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Our Turn

View and opinions by The New Voice staff.

My name is Jerry Peck. I am Gay and proud of who and what I am. I have recently taken on the job of Acting Editor of the New Voice of Nebraska. When I first joined the staff, the then editor did not publish his true name (later Larry Weis did become known as Larry Weisblood even in print). I am not unknown, but many only knew me as a name following articles in the New Voice. Being behind camera - my face has not shown up in the magazine (except as Papa Smurf) until now. As I attempt to serve the gay/lesbian community, I hope that publishing my photo will allow even more people to let me know what they want the New Voice of Nebraska to be. This is our magazine and I am but one segment of our community.

Allow me to let you know something about myself. I graduated from Falls City (Nebr.) High School 30 years ago. I spent a hitch in the Air Force traveling to San Antonio, Birmingham, Cheyenne, Burns Flatt (OK) and Sondostrom, Greenland. I lived in Lincoln from 1961-63, Omaha 'til 70, Ohio 'til 78, Fullerton, Nebraska then to Savannah, MO and back to Omaha in 1980. I have worked among other jobs, as a yard clerk for U.P., office manager for Trailways, pastor of a United Methodist, then a United Church of Christ, churches. I have been a high school English, Drama, Speech teacher, substitute teacher and credit card security clerk (present employment). I was married (heterosexually) for eleven years and my son was 12 years old last summer (I have not seen my ex wife or son for 8 years). I'm the baby of five children (my sister is a great grandmother 3 times over). My father is still going strong at 85.

As a gay male I have been homosexually active since the age of 14 (excluding the years of military service and marriage). I have loved and been loved, but have not enjoyed a monogamous relationship. My interest is in working toward the creation of a sense of community among the gays and lesbians, particularly in Nebraska. I am interested in

hearing your thoughts on the community and how the New Voice of Nebraska can serve that goal. I respect others' need to be closeted and know that community development is hampered by the need to scream from closet to closet. The New Voice of Nebraska requires that all articles submitted bear the author's name - however that name need not be published. Let your voice be heard - even if it must come from behind closet doors.

--Jerry Peck



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A Male Chauvinist Pig

As people recently considered the possibilities of my being editor of the New Voice, I was repeatedly confronted with the accusation of having problems with women. I readily admit that I have had problems with some women - and through selective listening one could assume that I have a problem with all women.

Please be advised that I have and do love some women. My mother was a woman, my sister is a woman, the object of my love and devotion for eleven years of marriage was a woman, my favorite school teacher was a woman and the object of my silver screen crushes were June Allison and Kim Novak - both women (along with Johnny Weismueller - Tarzan). I have worked very closely with our former editor. I have counseled and performed a Holy Union between two women. I have been friend to a woman that recently came to grips with her homosexual nature. The only subscription that I have ever sold for the New Voice was to a woman that works at one of the places where I shop. This is only a partial list of the women I have loved.

I have had problems with men and women that do not agree with me. My greatest problems with women have been with women that come across as believing that who and what they are are totally the result of the mistreatment of all women by all men.

These women seem to think that since they and women in general have suffered at the hands of men, that now they should have, what I feel are, unearned privileges.

I do not accept the guilt for the wrong doings of all other people - whether it be the suffering of women, the enslaving of the blacks, the persecution of the Jews, the unfair treatment of Native Americans - and the list goes on. Nothing I can do will remove the injustice of the past. Any woman, Black, Jew or Native American that comes to me as a human being will be treated according to who they are. If demands are made based on history, I will balk. I also do not get long well with gay men that lie, cheat, expect special treatment just because they are gay.

We live in a wonderful world in which we can chose to like

or dislike whomever we want. Regrettably, if we use selective listening, someone can be labeled as anti-woman, anti-Black, anti-Jew, anti-Native American, anti-gay. This is enhanced by the fact that when we have a problem with a person of any of these groups, our voices are often raised in anger. When we love, we speak in softer voices. If we could hear the loving as clearly as the conflict we might understand one another better. Until then some will call me a male chauvinist pig, along with other titles.

--Jerry Peck



Clarification -

The December issue of The New Voice contained some misleading information on page one - The Section entitled "Our Turn, view and opinions by The New Voice Staff". At the time of this publication, I - Jerry Peck - was writing my account of efforts to maintain this publication. My position as editor did not become effective until December 13th. At publication of the December issue, I was not a member of the steering committee and the article appearing on page one was not intended to be a statement representative of The New Voice as a publication or any others that were associated with the magazine.

In the listing of The New Voice Staff, my name, Chappie and Chuck were listed as "Contributing Editors" in error. I apologize for any misconceptions these errors have created and assure you that every effort will be made to insure that such confusion does not occur again.

--Jerry Peck
Editor

Feminist Values

Last week a former student called to tell me how much she appreciated the way I incorporate feminist values into my supervision of those who work for me. We talked a little while and I thanked her for the compliment. As I hung up the phone I wondered, "was that really a compliment?"

I realized she meant it as a compliment but her words brought to the surface my own conflicts over being known as a feminist.

I'm not sure what "feminist" means. Does it mean that I want nothing to do with men? Does it mean that I think women are better than men? Does it mean that I think women are always victimized in relationships with men? Does it mean that I think women need special breaks to "make up" for years of being downtrodden?

None of these questions reflect my personal beliefs but I know women who support each of these positions. For myself, I prefer to view life without much regard to gender (except in the choice of a mate). My friends are both male and female and as I hire staff I consider their skills, not their sex. Also, I firmly believe in equal opportunity, equal pay for equal work and allowing people to use their talents without regard to gender.

Since these are obviously feminist values, perhaps the attitudes I find troublesome are more separatist in nature than strictly feminist. I find troublesome any attitude which tends to keep people apart or emphasizes an adversary relationship between men and women. I have difficulty accepting any attitude which promotes one gender as better or worse than the other.

My personal dream is for a community that breaks down barriers between men and women, between gays and non-gays, among races or ethnic groups, between old and young. My personal dream is for a community where there is no need to be a feminist and no need for compliments such as the one I received.

--Sharon V.
Assoc. Editor

Other points of view are welcome. If you wish to express your thoughts on the subject of feminist values or a related topic, feel free to write to The New Voice.

