open, accepting atmosphere.

Take a Chance

-BFB

I take a chance every time at the track

Dogs and horses my true compulsion.

Numbers are interesting, however to me.

Keno, Lotto, Bingo and me, Little monkey's swinging in trees,

Go together like the birds and the bees,

So if you must take a chance,

I wish it to be, at a game or track,

If you want to be as lucky as me.

The only gamble that makes no sense,

Is the one people take, with a fleeing regret.

Keep protection in mind and cover your bets,

And anything else, before it gets wet.



Nebraska Gay Games



Over 500 people attended the Nebraska Gay Games on Memorial Day at the Warehouse in Carter Lake. The annual Memorial Day Picnic, sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska, took on a new twist this year as contestants vied for honors in such challenging events as the Three Legged Race, the Two Person Relays, the Egg Toss I and II and, the highlight of the day, the Drag Race.



Book Report:

-Jerry Peck

I have recently finished reading The Different Drum, Community Making and Peace by M. Scott Peck, M.D. I recommend the book for those that are seeking to create a sense of community. Although Dr. Peck did not write specifically for the gay/lesbian reader, it is abundantly clear that he is, at least, gay/lesbian sensitive. Dr. Peck talks about the need for a sense of community in a relationship of two people and through to an international community.

The book confirmed for me that the term community means a great deal more than a collection of people that live close together or share a somewhat similar lifestyle, or share a common goal. Community can, and will, strive for goals; however, community must be established first. Dr. Peck is a Christian, and relates the essence of community to the early Christian church. This is why many churches seek to return to a "New Testament" status. Regrettably many only go back to the organized churches of Paul, not to Christ.

Dr. Peck reminds us that the Church established by Christ came from his commandment to "Love one another." Dr. Peck also points out that we were not told to "like" one another, but to love. It is possible to love someone without endorsing their lifestyle, or approving of how they do things. We should celebrate our diversities and our individuality.

Dr. Peck states, "Most, to a greater or lesser degree, fail to individuate - to separate - ourselves from family, tribe, or caste. Even into old age we remain figuratively tied to the apron strings of our parents and culture. We are still dictated to by the values and expectations of our mothers and fathers. ...From laziness and fear - fear of loneliness, fear of responsibility, and other nameless dreads - we never truly learn to think for ourselves, or dare to be out of step with the stereotypes. But in light of all we understand, this failure to individuate is a failure to grow up and become fully human. For we are called to be individuals. We are called to be unique and different." (pg 54)

Dr. Peck believes that community begins when two or more people learn to accept and love one another. Community builds from this point, and does not exclude any that are willing to love the others that want to make up a community. Community reflects diversity not conformity.

It is pointed out in the book that the basic need for a person to be able to create a sense of community with another person, or with a group, is to first love themselves. Each must have pride. Gays and lesbians across our nation plan Pride activities during the month of June. Parades are scheduled - not to protest - not to get civil rights; but to allow us to walk down the street and proclaim that we are proud of who we are. We cannot say we are proud of being homosexuals since we didn't create our sexuality.

I plan to be in the Pride Parade because: I recognize and accept my sexuality, I endured the slings and arrows of those that wanted me to conform to their mold, I dared to question my religion and found that I could be a Christian Gay, I recognize that those that are prejudiced are so out of ignorance and it is their problem, and I dare to be individually gay - not conforming to even gay stereotypes. So - strike up the band - watch out world, here I come. I love me, and I'm willing to love anyone that wants my love. The others, gay and non-gay, exclude themselves from my community.



"boy"

During a visit to your city,
You asked me a question,
But you said you were not
sure,

Because of your current
situation,
You asked to be my boy.

Different for both of us,
I told you it would be,
But I was willing to try,
If you were willing to trust
me.

You asked to be my boy.

I am happy we had last weekend,
A chance to get to know each
other,

I look forward for the next
time

We can get together.
You asked to be my boy.

When you come to visit me
Remember my home is my castle.
You will wear only what I
provide you

And obey without a hassle.
You asked to be my boy.

