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THE ROAD TO FREEDOM

by Terry Sweeney

During the preparation for this issue, I am reminded that we are again at that time of year when we celebrate Black History. Something I find interesting about the gay and lesbian movement is how often we compare what it is we are doing and how it is we are doing it, to the civil rights movement from the sixties (a time that I believe to be very important and uplifting to recent Black History) and how often it is that this comparison of "sameness" is denied, and often quite stringently. I am most recently reminded of this in an article printed in *Christopher Street* Issue 194 wherein it states "... they also appealed directly to racial minorities. (Speaking about the religious right's efforts in passing Amendment 2 in Colorado) one TV commercial showed a black woman saying that 'homosexuals are asking to be equated to being black and personally, I find that offensive.'"

As I continue to work through these comments and the apparent need for the separation of our two struggles for equality. Without removing or diminishing the value of what has taken place before the voice of our movement, as gay and lesbian people, began to be heard, I recognized that, again homophobia has reared its ugly head. Nevertheless, this realization hasn't put my concern and fear at ease.

Often, I hear it stated that my black and brown sisters and brothers can do nothing about the color of their skin tones and we, as gay and lesbian people, have the comforts of assumed heterosexuality unless individually stated otherwise. I do not believe this to be the premise to separate our movements. Instead, what I do believe is that each of our cultures have those who would deny cultural association to avoid uncomfotableness or who simply have tired of the constant strain of tolerance. This is what I believe bonds us together, and bonds our

movements together, rather than to separate us from one another. Two or three smaller groups are much more easily defeated and disposed of compared to a mighty force of many.

It has become increasingly more apparent to me of our need for one another rather than an isolated environment of separate cultures and races. The L.A. riots, Oregon's Citizen's Alliance, Anti-Semitic rage, ethnic cleansing and Colorado's Amendment 2 are all recent examples of our need for one another. Now, as we begin to make transition to a new administration of our government, one that has a sense of hope for equality for all peoples, we must begin to rethink our strategies and focuses and hold our government and elected officials accountable to campaign promises and constitutional guarantees. And, it is time to make the laws for recourse to violation's of people's freedom.

Soon, the federal government will overturn the last stronghold of governmental and institutional discrimination that exists in our country. President Bill Clinton has promised to remove the ban against homosexuals in our military, an action that will recast our movement for equality and begin the processes of refocusing. I think we will be looking at newer areas of this kind of hate, areas such as the boycott of Colorado. I see Colorado as a possible stronghold to our movement, as Alabama was the civil rights movement. Should we boycott Colorado? You bet!! We gay and lesbian people are an economic force to be dealt with, and we will let Colorado know in a big way how we feel about their hateful attitude toward us, and the gay and lesbian dollar. Is that all that should be done with Colorado? I don't think so!! I believe that every national gay and lesbian association/organization, every regional group in the Midwest, and any others who will stand up against this hate, should move

an office into Colorado Springs and make their presence known in another big way. As a matter of fact, if the March on Washington was not already planned and in final stages of readiness, I would like to see a March on Colorado. Can you imagine thousands of us, walking from Denver to Colorado Springs in a march similar to the one which took place in Alabama from Selma to Montgomery? What a display of solidarity and an undeniable message that we will no longer tolerate this kind of hatred in the United States.

Yes, I do believe that now, during Black History month, the time is right. It is time to celebrate our cultures and races. Our differences no longer separate us but join us together in humankind looking for an end to oppression. Do not try to separate us any longer, we are joined together in "sameness", one like the other. Not completely, not in a malicious or envious way, but one in spirit, the spirit of freedom. Our road to freedom IS the same road that our black and brown sisters and brothers have begun to travel, it's just in a different state and in a different time...

BACK ISSUES OF NEW VOICE NEEDED

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

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IT CAN HAPPEN IN NEBRASKA, TOO!!

Dear New Voice:

By now you have heard about Amendment 2 in Colorado, but you don't know the devastating effects on the Colorado Gay Community. Indescribable mental anguish has taken such a toll that free counseling has been set up through our Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado (GLCCC). The Anti-Violence Project reported that violent acts against Gays rose 300% in the month of November. Anger, shock, depression, anxiety, shame, internalized homophobia, and frustration are a few of the emotions the Colorado Gay Community is suffering from. I never had a political bone in my body until November 3rd. Overnight I turned into a "Radical Lesbian Political Activist."

To understand what we are going through you must understand the opposition, Colorado for Family Values (CFV). CFV passed out literature before the election to all rural communities leading people to believe the Gay Community was asking for "Protected Status" including hiring quotas. The amendment was full of double negatives and so confusing it gave me a headache just to read it. To quote Kevin Tebedo of CFV, "the gays are such a powerful militant group, they don't need protected status." Most people in Colorado don't understand that Amendment 2 took away our equal rights.

The "Traditional Values Coalition" (same homophobic Christian group—different name) is already established in Kearney. They sent a letter

to Christian Fundamentalist groups all over the U.S. asking for financial support to get an initiative on the ballot in Nebraska as soon as possible because the Nebraska legislature is close to passing a Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill. "Brother Hate" is no longer knocking on your back door—he is in your state and actively working to prevent your community from achieving equal rights.

People must take action. There is a lot you can do. Spread the word to rural communities. The last thing Nebraska farmers need is a boycott on their farm products. Make them sit up and take notice so they will try to understand the issue before voting. In less than two months Colorado has lost 35 to 40 million dollars in revenue because of our boycott. Don't let Nebraska become a "Hate State." Don't make the same mistake Colorado made—Unite Statewide to fight this. Contact groups like "Citizens for Equal Protection" in Omaha. Volunteer or at least make a contribution. If there isn't a group in your community, help start one and work together statewide. Writing letters and making phone calls to politicians and media is very powerful. Most important, become educated on what is going on in your community and find out what you can do—before it's too late. The lawsuit in Colorado to fight Amendment 2 is costing \$20,000 a month. Don't let this happen in Nebraska!

A Warning from Colorado
from a Nebraska Native,
Linda Jungers

THANKS FOR BEING THERE

Dear New Voice:

I have left the Regional Center (and the area) so you may cancel my subscription. I appreciate your policy of sending your magazine to incarcerated people free. It shows a very caring attitude, not to mention understanding.

Thank you very much,
John

PHONE KEARNEY PFLAG

Dear Carla,

This is a note to let you know that the telephone number listed on your Community Calendar P-Flag Kearney is no longer a working number. They have moved away. Please change to either 308-995-5490 or 308-381-0752. The numbers are correct in the Resource Directory.

Thanks, Jan Brown, Secretary

INJUNCTION HALTS AMENDMENT 2 -- FOR NOW

By Sharon Van Butsel

As reported in the *Omaha World Herald* on January 16, Judge Jeffrey Bayless of Denver's District Court, issued an injunction blocking Colorado from enforcing an anti-gay-rights measure until he can hear arguments on whether the measure violates the U.S. or State Constitution. Bayless told the crowded courtroom that he issued the injunction because of a reasonable probability that it would be found unconstitutional and could pose "irreparable injury" to homosexuals.

However, before we begin celebrating too loudly, it was also reported that the State of Colorado plans to appeal the decision. This legal battle may go all the way to the Supreme Court, and the costs of fighting the legal battle will be enormous. It continues to be of utmost importance that we support our brothers and sisters in Colorado in their battle to stop Amendment 2.

ARBOR MOON LISTING CORRECTED -- NEW VOICE UPDATING ENTIRE RESOURCE LIST

Resource Directory Volunteer:

Please change the Arbor Moon listing to show that we are only open on Saturday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Please put my phone 489-4634 first and then list The Gather Place number as 476-7398. (You had The Gathering Place number listed as 476-7389 which was an error.)

Thanks for making these corrections.

Wally

Editor's Note: Thanks for the correction. We are currently updating our resource list and have sent notices to all organizations asking that they let us know if their listings are correct.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IT HAS HAPPENED IN NEBRASKA!!

Dear Sharon:

I am a photographer and artist and am deeply disturbed by what is going on in Colorado. I have a photograph from a little over a year ago documenting Omaha's Gospel Satellite Church's marquee. This photograph is, unfortunately, evidence of the same hatred and ignorance that is spreading around America today. Yes, it's here in Omaha, too.

As a human who feels my sexuality has no bearing on my redeeming qualities as a human being or as a spiritual force I can only challenge the misunderstanding, misinformation, and discrimination about and against homosexuals in our society.

It is not God who hates sin or even defines sin. It is human hate, bigotry, prejudice which define the divine and not so divine. Can God possibly see that child abuse, murder, rape, and homosexuality are some how related? This is not a loving or creating god but a racist and fascist excuse for religion.

Sheila A. Malone



Omaha's Gospel Satellite Church

BOYCOTT HURTING GAY BUSINESS, TOO

Dear Boycott Supporters:

We are very pleased with the efforts of the Boycott and the national response to the amendment. However, we need your help!

Recently, we've been realizing that the Colorado Boycott, mostly by the gay community, is hurting us more than the amendment ever could, because we're a "GAY ONLY" lodge. This holiday ordinarily we would have been sold out, but due to cancellations, we only had 4 guests from Denver, showing out-of-state visitors are staying away. **WE WILL NOT SURVIVE THIS KIND OF BOYCOTT!!**

We need a "SMART" boycott to continue the pressure and awareness of what happened here and to support gay institutions so they will be here when we beat this thing.

The BUNKHOUSE is "ONE OF A KIND" in the gay community! You who have shared Colorado with us are our strongest reference. The many lasting relationships that have started here are a testament to that. However, we desperately

need your help. 75% of our guests are from out-of-state. We've lost 50-75% of our business because of the boycott!

YOU'VE GOT IT! We're desperate. We need to move to the "SMART" mode by boycotting the state while supporting the gay institutions within the state. At this time we're not hurting those who sponsored the amendment. Will Perkins, owner of Perkins' Automotive in Colorado Springs probably hasn't lost one car sale. (Anita lost her job!)

We're killing gay businesses that depend on out-of-state visitors. In talking with past guests, I'm surprised how many people have no idea that we're hurting. So, I'm writing you and especially THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF I.G.T.A. (Int'l Gay Travel Assn.) who told me "YOU DESERVE WHAT YOU GET! IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR LETTING THIS THING PASS!"

We need to pull together and we need your help to beat this thing and to survive. If we succeed, we will have won a true victory. The anti-gay community would love nothing more than to see us go out of business.

The majority of this state is NOT in support of this amendment! Recent surveys show clearly there was confusion by about 20 - 25% of the voters about the wording, and therefore what they were voting FOR or AGAINST! People thought they were voting for "equal" rights! The right-wingers managed to confuse our voters, but their BIGGEST PRIZE is to watch the gay community boycott their own business! This boycott is doing what the amendment could not!

So we are asking our friends for selective support. Travel agents should not steer clients away from Colorado, rather, steer them to gay business!! Help make our community stronger, not weaker. How much does it take? **TELL YOUR FRIENDS WE'RE HERE!!** We need your support.

THE SNOW IS GREAT, and we miss you! HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!!

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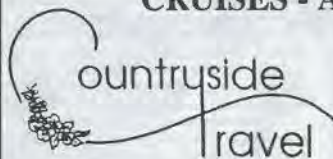
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RITE OF PASSAGE OR DOROTHY RETHINKS KANSAS AS HOME

by Terry Sweeney

The story starts about a year and half ago, while I was participating in a NOW march to commemorate the right to vote for women, when I was approached by an acquaintance about volunteering some hours at a womyn's clinic. I had to ask for some more specific information as my calendar was pretty tight at the time and I was feeling a need to step back from a lot of volunteer work.

After a rather hasty discussion, I agreed to sign my name to a list of people who would volunteer time to assist in escorting womyn safely into a building where womyn receive various health services and, where abortions are performed. It was not a very hard decision to make as I had thought about becoming involved in the issue for some time, without really putting any effort into finding how to become involved. You see, as an openly gay man I have, for many years now, known what it is like to have someone stand before me with a Bible in one hand and pointing at me with the other telling me what I should be doing with my body or rather what I shouldn't be doing with my body, as it is in this case.

I have always found these people and their intrusion into my life to be very offensive and what I decide to do with my body is none of their business, frankly, and felt I had a certain kindred spirit to womyn and men seeking medical assistance, while some of the very same "kinds" of people try to prevent them from gaining access to any treatment, not just abortion. Their Christian concern for these people is manifested in name calling, harassment, other kinds of verbal abuse and sometimes threat of physical harm and physical blockades.

I realize that abortion is a very hot topic. One that divides many communities and has found its divisive way into the lesbian and gay communities and the communities of people who support the lesbian and gay community. Mr. Terry and his Operation Rescue has been very successful in gaining some support from lesbian and gay people, their friends and other family members. I find the support given to this effort by lesbians and gay people to be in conflict with the lesbian and gay movement for equality. It has never been more clear to me how manipulative and coercing right-wing fundamentalists can be, than when I became a pro-choice advocate. Be assured once these people gain control over womyn and their bodies that they will not be stopping there.

Right-wing, anti-abortion, fundamentalist groups are consumed with hate and contempt for anything that does not agree with how they view the Bible and their world, and believe me that includes "homosexuals". Sure, they are happy to have lesbian and gay people out at the clinics, being arrested, blockading access to health services, and assisting their effort to stop womyn from seeking abortions, but read the following article date lined out of Kansas, reprinted from the *NY NATIVE* newspaper and see who's next on the "ole right-wing agenda."