Viral Syndrome Clinic: An Interview



(interview by Jerry Peck with Ann Lamb, MSW, Social Worker at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Viral Syndrome Clinic.)

J - Can you explain briefly what the Viral Syndrome Clinic is?

A - The Viral Syndrome Clinic is a diagnostic clinic. People come to the Viral Syndrome Clinic or call just to talk because they're concerned about something around HIV or the AIDS antibodies or the HIV virus, and they're concerned they may have been exposed or have had a test and been told they have a positive antibody and they want to talk to somebody about what this means and doesn't mean. They want a good physical assessment as well as a laboratory assessment to learn if there have been any changes in their immune system, and so they come in to our clinic. Also, our clinic follows persons who have ARC (AIDS Related Complex) and persons with AIDS.

J - How professional are the various volunteers who are involved in the various AIDS organizations in Omaha?

A - The volunteers working in Omaha are not from our clinic but we do work with them. I think we have excellent volunteers here in Omaha. We have two new things. The Buddy System which came about because two people felt very strongly that we needed a sort of Shantae system for the Buddy System. We also have the Interfaith Network which is a network of churches that came together and Sandy H., who is coordinating their volunteers, is now starting to work with the Buddy System. Some people came in who had professional experience in working with persons with terminal illnesses, though AIDS is a whole different story - I believe. It requires a whole different knowledge base. I think we need to distinguish between professional and capable. We have very good, very capable volunteers and we're not looking for a volunteer group who would be made up only of professionals as we call people who are in the helping fields. If someone

who happens to be in the helping fields, happens to want to do this, I think that's fine, too, if they complete the buddy training. What's important is that the volunteer is someone who cares and is concerned and is sensitive to the needs of others.

J - What do you advise the "worried well" to do to relieve the stress of not knowing?

A - One of the things I think the "worried well" needs to do is to monitor their own health, not illness. I think they need to pursue a positive, good life style. By that I mean sufficient rest. I think a good nutritional base is real important. I think it's important to enjoy life. I think that's the healthiest thing that someone can do, to try to talk about their feelings, if they can, with somebody else. There are support groups in our community. Brother William is the beginner of one of these groups that has gotten quite large. If you're not a person who is prone to go to groups, if you can find some one person to talk to about your feelings, I think it's really important. I don't necessarily advocate testing at all, but sometimes, and this is a new position for us, it seems that testing is the only thing that's going to take the worry away and you have to think a long time before you do this, and look at what this test means for you and doesn't mean for you, it can sometimes take away the anxiety whether positive or negative. For me, working with persons with AIDS has been such a pleasure and has been so instructive as people have taught me to look at what today is. We don't know about tomorrow, and we can't do anything about yesterday, yesterday's gone, but today is pleasurable. That's sort of a fringe benefit that puts our worry to some good.

J - Many articles that I have read say that people with AIDS have gone from facing death to enjoying life. Is this normal?

A - Yes, I think this is normal. I think there's a great deal of spiritual growth around these things. It's really rewarding for me to see that. I think that sometimes in order to really enjoy life we have to embrace death. That information that a person has a terminal illness and that life expectancy may only be a year and a half is just a horrendous message, of course. It's very hard and people are experiencing a lot of grief but people I've seen are strong and they go through their grief and they move on.

J - Many people believe that if they don't live in Omaha or Lincoln that they're safe.

A - You know that I have absolutely no statistics to back this but there could be a whole different set of problems out state because people don't have the advantage of going to the corner drug store or into a grocery store so there might be less use of condoms, and there might be people who would have multiple partners and use the same condom, so we might see more happening in rural areas.

J - Also, the closeted nature of their sexual activity might make that more of a concern than a concern over their health.

A - Definitely, Definitely. So people might come in later and there might be more denial of symptoms, and more contagion questions.

J - In metropolitan Omaha-Lincoln areas where does one go to get the HTLV-III testing?

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A - You could go to Douglas County or Lancaster County Health Departments. You need to know that this is confidential, not anonymous. The only way to make it anonymous is to not use the name that you normally go by. We're not in any way advocating fraud. The folks at the county health department here are real open about the fact that they're not interested in your name but in the antibody test and that you know what the antibody test is. They want volunteer testing. As they have said, if you want to be Donald Duck, be Donald Duck or Daisy Duck, or whoever, so there's no problem with that. The second place you can go for testing is Metropolitan Community Church where the Nebraska AIDS Project is sponsoring anonymous testing. Now this is truly anonymous testing because you don't use your name at all. You use an initial and you get a number with it. They have trained pre- and post- counselors who are trained in the community to provide this type of counseling. These counselors will be there to give the post test results since the results should never be given over the phone. Also the counselors at the Douglas and Lancaster Health Department have been CDC trained. This clinic at Metropolitan Community Church is on Thursday evenings from 7 to 10:30 pm.

J - We all know it costs money to do blood work. Is there a charge for HIV-III testing?

A - There is no charge. There is a contribution if you should care to make it at the anonymous clinic at the church but there is no charge.

J - If a person is interested in having their immune system tested, what is the approximate cost if they don't want to provide that information to their insurance company?

A - That's a good point. You need to be careful about filing this under insurance. If you decide not to do that, it's a good idea not to give your insurance carrier when you go in for testing. As far as the cost here in the Viral Syndrome Clinic, I think it's around \$150 for a complete immunological work-up but we can work around that if it's a difficulty and money should never be a reason for people not to come here. You won't be turned away. If you have any problems with that just let us know.

J - Could you give telephone numbers where one would call to talk to the Nebraska Viral Syndrome Clinic?

A - One would call 559-4000 and ask that Wendy of the Viral Syndrome Clinic be paged.

J - The Nebraska AIDS Project hotline would be the best way for people to go who are just looking for information about AIDS?

A - Yes and they may refer questions to me if they want something more specific and I hear from them quite a bit.

J - Is there anything else that you wanted to add?

A - Yes, I'd like to say that I hope people feel free to come in and if they have concerns to get them resolved

in whatever way they want to get them resolved. Call if you just want to talk. People are available to do that. We're here to serve. Here at the Viral Syndrome Clinic we feel strongly that the person coming in is the one to make the decisions about their health care. Everyone has to maintain that responsibility. I would like to encourage people to use safe practices because I see the virus is here -- its in Nebraska -- and we don't want to have to see anyone else exposed to it. If every person just takes care in that area we ought to be able to contain this.