You will not speak to anyone
Without receiving my
permission.

In return I will protect you
from anyone else's submission
You asked to be my boy.

Regarding how you shall address
me,

I prefer to be called "Sir" or
"Dad".

"Daddy comes from a child,
To use it would be bad.
You asked to be my boy.

You may use my given name
In combination with "Sir" I
insist,
It will be your way of saying
That a potential problem
exists.
You asked to be my boy.

Generally I'll refer to you
"boy",

Though occasionally as "Son".
But only when I'm proud of you,
Something you have won.
You asked to be my boy.

I am not your Master,
As you are not my slave.
We must be allowed to show
affection,
That's how a Dad and boy
behave.
You asked to be my boy.

The time is soon at hand
When we are together again.
I now this time will mean
Further understanding
we'll attain.
You asked to be my boy.

These times are very precious
Because they are so few.
Do not be concerned,
I'll take care of you.
Because you are my boy.

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Two out of Three Isn't Bad?

-Jean Mortensen

The April 20 issue of The Lutheran magazine reported that two of three openly gay candidates for ordination were deemed in compliance with a church policy that, basically, requires them to be celibate in order to serve as ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Jeffrey Johnson, 25, James Lancaster, 25, and Joel Workin, 26, are all graduating from Pacific Lutheran Seminary in Berkley, California. Late in March the three seminarians met with church officials. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify whether the students intended to comply with the ELCA policy which states, "...that persons of homosexual orientation who seek to be ordained or who are already ordained will be expected to refrain from homosexual practice." All three men knew of this policy when they entered the seminary.

At this meeting the church officials and the seminarians discussed the policy and its implications. They clarified the difference between "homosexual practice" and "homosexual orientation." Then each student was asked if he currently engaged in homosexual practice (defined as genital sexual behavior), and if he

intended to refrain from it if ordained.

On the basis of the answers given, the bishops and church staff members present at the meeting felt that two of the candidates would comply with the policy. The third, however, "because of a lack of sufficient clarity in his answers was judged not to be in compliance." Without such clarification, this seminarian will not be recommended for ordination. And, of course, without ordination, he cannot become a minister in the Lutheran church. They all agreed not to release the names of who was and who was not compliant as a matter of "pastoral discretion." This information will only become public after the individual in question had a chance to speak privately with the bishop.

The Lutheran magazine reached James Lancaster for a telephone interview. He said he was speaking for all three seminarians when he said, "Even though we are in compliance, or are working toward being in compliance, we all do oppose it (the church policy against homosexual practice) on theological grounds. We think it is unhealthy and untenable." Lancaster added that he believed it "unbiblical" to restrain people from expressing

their love for each other.

I was born and raised a Lutheran, but this blatant discrimination is almost more than I can stomach. What is the implied message here? Is the church telling us it's okay to fell love for people of your same gender, and it's okay for gays to become ministers, but it's not okay for gays to "do" anything with their orientation? Is the church ever so silently saying, "We're granting you two out of three. That's not so bad."? Well, to that I can only say, no, it's not so bad; it's deplorable!

Still, dear readers, we must have hope. After all, it is a step in the right direction (albeit a very small step) that gays and lesbians can now become ordained ministers rather than being looked upon as nothing more than moral deviants. But we of the gay community need to press our religious leaders for full recognition of our human rights. They need to be made to see that it's a clear-cut case of discrimination if gay ministers are required to remain celibate while heterosexual ministers are not. Let's go for three out of three. Let's not settle for less.



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The Last Closet:

A Gay Parent's Guide to
Coming Out to Your Children

-by Andre "Rip" Corey,
C.S.W., A.C.P.
-Exposition Press of Florida,
Inc. (Hardback, \$12.50)

If you can't tell something,
it must be bad.

No.

Honesty and openness about being a gay/lesbian parent is the answer, according to The Last Closet author Andre "Rip" Corey. This book is written from 2 views: one is the author's experience as a gay psychotherapist; the other is from the need in the gay and lesbian parent's community to have this issue addressed.