I don't think any one is pro-abortion, certainly I am not and none of my friends are, yet I do

believe, as a human in this universe, and more so because of my orientation as an oppressed gay man in this universe, I have an obligation to assist in stopping the erosion of personal rights to self-determination. You see, as I have suspected all along, and as is supported by the following article, I'm next on the list, along with all of you, my pro-life lesbian and gay sisters and brothers. And, while we may be on opposite sides of the fence over a womyn's right to an abortion, and her self-determination, we are not in opposition in continuing the fight for ours, selfish as that may sound. Remember...Colorado was only a beginning and Kansas may very well be next.

ANTI-HOMOSEXUAL CAMPAIGN PROMISED BY NATIONAL ANTI- ABORTION GROUP

Wichita (December 11) - The national anti-abortion group Operation Rescue is now attacking homosexuals because it is losing the fight against abortion rights, a pro-choice Methodist minister said Friday.

"The only way they can maintain their crusade is to get another scapegoat," said the Rev. George T. Garner, senior minister of College Hill United Methodist Church.

On Thursday, leaders of Operation Rescue and the Christian Defense Council, a spin-off group, said they were starting a campaign against the lifting of the ban on homosexuals in the military. They said the effort, which may include events in Wichita, also would oppose the homosexual lifestyle in general.

On Jan. 8, they hope to organize conservative Christians in Wichita and dozens of other cities to demonstrate against President-elect Clinton's promise to allow openly gay men and women to serve in uniform. The group will also urge business leaders not to hire gays.

"On this particular day, we're going to have clergy saying they don't want people to hire homosexuals, they don't want people to tolerate that lifestyle, they want people to oppose it every step of the way," said Bob Jewitt, Operation Rescue's national media coordinator.

The anti-gay demonstrations are being organized by the Christian Defense Coalition, a group founded by Operation Rescue's Randall Terry, and led by many of the same officials. At a news conference in Washington on Thursday, Terry said the group was battling "the advance of paganism and anti-Christian behavior."

While no cities were formally identified as being among 75 demonstrations sites, Jewitt explained that demonstrations would be held where there's an active network. "Wichita is one of those," he said. Jewitt said his group is reluctant to fully reveal its plan for fear of tipping off military gay groups like ACT UP and Queer Nation, which he said have been abusive.

"Obviously those people would like to see everyone in America get AIDS so they could spend more money for research," Jewitt said.

The Rev. James Woolard is pastor of Wichita's Metropolitan Community Church, a denomination whose ministry is primarily directed to gays and lesbians.

"Evidentially they have never had a loved one - straight, or gay - die of AIDS," Woolard said. "It's a horrible death. We in the gay population would wish that on no one, straight or gay."

He also noted that worldwide, "AIDS" is primarily a heterosexual disease. As for the impact on the demonstration, Woolard said he was concerned how it would be interpreted among Wichita's gays and lesbians.

"They've lived with fear a lot of their lives, and this just adds more fear and encourages them to go back in the closet," he said.

Methodist minister Gardner, one of the founders of Religious Leaders for Choice, said the United Methodist denominations accept homosexuals as "children of God."

"If we're going to make the practice of sex such an issue, then it would seem to me we should ask every person who comes into a Christian church: 'How do you practice sex?' Churches are not going to do that," Gardner said.

Dick Kelsey of the Wichita Alliance of Evangelical Churches, a group whose 150 congregations generally offered strong support for Operation Rescue during its 1991 summer protests in Wichita, said he hadn't been contacted by the Christian Defense Council.

"It is quite interesting to see if the pro-life groups hook into that issue," and whether they do will "depend on how it's framed," Kelsey said.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN H.S. PAPER HITS G/L ISSUES

The December 18 issue of *The Echoes*, the newspaper of Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, featured articles on the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt and on Gays and Lesbians.

News Editor, Theresa Varner reported on the health class's visit to the Quilt Display. She quoted Gary George, Director of Nebraska AIDS Project, Quilt Volunteers and student visitors. She noted the panel honoring Arlan Johnson, an English instructor who died of AIDS last August. The panel, made by Omaha junior students who go to know Johnson while he was a patient in an extended care facility, was inscribed "Stigma silenced you and robbed your students of the greatest lesson you could have taught them - anyone can die of AIDS."

The lead feature article, written by Feature Editor Gina Malloy, was "Cries for Understanding." A 14 year old was quoted in *Gay Male and Lesbian Suicide* as saying "I would get very depressed about not being like other kids. Many times I would take a kitchen knife and press it against my chest, wondering if I should push it all the way in." The article continued with quotes from Beverly Barbo, Michael Burger, Brian Hanlon, Carla Petersen, and Jason. It emphasized problems created by discrimination and closed with a quote from Michael Burger, "I just want to shake the people who don't understand that gays are just like everyone else. I want to tell them to open their minds and hearts. It's too bad that sexual orientation has to change people's lives as much as it does."

I cannot express how frustrated I feel when I see people wasting their time condemning us in the quest for "the greater social good." Is it in the best interest of society to refer to me as sick, immoral, disgraceful, unfeeling, and a detriment to society? There are so many injustices in this world, but maybe these crusaders are so busy abusing us that their tunnel vision does not allow them to see those who commit the true crimes.

Yesterday I took in a stray puppy which had been abandoned. At first, he was afraid of me and would run away. Eventually, he allowed me to hold him and take him to safety.

As I held him, I asked myself, "What kind of person could drop off an innocent little animal and leave him to die? They must be pretty sick and unfeeling." I paused for a minute. "AHA! Those are the qualities of a gay person! Some lesbian must have dropped him off."

As I reveled at the thought that I had my answer, I suddenly stopped. "Wait a minute. I'm a lesbian! How can I care about this puppy? I'm not supposed to have any good qualities because I'm gay! I must not have this 'being a lesbian' thing down very well yet. Oh well."

O.K., crusaders for social well-being, tell me how sick I am as I take this abandoned puppy to the veterinarian, holding him in my lap and praying that he doesn't die on me every time he closes his eyes for more than a second. Tell me how much I need to "find the way to God" as I hold one of His creatures in my lap, petting him as he whimpers because he is afraid I am going to drop him off in the snow and drive away.

ABANDONED

by Debbie Farrar



Tell me how unfeeling I am while my head aches and my eyes hurt from sobbing so hard as I hold him and look into his frightened and sad eyes, thinking about how scared and lonely he must have felt when he was struggling to survive. Tell me how much of a detriment to society I am as I hold him tightly in my arms, trying to stop his little body from shaking because he was covered with ice after being out in a snowstorm, abandoned and alone. Tell me how much I "need to seek professional help" as the puppy cries every time I leave the room, or as he follows me around to make sure I do not leave him.

Tell me how much of a disgrace I am as he comes to me to be held and hides his head beneath my arm because he just wants to feel safe for awhile. Tell me how much of a bad influence I would be to others as I feed this skinny, neglected little puppy by hand, watching him as he struggles to eat each morsel of food.

Tell me how immoral I am as I sit with him for hours so he will feel safe enough to fall asleep and not have to be afraid of being left alone again.

O.K., crusaders, I wonder if I am taking care of the puppy that someone like you abandoned. When you go to work tomorrow, you won't have to deal with people calling you names. You will not be called sick, immoral, or unfeeling because of what you have done. You are a socially upright citizen. After all, you are not homosexual.

Maybe some people could stand back and say, "I would never do this to an animal, that is so incredibly cruel!" How many of these very same people would abandon and isolate a member of their family, or one of their friends, simply because of their sexuality? It is not surprising to me that a lot of people treat their pets better than they treat a friend or family member who is gay. Neither is the fact that my dog treats me better than most of the people have who found out I am gay.

Many people who condemn us may think talking about myself - a lesbian, and talking about a stray dog in the same context is a perfect comparison. If that's what they think, so be it. I would much rather be compared to a living thing that loves unconditionally than be categorized with a hypocrite.

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FEATURES

HOSPITALITY EXCHANGE SEEKING HOSTS

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direct correspondence the host may offer hospitality, usually accommodations. However, it could mean simply meeting to tell the visitor what there is to see and do in the area, or taking him to the local gay scene. Hosts are needed in cities, towns, and especially rural areas throughout the central part of the U.S. Individuals interested in providing hospitality may write to:

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1532 Thompson Avenue
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FEELINGS OF A TRANSGENDERIST Part 6

by Cheryl W.

In my last installment Pat and I got married. My mother and I had a talk with Pat about my unusual interest in femininity beforehand. Pat thought she could handle it. I was sweating ice cubes at the time. My relief at her response was visible. We even bought some really pretty underwear for me to wear for the wedding. Of course there was a tux on the outside. The wedding was a big Polish affair with polka bands and the works. The honeymoon was a week in the Black Hills. Then back to work and night school for me and back to nurses' training for Pat.

Married life was bliss for me. Throughout my life I had experienced so much guilt and frustration about who and/or what I was that I now felt love and acceptance while being able to express my feelings. I talked to Pat and reveled in the fact that I could dress and act the way I wanted to, at least at home. I still had very little idea of who or what I was. I only knew that being able to talk, act, and even dress in feminine fashion was wonderful. I was trying to open up to Pat. I had the words, queer, transvestite, faggot and so on. None of that sounded attractive to me. I had never even heard of Christine Jorgenson, the first American who underwent sexual reassignment. I wonder where I was when that hit the news. The feelings that I have are not easily expressed. Somewhere I picked up the word fetish, this word had sexual connotations that I wanted to deny, just like those other words that were closed bordered on describing true self.

I was experiencing tremendous relief that I could enjoy my most secret feelings with someone who loved me. I had long before discovered sex, and liked it a lot, but when I discovered those things that I now categorize as feminine, I found a sense of my sensuality. The caress of silk, satin, velvet, lace, long silky hair and creamy skin were so much more to me than sexually stimulating. I was finding that as I wore the clothes, makeup, hair, etc. I acted different. I was softer, more caring, able to share instead of dominate, longed to be clean rather than not caring a whole lot about clothes, hygiene and style. I was liking myself, in fact, I was loving myself. I was a closet queen reigning in my own little world.

I showered Pat with everything I thought she wanted and she bought me gifts of lingerie at first. I worshiped the ground she walked on. My attempts to express my femininity through the pretty clothes had always given me a sense of well being. I thought perhaps it was escape. I have tried to fathom my feelings and I can truly say that my feminine expression is a need, not a want. I can't turn it off. Looking back, I honestly believe Pat, consciously or subconsciously, thought she could give me an overdose of femininity and cure me. It didn't work, the more I got, the more I wanted. I had long but pretty legs when I was younger. I loved the feeling of silky textures and swingy skirts on me. The first time I shaved my legs, I knew that the delicious feelings were right for me. The feelings I have can be sexual if I think about it, but I would describe them more as sensual, sort of a glow. I have never tried drugs so I can't compare my feelings to a "high", but when I let myself go feminine, I feel good, clean, nice, pretty, and right. I feel like I guess little girls are taught to be. I started to sew,



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and my wardrobe grew, makeup and wigs were added. I was in love with myself for the first time, Cherish was not a good enough word for the wife that was helping me find myself.

Me, Me, Me, Me... What a song I was singing. While I was in heaven, I'll bet Pat was in hell. I was in the closet, but I was quickly growing beautiful and the walls were crumbling. I wanted to go public, shopping to the show, everywhere. I was sure she was petrified that I would be discovered. In her opinion I was out of control. Her father is a person that knows right from wrong and allows no grey areas. She is very much like him. I still don't understand why she would marry me knowing I had this feminine side, unless her missionary spirit thought she could straighten me out. When we are young I guess we think we can conquer the world.

If she said anything, I wasn't listening. I was in no hurry to have children. Things were so good, why mess with success? She had other ideas especially since her friends were having "cute" little babies. I wasn't even aware she had quit the Pill. Guess what? We started a baby. It was a busy time for both of us, but nine months later Kristine was born and our "couple" became a "family." At this point I was informed that now we would have rules. I was to be the "father figure." Feminine behavior or attire was no longer acceptable. I would share the affection and time of my wife, I would give up those feelings and actions that I had always cherished. I would be a father. I was shocked, stunned, and other adjectives that aren't in the dictionary yet.

It kind of seemed to me like Pat and the baby had everything, and I was giving my life away. I was jealous. My jealousy was terrible and I really felt sorry for myself. I didn't dislike Kristine, but I was envious of the time and physical contacts she received. Looking back, I'm sure that I needed some physical reassurance and comfort. I indulged myself with those things that had always made me feel so good. I was dressing and acting feminine again. Once again, the more I had, the more I wanted. By the time Kris was a little over a year old, Pat left me. One day at work, a sheriff's deputy served me with separation papers and when I went home, she was gone. If there were warnings, I didn't hear them. Pat is the type who when angered lets it simmer. She won't tell you what is bothering her. She will eventually blow up. She got my attention. I had never lost anyone close to me. What was I to do? Panic.

She called to let me know she was okay and to tell me that she wanted a divorce. I had always had things my way. I am not sure I recognized her as more than a possession at the time. I had never failed at anything up to that time. My marriage was on the rocks. When Pat called next I was ready to promise her the world so that she would come back. I threw out all of my wardrobe, another purge. I begged her to come back and offered to give up my feminine side so that we could have a family and be like Father Knows Best. She insisted that she wasn't coming back, but that I was doing the right thing. She did however suggest that get some counseling. I went to a friend's house, a Catholic priest, to ask

him how I could get Pat and Kris back. Father Tony wasn't home, but his young assistant was there. Interestingly enough, that young priest was a grade school classmate of Pat's. After describing my "problems" to him, he gave me the name of a psychologist who he recommended.