J - Thank you.

A - You're welcome.

AIDS

Counseling - Antibody Testing - Information
is available in Omaha by calling:

**DOUGLAS COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
(402) 444-7214**

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For other testing sites call:

Grand Island-Hall County	(308) 381-5175
Lincoln-Lancaster County	(402) 471-7800
North Platte	(308) 534-6780 ext 134
Scottsbluff	(308) 632-1299

Local Organizations & Events

Absolutely The MAX

Winterfest happened here at the MAX in December. The Imperial Court of Nebraska held a multi-fund-raiser in the first week of the month to support the M.C.C., Lambda House, The New Voice, Toys for Tots, and Food for Thought. On Tuesday night we had a 50's night that turned out to be quite a success. As you walked into the disco, you were taken back to the good old days of the high school prom. They had a limbo contest and a hula hoop contest that made us bend in ways that we thought that we could not. Over all, the 50's night was a fun night for all. I would like to thank Grand Duke Scott Rezek and Grand Duchess Danelle Logan for directing the function and giving me back problems for the next week.

Sunday, December 6th, the Imperial Court had the finale of Winterfest with "Here comes Santa's Claus(ettes)". The show was directed by the Grand Duke and Duchess and the Grand Czar Tom Peterson and Czarina Kaysie Michaels. The show had a variety of talent including a number from M.C.C. As they went on stage as a nativity scene, they took the audience back to the first Christmas. Congratulations to M.C.C. on a job well done. The New Voice was represented by Stella Dallas, Katrina Kane, Sharon V. and Jerry Peck. As always, Stella wowed the audience with her unique talent. A representative from Lambda House in Lincoln talked about the working of the house and to

thank the community for supporting their effort. The show was a great success.

On December 13th, "Miss Gay U.S.A.", Diana Hutton appeared at the MAX along with Miss Myrna Vohn and Lilly White, both of Kansas City, and our very own "Miss Gay Nebraska, U.S.A.". Dietra Snow, and myself. To say the least, Diana Hutton took Nebraska by storm with her impersonation of Miss Carol Channing and Miss Bette Davis and others. When she entered the stage as Ms. Channing with her headdress of pink ostrich feathers and raspy voice and started singing "Hello Omaha", the crowd went wild. Yes, Diana's impersonation of Bette Davis was spectacular! With rhinestone glasses, she took command of the stage and 'went off' and left us all in fits of laughter. It was obvious why Diana holds one of the nation's highest titles.

Kansas City was also up to the MAX in force that night and to say the least, they partied all night and into the wee hours of the morning and took most of the MAX's employees with them. We would like to extend our thanks to Miss Gay U.S.A., Diana Hutton and the entire group from Kansas City for making that evening such a fun night for all of us.

Well, it's that time of year again - time for the 4th annual Miss MAX Pageant. On January 31, 1988, Miss MAX - Sable, will officially step down and will be crowning the new Miss MAX for 1988. If you have not had the opportunity to be in attendance at a previous Miss MAX pageant, you are missing quite a wonderful event. Applications are available at the MAX. Remember - January 31, 1988 at the MAX - Miss MAX 1988. Upcoming events: January 10 "Sable's Stepping Down Show", January 17 "Black Party", January 31 "Miss MAX 1988 Pageant".

Until next month.

--Vince Percy
(aka Velvet)
Show Director

MCC's 14th Anniversary

January marks the 14th year for Metropolitan Community Church in Omaha. MCC will celebrate the occasion with special services and fellowship times during the final week in January. For information on specific services please call the church at 345-2563. We'll be looking forward to seeing you then.

--Sharon V.

MCC's Coming Out Group

On the first Wednesday of each month, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will conduct an open group meeting where men and women can discuss issues related to the coming out process. All members of the community are welcome, whether this is your first step out of the closet or if you've been out for years. The group will meet at MCC, 420 S. 24th, at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Call 345-2563 if you need more information.

--Sharon V.



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AIDS Interfaith Network Advent

As the clear, bell-like sounds of a harp rang through the cathedral more than 100 people gathered to pray together for strength and for healing. The service truly represented the "Interfaith" nature of the group as the service was opened by a blond, blue eyed woman who is a Lutheran minister and the message was given by a black Baptist minister whose bass voice rolled through the hall like distant thunder.

The service was a personal one, with the opportunity given for people to call out the names of those they cared about who needed special prayers. The congregation included PWA's, families, friends, lovers, counselors, ministers, social workers, nurses and volunteers. When an invitation was given for people to come forward for anointing, nearly every person took part. Coffee, cookies and fellowship followed the service.

This service is held in the North Chapel at St. Cecelia's Cathedral on the second Monday of every month at 7pm and is open to all.

--Sharon V.

T.W.O.'s Annual Pig-Out

The Two-Wheelers of Omaha, MO sponsored their 4th annual New Year's Eve Pig-Out Buffet at the Diamond Bar. As in past years, the food was provided free of charge.

Event chairman Tony Z. was asked why the club sponsors this event. "Its our way of thanking Diamond Bar patrons for supporting our events during the year. It also gets some food into their stomachs before they start serious drinking."

Speaking of T.W.O. events, watch for information on a benefit for MCC to be held at the Diamond during April. The club will also co-sponsor a club run with the Corn Haulers L&L of Des Moines in June.

--Tom

Features

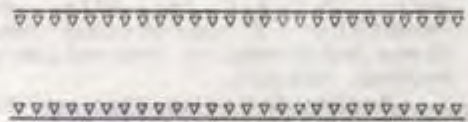


What's New?

An-tique (an-tek) adj. 1. of or belonging to ancient times; especially, of, from or characteristic of ancient Greece or Rome. 2. Belonging to, made, in or typical of an earlier period. 3. Outmoded; old-fashioned - An object having special value because of its age; especially, a work of art or handicraft that is over 100 years old, or, according to U.S. customs regulation adopted in 1930, made before 1830.