The Last Closet offers effective help due to its use of real-life examples from gay and lesbian parents dealing with their coming out. Very positive support materials are included (i.e., court cases which supported gay/lesbian custody, explaining love and social attitudes to young children; rare cases of children innocently sharing the parents' secret resulting in a social worker pounding at the door.).

The book offers no guarantees of positive adjustments, to be sure. It does, however, give gay/lesbian parents a picture of self-esteem. It offers proven, tested ways of countering prejudice in society and how to help our children fight the prejudice. And, you will find a substantial resource at the end of the book listing the names and addresses of Gay Parents' support groups.

In the author's words, The Last Closet is about having a healthy relationship with your child.

-Cathy, PFLAG



New Book Club

A new gay and lesbian book club is being introduced around the country. Liberation Book Club was formed by Joseph Letendre, and is geared to cater to the mail order buyer of gay and lesbian books.

While this is not the first book club of its kind, Mr. Letendre emphasizes that Liberation is stressing the quality and number of books available, rather than having glossy announcements or extra fees to join.

"I know that there are plenty of men and women who can't find gay books in their local bookstores. This is an easy way for them to get the books they want." Letendre announced that he will be working with almost all the gay and lesbian presses and that they have been very cooperative in letting him have their most popular books.

Liberation Book Club has a few rules. To join, send your name and address to the Club's Post Office Box 453, South Norwalk, CT. 06856. A new brochure will be sent out about every six weeks, with more than a dozen gay or lesbian books from which to choose. For each book purchased, a credit will be given. When enough credits are collected they, together with a small charge, can be used to buy any book in the brochure. Most books will be sold at the retail price, but periodically discount books will be offered as specials. There will be a small postage and handling charge on all orders. Payments may be made by check, or money order. Within the next few months, credit cards will also be accepted.

No books will be automatically sent; the members must order the books they want, with payment. Books will be mailed 4th class special book rate and should arrive within two to three weeks of ordering.

New Line of Gay & Lesbian Books

Lyle Stuart, Inc., a publisher of general trade fiction and non-fiction books is pleased to announce a new imprint, MEADOWLAND BOOKS, a line of trade paperback titles directed to the gay and lesbian audience.

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In the fall of 1988, MEADOWLAND will reprint THE LONG SHOT, a novel by the major gay writer, Paul Monette. Also in Fall '88 BELOVED AND GOD by Royston Lambert will appear, a non-fiction book about the Roman Emperor Hadrian and his lover, Antinous, which explores attitudes towards homosexuality in classical antiquity.

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Novelist Dies

Gordon Merrick, perhaps the most commercially successful author of gay male romantic fiction in contemporary literature, died in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He was 71 years old.

Mr. Merrick was the author of 13 novels, starting with *THE STRUMPET WIND* in 1947. He was best known for the "Peter and Charlie Trilogy", which traced the sexual exploits of a pair of handsome, wealthy male lovers through a variety of exotic locales. *THE LORD WON'T MIND*, the first book in the trilogy, appeared on the *NEW YORK TIMES* best seller list for 16 weeks in 1970. The other two books in the trilogy are *ONE FOR THE GODS* and *FORTH INTO LIGHT*; Mr. Merrick's other novels include *THE QUIRK*, *AN IDOL FOR OTHERS*, *THE GREAT URGE DOWNWARD*, *PERFECT FREEDOM*, *A MEASURE OF MADNESS*, and *NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT MUSIC*.

Mr. Merrick, born in Cynward, Pennsylvania, attended Princeton University. He dropped out in his junior year to become an actor, and appeared in the original 1939 Broadway production of *THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER*. He turned to writing in the 1940's as a

newspaper journalist. During WW II he was an officer in the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner to the CIA.

After the war, he lived in

France and the Greek Islands and later, Sri Lanka. He is survived by his companion of 32 years, Charles Hulse, and by a brother, Samuel of Washington.