This guy was a real beauty. It was simple. I would behave the way "men" were supposed to be and my life would come around. Pat might come back, and she might not. I think that he was uncomfortable with my "deviation" and didn't want to talk about it. Within a year my mother would present me with a newspaper clipping about Dr. Spire and a gender team that worked with people like me. I guess Dr. so and so was unaware of that type of work or thought it inappropriate. I had been selling real estate and quit that to go back to construction work. The income was steadier, and the physical work helped me to exhaust myself and think less about my obsession. After a month I got tired of waiting for Pat and went out and started a new wardrobe. I was kicking myself for purging because I lost some beautiful clothes. About the time I resigned myself to aloneness, Pat decided to come back. We didn't talk much. She continued to do the laundry including my pretty things, she just didn't want me wearing them out in front of Kris. Okay. Today I wonder why she came back under those conditions.

Like I said earlier, mom gave me a clipping about a gender group in Omaha. I told Pat about it and we decided that I should see if they could shine light on my situation.

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LOOKING FOR A HAPPY EVER AFTER

by Scott Lowther

It's February, the month which conjures the image of a naked cherub boy winging his way through gay bar after gay bar, taking aim at unsuspecting lovers with his magic arrows. This is the month of "romantic love."

What a wonderful notion. Romance, passion, exhilaration, and arousal. Who doesn't long to experience these emotions? Who hasn't fantasized about disrobing the man or woman that dreams are made of?

We imagine meeting Mr./Mrs. Right. He/she has a heart-warming smile, nice placement of chest hair or perky breasts, great taste in clothes, and is in great shape. We're in luck. Mr./Mrs. Right is looking at us! If all goes according to plan, we'll have great sex later tonight and live "happily ever after."

What a beautiful fairytale. That's right... a fairytale. This is the explanation for selecting a mate most of us have grown up with. This is the commercialized hogwash that sells greeting cards, floral arrangements, mouthwash and heart-shaped boxed full of chocolate.

What happens once this "happily ever after" plan is implemented? Is there life after the proverbial he/she's so-o-o-o-o cute syndrome?

Unfortunately, nature seems to have played a cruel trick on the human animal. Our biological mechanism for mate-selection functions without a flaw; however, it seems this innate process is counterproductive to our culture's idea of marriage, pairing or partnership.

Another lesson most of us learned from early childhood is that we find the right person, form a permanent relationship and, with luck and good health, retire together. How does this message conflict with the notion of Cupid's arrow, or does it?

If we look at some of the realities of relationships, we might better understand how and why they work, as well as why they don't. Within this realistic context it might be possible to design an individual relationship that is functional for both partners for the long haul.

Most people are probably familiar with the phrase, "the honeymoon is over." This is the period, usually around the end of the first year, during which the glassy-eyed, love-is blind eras sadly comes to an end. It is the period when partners begin to look at one another for who they

really are rather than who we hoped they would be. Oh, they still have the beautiful smile, perky breasts or nice chest hair, but there's more. They have become three dimensional, complete with faults.

It's during this period we begin to notice our mate sometimes forgets to make the bed, squeezes the toothpaste tube in the middle, wakes up grumpy, or borrows our favorite clothes or cologne too often. Once reality arrives, the fairytale of forever living carefree and "in love" dissipates. If we adhere only to the notion that romance equates to a happy relationship, our options appear finite. In fact, the only option we can find is that we should end the relationship with this person who is, after all, imperfect.

On the other hand, if we realize that every relationship encounters this stage in development, that the basis for a long-term relationship is commitment and mutual support, and that life, by its nature, consists of constant change, we have a new set of options available to us. These options will be based in reality and not in fantasy or fairytale.

Does this mean we shouldn't work to keep romance alive in a long-term, committed relationship? Of course not! Does this mean we should settle for someone who, although willing to commit to a future, is unattractive to us? I don't think so.

What it means is that we have a choice between the revolving-door relationship built on romance and attraction alone, and the mutually supportive, "till death do us part" partnership that endures because a decision, a goal and the willingness to follow them through.

The road through life is paved with a combination of pain, pleasure and struggle. To take a shortcut 'round and 'round the revolving door is to deprive ourselves of the experience of our journey.

Our trip will, undoubtedly, require compromise, re-routing and a clear outline of our destination, but when two people are willing to negotiate the itinerary of their trip together, the memories generated through this collective effort far outweigh the convenience of taking the same old trip, over and over again. Be creative! You'll be glad you did.

Happy Valentine's Day.

I MISS

by Wes Ziegler

I miss being able to make a choice.
I also miss his cheerful voice.
I miss my beautiful freedom,
And my family who didn't even meet em'.
I miss varying my dress,
I miss his exotic but innocent caress.
I miss sleeping till noon,
I miss knowing he'll be home soon.
I miss planning my own day,
I miss him saying I'll be okay.
I miss even walking home.
I miss the streets we would always roam.
I miss letting the fire smoulder.
I miss his masculine shoulder.
I miss Saturday basketball games.
I miss the feminine nicknames.
I miss the Civic's hallways,
I'll miss him for always.

WHAT IF...

by Wes Ziegler

The essence of life is found in the struggle,
It will be greater later.
But what if now I want to snuggle?
Or go with him to the theatre?
Always keep your eye on your opponent, Only
the strong survive the strife.
What if I want to enjoy the moment?
What if I want to love our life?
Nice people finish last,
Always keep your head above.
What if I don't care about his past?
What if... I know it is him I love!

"DANDELIONS"

From the Quilt Display

My mind was growing weary,
My strength was fading fast
But then I saw a dandelion,
It was growing in the grass.
I thought "What a sturdy plant
With a mind of its own.
It springs up here, it springs up there
Where other seeds are sown.
Sometimes people cut it down,
They cannot see its worth.
But God has a reason why He lets
It bloom upon this earth.
I reached and picked it from the spot
When God had let it grow,
And placed it in my lapel
So everyone would know
Just how much like a dandelion
My life on earth has been,
And though cast down many times,
I soon sprang forth again.
So it doesn't matter anymore
The length of my life span,
For when I'm cut down in this life,
Somewhere I'll bloom again!

ODE TO WHOMEVER

I am a unique individual, Created by God,
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THANKS TO NAP & REV. DAN MARSH

Dear Editor:

My name is Jeffrey Melton and I've written *The New Voice* once before explaining that I'm a 34 year old gay man with AIDS currently serving a prison term here at the Lincoln Correctional Center. Most of my adult life was spent in San Francisco where I had a lover by the name of Gordon D. Williams who died of AIDS in 1986. Soon after Gordon's death I, too, tested positive for HIV.

While in prison here in Nebraska I've been given the gift of love and friendship by way of the

Nebraska AIDS Project Lincoln Chapter through my assigned AIDS Buddy, Reverend Donald F. Marsh. Don has become a very dear and close friend through his non-stop support for my family and myself and by his never ending show of love to me and other inmates with HIV/AIDS here in prison. Reverend Don Marsh has also helped me in starting the work on a long hoped dream of mine to make a quilt panel honoring my late lover, Gordon. Don Marsh has gone out of his way to ease the stress and pain that prison inflicts

on myself and all inmates here. I would like to thank Don Marsh, his wife Helen, and Suzie from N.A.P. (Lincoln) for all their love and support. I would also like to thank all of you at *The New Voice* for helping stay in contact with the gay community through your monthly articles of pride and love that surely helps lift my spirits.

Thanks again,

Jeffrey Melton #43101
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KAREN THOMPSON SHARON KOWALSKI

For Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski, the completion of their legal battle means the start of a private campaign to find meaning in a relationship permanently transformed by a tragic accident and years of enforced separation. The women recount the history of their relationship and Thompson's recent efforts to return Kowalski to a home she built to accommodate the disable woman's special needs.

Thompson, 44, and Kowalski, 35, have been partners for 12 years. They were separated for eight years when Kowalski was disabled in a car accident caused by a drunk driver. The separation was forced by Kowalski's parents and enforced by Minnesota courts until the Minnesota Supreme Court upheld a lower court decision awarding Thompson legal guardianship of Kowalski on Dec. 17, 1991—the couple's anniversary date. The court declared the women "a family of affinity which ought to be accorded respect."

Kowalski usually resides at Trevilla, a long-term rehabilitation facility for people with brain injuries. The women hope to move Kowalski to Thompson's home after arranging for costly therapeutic equipment and services.

Thompson related a number of touching episodes, as well as one that caused her embarrassment. Thompson remembered an occasion when "Sharon wasn't cooperating with a nice, straight speech therapist's work agenda. She typed out that she'd like to make love to me instead. (Sharon is laughing.) The therapist turned red, but recovered and said, "I guess that does sound much more exciting than any of the options I gave." Thompson will need a lot of help to accommodate Kowalski's special needs. "My...our dream would be to get Sharon home sometime soon. What slowed us down is that we are so far in debt from the legal fees, and I can't care for Sharon by myself. Even with 12-to-14 hours of attendant care a day, which we may qualify for, I'd have to cover 10-to-12 hours. Both day and night Sharon needs to be turned, be given tube feedings, those kinds of things. To raise the money it will take, Thompson has been giving talks nationwide as well as continuing her college teaching schedule. "The one thing that's remained very clear through it all is that Sharon still loves me and I will always love Sharon," she said. "I want Sharon home with me as long as that's where she wants to be." Legal fees to bring Kowalski home have totaled more than \$220,000 while therapeutic and disability equipment cost another \$41,000. Contributions may be directed to Karen Thompson Legal Fund, 3070 Fulton Circle, Clearwater, MN 55320; (612) 558-6766.

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GOOD NEWS IN THE CHURCH?

On Saturday, February 20, the Joint Strategy and Action Team will present an all day workshop "Good News in the Church?" to address issues of faith and sexual orientation.

The workshop features a presentation on Homosexuality and the Scriptures by Rev. Matthew L. Howard, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha; and a panel of various church representatives addressing "Signs of Hope, Cries of Despair."

The workshop will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Omaha, located at 7020 Cass. The cost of the workshop is \$15 which includes lunch.

To register, contact Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, 215 Centennial Mall South, #411, Lincoln, NE 68508-1888.

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BIBLE PASSAGES STILL CAUSE CONFUSION

Dear Editor:

A few issues ago, an article dealt with Leviticus 20:13 (18:22). I have found something else that's been bothering me for a while. Romans 1:24 and 1:25, "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, through the lusts of their own bodies between themselves who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator..." It goes on to talk about women, Romans 1:26, "For this cause God gave them up into vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature..." In Romans 1:31 and 1:32, "...without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Is this all saying that all gays and lesbians are the worst of all sinners? Could this explain why my life seems to be going downhill when I am most confident of myself and my sexuality? How does M.C.C. deal with these issues? Because I've always known that this is who 'I' truly am, I could not change it even if I wanted to. I should not be punished for this. However: these excerpts have not changed my mind at all. They just shook me up a little.

Young and very troubled

MCC RESPONDS

EDITOR'S NOTE: The New Voice turned to Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha for a response to Adrian's letter. Rev. Matthew Howard's response follows.

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Young and Very Puzzled's questions with regard to the implications of Romans 1:26-27 for gay and lesbian Christians today. "How does M.C.C. deal with these issues?" So glad you asked:

In seeking to understand any of the writings of Scripture, there are three factors which must be considered. They are Context (literary, historical, cultural, etc), Consistency (making sure that the interpretation of any one particular passage of Scripture is not subject to biases that are not equally applied to other passages of Scripture), and Character of God (taking care to examine Scriptural interpretations in light of the entire Biblical witness - particularly with regard to God's nature or character).

What is it we find as we apply these tools of interpretation to the Romans passage? First, we see that Paul's remarks about homosexuality take place within the context of a condemnation of idolatry (Romans 1:18-32). In context, Paul's point is that worship of the creator God is a natural behavior for God's human creation. He points out, however, that many people have deliberately chosen to suppress the evident truth of God. And, instead of doing what is natural by worshiping God, they have chosen to do what is unnatural by bowing down and worshiping human-made idols. Paul illustrates his point by describing sexual behavior which may have taken place within "orgiastic pagan rites in honor of false gods" (Boswell, pg. 108). Paul sees a strong correlation between men and women going beyond their "natural" sexual inclinations by participating in homosexual behavior (probably in the context of an idolatrous orgy) and their spiritual state of going beyond what is natural (worship of God) to what is unnatural (worship of idols). It is important to note, as John Boswell observes in his book *Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality*, that "It would completely undermine the thrust of the argument if the persons in question were not 'naturally' inclined to the opposite sex in the same way they were 'naturally' inclined to monotheism. What caused the Romans to sin was not that they lacked what Paul considered proper inclinations but that they had them" (pg. 109). In other words, although homosexual behavior is described in this passage, it is being participated in by people who are heterosexual. The UFMCC's view is that "it is 'unnatural', para physin, for a person today with a lesbian or gay sexual orientation to attempt living a heterosexual lifestyle" (Homosexuality: Not a Sin, Not a Sickness, pg. 6).

MCC affirms that the God we worship is a God of love who has created people as they are (whether heterosexual, homosexual, or bi-sexual) and that God's desire is not that we change but that we live to our full potential.

Rev. Matthew L. Howard
MCC-Omaha

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LONG TERM COUPLES SOUGHT FOR MASS WEDDING

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"I want to celebrate the love and fidelity of these three extraordinary couples and show the world that our relationships last as long as those in the heterosexual community, even with all the cultural pressures against us," said Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC).

UFMCC is launching a nation-wide search for lesbian, gay and bi couples that have stayed together the longest.

The UFMCC will give all three couples a free round-trip airline ticket to Washington to attend the ceremony. The three couples will be introduced at The Wedding.

"I have already received a letter from a gay male couple who just celebrated their 46th year together," Rev. Perry said. "I am sure there are many, many couples out there who have been together for decades. I want to hear from them."

He requests all couples who believe that their relationship may be one of the oldest in the United States to write to: Rev. Troy Perry, The Wedding, UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

THE 1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Seven major demands have been announced for the 1993 March on Washington along with plans to target the federal government for a non-violent massive health care civil disobedience (CD) action to take place at the U.S. Capitol Building on the Monday (April 26) following the March.