What's new in your antique shop? We have all heard that saying many times. Beware - so many things we find these days are reproductions; some very good and most very poorly done. Today's market is very high for true, quality antiques. Antique is an overused word these days and flea markets are capitalizing on it and doing very well. Take heart though - antiques have been and still are one of the best investments if you have some idea of what you are purchasing. The art world for example is going strong; 54 million has recently been paid for Van Gogh's "Iris". Yes that is exceptional and I doubt if we are looking at that kind of

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Notes From MCC Omaha

The Advent and Christmas season is a busy one at any church and MCC is no different. Three events highlighted activities at MCC. On December 12, a tree trimming party was held with 30 persons joining together to decorate the 7 foot tree and sing Christmas carols. Placement of the ornament atop the tree presented a problem to the 3 foot tall child holding it until strong arms reached down to lend a helping hand.

Worship services were held on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. It is our custom to alternate Christmas Eve services between Catholic and Protestant traditions so this year's service was an early evening prayer service. Next Christmas Eve, please join us for a midnight service.

The New Year's Eve service is a new tradition for us but one we hope to continue in the future. This service offered an opportunity for members of the congregation to plan, develop and conduct the worship service.

--Sharon V.

PFLAG's Dream

PFLAG Cornhusker is experiencing an interesting phenomena... while dues and newsletter money is coming in (albeit slowly) the attendance at meetings has dropped off. We know that many of you do not feel the need for support for yourselves any longer, but that is precisely the time when you can begin your outreach to help others... or if one more meeting in a busy life is not what you need, perhaps you could offer a hand in helping us with some of the business end, one time or on-going. We do need your support, whether it is money, time, or your body with us. PFLAG is the bridge between the homophobic world of today and the world the way we dream it can be... let's make the dream a reality!

--PFLAG

market as an average, however it is an indication of what quality means and what people are prepared to pay for something that is quality. In the last few years we have seen a resurgence of Art Deco which takes us back 3000 years to the Egyptians. As we know, styles have a tendency to reappear within a few decades. So what is in and what's out? Nothing really. As long as it is "born right". Today many artists and craftsmen are producing beautiful works of fine detail and quality. There are many beautiful art glass objects being made today that will be as prized and as expensive as Tiffany glass is today in just a few years down the road.

If you happen to see something you like - buy it and enjoy it. If you're looking for investment quality be sure to check it out. Most shop owners are honest and very reputable and are glad to share their knowledge with you. When you visit an antique shop you can plainly see that almost everything is collectable. Some periods and styles of the times usually run a little higher - depending once again on supply and demand. Many dealers will buy something you may want to get rid of or even take something in on trade. Prices - antique prices are generally firm - but at the flea market they are always negotiable.

Oscar Wilde said, "What is beautiful is a joy for all seasons and a possession for all eternity". Beauty, of course, is in the eye of the beholder.

Next month we would like to share with you the correct chronological sequence of period styles to show when these periods appeared, then seem to fade away only to reappear like a Phoenix.

--GCA

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The Christian Gay New Beginnings

Well, here we are on the threshold of another year. New Year resolutions have been made and some already broken. As we think about how this year will be different (hopefully better)

than previous years, my thoughts go to some terms used by Christians. We hear about "A New Birth", "Being Born Again" referring to the time when a person becomes a Christian.

Regrettably some people have misused the terms and idea behind these terms. So often I have heard someone tell me that they were born again on some date out of antiquity. In further examination it would seem that this was the last experience they have had with their God.

My God is a living God that is active not only in creation but in me. I accepted Jesus as my Lord when I was eight. I experienced an interaction with God when in high school. I changed my perspective of God while in the service. I gained knowledge of God through college and seminary. I learned a dependency on God following the loss of my wife and son. I experienced the love of God when I felt the rejection by society because I am a homosexual. These were all new beginnings for me, and these new beginnings have not come to an end.

There are days when I long to be a part of the masses that seemingly are comfortably settled into their rut. Give me a 9 to 5 job that presents no challenge, allow me to be entertained by TV until I fall asleep with a copy of the World Herald as a blanket. I haven't known this bliss of ignorance for eighteen years.

Long ago I developed the philosophy "I work in order to live - not live to work". If my employment hinders my experiencing life, then something must change. A greater part of my living is taken up in being involved in my community (primarily the Gay community). As I get involved in organizations, publications and individuals, I often find myself needing to turn some things over to God. I can only take on so much, then it is time to leave it in God's capable hands and start out again. This is not unique to being Gay; however, being Gay often removes support systems that non-Gays enjoy.

I'm glad that my God allows me to be re-born anytime I need it. Strangely enough, with each "new-birth" I find I have matured spiritually in the process.

Have a good new year - whenever you choose to start it.

--Jerry Peck

The Winter Blues

Christmas and New Year's parties are over. The weather is cold. The roads are icy. The days are short. It seemed like nobody cared about me this holiday season.

These feelings combine to create one of the most dangerous times of the year. The rate of suicide is the very highest during January and February and almost every person goes through a period of feeling blue during this time. For those in our community who may already feel alienated and rejected, these feelings may become even more intense.

So I have some simple suggestions for ways to combat the feelings of sadness, loss and depression that may occur. These ideas are not new and are often repeated, but carefully applied, can keep the winter blues to a minimum.

1) Decide to be the one in charge of your life. Don't depend on the whims and impulses of others.

2) Avoid isolation. Make sure that each day you are in contact with other people, whether by phone or in person.

3) Look for ways to be involved. Many organizations in our community need volunteers. Pick up the phone, call, and say, "How can I help?"

4) Avoid large amounts of sugary sweets. After the initial sugar rush you'll feel even more down.

5) Get regular exercise. Walking is great -- especially if you take time to enjoy the sights along the way.

6) Don't wait for others to reach out. Take the initiative. If you ask one person to join you for something and they say no, then just ask someone else.

7) If you ever find yourself thinking "Life would be better if I wasn't around" or have thoughts of hurting yourself or any other person, call for help immediately. The Crisis Line is staffed 24 hours a day at 341-9111 or 341-9112. Your place in this world is important. Don't leave it.

--Sharon V.



Tea Room Sex

Just because I was foolhardy enough to enter the Mr. Seattle Chintz contest and win doesn't mean I'm totally out of it. I've been around the block a few times - I've even crossed the street against the light. So when I found out that Gay men were notorious for tea-room sex, I felt I should investigate. For one thing, as someone who has always valued atmosphere as the enhancement of experience, I found the whole notion madly gay and yet refined. Tea-room sex was it.