Advocacy May be Extended -Windy City Times

Los Angeles - Amnesty International, a global network of human rights advocates, is expected to begin officially including gays and lesbians in its investigations and protests of human rights violations. Persons jailed solely because of their sexual orientation or conduct with consenting adults or because of gay and lesbian

rights advocacy will be regarded as "prisoners of conscience" under Amnesty's rubrics.

John G. Healey, Amnesty International USA executive director, said recently that Amnesty already has been protesting arrests of gays in Columbia who have been branded as "undesirables" and have been killed.

Lambda Lawyers

Saint Louis- Area attorneys have announced the formation of Lambda Lawyers of Greater St. Louis. Lambda is an association of attorneys, law students, and legal workers dedicated to addressing issues faced by gays. Issues will be addressed through education, advocacy, legal assistance, and support.

The organization supports and affirms the dignity of all

persons regardless of race, gender, affectional orientation, religion, national origin, creed, class, or physical handicap. Lambda has been holding monthly meetings since its formation. Confidentiality of membership is assumed. Interested lawyers and law students may contact Lambda Lawyers at PO Box 11223, Clayton MO 63105.

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Gay Couples in 1990 Census

-Windy City Times

WASHINGTON, D.C. - While tracking the progression of heterosexual couples toward marriage is the demographic purpose, it is possible that gay couples may be included in a category called "unmarried partner" when census takers do their head counting again in 1990.

The new category is included in the U.S. Census Bureau's proposed questionnaire which it has submitted to Congress for approval, according to the Washington Blade. Demographic researchers have asked that the new category be included because they wish to find out what steps heterosexual couples take from being unmarried partners to legally wed spouses. Census Bureau officials have indicated that their agency would probably include data listing both heterosexual and same-sex couples.

The question of how comfortable gay and lesbian couples might be in responding to such a category was raised by Jeff Levi, Director of the National Gay Task Force. "It will tell us something," he observed, "but I predict there will be a gross under-reporting." Levi did say he would encourage gay couples to identify themselves if they were comfortable with the designation.

According to law, all census information is kept strictly confidential. Individual forms are microfilmed and kept under lock for 72 years, according to the Blade.

Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute.

Few things will pay you bigger dividends than the time and trouble you take to understand people. Almost nothing will add more to your stature as a person and nothing will give you greater satisfaction or bring you more happiness.

Some people carry their hearts in their hands. Very many carry their heads in their hearts. The difficulty is to keep them apart, yet both actively working together.

Stonewall Commemoration

-Seattle Gay News

For an oral history of the Stonewall Riots, I am seeking participants, witnesses, police officers, Stonewall Inn workers, journalists, and other interested and involved people who were present at the riots in June 1969. I am also interested in interviewing people who were not at the riots, but whose lives were directly or dramatically affected by them. Finally, I am trying to locate photographs, fliers, clippings, letters, diary entries, and any other documentary material on or generated by the Stonewall riots. The book is planned for release by June 1989 to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the riots. The proceeds from the book will be used to create a fund for a Gay archives and historical work. Please contact Michael Scherker, 135 Amersfort Place #36A, Brooklyn, NY 11210, Phone (718) 434-6814.

Thank you,
Michael Scherker.

How About Them Seahawks?

-Seattle Gay News

San Diego - "I am not saying the players are homosexual," cautioned a professor of anthropology and folklore from the University of California. Nonetheless, Dr. Alan Dundes has published a thesis which characterizes American football as "ritualized homoerotic symbolism."

Citing the provocative vocabulary of the nation's number one sport, Dundes noted that the object of the game is to "score" in an area called the "end zone" of the opposite team. "This is a feat of masculinity at the expense of another group of men," where the losers have their "end zones" "penetrated" more often than the winners.

In addition to such "playing positions" as "split ends", "tight ends," and "wide ends," commentators to the game add phallic imagery, according to Dundes, by using such phrases as "going all the way" and achieving "deep penetration."