Platform of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation

Action Statement Preamble to the Platform

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender movement recognizes that our quest for social justice fundamentally links us to the struggle against racism and sexism, class bias, economic injustice and religious intolerance. We must realize if one of us is oppressed we are all oppressed. The diversity of our movement requires and compels us to stand in opposition of all forms of oppression that diminish the quality of life for all people. We will be vigilant in our determination to rid our movement and our society of all forms of oppression and exploitation, so that all of us can develop our full human potential without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation/identification, identity, gender and gender expression, ability, age or class.

THE MARCH DEMANDS

1. We demand passage of a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender civil rights bill and an end to

discrimination by state and federal governments including the military; repeal of all sodomy laws and other laws that criminalize private sexual expression between consenting adults.

2. We demand massive increase in funding for AIDS education, research, and patient care; universal access to health care including alternative therapies; and an end to sexism in medical research and health care.
3. We demand legislation to prevent discrimination against Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered people in the areas of family diversity, custody, adoption and foster care and that the definition of family includes the full diversity of all family structures.
4. We demand full and equal inclusion of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered people in the educational system, and inclusion of Lesbian, Gays, Bisexual and Transgendered studies in multicultural curricula.
5. We demand the right to reproductive freedom and choice, to control our own bodies, and an end to sexist discrimination.
6. We demand an end to racial and ethnic discrimination in all forms.
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NATIONAL NEWS

LEATHERFEST V SET FOR SAN DIEGO

The San Diego Chapter of the National Leather Association announces that the 1993 dates for their very popular annual Leatherfest V will be March 12-14 (Friday-Sunday).



This gathering of persons from all areas of the country interested in Leather/SM/Fetish lifestyles will feature three days of workshops and demonstrations led by leaders in the National Leather Community, vendors offering the finest in related items, contests and parties, bar gatherings and events, a motorcycle run, and Awards Banquet.

The proceeds from this year's event will go to Special Delivery San Diego, an all-volunteer organization which delivers free meals to persons with AIDS. Last year Leatherfest IV awarded over \$3,500 to the AIDS Foundation San Diego. The *Leather Journal* is a Corporate Sponsor of this year's Leatherfest.

Registration fees for Leatherfest V are: NLA Members \$65/Non-members \$75. Registrants must be over 21 and will receive admission to all official events, a Logo T-shirt, and the Banquet. There will be a separate charge for those wishing to attend the "Dungeon Party."

A free detailed Information/Registration Packet, vendor booth information, program advertising rates, and NLA/SD membership information may be obtained by writing NLA/SD, P. O. Box 3092, San Diego, CA 92163 or leaving your name and address requesting information on the toll-free Leatherfest V Hotline 1-800-598-1859.

Seven months after the brutal execution-style killings of Susan Pittmann and Christine Puckett, the four-day trial of a Huron Township, Michigan man ended on December 11, 1992 when the jurors returned a verdict of first degree murder. James Brooks, 67, was the next door neighbor of Pittmann and Puckett. He was accused of shooting the two women at close range with a shotgun on the afternoon of May 5, 1992 allegedly over a property line dispute involving a privacy fence the women were placing around their home.

In his audio taped confession played at the trial, Brooks repeatedly stated, "I had to do it. I just had to." He blamed the lack of local police response to his grievances as rationale for his behavior. Among Brooks' numerous complaints was a dislike of the women's lesbian lifestyle and the openness of their relationship. The women celebrated their love in a commitment ceremony the previous year and were active members of the Detroit lesbian and gay community.

INTERNATIONAL MARCH ON THE UNITED NATIONS

Stonewall 25, the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People, will take place on the last Sunday in June, 1994, the day the Stonewall Rebellion is traditionally celebrated in New York City and in many other places. Pride groups across the U.S. and in other countries are shifting the dates of their events to avoid conflicting with the International March and Rally.

The March and Rally will call upon the United Nations and its Member States to take all necessary action to assure that the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not be denied to lesbian, gay and bisexual people, nor to people who have AIDS or are HIV positive. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the UN in 1948, proclaims that all human beings are entitled to basic human rights.

We call upon the United Nations, its agencies, its member states and its affiliated non-governmental organizations to take all necessary action to assure that:

1. The promise of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not be denied to lesbian, gay and bisexual people;
2. The rights and freedoms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights be fulfilled to all people, including lesbian, gay and bisexual people, without discrimination of any kind, such as race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, language, age, disability, socio-economic status and national or social origin;
3. The Agencies of the UN and non-governmental organizations affiliated with the UN undertake to report on violations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affecting lesbian, gay and bisexual people;
4. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not be denied to people who have AIDS or are HIV positive;
5. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to health care not be denied to people with HIV/AIDS, nor

to lesbian, gay and bisexual people, including those who desire to engage in reproduction;

6. The global effort to combat HIV/AIDS be intensified;

7. The member states of the UN adopt a protocol to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide to define as a crime of genocide the intended destruction of any of the targets of the Holocaust, including lesbian, gay and bisexual people, and the intentional destruction of any population group based on that group's race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, language, age, disability, socio-economic status and national or social origin;

8. The agencies of the UN not deny non-governmental organizations recognition or consultative status on the basis of their support for lesbian, gay and bisexual people, or people who have AIDS or are HIV positive;

9. The General Assembly of the UN proclaim an International Year of Lesbian and Gay People (possibly 1999);

10. The UN and its agencies not discriminate against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in matters of contracting, hiring, employment conditions and terminations;

11. The member states increase the funding of the human rights agencies of the UN to accelerate the progress toward realizing the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

12. The right of lesbian, gay and bisexual people to create families, be recognized and protected, and that our family relationships with each other and our children be celebrated in 1994, the International Year of the Family.

We call upon the United Nations and the people of the world to join us in affirming the dignity and legitimacy of lesbian, gay and bisexual people as participants in the rich mosaic that constitutes the diversity of the human family.

MICHIGAN MAN CONVICTED IN MURDER OF LESBIANS

In response to the killings, members of the Detroit community worked diligently with the Prosecuting Attorney's office. The attorney assigned to the case, Robert Agacinski, displayed a consistent sensitivity to these concerns as expressed by the women's family as well as the gay community. The trial focused primarily on outlining the physical evidence relevant to the defendant's "premeditated, deliberate, and reflective" actions. The prosecutor did raise the issue of the women's lesbianism in closing statement. Agacinski made it clear that it was the family's belief that lesbian lifestyle had much to do with the fact of their deaths and the especially brutal way in which they were killed.

Though no one will ever know the real circumstances of the women's final moments, it seems as though Sue, 55, was trying to protect her 36-year-old partner who lay bleeding from the first round of shotgun blasts fired by Mr. Brooks from his backdoor. Mr. Brooks then reloaded his

gun, traveled 80 feet to where Chris lay face down, shot Sue at close range and then placed the barrel of the gun to Chris' back and pulled the trigger. The malice in his actions led the jury to agree with the prosecutor's charge that Brooks' actions were indeed premeditated and, thereby, warranted a verdict of first degree murder on both charges of "open murder." The jury's decision sent a clear message that crimes motivated by hate will not be tolerated in Michigan. While the state still has no special hate crime legislation specifically including "sexual orientation," the media surrounding this case carried a strong statement that violence against Michigan's lesbians and gays will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law. As one of Sue Pittmann's daughters said, "Justice was done. Nothing will bring Mom back, but a message has been sent that discrimination and hatred of any group regardless of their sexual orientation, their sex, or their race will not be tolerated."



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May 18, 1992

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GAY & LESBIAN
TASK FORCE

January 20, 1993

To the Omaha Gay and Lesbian Community:

On behalf of the entire staff and board of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force I want to thank you for joining us in the celebration of the Inauguration of President William Jefferson Clinton as our 42nd President of the United States.

Tonight is significant because there is hope for tomorrow. There is hope because there is promise. The promise of freedom for the gay men, lesbians and bisexuals who serve our country so proudly in the U.S. Armed Forces. The promise of a coordinated federal response to the AIDS crisis. The promise of health care reform as well as full funding for the Ryan White CARE Bill. The promise of support for a federal gay and lesbian civil rights bill. And the promise of inclusion in a vision for the future.

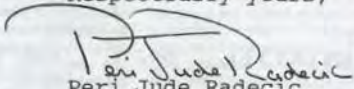
But we must be vigilant. Promises can be broken. The election of President Clinton was just one step down the long road towards freedom and equality. Our work is far from over.

As we celebrate this evening the right-wing is making plans to take away our hope and our promises for the future. They will do everything they can to put a stop to our civil rights agenda. We can not and must not allow bigotry and hatred to stand in our way.

So tonight, let us celebrate our step towards freedom and equality. Tomorrow morning, let us recommit ourselves to the struggle. Let us promise ourselves that we will speak out against oppression and hold President Clinton to the promises he has made to our community. And let us promise that we will lobby our elected officials when we travel to Washington, DC in April to March for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.

Thank you again for your generosity and for sharing this evening with your friends, your family and with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Respectfully yours,



Peri Jude Radevic
Acting Executive Director

cc: President Bill Clinton

"We are the children of modern America, close to its desires and to its difficulties, charged with the exuberant optimism which so often characterizes a younger generation of leaders. And only the optimists, only those who believe that constructive change is within our powers, can hope to achieve it."

Al Gore
November 3, 1992
Little Rock, Arkansas



"The purpose of community, the purpose of our government, the purpose of our leaders should be to call us to pursue our common values and the common good, not simply in the moment of extreme crisis but every day in our lives, starting right now, today."

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

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept., 2200 St
Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 (402) 441-8065
Test site at The Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

AIDS Care, Mercy Center, 427 E. Kanesville
Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, att: Colleen
Kibbe-Vest (712) 328-2609

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

Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group,
Call Sharon (308) 234-8709 for info on groups

Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,
Omaha, Individual counseling, support
groups-confidential locations. (402) 342-4233

North Platte Area Support Group,
Call: (308) 535-8133

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

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

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

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

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

PASTORAL CARE

AIDS Interfaith Network, 100 N 62, Omaha
Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery) 7pm,
Service: 2nd Mon, St Cecelias 40th & Webster

AIDS Interfaith Network, 215 Centennial
Mall So., Rm 411, Lincoln 68508, 474-3017,
Services: 7pm, 4th Mon, Call for location

INFORMATION & REFERRAL*

*For more information or help with specific
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AIDS Educ Project, UNL G/L Resource Cntr,
Rm 342, Neb Union, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644

American Red Cross,
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997
3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 (402) 341-2723

Community Prescription Service, AIDS Info,
medicine, supplies by mail, 1-800-677-4323

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

Grand Island/Hall Co. Health Dept.,
105 E. 1st, Grand Island (308) 381-5175

HAIRCARES, Hairdressers helping PWA's,
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HIV Clinic, Univ of Nebraska Medical Center,
600 S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6681

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept 2200 StMary
Lincoln 68502, 441-8065 Testing, counseling

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,
Omaha 68105, 342-4233 or {statewide} (800)
782-AIDS [2437] AIDS Hotline, HIV testing,
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Nebr Dept of Health, 3423 2nd Ave, Kearney
68847, Call Sharon (308) 234-8709

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

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

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

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

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

SAN FRANCISCO PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$250,000 TO AMFAR — OFFSETS LOSSES DUE TO COLORADO BOYCOTT

**Benefactor states, "I'm doing what I can and I hope
others will join me to show that discrimination against gay
men and lesbians is not acceptable."**

The Board of Directors of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) announced that AmFAR Board Member, James C. Hornel of San Francisco, has pledged a gift of \$250,000 for the advancement of AIDS research.

This gift is intended to offset losses AmFAR incurred as a result of its protest withdrawal as a beneficiary of the "24 Hours of Aspen" event. AmFAR's withdrawal came as a protest against the passage of Amendment 2.

AmFAR's president Mervyn F. Silverman, M.D., M.P.H., wrote to Colorado governor Roy Romer explaining the action by saying, "Amendment 2 represents the kind of officially sanctioned homophobia which has fueled the fires of this plague we know as AIDS."

In making his donation, James Hornel stated, "Official discrimination is un-American and should not have a chance to do double damage.

"AmFAR made an important public policy statement by saying it could not continue with business as usual in Colorado. AmFAR's research efforts must not be delayed because it took a brave stand.

"I'm doing what I can and I hope others will join me to show that discrimination against gay men and lesbians is not acceptable."

AmFAR is the nation's leading not-for-profit organization dedicated to the support of AIDS research.

Since 1985, AmFAR has provided over \$50 million to more than 830 research

LOCAL NEWS

A NEW "ANGLE" IN NEWS

By Stan Brown

ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) has a lot of exciting Pride and Fundraising events planned this year. In this column I'll let you know how ANGLE functions, how you can help with our events and, of course, what activities are coming up each month.

First, an introduction to the ANGLE board members this year. Our Moderator again this year is Dave; Vice-Moderator, Becky; Treasurer, Carla; Secretary, Stuart; Members-at-Large, Dan and Joe. Besides these people other committee chairpersons are as follows: Marshall, Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line; Sharon, National Coming Out Day; Brandon and myself, Fundraising.

Our members represent PFLAG, MCC, ICON, RCMC, Pride-GLSO, New Voice, NAP, and CFEF. We would like to have a representative from each organization in our community attend our meetings as often as possible.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the organization's event and the phone line. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow Blvd., at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Gay/Lesbian Information Line at 558-5303.

This month ANGLE will hold its third annual Chili Feed at the Diamond Bar on Sunday, February 21, from 5-8pm. A donation is requested of \$5.00 for all you care to eat or \$3 for each bowl, including condiments. It's a great time to sample a variety of chili's and warm up on a cold Sunday night. If you are willing to donate any items for our chili feed, please contact Brandon or myself at 556-8352. Hope to see you all at the Diamond on the 21st.