Anonymity in matters amorous is always fun. It's such a statement - and self-consciousness is murder on pleasure. So I went to a neighborhood where I knew no one at all. I entered the first tea room I saw, ordered a slice of apple cake and a pot of darjeeling, and sat down to wait for sex.

I waited for quite some time. The elderly ladies and occasional students who populated the place smiled at my fabulous flowered jumpsuit, but no one made a move. And no one my type had come in.

Two hours went by before a genuine number entered the cafe. He bought a mug of java and a kaiser roll (plain), cruised the establishment and, having made eye contact with my famous hazel orbs, ambled butchly to my table, his splendid torso rocking and careening like a freight engine, and asked if he could join me.

Of course I said yes.

He said his name was Dick. I was thrilled. After an array of Ricks and Richies and Richards, I was athirst for the Real Thing, fearless nomenclature, unafraid of innuendo or smarmy puns.

He said he was a lumberjack. "On staff or free lance?" I asked, gazing into his purple eyes, past the macho freckles that elbowed their masculine way all over a fearless nose. The kaiser roll disappeared behind enormous moustaches that seemed never to have known a comb. The coffee followed and left a ravishing smear on the lower gummiar hairs.

"Actually" he blurted, "I didn't come here to talk about work. I came here for sex."

"What a happy coincidence!"

"I live out in the woods and the other guys are mostly straight and I have to I only do it with guys because I can't

find women, and it's nerve-racking. So I come to town to fool around. Only I don't know where to go. They say you get beat up in Volunteer Park. And, I can't stand smoke or disco music or crowds, so the bars are mostly out. I tried putting an ad in SGN, and I got forty responses, but they seemed to be heavy, kinky trips and I'm not sure I'm ready for that yet."

"That always happens whenever I put an ad in SGN too," I told him.

"And someone said he had sex in tea rooms. This is the first one I spotted. Has anyone been having sex in here?"

"Not since I came in," I admitted ruefully. "On the other hand, if you wanted to get the ball rolling..."

"Well, I'm sort of into jeans and leather. If you'll pardon my saying so, I've never cruised a man in a flowered harness and chaps. I've never been attracted to the look. I'm not sure what it implies, sexually. In fact, I don't think I've ever seen such a thing before. And what's that on your head?"

"It's called an antimacassar," I said, coldly, and threw the remains of my tea in his face.

There were tiny brown leaves all over him. It says much for his ruggedly handsome features that this did nothing to detract from his charm. And he was clearly impressed by my poise. "You have quite an overhand, bro," he said. "Maybe I was too hasty. What do you call that material, anyway?"

I was about to invite him home for some intimate lessons on the implications of bull chintz, when a waitperson appeared with a wedge of sachertorte and a pot of gunpowder green. "But I didn't order this!" I protested.

"No sir. It was sent by that person over there." I looked across the room in the direction indicated and beheld a blue-haired grannie in a vinyl housecoat and sensible shoes, flickering here fingers at me. "She thinks you're hot," the waitperson told me.

"Gracious heavens, how kind!" I said and got to my feet.

Dick, whose eyes were riveted to the be-chintzed physique only now displayed to his view, asked, "Where do you think you're going?"

"Well, she's hardly my type," I confided, sotto voce, "but whenever this happens, I always go to thank them in person."

It's just snobby to be aloof. And what does it hurt to give them a better look? My body is like a public monument - carefully maintained for the enjoyment of as many people as possible. If I tried to conceal it, they would probably get an easement."

"But you were talking to me." Dick pouted.

"Oh...have some schnecken. I'll be back in three shakes."

But Dick was outraged. He stalked out into the evening. I never saw him again, but then, I have no use for these jealous prima donnas. Life is too short.

As for the lady with blue hair, she turned out to have a grandson at Reid who is thinking of going into interior design and has a "thing" for English Country Style - which means yards and yards of guess what fabric? He's cute, too - she had a snapshot.

"When he next comes to visit," I said casually, "you must send him over - for tea."

-Ivan Martinson

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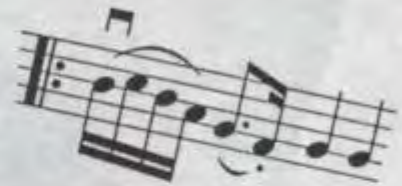
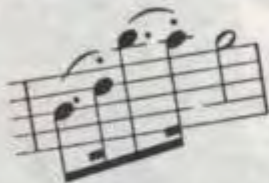
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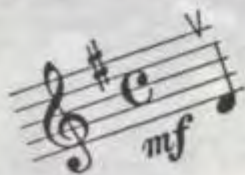


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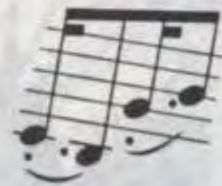


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National Spotlight

Lesbian and Gay Bands

Washington, DC -- Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA) distributed over \$17,400 to six groups at a special reception held in Washington on November 13th. The funds were raised by the benefit concert, "Let Freedom Ring", produced by LGBA at DAR Constitution Hall on October 10, 1987. The concert was held in conjunction with the National March on Washington. According to Don Niehaus, concert producer, "funds raised exceeded LGBA's expectations." Below is a synopsis, the organization and the disbursement amount:

- National AIDS Network-\$2320.
- National Association of People With AIDS - \$3480.
- Whitman Walker Clinic-\$5220.
- Fund for Human Dignity - \$2320.
- Human Rights Campaign Fund - \$1160.
- National March on Washington Committee - \$2900.

"LGBA is tremendously pleased to be able to support these important organizations in the lesbian and gay community. After five years of formation and growth, LGBA has proven itself to be a vital and viable part of our national community," stated LGBA President, John Macauley.

LGBA is a non-profit national association representing gay and lesbian concert and marching bands in thirteen cities. The benefit concert included over 300 musicians, twirlers and flag corps members. Also performing were the Denver Women's Chorus and the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington (DC).

LGBA is very interested in assisting other cities in establishing bands. For more information about this or any other questions about LGBA, write to:

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Gay Man Awarded Custody of Lover's Son

SAN DIEGO - Judge Judith McConnell awarded Craig Corbett custody of his dead lover's 16-year-old son Brian Batey after a five year battle. Frank Batey died of AIDS last June.