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Amsterdam Monument

-Seattle Gay News
Tom Johnson

AMSTERDAM - After 8 years of planning and what seemed hopeless financial difficulties, the world's first monument honoring Gays and Lesbians was dedicated September 5, 1987. The Homomonument, as it's officially called, consists of 3 large, granite-covered triangles which create a single giant triangle covering some 561 square meters in total area.

Originally intended to be a memorial to the thousands of homosexual victims of the Nazi concentration camps, the Homomonument has grown to be a more general symbol of Gay Pride which rallies against all oppression and intimidation of Gays and lesbians.

During the years 1933 to 1945, some 50,000 Gay men were found guilty by the Nazis of the "crime" of homosexuality. Between 5,000 and 15,000 of these (the official estimate is about 10,000) were sent as a result to various concentration camps. Records show that the vast majority of those men died while interned.

The Nazis had developed an identification system of color-coded triangles for the various prisoners. The pink triangle, worn by those incarcerated for their homosexuality, has become, since the early '70's the symbol for Gay Pride.

The principal Gay and Lesbian organization in the Netherlands, the COC, along with Lesbian/Gay groups from within several Dutch political parties nationwide collaborated in setting up the Homomonument Foundation in the Fall of 1979. A board of directors was elected, in which women held the majority of seats.

Each of the 3 triangles occupies a different level in space. On the surface of the first triangle are engraved in Dutch the words of a famous and nearly untranslatable line from a poem by Jacob Israel de Haan, who wrote the first openly homo-erotic novel in Dutch literature around the turn of the century.

The second triangle descends with a set of stairs from the canal edge at street level, providing a platform skimming the water's surface on which one can sunbathe or fish or lace up ice skates in the water.

The third triangle, which points in the direction of the nearby headquarters of the COC, rises two feet or so above the square, forming a platform convenient for performances or manifestations.

The Homomonument is truly an impressive thing to see. It is certainly one of the biggest monuments in Amsterdam. Lesbian and Gays all over the world can be very proud of the fact that such recognition has been given to our place in society. It will no doubt be a source of inspiration to many in the future as well.



-The Paper

Do you remember the Vietnam War? If so, you may see similarities between the PWA Bracelet and the POW/MIA bracelets worn by many thousands of Americans in the 60s and 70s.

In an effort to heighten public awareness of the AIDS epidemic and to raise funds for the Mothers of AIDS Patients, a non-profit AIDS service group, the PWA Bracelet Endowment Fund has produced a real and constant reminder of the loss we all feel. The PWA bracelet is simple in design, but powerful in its impact.

The PWA bracelet comes in silver or gold tone and simply bears the name, age, and date of death of one of the many thousands of Americans who have died from AIDS. For a donation of \$10 or more you can have one of these memorials.

Bracelets may be ordered for a male, female or child or with no preference. There are procedures set up to get specific names on bracelets, if you have someone special you wish to remember. A short biography of the person on the bracelet may be obtained.

Bracelets may be ordered by writing: PWA Bracelet Endowment Fund, c/o Pride Media Relations, 731 South Spaulding, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Glover vs. ENCOR

The Nebraska Civil Liberties Union was recently successful in getting the mandatory AIDS testing policy for Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation (ENCOR) employees declared unconstitutional. The U.S. District Court for Nebraska ruled on March 29, 1988 that the policy violated the Fourth Amendment protections against unwarranted search and seizure. This is the first case of its kind in the United States. ENCOR has appealed that decision to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

NCLU is obligated to \$9,173 in cost for this very important victory, however, only \$5,676 is reimbursable through the courts, leaving \$3,497 that must be raised by the NCLU through donations to pay for this case. Contributions made payable to the NCLU Foundation are tax deductible if you itemize.

In addition to the ENCOR case, contributions to the NCLU will go to underwrite the education program which allows the NCLU to do public speaking on the state of the law concerning AIDS, discrimination, and insurance problems. According to the State Health Department resource guide, the NCLU is the only organization (other than the State Bar Association) in Nebraska providing legal assistance to persons affected by AIDS, ARC, or anti-body status.