WOMENSPACE ASKS "GOT AN IDEA FOR AN ACTIVITY?"

It goes without saying that the Nebraska community of lesbians and gays contains people with a wide variety of interests. *WomenSpace* has planned some events coming up this summer, but realizes that these may not appeal to everyone in the women's community.

However, we do believe in creating a community that includes everyone to the extent with which they are comfortable. Therefore, we would encourage you to contact us if you have an idea for an event that is of interest to you, but have not idea how to start making it happen. We have an extensive mailing list for publicizing your activity and lots of experience in planning and carrying out events, both large and small. However, the activity will remain in your hands with our support only as needed.

We know that all of you like to dream about activities that would be fun or interesting for you. So decide today to stop dreaming and may them happen. *Men — although our mailing list is almost exclusively women, we would be glad to assist you in any way we can if you would like to plan a men's event.*

Write to: *WomenSpace*
P.O. Box 24712
Omaha, NE 68124-0712

EMPRESS XII PHOENIX FALLETINO TO HEADLINE BENEFIT SHOW IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Major Fundraiser to Fight Amendment 2 at "Ground Zero"

The weekend of February 19 and 20, Empress XII Phoenix Fallentino will be joined by other dedicated female impersonators from Omaha as she travels to "Ground Zero" — otherwise known as Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The gay and lesbian community of Colorado Springs has faced special challenges as they live and work in the hometown of Will Perkins, the auto dealer who is the head of the Family Values Coalition. Perkins spearheaded and financed much of the efforts by the religious right which led to the passage of Amendment 2.

Phoenix has been invited to headline two benefit shows to be held in Colorado Springs as major fundraisers for organizations working to fight the enactment of Amendment 2. Even though a Colorado judge issued an injunction delaying the enactment of Amendment 2, the fight is far from over. The legal battle over the

constitutionality of Amendment 2 will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and will set precedents for legal actions for decades to come.

Empress XII Phoenix Fallentino will be joined in Colorado Springs by Jennifer Jett, Melissa Morgan, Mae, and Sammi Bennett. Phoenix will be taking donations from several organizations and individuals to present directly to the organizations in Colorado. If you would like to support this effort to help our gay brothers and lesbian sisters in Colorado, you may send your donations to Phoenix Fallentino, c/o Imperial Court of Nebraska, P.O. Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68103-0772. Checks should be made out to either of these two organizations fighting Amendment 2: Ground Zero

THE ARBOR MOON

Work continues on starting a Midwest nonprofit alternative community center, *The Woman's Place*. Our goal is to provide a safe nurturing space where women and feminist men can explore and express their forms of spirituality, economics, health and healing, entertainment, and recreation. We've hired an attorney to guide us through the legal hoops, and legalize our structure and activities.

The hardest thing to come by seems to be a space of our own. We're looking for about 1000 square feet of well lighted space that can be used for both retail sales and meetings. Parking and handicapped accessibility are a must, as is a location that is easy to find.

We have a fundraiser on board and will be writing grants and doing fundraising events soon. In the meantime, you can help by buying your books, magazines, jewelry, T-shirts, buttons, and posters through the Arbor Moon Bookstore. The energy and money for starting The Center is coming from a dedicated group of volunteers, contributors, and donors and through sales at the Arbor Moon Bookstore.

You can set up another win win situation by giving Wally a call to help you plan for a more secure financial future. Wally is a registered representative with Wadell and Reed investment services and is setting aside a portion of her commission to help establish the Center.

The Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore is located in The Gathering Place, 1448 'E' Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. Bookstore Hours: Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Special Orders available by calling Wally at (402) 489-4634.

CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

The Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI) publishes a newsletter four times a year that is specifically written for children of gay and lesbian parents. The *Just For Us* newsletter is by, for, and about the Sons and Daughters of Lesbians and Gay Men. GLPCI asks for a \$5.00 donation, subscriptions are free. If you would like your son or daughter to receive this newsletter, send addresses, inquiries, and donations (made out to GLPCI) to: Just For Us Newsletter, 3023 North Clark, Box 121, Chicago, IL 60657

WOMEN'S GOLF WEEKEND AT OKOBOJI

WomenSpace is sponsoring a *Women's Golf Weekend* at Lake Okoboji on July 23 and 24. Included will be golf in the morning, both Saturday and Sunday, time in the afternoon on Saturday to enjoy the Lakes region, dinner and a ride on the Queen on Saturday night, and breakfast together on Sunday. Non-golfing spouses and friends will be welcome, also. Rooms have been set aside for us at the Inn, but you will be responsible for making your own reservations. Cost of these rooms is \$105 per night, but each contains two double beds.

Empress for the weekend will be on having a good time and meeting other women who enjoy golfing. Information about costs and sign-up will appear in the April issue of *WomenSpace*.

For further information about these events, write to:

WomenSpace
P.O. Box 24712
Omaha, NE 68124-0712

LESBIAN & GAY FOCUS GROUP FORMS FOR AREA SOCIAL WORKERS

A new group has formed offering networking and support to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and supportive social workers in Nebraska and Western Iowa. The Lesbian and Gay Focus Group of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Nebraska Chapter, will meet on the second Sunday of February and March at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the UNO School of Social Work Building, Annex 40, on the UNO Campus. The group is open to all area social workers—you do not need to be a member of NASW to participate. For more information, contact Jennifer Nelson (402/556-4776) or Wes Perry (W-402/559-6520, H-402/451-5631).

LOCAL NEWS

"SISTER ACT" SKAG DRAG REVUE AT DC'S

The ladies will be putting their best feet forward on Feb. 28 as Dan hosts "Sister Act," a skag drag revue featuring Dan, David, your favorite bartenders, special guests from MCC, and the return to the stage of Sharon and Carla. The show will benefit Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. Put on your leather and lace, sequins and feathers, and join us at D.C.'s for the most innovative and funniest Skag Drag around.

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FIREHOUSE FEB. 26-28

SNAP Productions return with what promises to be a fitting successor to the highly acclaimed first production, *Bent*. *Safe Sex* will be presented at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre February 26, 27, and 28. This production is a series of three one-act plays by Harvey Fierstein. The first play, *Manny and Jake*, will be directed by Carolyn Rutherford; the second, *Safe Sex*, by Gail Erwin; and the third, *On Tidy Endings*, will be directed by Doug Marr. *Safe Sex* is presented by SNAP Productions as a benefit for The Nebraska AIDS Project. For ticket information and reservations, contact The Firehouse Dinner Theatre.

COLLEGE CONFERENCE MOVES, EXPANDS

The 1993 Midwest Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian College Conference will be held February 26-28 in Ames. The annual event, formerly held as an all-Iowa event in Des Moines, is now sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance of Iowa State University and has expanded its focus to all midwestern states.

Under the theme "Making It Perfectly Queer", the conference is a tribute to sexual diversity activism, in and out of the closet, with a vision to the future. In conjunction with the conference, there will be an organizational meeting of the Midwest Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Student Organization. Keynote speakers for the conference are Glenn Magpantay and Suzanne Denevan. Magpantay is the former co-chair of the National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Caucus, and Denevan is the openly lesbian former student body president of the University of Minnesota.

The Conference reception begins at 7 p.m. at ISU's Memorial Union on Friday, Feb. 26 and is followed at 10 p.m. by social time at Dugan's Deli in Ames. Saturday's schedule includes workshops, presentations, and social time, and Sunday's sessions should end about 3 p.m. Sessions and workshops will focus on Winmin's Sexuality,

Christianity, Radical Activism, the Military, Safer Sex, Non-Traditional Spirituality, Building and Maintaining Organizations, Men's Sexuality, Student Government, Lesbianism 101 for Bisexual, Gay Men, Speaking to a Straight Audience, and People of Color.

For more information and a registration form, contact the MBGLCC at 39 Memorial Union, Ames, IA 50011, or call Stephen Lorimor at (515) 294-2104. The cost is \$20/\$25. Checks should be payable to "LGBA". The Union is not accessible to people with disabilities, but conference meeting areas are, as are nearby motels. -ACCESS Line

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WOMEN OF THE PLAINS PRESENT CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURE IN CONCERT

Omaha based "Women of the Plains" is pleased to announce that noted singer and songwriter Cris Williamson and rock singer Tret Fure will appear in concert on March 6 at the Witherspoon Concert Hall of the Joselyn Art Museum in Omaha.

Cris Williamson is one of the most beloved and successful artists in independent music today. She writes and performs "healing music that touches her audiences deeply. For those who flock to her sold-out concerts in major venues like the venerable Carnegie Hall, and those who have bought her 14 albums and catapulted her record sales to nearly one million, Cris Williamson's music and message are restorative balms that soothe, enlighten, and inspire."

Her timeless album classic, "The Changer and the Changed," remains one of the top selling independent albums of all time and continues to be the number one best selling women's music album. She and Olivia Records, the record company she helped to found, recently celebrated the "Changer's" 15th Anniversary with a concert tour throughout the United States that culminated with a concert at Carnegie Hall, her third engagement at that esteemed venue. Her work in 1992 continued with performances in Moscow and St. Petersburg, as well as a second tour of Australia.

Increasingly, Cris Williamson has lent her talents to television and film. In addition to the theme song for "Mother, Mother," her "Don't Lose Heart" serves as the theme song for "New Year's Day," Henry Jaglom's acclaimed motion picture.

"LUMIERE," the Parents' Choice award-winning sci-fantasy fable for "children of all ages" which Cris Williamson wrote, produced, and narrates is part of the curriculum of several Montessori schools, and has been used to help chronically and terminally ill children cope with anxiety, distress and pain through positive

imaging and day dreaming.

In Massachusetts, where she frequently performs, Cris Williamson was the brightly burning flame that ignited an unprecedented coalition of medical and social service providers who came together to plan the first Pediatric AIDS Awareness Week. Called "In The Best Interests of the Children," after her touching song of the same name, the week is designed to raise both awareness of pediatric AIDS and funds for the state's three major clinical providers of pediatric AIDS services. The series of educational/informational events, held in April, 1991, culminated in a benefit concert offered by Cris Williamson.

Musician, poet, and teacher of "the art of the possible," Cris Williamson creates music that soothes the soul and feeds the spirit.

Tret Fure, Olivia Records recording artist, guitarist, singer, songwriter, engineer, and producer, was born in Iowa, raised in Illinois and the upper peninsula of Michigan. She moved to the West Coast to attend the University of California at Berkeley and began to write music at the age of 19. Los Angeles was her next stop where she worked with Spencer Davis as a vocalist and guitarist touring the country in the early seventies and recording an album "Mousetrap" with him for which she wrote the single, "What's Gonna Happen When The Rainy Season Comes?"

Her first solo album, "Tret Fure," was produced in 1973 by Little Feat's Lowell George for MCA records. It was followed by an extensive international tour with such acts as the J. Giles Band, Yes, and Poco. Tret then decided to add to her performing and recording experience with a thorough knowledge of engineering and producing and since the mid-seventies she has engineered and produced a diverse variety of soundtracks and albums.

At Olivia Records she engineered, co-produced and performed on Cris Williamson's

"Blue Rider," "Prairie Fire," "Snow Angel," and "Wolf Moon" albums; June Millington's "Heart Song," and Olivia's landmark double album, "Meg/Cris at Carnegie Hall" recorded live at two SRO concerts in the fall of 1982. Tret also appeared as a vocalist and lead guitar on the Carnegie Hall recording.

Following the release of her second album, "Terminal Hold," for Second Wave, she focused on her solo career and toured the United States, Canada, England, and Australia. Her third album, "Edges of the Heart," firmly established Tret as a pop rock performer with unusual depth and diversity. Critics praise her "mainstream, accessible pop music, intense lyrics and full arrangements." Her most recent album, "Time Turns the Moon," draws from the styles of her musical roots...rock and roll and folk music, with one reviewer praising her rare combination of spark, heart, tight musicianship, excellent production, arrangement and creative range.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Tickets are available at New Realities in Omaha or Pat's Shoe Repair in Lincoln or from Women of the Plains. This is the second event by Women of the Plains. The first event, a concert by Kate Clinton, played to an audience of over 300 persons.

O-MEN

By Scott D.

1993 is a new year for us. We are looking forward to a reorganization of our club this year. We plan to keep the AIDS Awareness with the ribbons in all the local bars except one. We are also planning to do several benefits throughout the coming year. The club will be more active. Women in the community who might be interested in our sister club, W-Omen, please contact myself, Scott D., or the club at our P.O. Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68103. Men, we want you also. We meet the 3rd Sunday at 4pm. Join us on February 21 at The Run, 1715 Leavenworth. We're excited!

LOCAL NEWS

LUTHERANS CONCERNED

By RJ

Turnout was light for the January Lutherans Concerned meeting. Weather wasn't good outside, lots of snow and ice, but even with a light turnout it was good turnout with some people there from Lincoln. It was good to see that.

An excellent video was shown — an Emmy Award winning PBS presentation titled "Andre's Mother" starring Richard Thomas and Sada Thompson. Richard Thomas — you all remember "John Boy" Walton of Walton's Mountain, surely — gave an excellent, very dramatic portrayal. I don't know if his inflection is natural — I don't remember it from other films of his — but he got it right.

Sada Thompson played Andre's mother. Though the right age, I do think they could have made a better choice. I've seen her in other productions and she plays her characters like she was the "Ice Queen." This was no exception and it brought forth some unfavorable comments on the mother in this production. I do think the producers could have made a better choice. I attend PFLAG and know some of the anguish these mothers go through. I had to gently point this out a couple of times. I would dearly love to see PFLAG show this video at one of their meetings. Then I would sit back and try to keep my mouth shut and listen to their comments. Every coin has two sides.