Judge McConnell explained that she awarded custody based on Brian's statement that he preferred staying with Corbett to the custody of his mother, Mary Lou Batey. The judge also said that Brian would have a "more stable and wholesome" life with Corbett. Investigators had testified that Brian's mother had deprived Brian of regular education. Mrs. Batey walked out of the hearing before it was over, saying she would not contest the ruling. "We're leaving it to whatever Brian wants," she said.

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CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO HOMOSEXUALITY - What is appropriate? Free brochure published by Brethren/Mennonite Council for Gay Concerns. Send a long self-addressed stamped envelope to GLA, PO Box 2283, Ames, IA 50010.

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NGLTF On Board

On November 22, 1987, Peri Jude Radevic, lobbyist for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Women's Conference Committee (NWCC). The NWCC is the Continuing Committee for the National Women's Conference held in Houston, Texas in 1977. At the ground-breaking Houston conference, several thousand feminist activists met to form a comprehensive agenda for action to achieve women's equality. The NWCC has for ten years, monitored and promoted the implementation of the planks and resolutions passed at the 1977 conference.

"The work to achieve the full implementation of the feminist agenda is far from complete," noted Radevic. "I plan to aggressively advance the interests and concerns of lesbians, and to promote greater support among the mainstream women's organizations for equal rights for gay men and lesbians."

The NWCC recently convened its 10th annual conference in Washington, DC. A National Plan of Action Update which details the substantive agenda promoted by the Committee may be ordered from NWCC, P.O. Box 65605, Washington, DC 20035-6505.



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NEW YORK - Taking care to state clearly that their findings are preliminary, researchers assaying AIDS patients in New York City have found 15% of those studied survived more than five years after diagnosis, and that gay men in the study tended to survive longer than those who contracted the disease through IV drug use. Dr. Richard Rothenberg of the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta was quoted in the New York Times as saying these findings provide "some light, some hope" for AIDS sufferers, but also cautioned that the news that some PWAs are living longer does not necessarily offset "the enormous proportion that does badly." Researchers said, "It is perhaps too soon to know whether AIDS is universally fatal," because the proportion of patients surviving five years or more was somewhat higher than expected, and that one PWA survived a full nine years after diagnosis.

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Gay Experience In Military

Seeking individuals for manuscript concerning Gay experiences while in the military. Need veterans from Pre-World War II to present, all branches, all ranks, who have been involved in "homosexual purges", been otherwise investigated for sexual orientation, or have received a less than honorable discharge. Present active members or those who completed service under honorable conditions may also respond. Subjects will be screened after initial contact. If interested, write to: Manuscript Subject, PO Box 2370, Portland, OR 97208-2370.

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March on Washington video available

"Part of the USA!" is the title of the official half-hour video of the recent National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, covering the NAMES Project, the service at Arlington National Cemetery, and the civil disobedience at the Supreme Court Building as well as the march itself and the rally speakers. Proceeds above the cost of production and promotion will be donated to the March on Washington Committee on AIDS service organizations.

The video is available in VHS only and costs \$24.95. It is available from GVI, PO Box 2000, National Press Building, Washington, DC 20045. Orders can be placed by phone using VISA or MasterCard by calling 1-800-346-5746 or (202)662-7363. The tape is shipped in a plain mailer using GVI's return address.

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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.



'Defeating Bible-based Prejudice' tape offered

The Church of the Supreme Presence, a national religious organization which "wholeheartedly" accepts lesbians and gays into its membership and ministry, has announced the availability of a 60-minute cassette tape entitled "Gays Can Defeat Bible-based Prejudice." The cassette, narrated by Rev. Dan Frederick Schramm, provides facts, discussions and arguments that can be used to counteract the assertions of fundamentalist extremists and others who condemn the gay lifestyle. The tape refutes the idea that AIDS is a punishment from the almighty or the result of a "natural selection" revenge against homosexuals.

The cassette is available for \$1.00, which covers the cost of postage and handling, from CSP Publications Services, PO Box 11366, Shorewood, WI 53211-0366.

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PEOPLE ARE CELEBRATING

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The national holiday celebrating the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. should encourage each of us to become more familiar with his life and the principles that guided it.

January 15

New National Lesbian Magazine

NEW YORK, NY: "In order to believe that lesbians are not at risk for AIDS, or that those who have already been infected are merely incidental victims, I would have to know and agree with the standards by which we are judged to be safe. Meaning, I would have to believe... that lesbians, unlike straight women, can get seven years worth of honest answers from their lovers about forgotten past lives." So states author Lee Chiaramonte in the January 1988 issue of VISIBILITIES, a new national magazine for lesbians. Chiaramonte's article, entitled "Lesbian Safety and AIDS: The Very Last Fairy Tale," is the culmination of a six-month investigation of media and medical community assurances that lesbians, as a group, are at almost no risk for the fatal disease.

The article casts doubts upon prevailing medical wisdom: after extensive interviews with AIDS foundations in San Francisco and New York and discussions with virologists at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Chiaramonte discovered that claims of lesbian safety from AIDS are based upon no clinical data whatsoever. "In fact," said Chiaramonte, who was reached for comment, "I was told by the Chief of the AIDS Diagnostic Labs at CDC, that the Federal Government plans no studies of lesbian risk in the foreseeable future, and as I say in the article, 'until cellular scientists believe that lesbians even exist, our existence, simply put, is at risk.'"

Drawing upon published scientific data on the sexual behaviors of lesbians, Chiaramonte points out that it is possible that both the prevalence and amount of certain sexual activities, for example, tribadism, in combination with exposure to sero-positive partners, could put lesbians at risk for the disease, as such activities may involve exchange of body fluids or tissue trauma.

Susan I. Chasin, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of VISIBILITIES, together with Chiaramonte, and health educator Denise Ribble, sought the cooperation of epidemiological researcher Michael Marmor in order to create the first scientific

lesbian risk study of AIDS. VISIBILITIES readers will be able to participate in the confidential study and be tested for sero-positivity anonymously. The magazine's concern for lesbian safety has resulted in this landmark study.

VISIBILITIES launched its first issue in June 1987 and will release bi-monthly issues throughout 1988. The special AIDS-focus issue also includes a column on the politics of AIDS and a centerfold photo essay on the October March on Washington, DC.