Contributions should be sent to: NCLU Foundation, P.O. Box 81455, Lincoln, NE 68501. In addition, the NCLU is recruiting new members. Write to us at the same address and request information on membership.



FEELER

National "Coming Out" Day

-by Lou Chibbaro Jr.

Gay rights leaders are calling on lesbians and Gay men across the country to join a nationally publicized "Coming Out Day" scheduled for October 11.

Organizers say they plan to involve 'hundreds of thousands' in the event, which is intended to boost the visibility and political clout of Gays by showing that Gays exist in all walks of life.

The Coming Out Day activities are being sponsored jointly by the National Gay Rights Advocates, a California-based

litigation group, and the Experience Weekend, a Gay-oriented consciousness-raising program run by Gay activist Rob Eichberg.

Jean O'Leary, NGRA's executive director, said she and Eichberg volunteered to organize Coming Out Day after the event was proposed at the Gay rights "War Conference" held last month in Warrenton, Va. Urvashi Vaid, media director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said NGLTF and all the other national Gay groups represented

at the War Conference have endorsed the Coming Out Day plans.

O'Leary noted that almost all of the 200 activists who attended the War Conference agreed that a major drawback to the Gay rights movement is the perception by the public at large that Gays are a tiny minority that does not touch the average American family or business. She cited studies that show that persons most likely to support civil rights for Gays are those who know personally a Lesbian or Gay man.

Olivia Records 15th Anniversary

-by Jarjet Harper

Olivia Records, the world's oldest and largest independent label specializing in lesbian artists, is celebrating its 15th anniversary.

"It has always been Olivia's main focus to create safe spaces and visibility for women to find each other and build a conscious and growing movement to sustain our feminist vision," says Olivia president Judy Dlugacz. "It is through the music that Olivia had

helped thousands of women come out of the closet and be proud of their identity. If we accomplish nothing else, we have done more than we could have ever dreamed back in 1973."

Olivia was founded in Washington, D.C. and moved to California in 1975, where they released Meg Christian's first album, 'I Know You Know' and Cris Williamson's 'The Changer and the Changed'. Olivia celebrated its 10th anniversary with 2 historic concerts in Carnegie Hall, with Cris and Meg as headliners. Women came from all over the country and from overseas for that event.

During this 15th anniversary year, Olivia plans to release 'The Changer and the Changed' - their all-time best selling album, at over 250,000 records - on compact disc, and to record Lucie Blue Tremblay's second album.

!VIVA!

!VIVA! - a network which serves as a forum for the self-expression of lesbian and gay Hispanics, is sponsoring a writing contest and wants to hear how the AIDS epidemic has affected lesbian and gay Latinos as individuals or as a community. Personal, spiritual, social, economic, political, health or educational perspectives on AIDS and the Latino community will be judged on clarity and universality of message.

VIVA!'s address (same address for writing contest) is 813 North Virgil Avenue, #444, Los Angeles, CA, 90029. Contestants are urged to send in their final drafts on or before May 26, 1988, for feedback. Final deadline is June 26. Submissions may be made in Spanish and/or English. Prizes of \$85.00, \$80.00, and \$75.00 will be awarded for the best three entries. -Lambda Rising

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Male, 26, intelligent, goal oriented, politically conscious, Unitarian, humorous, educated seeks man for dating, cuddling, socializing. Write: Resident, 508 S. 12th #A-4, Lincoln, NE 68508 or call (402) 477-0936.

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

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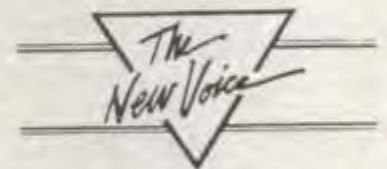
Mirrored Mirror

-Sterling Hayden

Sometimes people anger me until hatred
Becomes my passion for love--I run and
Hide to escape my own pain avoiding any
Images that may reflect the ugliness I
Have become; after this metamorphosis has
Passed I again understand the scheme of
It all; forgetting the ugliness that lies
Dormant within.