Even so, this was an excellent video. Be sure to bring along some hankies or kleenex. A roll of paper towels would do. The ending does get very emotional.

The moderator of Lutherans Concerned also gave a report on his meeting with the Region IV director, as well as his meeting with Lutherans Concerned in Kansas City.

It was a good evening. Here is a good, worthwhile organization for you Lutherans to get out and support. The group has a good, sound mixture of many people. Even if you're not Lutheran, but out there looking for a "church home" this is a good group to explore. And in doing so you might just find that "church home" you're looking for.

Lutherans Concerned meets the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 31st & Jackson.

PRIDE COMMITTEE FORMING UNDER LEADERSHIP OF ANGLE Enthusiastic Committee Members Sought

The initial meeting of the Pride Committee for 1993 was held Thursday, Jan. 14. Royal Bush was selected as Chairperson of the committee. A number of actions were taken to begin the preparations for this year's celebration: parade route, rally site, rally speaker selection, invitations to local and state government officials, initiation of a logo contest (see a related story page 22), and enthusiastic discussion for the continued growth of the pride celebration.

This year's celebration will run the entire month of June. ANGLE's Recognition Dinner is tentatively set to kick off the month June 4. The Pride Parade, set for the last Sunday in June, will end the celebration.

We need you to get involved in this year's celebration! We need at least six more members on the Pride Committee. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. at 7701 Pacific, Room #122. Call 399-9298 for more information and ask for Royal. In 1993 we need to show Nebraska that we are a "Family of Pride."

MISS CITY SWEETHEART HOLDS TENTH ANNIVERSARY PAGEANT

Did you know the longest consistently run pageant in the state is held in Lincoln, Nebraska? That's right! In 1983 Leisa Durant held the first annual Miss City Sweetheart pageant — a tradition that Des Moines, Iowa, impersonators looked forward to every February (close to Valentine's Day.)

How appropriate then, that this year, Sunday, February 14, at the Panic in Lincoln at 9:00 p.m. the Valentine's tradition celebrates a landmark milestone in the art of female impersonation in the state of Nebraska. About 5 years ago Rick Swank/Sheeza Mann was voted by the former titleholders to be the official promoter/director of the pageant. Rick/Sheeza is Miss City Sweetheart 1988.

We are happy to say we are expecting a FABULOUS contest this year! See You There!!

JEAN DURGIN-CLINCHARD HONORED BY LINCOLN YWCA

Jean Durgin-Clinchard was recently honored by the Lincoln YWCA as a 1992 Tribute to Women Award recipient. Following is the description of her accomplishments which led to the award as it was presented at a dinner attended by over 700 persons.

Jean Durgin-Clinchard has been a central figure in challenging homophobia in Lincoln, in Nebraska, and nationally for the past ten years. Through her tireless work, her willingness to be visible when others feared to be and her networking with public and private organizations on behalf of equity and respect for all, Jean has helped all women.

Much of Jean's volunteer energy during the past ten years has supported Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). She served as president of the local organization from 1983 to July 1992 and currently serves as Regional Director. During her tenure as president, Jean was a mainstay for families, friends, and gay people in their struggles with issues of wholeness, equity, self-esteem, and AIDS. She has encouraged and empowered women with little experience in volunteer work to become officers in PFLAG and to organize panels and programs for PFLAG meetings. She also writes and speaks publicly against homophobia.

Jean has been instrumental in organizing PFLAG groups in Omaha and Kearney. Under her leadership, PFLAG obtained a grant from Woods Charitable Fund to provide 68 libraries across Nebraska with a selection of books on lesbian, gay and HIV-AIDS issues. She instituted the PFLAG help-line in Lincoln and for eight years the telephone was located in her home. Any time of the day or night, when volunteers were not available to answer calls, Jean listened and offered help.

Jean is concerned with HIV and AIDS issues. She started the AIDS support group in Lincoln and has served as meeting facilitator since its inception. While a doctoral student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Jean served on the Homophobia Awareness Committee. She helped organize a video-conference on lesbian and gay issues which was attended by more than 100 students, staff and administrators. She has worked with the Student Health Service to provide resources for gay and lesbian students and to encourage effective AIDS prevention education.

Jean monitors the news media and regularly challenges assaults on human and civil rights. She was one of the early members of the Coalition Against Racism and Prejudice in Lincoln. As a member of PFLAG, she has consistently addressed racism and homophobia in her letters to the editors of local newspapers. She recently testified before the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature in support of a proposed state law against hate crimes, pleading especially for the inclusion of gay-bashing as a hate crime.

Jean is a doctoral student in Community and Human Resources at UNL. She is an active member of the Unitarian Church and Sunrise Toastmasters International. Jean has four children, K.C., Laura Lee, Dan and Calvin; a daughter-in-law, Jen; and three grandchildren, Kiersten, Khalil and Sera.

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ICE BOWL INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament is happening in Omaha. Planned to be the first of what will be an annual event, the Ice Bowl promises to be one of the largest gay events held in Omaha. The tournament committee expects 140-160 participants from throughout the United States and Canada during the weekend of February 12-15.

There are special activities planned for entertainment of the out-of-town guests. All local people are also invited to participate, meet new people, and possibly form new friendships. Hosting a tournament is built upon the principals of furthering communication, establishment of friendship, and promoting unity amongst all our brothers and sisters through a common activity.

The goal of hosting an international event such as the production of the tournament has been accomplished by many people and a committee that worked very hard and diligently over the past nine months. The most visible has been the efforts of the fund-raising committee, chaired by Scott Rezek and Charley Wade. A special thank-you goes to Gilligan's Pub and Ken Carlson for the many contributions and extra time given to make fundraising events a profitable success. Super Bowl Sunday held at Gilligan's Pub was an extra effort volunteered from Ken Carlson.

Other committees working on the project are the hospitality committee, chaired by Dan Johnson, and the publicity committee, chaired by Jeff Schiller. The hospitality committee has been

responsible for securing housing for our out-of-town guests who may request private housing. If you have an extra bedroom and would like to be a host or hostess for an out-of-town bowler, please contact Daryl Karlsson at 323-2453. We have both male and female participants.

The publicity committee created all of the flyers, tickets, and miscellaneous information sheets to promote the activities of the fundraising committee and tickets for the different events. They also produced all advertisements published for the tournament.

Special recognition and thank-you is extended to the Diamond Bar, Cindy and Eric for their exceptional effort to promote the "Ice Bowl Talent Search." The Diamond Bar, to host a preliminary talent show, rescheduled to accommodate a function of another organization, only to cancel their planned show due to non-considered scheduling by others. It is dedication and effort of this type that helps make a major project successful.

The committees now working exceptional hours and effort are registration, scheduling, banquet & entertainment, and tournament raffle. The tournament raffle committee, chaired by Gail Raddatz, secured a donation for a special raffle during the tournament which will exclusively benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project. "Frenchie" donated a diamond and emerald bracelet as the top award of this raffle. Production of the tournament not only promotes

communication, fellowship, and unity but also benefits our local charities.

The banquet committee, chaired by Tom Chek is providing a gala celebration. Special trophies have been designed and Tom's committee will provide the setting for the presentation of awards. "Budda" is the chairperson of entertainment for the banquet. He promised doings, which will surprise even the committee. Registration and scheduling are accommodating the special needs of tournament production. Registration is chaired by Terry Finck and scheduling is chaired by Kevin Galligher and Roger Klenke. These people insure that everyone is informed of when and where to bowl during the competition and are welcomed to Omaha.

This, the First Annual Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament (I.B.I.T.) the big one, would not happen without the efforts of these and many others. The support of the New Voice, dedicated individuals, the gay business of the community and the bowling sports community. It is the unity of all these that create events of this magnitude.

NEW BUSINESSES IN CEDAR RAPIDS

A new bar opened in Cedar Rapids, IA. The Sixth Street Bar is at 2739 Southwest 6th Street. The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Resource Center of Cedar Rapids has started a newsletter. Write: GLRC, PO Box 1643, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.

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1993 LOGO CONTEST "Family of Pride"

ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) is pleased to announce the 1993 competition to choose a logo for the annual celebration of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Pride. *The St. Louis Gay/Lesbian News Telegraph* reports that Kansas City has already chosen their logo depicting the international theme, "Family of Pride."

The logo for 1993's Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Pride celebration will be featured on publicity (including buttons and t-shirts). The celebration of Pride will encompass the entire Month of June and will include events by at least 8 different organizations. The events will include a festival for women, a gay/lesbian film festival, picnics, a recognition dinner, coronation of monarchs, shows, religious services, a gospel concert, at least one pot luck dinner, leather competitions, and more.

The rules for the competition are:

1. The contest is open to anyone.
2. ANGLE is seeking ideas, not artistic talent. Contestants may submit rough drafts which can be put into final form by local artists.
3. Designs using multiple colors are welcome but they must also reproduce well in black and white.
4. Entries should be suitable for use on buttons as well as t-shirts and posters.
5. You may submit any number of entries. Each entry should be no larger than 8" x 11" and

suitable for both reduction and enlargement.

Please put your name on the back of the entry.

6. All designs should consider this year's international theme "Family of Pride."

7. The locale (Omaha, Nebraska) and the date (June, 1993) should be incorporated into the design.

8. All entries become the property of ANGLE.

9. The name of the person designing the winning entry will be published in *The New Voice* and other publicity related to the pride celebration. *The New Voice* may also publish runner-up designs and the names of those who submitted them.

10. All entries must be received by ANGLE by midnight on February 25, 1993. Entries should be mailed to LOGO Contest, P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131.

11. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Van Butsel at (402) 556-9907.

The winner will receive a Pride Celebration Button and Tee-Shirt along with a subscription to *The New Voice*.

STARS COME OUT FOR SHOW IN HASTINGS

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) will host a special show at the Community Service Building of the Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 South Baltimore, Hastings, Nebraska, on February 13. The evening "A Night to Remember" will feature two drag shows and a time of presentations by state organizations.

The parents of GLAGN members are invited to the show and will be special guests of GLAGN. The show will feature the talents of Sammi Bennett as well as performers from Greater Nebraska and from Salina, Kansas.

Admission is \$5 per person. Door open at 7pm. The shows are at 8pm and 11pm. There will also be a dance break. There is a cash bar. No checks will be accepted for drinks. If lost or in need of directions in the late afternoon or evening, call 402/463-9104.

Proceeds from the show will benefit GLAGN and the Nebraska AIDS Project.

GOLDSMITH AWARDS

On Monday, January 11, the Omaha AIDS Interfaith Network honored this year's recipients of the Jonathan C. Goldsmith Caregiver Awards which are presented annually to persons and organizations exemplifying ideals of care and compassion for those living with AIDS and HIV. The 1993 recipients are Dr. Barbara Braden, President of the Executive Board of the Nebraska AIDS Project; The Omaha and Lincoln Names Project Quilt Committees, and The Junior League of Omaha.

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NEWS FROM THE COURT — The Imperial Court

By Carla

As we begin 1993, a spirit of enthusiasm has spread over the Court. Membership on the Board of Governors is a strong 19 with a good mix of experienced and the new. Plans are developing daily for Coronation XIII. The date and sites have now been confirmed. The Out-of-Town Show will be Fri., June 18, at Ramada Inn Central; Coronation XIII— A Night of Elegance and Champaign Aboard the USS Nebraska— will be Saturday, June 19, 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn Central; the Victory Show will be Sun., June 21, 9:30 p.m. at The MAX. Mark those calendars now and plan to attend. This is one "Cruise" you won't want to miss!

If you missed our January Night out at Gilligan's, you missed one fun evening. About 6:30 ICON members began arriving with arms full of chips, chicken, ham, cheese, veggies, dip, etc. President Carla Petersen thanked Kenny and his staff and the patrons of Gilligan's for their support of ICON in 1992. Thanks again, Kenny, for allowing us to hold our Executive Meetings in your back room the last Monday of each month, and thanks for all you do to support ICON and the community! Watch for signs announcing where we will be in February!

ICON sends a big Thank You to Terry and his staff at The Run for the warm welcome they've provided us during our Coronation Meetings. The munchies and signs we a wonderful surprise.

Plans are underway now for a big show in March. Our royals (Melissa, Royal, and Marie) are busy planning a very special night for all of you. Plan now to attend. March 14 is the date, and The MAX is the place. Then April 18 is the date many of you have been awaiting. CLOSET BALL 1993! Shana and committee will be getting the applications and rules out early in March, but now's the time to buy that gown and start working on your hair!

Our Monarchs have been busy this winter. In October, Emperor XII was asked to participate in a Seminar on Managing Diversity. He met with members of the Fire Dept., the Police Dept., and people from the Mayor's office. A side benefit of this meeting may be letters of welcome to Omaha and Nebraska from the mayor and the governor in the Coronation program. The Empress is currently busy planning a fundraiser for our friends in Colorado who are working hard to fight Amendment 2. See a related article on page 17. Phoenix will be at Minneapolis' first Coronation in Feb. Athena IV, Tami, was in Lincoln before Christmas and helped with a fundraiser. She'll be heading west soon for a fundraiser in Hastings.

YES! No! YES! No! YES! No! Sometimes it's hard to make a decision and stick with it. That's the way it has been for the Board regarding the decision whether or not to continue the summer picnics. At the January Board meeting, the Board

voted 10 to 5 to continue the summer picnics in 1993. Watch for details.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska has its regular monthly Board meetings at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX. The meeting are open to the community, and we invite your participation. Until next month, see you in Court—The Imperial Court!