Contact: Susan I. Chasin
(212)473-4635



Physicians and AIDS

San Francisco, CA--The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) has released a series of position statements that cover concerns central to the AIDS (HIV virus) crisis. AAPHR is the largest national organization of physicians and medical students dedicated to the delivery of supportive, unprejudiced and well-informed medical care for gay and lesbian patients.

Adopted by the AAPHR Board of Directors recently are the following position statements:

"Involuntary HIV Antibody Testing of Prisoner"

"Recommended Education for All Physicians"

"CDC Recommendations for Widespread HIV Testing of Specific Vulnerable Groups"

"AIDS: An Issue for Ethnic Minorities And People Of Color"

"Needle And Syringe Exchange"

Copies of AAPHR position statements may be obtained by calling Pierre Ludington at (415)558-9353.

Unitarian Task Force

The Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Fellowship of Ames has formed a task force to address gay and lesbian issues and concerns about AIDS. Local Unitarians have long been active in the Ames Civil Rights Task Force and other related causes. This continues a tradition of activism which won the Ames Unitarian Fellowship one of GLA's annual awards for community support.

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Nebraska Volleyball Places

Of the four divisions in the 1987 Fall Classic volleyball tournament held in Chicago, two championships were won by Chicago teams in the North American Gay Volleyball Association sanctioned tournament.

In the A division, Christopher Street made it to the finals, only to lose 15-2 and 15-6 to Minneapolis Ice in the Metropolitan Sports Association sponsored tournament. Ice finished first after pool play, followed by Christopher Street, Cincinnati Metro, Nebraska Rebels and San Francisco Champagne. In the women's action, Reunited made it all the way to the finals after defeating Paris, but lost in the finals 15-12 and 15-6 to Heartland/Set Her Up.

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This theory appears to have been confirmed by a recent study sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. The CDC conducted a major study that showed that smokers with nonsymptomatic AIDS virus were 5 to 8 times more likely to develop active AIDS or AIDS-related complex than nonsmokers with the AIDS virus.

According to our source, the findings of this study were so striking, and the implications so significant, that the researchers have elected to not publicize it until the results can be verified by replication.

In the meantime, perhaps a new warning should be added to cigarette packages: "WARNING: IF YOU SMOKE, YOU MAY BE INCREASING YOUR RISK OF DYING OF AIDS."

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Iowa Senators Vote

Iowa's senators, Charles Grassley and Tom Harkin, were among the majority who voted to limit the use of federal AIDS education funds. An amendment to an appropriations bill (as summarized by the Des Moines Register Washington Bureau) prohibited the use of any funds from being used for AIDS education and prevention materials that encourage or condone homosexual activity or the intravenous use of illegal drugs. The amendment passed by a vote of 94 to 2.

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New Swedish Publication

KOM UT! (Come Out!) is the name of the publication of RFSL, the national Lesbian and Gay liberation group of Sweden. RFSL also doubles as the key Information Secretariat of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA). The RFSL has groups in 24 cities in Sweden. For more information contact RFSL, Box 350, 10124 Stockholm, Sweden.

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FLYERS "About Coming Out", "Answers to Parent's Questions about Homo-sexuality," and "The Radical Right Attacks." Send a long self-addressed stamped envelope to GLA, PO Box 2283, Ames, IA 50010.

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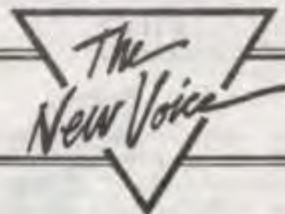
Kansas City's night life has something for everyone. There are Discos where you can dance the night away (until 3 am). They have country western bars where you clog your little hoofers off, and they also have quiet bars where you can talk and socialize. The newest member to the Kansas City family of "fun things to do" is called FRISCO.

When you approach FRISCO you can see an array of people milling around outside which whets your interest. Upon entering, you find a warm atmosphere of comfort and friendliness. The first bar that you see is set with stained glass. First order of business, getting a cocktail! Into the dance area - bright rain lights and hot music - can't dance now, I want to see the rest to the place! Let's

move on to the "semi-quiet" bar at the end of the disco floor. A friendly smile from the bartender and an interesting view will give one a chance to sit down. Neon lights and pictures of "Davis" and "Astaire" on the wall add a special touch to this night club. Well, grab your drink and let's continue to roam. A fire-side library is next. Overstuffed seats and a chance for quiet conversation made this room one of my favorites. Plush carpeting and wood accents and - of course - books, along with a comfortable warmth from the fire-place gives that "back-home" feeling. We're off again!

The Up-stairs bar is quiet and peaceful, surrounded by...Well, I really don't want to tell you too much, you will just have to go there and see it for yourself. Take the time out for that road-trip to Kansas City, you'll have a wonderful time!

Until next month,
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Having been employed by the Oil City and Rivoli Theatres in Falls City, the Nebraska Theatre in Lincoln and the Dundee in Omaha, I was interested in the restoration process. Phil took me on a private tour of the marquee room, dressing rooms, etc. He explained the process of changing the seat backs so one color was on the lower level, another design on the upper level and how he found three different sized backs. The ceiling is ceramic tile set in suspended plaster, the side walls have very ornate sculptures that required six different colors of paint to restore. The work is not all done yet, even with the help of Juan's mother trimming carpet an hour before the doors opened.

At 7pm the former owner joined Juan and Jay in cutting the ribbon of celluloid (36mm film) and a uniformed doorman helped ladies from the car and held the doors open. The young lady that took our tickets, the usher and the usherette were also in uniforms of the period. In the absence of the pipe organ, which is still in the process of being restored and installed, an electric theatre organ was played in concert. We were taken back to the time of the big band era by a local band followed by more organ music.

The curtain (not the good one - it wouldn't open and close) opened and we saw a newsreel by Movietone. We saw films from WWI, WWII and other historical events. A cartoon followed, then previews of coming attractions and the main feature, "Singing in the Rain", starring Donald O'Conner, Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds.

The theatre scheduled "White Christmas" during Christmas week. "Gone with the Wind" and "Annie" are also upcoming fares. With the interest in dressing in the style of the 30's and 40's - wouldn't it be fun to dress for the period and go to see a vintage film in vintage setting?