Steven John & Richard
It was wonderful seeing you. I wish you would come back home. I love you. Don



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Gay/Lesbian Resource Directory

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LINCOLN

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

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

Lambda Resource Center
(402) 474-1205
2945 "R" Street, Lincoln, NE 68503

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

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

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

New Directions Center (402) 476-2902 Short term counseling, support groups, classes, workshops dealing with coming out, parenting and relationships. Sliding scale fee.

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

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gay (PFLAG) (402) 435-4688
Box 4375, Lincoln, NE 68501
Support group, parents, friends, relatives of Lesbians/Gays. Meets 4th Tues.

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

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

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

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

OMAHA

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

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

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

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

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

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

River City Bowling League
(402) 344-3821 Dean Vanderpool; Sec.

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AIDS

INFORMATION & REFERRAL:

Nebraska AIDS Project
1-800-782-AIDS
Box 31116, Omaha NE 68131
Info/support. Coordinates AIDS related community efforts

Project CONCERN
(402) 455-3701
Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102
AIDS info., speakers, brochures, posters and VCR tapes.

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

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

Lambda Resource Center
2945 "R" St., Lincoln, NE 68510

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL TESTING:

Nebraska AIDS Project
Alternate test site, anonymous testing Thurs. 7pm to 10pm
MCCO 420 S 24 St Omaha, NE.

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

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Dept.
2200 St. Marys Ave., Lincoln, NE

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(402) 556-7481 Ruth
Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103
Support for parents, friends, relatives of lesbians/gays.

Brother William Woeger
c/o Omaha Archdiocese
100 N. 82nd, Omaha, NE 68123

AIDS Interfaith Network
1106 N. 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

Project CONCERN-HELPING HANDS
Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102
(402) 455-3701

FINANCIAL:

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

Ann Lamb, CMSW
Viral Syndrome Clinic
University of Nebraska Medical Center (402) 559-4673

LEGAL:

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

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Lincoln, NE 68508.
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How senators have voted on four previous Helms amendments

Since August 1986, North Carolina Republican Senator Jesse Helms has proposed seven AIDS-related amendments to various bills. All but one—a proposal to mandate the antibody test for marriage licenses and immigrants—passed. Four of the approved amendments—three to repeal the D.C. AIDS insurance law and one to censor AIDS education—were diluted by subsequent joint House-Senate conference committees. The other two—one to test immigrants and one to offer testing at Veterans' Administration hospitals—were considered benign.

Four of the Helms amendments were passed on voice votes. Roll call votes were taken on two of the Helms amendments and on four procedural motions to table—or kill—the

amendments. All but one of those tabling motions—the one to table Helms' amendment on marriage licenses and immigrants—failed.

On the roll call votes on the two Helms amendments, all but two senators—Lowell Weicker of Connecticut and Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York—voted with Helms. Weicker and Moynihan opposed Helms on the amendment to censor AIDS education.

On the roll call votes to table four other Helms amendments, there was a great deal of variance in how senators voted. The columns below indicate how senators voted on those four roll call votes on the procedural motions to table Helms' amendments.