BRINEY, LOGAN, AND MEEK NOMINATED FOR AWARDS

The Leather Journal, the leather community's news magazine, announced the names of individuals and organizations in the Midwest Region that were nominated by readers for the Pantheon of Leather Awards 1993. Local nominees include Midwest Regional Award — Emerson Briney, Dustin Logan, and Amy Marie Meek. The Pantheon of Leather Awards has an Academy Award format. Twenty awards will be presented. The Pantheon of Leather will be held at the Parliament House in Orlando March 5-7. Registration for the Weekend package is \$75. For more information, call (213) 656-5073 or write *The Leather Journal* at 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., #109-368, West Hollywood, CA 90046. For hotel information call the Parliament House at (407) 425-7571.

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NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

We are so thankful to the many generous persons who helped to make our client's holiday season extra special. The donation of money from The Imperial Court of Nebraska went toward holiday baskets for our needy clients across the state. Due to the fact that many of our clients exist on social security and food stamps only, the holidays can be a time of year when money can be especially tight. If not for the holiday baskets, some would not have been able to enjoy a holiday meal with their family and loved ones. Gary West and the Club 2001 raised money for the baskets that were delivered to the Lincoln clients, and David Rice and Ephraim Marks came forward with a donation of fresh fruit for the baskets as well. This made for a nice added touch. The folks at Creative Hair Design purchased and assembled very nice sacks that contained many little holiday treats that proved to brighten the day for our clients who were in the hospital or reside in nursing homes. A youth group from Paxton, Nebraska, led by Kathy Mindt, raised money to purchase toys and other gift items. This effort, combined with funds from ICON's "Toys for Tots" show, made presents possible for the many children of our clients, as well as our children who are clients at NAP. A special group of volunteers prepared Christmas buckets that contained cute little gifts that were also sent out to clients. Additionally, Nobbie's donated little trinkets and Terry Andrews provided baked goods that added something special to several persons' baskets. Christmas baskets made it from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Scottsbluff, Nebraska, thanks to all of our dear friends who donated time, money, and effort in helping to make others happy during this special time of year. On behalf of the NAP staff and clients, we would like to thank you all, bless your hearts. We hope you realize what this means to the people you are helping.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Team leader volunteers are needed to help set up new volunteers for screening and orient them to the Nebraska AIDS Project volunteer programs. Team leaders would need to be a trained NAP volunteer and familiar with the variety of NAP programs.

HIV/AIDS outreach workers are needed on Friday evenings starting in February from 10pm - 2am. Some training is required for outreach work.

Please call Audrey at NAP at 342-4233 if you are interested in either of these programs or have any questions.

NAP Case Management Census Dec. 1992	
Open Cases as of 12/1/92	217
New Cases	18
Clients Deceased	4
Cases Closed	0
End Total as of 12/31/92	231
Client Services Provided in December 1992	
Advocacy	216
Transportation	174
Shopping, Cooking, Sitting, Etc.	193

If you know someone who is HIV+ or has AIDS, feel free to refer them to the Nebraska AIDS Project. If you would like to volunteer, call Audrey for an application: 800-782-2437.

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

At the close of week 19 of bowling, there continues to be reshuffling among the leaders. City Lickers holds first place by three games, but Running Rebels have moved to second place from the fifth place they held last month. DC's dropped to third and Eight Balls moved into fourth place from seventh.

Dan Cooper's High Game, Series, and Average have been dropped from the score sheet, so the high game is now held by Bill Boren with 275. Dwight Wages holds second high with 263 and Joe Bloemer has moved into third with a 258 game. Darwin Buechler holds high series with 673, followed by Dwight Wages with 663 and Jim Vajrt with 652. The men's high average is held by Terry Finck with 193.3, followed by Darwin Buechler's 188 and Charley Wade's 187.8.

Women's high scores are unchanged from last month. Lisa Broadway has the women's high scratch game with 234 and the third high average of 155.1. Norma Nelson continues to hold second place across the board with second high game (225), second high series (569) and second high average (163.7). Elyse Mueller's 224 is still the third high women's game, and her 575 series the high, but her average has increased slightly to a 170.8. Gail Raddatz holds the third high women's series with a 543.

Church Ladies still holds the high handicap team game with an 827, but are now followed by City Lickers with an 825 and Gilligan's Pub 2 with a 785. Eight Balls holds high series with 2185 followed by DC's with 2166 and City Lickers with 2150.

Noteworthy individual performances during week 19 included Merritt Hussey's high game of 213. Second high men's scratch game for the week was credited to Pat Hines who bowled a

211. (Hope you've set things straight with the Sky Lanes computer, Pat.) Rick Fancy had high men's series for the week with 593, followed by Jim Vajrt with 585. Jolo Morrison was credited with the high women's game with 191, followed by Cheryl Christensen with 190. Cheryl's other games took her series to 495 (the high women's series for the week). Sharon Garrett took second for the week with 444. Bowlers scoring significantly above their average included Pat Hines (92 pins over average), Rick Fancy (71 over), Cheryl Christensen (72 over), and Jolo Morrison (49 over).

Complete standings are as follows:

	Won	Lost
1. City Lickers	85	41
2. Running Rebels	82	44
3. DC's	81	45
4. Eight Balls	79	47
5. Gilligan's Pub 2	76	50
6. Ernie's Bookstore	76	50
7. Stosh's Saloon	76	50
8. Enterprise Rent-a-car	69	57
9. Delivery Boys	69	57
10. Fashion Police	66	60
11. Stosh's Saloon Outlaws	65	61
12. Gilligan's I	65	61
13. D.C. Babes	65	61
14. Church Ladies	62	64
15. Jokers	56	70
16. Wild Boys	55	71
17. 3 Guys & a Babe	55	71
18. Gay Caballero's	54	72
19. Maximum Force One	54	72
20. Dorothy's Friends	46	80
21. DC's II	32	94
22. Vacaney	18	108

ROCK HUDSON'S HOME MOVIES

Rock Hudson's Home Movies by Mark Rappaport

(U.S.A., 1992, 63 minutes)

To be shown at the Mary Ross Film Theater, located in the Sheldon Art Gallery in Lincoln on Saturday and Sunday, February 6 & 7

"...A closer and far more astute examination of pop iconography can be found in Mark Rappaport's extraordinary *Rock Hudson's Home Movies*, a video feature so ingenious and revelatory I'd recommend it to any serious filmmaker. Rappaport's conceit involves having Rock (actor Eric Farr) recall his and America's sexual past through countless snippets from his films, which are grouped thematically (attractions to cohorts, to older men, problems with women, etc.) and subjected to a witty, incisive commentary. *Of Pillow Talk*, for example, 'Rock' muses, 'Moral for gays... it's okay to be gay as long as you're a straight pretending to be gay? Whew!'

Whew indeed. So thought-provoking it's almost dizzying, Rappaport's reconstruction-through-deconstruction not only finds the actor's hidden emotional life on open display in his films, it also offers an encyclopedic tour of the ways movies both conceal and reveal the culture's ever-changing sexual ecology."—*The New Festival/The 4th Annual Festival of Gay and Lesbian Film*

THE RUN CELEBRATES 12 YEARS GAY!!

February 5 and 6 the Run Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, will celebrate it's 12th anniversary as a Gay Bar. This two day birthday celebration will include "free" keg beer from 6pm-midnight. Admission is a donation of 2 cans of food for the MCC food pantry.

Terry, the new manager of the Run, is hard at work bringing a new look to the bar, including a polished plate glass window looking out on to Leavenworth. He has crammed February's calendar full with drink specials, shows, parties, free pool on Tuesdays from 10pm - 1am, and after hours dancing every Friday and Saturday late night from 1:35am to 4am.

February 7 the Run will host a benefit show for Muffy Rosenberg entitled "Burning Down My Apartment." The community is encouraged to take part in offering a helping hand to Muffy.

February 12th the Ice Bowl Tournament kicks off with registration and Keg Party at the Run. On the 14th it's Margo's Happy Valentine Show and Party from 6:00 p.m. until who knows when (the show begins at 9pm.) The 21st brings Justice and Friends to the stage for their show and on the 28th it's Todd's "Rave Revue."

Come check out what's going on at the New Run Bar. Terry promises you'll be back for more.

LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM MCC-OMAHA

By Carla

Visitors to MCC-Omahara will immediately notice one big change in the Social Hall: we have a new furnace! Praise God!

Jan. 15-17 we celebrated our 19th anniversary as a chartered church. Rev. Bonnie Daniel, the Mid-Central District Coordinator was our special guest. We honored her with a potluck dinner Friday evening. She took a few moments and talked about the Mid-Central District Conference that will be in Omaha over Memorial Day Weekend this year. Cost is about \$25 if people wish to attend the workshops; however worship services will be held each morning and evening and they are open to the public at no charge. The conference will be at the Red Lion.

January saw the initiation of our Social Action Committee under the leadership of Nate. They jumped right in and promoted the Substance Abuse Workshop held Jan. 30. This workshop featured Randy Todd from the Lincoln-Lancaster Drug Project. He shared with us the signs to look for in our friends and in ourselves for determining whether or not we are involved in substance abuse. The Lincoln-Lancaster Drug Project is one of the few in the area that is gay and lesbian affirming.

February looks to be a busy month as two new programs get under way: Sunday School for children and adults and a new Deacon's Class.

The Deacons' Coffeehouse will continue to be open in the Social Hall of MCC-O on the first and third Saturday evenings of the month. Music, munchies, games, conversation, and a non-alcoholic environment can all be yours from 7-10 p.m. for \$1 and a canned good for our pantry. We invite all of the community to join us for an evening of relaxation among friends.

Feb. 20 Rev. Howard will be presenting information on sexuality and the scriptures at a

workshop held by JSTAT. The workshop will be held at 1st Methodist Church. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. For registration materials, contact the church office at 345-2563.

Join us Sunday, Feb. 21, as we kick off a fundraising campaign to make MCC-O handicap accessible. We will sponsor a pancake feed in the Social Hall starting at 12 noon and running till the pancakes or the eaters are all are gone. Menu will consist of pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, coffee, and other goodies. All you can eat \$4.00! Join us for worship and then prepare to dig in to a short stack or two!

We also invite you to join us at DC's Sun., Feb. 28, for an evening of fun. "Sister Act" is the theme for the evening's entertainment. Check DC's ad in this issue for details on the time and admission.

A special thank you goes out to the Imperial Court of Nebraska and The Run for their contributions to the pantry. Every contribution is important in helping us provide this service in the community.

MCC-O members and friends have begun sharing their blessing monthly with the people at the Dorothy Day House. The last Sunday of each month we bring personal items to the church. Those, as well as, bulk containers of coffee, hot chocolate, juice, etc. are delivered to the Dorothy Day House regularly.

MCC-O will be sponsoring a Class D Women's Softball team for the season April through Aug. If you are interested in playing, contact Mary or Lynn at the church 345-2563.

We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday morning at 10:20 a.m. or the second and fourth Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Till next month, that's it from my pew! See you in church!

CLUB 2001

This year February features both Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day and Club 2001 is celebrating both events. On Valentine's Day, bring your sweetheart to Club 2001 for one of their fabulous brunches, cooked to perfection and served with elegance. Call 476-2001 for details.

February 28 brings the Des Moines Girls to Club 2001 for a Late Mardi Gras party at 10 p.m. There's a \$2 cover for this one. The 21st is a Beer Bust from 8-10pm. Your \$2 cover admits you for an evening of 25 cent Draws. Club 2001 is becoming known for their Amateur Strip Nights where local talents strut their stuff beginning at 10pm on February 7. Once again, the cover is only \$2.

March will see the first Miss Club 2001 crowned. Watch next month's *New Voice* for details on the competition. Come on in out of the cold and join us at Club 2001.

NEBRASKA ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR PAGEANT FOR SALE

The present owner of Nebraska's Entertainer of the Year (EOY) pageant would like to pass the pageant's responsibilities and promotions on to an organization, group of individuals, or a single person with good resources and knowledge of the pageant's systems.

"It is imperative that this New Tradition be carried on," says owner Amanda Fox, "because EOY is more innovative, updated to the 90's and the overall quality is surpassing other franchises in just the first 2 years of existence."

Unfortunately, Fox's health is a factor in this decision. For more information, call Joel A. Cason (402) 558-5725 or write: J.A.C., 3019 South 41 Street, Omaha, NE 68105.

PRIDEFEST

WomenSpace announces its first annual PrideFest celebration on June 12.

There has been interest expressed in having a women's festival in this area, and we hope that this event will evolve over the years into just that.

The event will be held at the Terra Jane (5 miles east of Council Bluffs on Hwy 92.)

Although specific details are still being worked out, plans already in place include a concert by Jamie Anderson, sand volleyball tournament, supper, and a dance.

Tickets are \$18 and will be available by mail or at Pat's Shoe Repair in Lincoln. (Mailer will be sent out in April WomenSpace.)

More details later about this exciting event.

LIGHTS AND STARS AT THE MAX

What a terrific New Year. It's really started out great. New Year's Eve found THE MAX filled to the brim with Omahans ringing in 1993. If you missed the premiere of our new light system, don't worry, this state of the art lighting system is a permanent fixture and helps make THE MAX just a little bit better.

February 7, join THE MAX in welcoming to Omaha the current Miss Gay Iowa U.S.A., Dina Cass. Dina is a fantastic entertainer and, man, can she dance. Along with Dina will be Laura Gray, a former Omaha and current Miss Gay Des Moines. This is our second show in our new Superstar Show Series.

On Valentine's Day, if you find yourself without a date, don't worry. Our own Gloria Ravelle is here to help you out. It's Gloria's Gay Dating Game II. See Omaha's most eligible bachelors try to win a date with Mr. Right. If you *Love Laughs*, don't miss it.

First Class Male has always been able to claim THE MAX as one of their homes away from home and the boys are coming home on Sunday, February 21. Kevin and the boys were recently voted the #1 Male Dance Revue in the country. Come out and see what makes them #1.