--Jerry Peck

Alternatives is a new section of the New Voice. We believe Gay men and Lesbians enjoy alternatives to going to the bars. If you have found a place that you have enjoyed, submit an article. Unlike Gays and Lesbians of the larger cities, Nebraskans cannot only go to gay/lesbian owned or operated businesses. We may not be able to "camp it up" everywhere - but there is more to life. David, Randy and I enjoyed our trip to G. I. We got some strange looks from the good ol' boys at the all night restaurant but we didn't offend anyone and if they "suspected" - we gave them no reason to be offended.

--Jerry Peck



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Possible programs sponsored by the PRCO could include Christian worship services, counseling, and social programs.

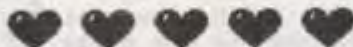
Gay people and their friends from the Hastings-Kearney-Grand Island triangle and surrounding areas are encouraged to contact the Outreach for more information.

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Gay Bar Opens in G. I.

Grand Island, NE: The youngest person to ever be granted a liquor license in the city of Grand Island sets aside his clippers in the afternoon, leaves his salon and goes to his saloon. Chancy's Pub, located at 4th & Walnut, has become the congregating place for gays in the central part of Nebraska. The wood dance floor welcomes same gender partners to dance to the juke box as it plays a variety of music. Gays are meeting gays and sitting at the bar, at tables and in the booths. We've always known there were gays out there, even in rural Nebraska. Now they have a place to congregate. It's a bold step that needs the support of what can become a gay community in the Mid-west.

--Jerry Peck

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--Jerry Peck



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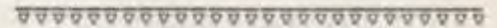
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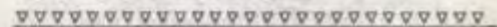
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Gay/Lesbian Resource Directory

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

Affirmation of Nebraska (402) 476-9913
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 lesbian/gay civil rights, educational presentations, newsletter, cultural, political 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.

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

Nebraska AIDS Project 1-800-782-AIDS
Box 3118, Omaha 68131
Info/support. Coordinates AIDS related community efforts.

The New Voice of Nebraska (402) 474-1205
Box 80819, Lincoln, NE 68501
Monthly magazine serving gay/lesbian 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.

Viral Syndrome Clinic
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE
(402) 559-6202-Jonathan Goldsmith, MD
(402) 559-4420-Ann Lamb, MSW

AIDS Resource List

Care & Testing

Lincoln General Hospital
2300 South 160th-Lincoln (402) 475-1011

Bryan Memorial Hospital
1600 South 48th-Lincoln (402) 489-0200

St. Elizabeth Community Health Center
555 South 70th-Lincoln (402) 489-3802

University of Nebraska Medical Center
42nd & Dewey-Omaha (402) 559-6202
Jonathan Goldsmith, MD

Veterans Administration Medical Center
600 South-Lincoln (402) 489-3802

Confidential Testing

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
2200 St. Marys Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68502
(402) 471-7800

Counseling/Support Groups

Open Door Ministry-Lincoln
Father David (402) 474-3390

PFLAG-Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
Jean (402) 435-4688

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

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

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

Education

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

Lambda Resource Center
2845 "R" Street-Lincoln (402) 474-1205

Nebraska AIDS Project
Box 3118, Omaha, NE 68131 1-800-782-AIDS

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
(402) 471-7800

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

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Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102 (402) 455-3701

The Common Woman
1065 No. 33rd St., Lincoln, NE (402) 464-6309

Financial

Nebraska Department of Social Services
10th & "O" Streets, Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-7000

Referrals:

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

Legal

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union
633 S. 9th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508
John Taylor (402) 476-8091

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

LINCOLN

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

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Community Church of Lincoln
2845 "R" St., Lincoln, NE 68503 (402) 474-1205
Sun. worship 5:30pm (6:45pm Pot Luck) on 2nd, 4th
Sunday; Bible Study 5:30pm alternate Sundays.

Ministry in Human Sexuality, Inc.
Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501 (402) 476-9913
Non-profit. Counseling, education, supportive action for
those seeking growth, understanding in sexuality,
relationships. J. Benjamin Roe, Exec. Director.

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

New Directions Center (402) 476-2802
Short term counseling, support groups, classes,
workshops dealing with coming out, relationships,
parenting. Sliding fee scale.

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

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays
(P-FLAG) (402) 435-4688
Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68501 Support group, parents,
friends, relatives of lesbians/gays. Meets 4th Tues.

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

The Wimin's Show 12-3p.m. every Sunday
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Woman's Journal-Advocate
Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501.
Monthly feminist publication.

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

OMAHA

Dignity of Omaha (402) 341-1460 or 345-9426
St. John's (lower level) Common bonds thru Mass,
meetings for gays, lesbians, their friends, 2nd Sun. 7pm.

Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon (402) 556-9907
MCC, 420 S. 24th St., Omaha, NE 68103
Meets Friday, weekly, 8:15pm.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous(402)345-9916
MCC, 420 S. 24th St., Omaha, NE, 68103
Meets Friday, weekly, 8:15pm

Gay Parents Support Group (402) 553-2308
Support group for gay parents who have children.

Lutherans Concerned of Omaha (402) 592-1209
Gay Christians, friends together to foster climate of
understanding, justice, reconciliation among all.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha
420 S. 24th St., Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 345-2563
Sun. worship 10:30am, 7pm; Adult Sun. School 9:10am;
Tues. Bible Study 7:30pm; Wed. Program 7:30pm.

Omaha Business and Professional Club
Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 493-3343
Networking organization of business and professional
persons. Meets third Wednesday monthly.

Omaha Meatpackers (402)-341-4233
2116 N. 16th #8-Omaha, NE 68110 Scott Cruse, Sec'y

PACT (People of All Colors Together)
Box 3683, Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 895-0865
A gay/lesbian interracial organization that offers
educational, political, social activities.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays
(P-FLAG) (402) 566-7481 (Ruth)
Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103
Support for parents, friends, relatives of lesbians/gays.

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

River City Bowling League (402) 344-3821
Dean Vanderpool, Secretary

River City Mixed Chorus (402) 342-4775
Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101
Volunteer community chorus for gay/lesbian, gay/lesbian-
sensitive men, women with goal of musical excellence in
performance. Rehearsals Monday evenings.

Two-Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club
305 Turner Blvd #8, Omaha, NE 68131

UNO Student Group (402) 334-4426 (Wes)
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