—Lisa M. Keen

These senators always vote to table Helms' AIDS amendments:	These senators usually vote to table Helms' amendments:	These senators have a split record on voting on motions to table:	These senators usually vote against tabling Helms' amendments:	These senators always vote against tabling Helms' amendments:
Brock Adams..... D-WA	Rudy Boschwitz..... R-MN	Max Baucus..... D-MT	Jeff Bingaman..... D-NM	William Armstrong..... R-CO
Joseph Biden..... D-DE	Bill Bradley..... D-NJ	Lawton Chiles..... D-FL	Christopher Bond..... R-MO	Lloyd Bentsen..... D-TX
John Chafee..... R-RI	John Breaux..... D-LA	William Cohen..... R-ME	Robert Byrd..... D-WV	David Boren..... D-OK
Alan Cranston..... D-CA	Dale Bumpers..... D-AR	Albert Gore Jr..... D-TN	Alfonse D'Amato..... R-NY	Thad Cochran..... R-MS
Daniel Evans..... R-WA	Quentin Burdick..... D-ND	Daniel Inouye..... D-HI	John Danforth..... R-MO	James Exon..... D-NE
Bob Graham..... D-FL	Kent Conrad..... D-ND	Barbara Mikulski..... D-MD	Dennis DeConcini..... D-AZ	Wendell Ford..... D-KY
Tom Harkin..... D-IA	Tom Daschle..... D-SD	Sam Nunn..... D-GA	Alan Dixon..... D-IL	Jake Garn..... R-UT
Ed Kennedy..... D-MA	Christopher Dodd..... D-CT	John Rockefeller..... D-WV	Robert Dole..... R-KS	Phil Gramm..... R-TX
Patrick Leahy..... D-VT	Dave Durenberger..... R-MN	Paul Simon..... D-IL	Pete Domenici..... R-NM	Charles Grassley..... R-IA
John Melcher..... D-MT	Wyche Fowler..... D-GA		Howell Heflin..... D-AL	Orrin Hatch..... R-UT
Howard Metzenbaum..... D-OH	John Glenn..... D-OH		Nancy Kassebaum..... R-KS	Chic Hecht..... R-NV
Patrick Moynihan..... D-NY	Mark Hatfield..... R-OR		Richard Lugar..... R-IN	Jesse Helms..... R-NC
Bob Packwood..... R-OR	John Heinz..... R-PA		Mitch McConnell..... R-KY	Ernest Hollings..... D-SC
Chalborne Pell..... D-RI	J.B. Johnston..... D-LA		David Pryor..... D-AR	Gordon Humphrey..... R-NH
William Proxmire..... D-WI	Frank Lautenberg..... D-NJ		Dan Quayle..... R-IN	David Karnes..... R-NE
Don Riegle..... D-MI	Carl Levin..... D-MI		Harry Reid..... D-NV	Robert Kasin..... R-WI
John Stennis..... D-MS	Spark Matsunaga..... D-HI		William Roth..... R-DE	John McCain..... R-AZ
Lowell Weicker..... R-CT	George Mitchell..... D-ME		Warren Rudman..... R-NH	James McClure..... R-ID
Tim Wirth..... D-CO	Paul Sarbanes..... D-MD		Terry Sanford..... D-NC	Frank Murkowski..... R-AK
	Arlen Specter..... R-PA		Jim Sasser..... D-TN	Dan Nickles..... R-OK
	Robert Stafford..... R-VT		Paul Trible..... R-VA	Larry Pressler..... R-SD
			John Warner..... R-VA	Richard Shelby..... D-AL
			Pete Wilson..... R-CA	Alan Simpson..... R-WY
				Ted Stevens..... R-AK
				Steven Symms..... R-ID
				Strom Thurmond..... R-SC
				Malcolm Wallop..... R-WY

hair = Co-sponsor of S. 1220

Senate Bill 1220, the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Research and Information Act of 1988, is intended to remedy a number of deficiencies in the federal government's war on AIDS, supporters of the bill say.

The bill was drafted by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass), chairperson of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Services, and revised and modified based on suggestions by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the committee's ranking member.

Research: In its sections concerning AIDS research, the bill provides for the hiring of up to 690 additional employees at the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration to "expand and expedite AIDS prevention and research efforts," according to a committee report in support of the bill.

NOTE: The U.S. Senate passed the comprehensive AIDS bill, S.1220, by a vote of 87 to 4, but not before approving two hostile amendments put forth by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.). Helms brought forth his most controversial amendment, concerning AIDS education. The Senate voted approval of the amendment, 71 to 18, that stated that federally funded AIDS education programs could not "promote or encourage, directly, homosexual activity." Language in the amendment also calls for those education programs to promote sexual abstinence outside heterosexual marriage, including "abstinence from homosexual sexual activities."

The bill will now go before the House of Representatives.