Dorian Drake will present Nebraska's only Regional Pageant on Sunday, February 28 with the 1993 Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A. Competition. This regional will bring to Omaha the finest entertainers in the Midwest. Featured performers for the evening will be Miss Gay U.S.A. 1992, Tandy Andrews, and Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A. 1992, Victoria Wells of Kansas City. It promises to be an evening filled with some thrilling performances.

Don't forget every Monday is Pick-A-Price Night. With every drink purchase you'll get a pickle and with the right move you could get your drink for a Half Price, 75 cents, or even 25 cents. Fiesta Thursdays are every Thursday with the best Margaritas in Omaha. Regular or Strawberry.

MCC DES MOINES EXPERIENCES CHANGE

A service of installation was held Sunday, December 20, 1992 at the Church of the Holy Spirit, MCC, by the retiring Pastor Rev. June Norris. The Rev. Norris has served MCC pulpits in California, North Carolina and Des Moines, Iowa. Rev. Norris has served as a MCC pastor for 20 years and is returning to California where she will continue in ministry, but is retiring from full time service as a church Pastor. Rev. Norris' many accomplishments include direct responsibility for the Gay and Lesbian ordinance in Raleigh, NC. Most recently she served as MCC District Head of Ministerial Credentialing.

Installation of New Interim Pastors Paul Ruppelt and Sharon Sloat, as well as new deacon Donna Eaton, highlighted the Sunday worship service.

Church of the Holy Spirit, MCC is looking forward to having a gender balanced team in ministry and to share the strong outreach ministry to gay and lesbian persons, families, and friends and to churches that Pastor Paul has in the state. They especially support his work with PLWA's and the their families at CASS in Waterloo and NE Iowa.

- ACCESS Line

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, February 1
Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Directors
6:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha

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

TUESDAY, February 2
A.N.G.L.E. Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious
Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha

WEDNESDAY, February 3
Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc of Greater
Nebraska Support Group Mtg, 8pm,
Call (308) 236-8610 for location

THURSDAY, February 4
Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, Omaha
Call ANGLE Line for location, 558-5303

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

FRIDAY, February 5
The New RUN Bar 2-day Birthday Party
12 years GAY, "Free" Keg Beer 6pm-midnight,
donation of 2 cans food for MCC Food Pantry,
The RUN, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

SATURDAY, February 6
The New RUN Bar 2-day Birthday Party 12
years GAY, "Free" Keg Beer 6pm-midnight
with donation of 2 cans food for MCC Food
Pantry, The RUN, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

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

1st Sat Event, "Gay & Lesbian Literature", 7-
10pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln

SUNDAY, February 7
New Voice Steering Committee, 1pm,
MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22. All are welcome

Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson,
Omaha, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137

Gay/Lesbian Student Org., Box 8171, Omaha, NE
68108 7pm, Downtown Grounds Coffee House,
1117 Jackson, Omaha All are welcome!

Amateur Strip Nite, 10pm,
Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln

"Burning Down My Apartment", Fundraising
Show for Muffy Rosenberg, 9pm,
The RUN, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

SuperStar Show features Miss Gay Iowa USA,
Dina Cass, & Miss Gay Des Moines, Laura Gray,
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

MONDAY, February 8
AIDS Interfaith Prayer/Healing Service, 7pm,
St Cecelias, Nebr Chapel, 701 N. 40, Omaha

TUESDAY, February 9
Free & Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster
County Public Health Department, 5 - 7 p.m.
The Panic, 18th & N Streets, Lincoln

2nd Tuesday "Write In", Sponsor: PFLAG,
Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", 7pm,
All are welcome to come and write letters to
their congressional representatives and others

WEDNESDAY, February 10
Deadline for articles, art work, ads for
March New Voice

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

THURSDAY, February 11
Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha,
291-6781, 7pm, First Methodist Church, 6900
Cass, West Entrance

FRIDAY, February 12
"Ice Bowl Weekend" Keg Party, 6pm-12midnt,
The RUN, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

SATURDAY, February 13
Omaha Players Club Workshop, 10828 John
Galt Blvd, Suite 106, Info: call 451-7987

Ice Bowl Invitational Regional Bowling
Tournament, Singles & Doubles Competition,
Sky Lanes, Center Mall, 42 & Center, Omaha

"A Night to Remember" Gala Spectacular
event featuring Sammi Bennett and performers
from Greater Nebraska and Salina, Kansas,
Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Assoc. of
Greater Nebraska, Doors open 7pm, Shows at
8pm & 11pm, Community Service Building,
Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 South
Baltimore, Hastings, Nebraska, If lost or in
need of directions in the late afternoon or
evening, call 402/463-9104. Proceeds benefit
GLAGN and the Nebraska AIDS Project.

SUNDAY, February 14
ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Ice Bowl Invitational Regional Bowling
Tournament, Team Competition, Sky Lanes,
Center Mall, 42nd & Center, Omaha

Valentine's Day Brunch, 11-3pm,
Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln

Lesbian and Gay Focus Group, NASW,
Conference Room, UNO School of Social
Work, UNO Campus, Omaha, 2pm

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

MCC-Omaha, Evening Worship Service,
819 S. 22, 345-2563

Miss City Sweetheart Pageant,
The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln, 9pm

Margo's Valentine Party and Show,
Party 6pm-77, Show at 9pm
The RUN, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

Gloria's Dating Game II,
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

TUESDAY, February 16
Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group,
Call for time, location: (308) 381-5175

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

WEDNESDAY, February 17
DC'93 Nebraska Contingency Planning
Meeting, 7:30p.m., Omaha, 451-7987

THURSDAY, February 18
G/L Resource Ctr Business Meeting,
Rm 342, NE Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc of Greater
Nebraska Support Group, 8pm, Call 236-8610

SATURDAY, February 20
"Good News in the Church?" Workshop on
Issues of Faith and Sexual Orientation by Joint
Strategy and Action Team, Ministry with
Lesbian and Gay Persons and their Families,
9am-3:30pm, 1st United Methodist Church,
7020 Cass, Omaha, Cost \$15 (includes lunch)

"Winterfest" River City Gender Alliance, For
Transgender, Crossdress All welcome No
sexual encounters, For Info Write: Box 680,
Council Bluffs 51502

SUNDAY, February 21
Pancake Feed, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22,
12noon-7, \$4 for all you can eat, A benefit for
the handicapped accessibility fund

Omaha Men (OMEN), 4pm, The RUN, 1715
Leavenworth Write: Box 3706, Omaha 68103

PFLAG/Kearney, St Luke's Episcopal 3pm
2304 2nd Ave, (308)382-0752/(308)995-5490

ANGLE's 3rd Annual Chili Feed, 5-8pm,
The Diamond, 712 S. 16, Omaha,
\$5 All You Care to Eat or \$3 per bowl

Gay/Lesbian Student Org., Box 8171, Omaha, NE
68108 7pm, Downtown Grounds Coffee House,
1117 Jackson, Omaha All are welcome!

"Justice and Friends" Show at 9pm,
The RUN, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

First Class Male Revue featuring Kevin,
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

MONDAY, February 22
Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, for
further information contact Rev. Norman
Leach, Lincoln Interfaith Council at 474-3017.

TUESDAY, February 23
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
(PFLAG), 7pm, Lincoln Unitarian Church,
6300 A Street, Program: "Legislative Update—
Citizens for Equal Protection" presented by
Neva Cozine and Sandy Kershaw. Also small
group sharing sessions with "Under 21" group
meeting separately. More info call 435-4688

WEDNESDAY, February 24
Ash Wednesday Services,
MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7pm

FRIDAY, February 26
"Safe Sex" by Harvey Feinstein, Presented by
SNAP Productions, Firehouse Dinner Theater,
Benefit for Nebraska AIDS Project

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, February 27

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

Midwest Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual College Student Conference, ISU Campus, Ames, IA; contact LGBA, 39 Memorial Union, Ames, IA 50010 (515) 294-2104

"Safe Sex" by SNAP Productions, Firehouse Dinner Theater, Benefit for NAP

SUNDAY, February 28

MCC-Omaha Evening Worship Service, 7pm, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

"Safe Sex" by SNAP Productions, Firehouse Dinner Theater, Benefit for NAP

"Sister Act" A Skag Drag Revue, Benefit for MCC-O at D.C.'s, 1019 S. 10th, Omaha

Late Mardi Gras Party with Des Moines Girls, 10pm, Club 2001, Lincoln

"Todd's Rave Revue", 9pm, The RUN, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

Dorian Drake presents Miss Gay Nebraska USA Pageant with entertainment by Miss Gay USA 1992, Tandy Andrews, and Miss Gay Nebraska USA 1992, Victoria Wells, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

GAY/LESBIAN TRIVIA

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1. Name the famous "orange queen" turned homophobe, a. Bette Davis, b. Beatrice Arthur, c. June Cleaver, d. Anita Bryant
2. When did Terry Carpenter propose a bill in Nebraska to ban teaching about homosexuality in schools? a. 1922, b. 1965, c. 1970, d. 1973
3. Who founded UNL Gay Action Group and died of AIDS? a. Gerard Keating-ASUN President, b. Chris Mumm, c. John Boy, d. Joe Creason
4. What is the oldest gay bar in Nebraska? a. The Beaver Crossing, b. The Cave, c. The Panic, d. The Diamond
5. The following are gay/lesbian except: a. Rock Hudson, b. Jim Nabors, c. Jason Priestly, d. Jerry Brown
6. What gay bar opened in Kearney, Nebraska in 1983? a. Beaver Dam, b. Closets Galore, c. Trader Jack's, d. El Punte
7. What was AIDS first called? a. Chronic Immune Deficiency Syndrome, b. Anathema Immuno Virus, c. Gay Related Immune Deficiency Syndrome, d. Small Boils on Shells
8. What symbol did Gay men wear in Nazi concentration camps? a. black triangle, b. purple lambda, c. green square, d. pink triangle
9. What is the longest running g/l magazine in Nebraska? a. *The Nude Voice*, b. *The New Voice*, c. *Lambda Designs*, d. *The Gala Nebraskan*
10. In what country is homosexual marriage 100% legal? a. USA, b. Holland, c. Russia, d. Poland

Answers: 1 (d); 2 (c); 3 (d); 4 (d); 5 (d); 6 (c); 7 (c); 8 (d); 9 (b); 10 (b)

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

Omaha Frontrunners, 10am Various Locations

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Meeting 12noon (308)236-8610 or 382-0240.

MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40, Omaha

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 6pm, UNL, Nebr Union, Room 338

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

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

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Lincoln, 7:30pm, Nebr Union, Room 234

THURSDAY

Test Site, 3624 Leavenworth Omaha 7-10pm

FRIDAY

Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln, 489-4634, 1-4pm

PFLAG Youth Group, age 13-21, gay, lesbian, those questioning sexuality, Omaha, 291-6781

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

After Hours Dancing, 1:35-4am, The RUN

Bars & Restaurants

Des Moines (A.C. 515)

Blazing Saddle 416 E 5th St., 246-1299

The Brass Garden 112 SE 4th St., 243-3965

Club 508 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508
The D & M 424 E Locust St., 243-9629

Omaha (A.C. 402)

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys, 342-1244

DC's 1019 S. 10th, 344-3103
The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595
Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth, 449-9147

The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110
The Run 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

Lincoln (A.C. 402)

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

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

Omaha:

The Chesterfield
D.C.'s
The Diamond
Gilligan's Pub
The MAX
Metropolitan Community Church
Nebraska AIDS Project
New Realities
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
The Run

Council Bluffs:

Adult Emporium
Ernie's
Bookstore

Lincoln:

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

Kearney:

GLAGN
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays

Des Moines:

Blazing Saddle
Brass Garden
Club 508
D & M's

Sioux City:

Metropolitan Community Church
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THE GOOD STUFF in the **BROWN BOTTLE**. Genuine aromatic amyl carburetor cleaner. The real thing! For order form, send SASE to: Occupant #304, 3712 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60613 (This ad is for carburetor cleaner and is to be used for that purpose only.) (Ap93)

ROOMMATE WANTED to share 2-bedroom house, near Old Market, garage available. Safe neighborhood, and the price is right. Call now for more information: 344-3562.

558-5303

For all the news in the community, call A.N.G.L.E.'s Information and Referral line at (402) 558-5303 (Mr93)

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME IN SAN FRANCISCO! Stay with lesbians, gays, and bisexuals. Enjoy breakfasts, gay events, resources, fun! Affordable. Western Exposure. (510) 869-4395 P.O. Box 2116, Berkeley, CA 94702

NATURE SUNSHINE: Encapsulated herbs, extracts, vitamins, and minerals. Independent Distributor: D.K. Sterling Phone: 402-345-4717 (Mr93)

You work **HARD** and work-out even **HARDER!** *FULL-BODY MASSAGE will take the **EDGE OFF** and provide **BALANCE*** Serving Gay, Lesbian, Trans, Bi, & Hetero Communities Gift Certificates Available. OMLIN APPT/INFO 342-1935 (—92)

Oil Body Rub Original - by C.N.A. Call for Appointment. 345-0760. Shaving Available.

PRIVATE UNDERWEAR PARTY: Men only, 25-55, videos, bring hairy, stocky, cut, endowed friends, group action, like baths 489-3155 - Lincoln (Fe93)

SLIM/TRIM MALES: Enjoy relaxing full body massages — free. Write: Suite #375, 7914 West Dodge Road, Omaha, NE 68114 (Fe93)

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

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

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

HAIR CARES, Foundation for hairdressers with AIDS. 1-800-HAIRCARES Judy 333-3329

Lesbian & Gay Focus Group, Nat'l Assoc. of Social Workers, Nebr Chapter, 2nd Sunday February/March, 2pm, Conference Rm, School of Social Work, Annex 40, UNO Campus, Info: Jennifer Nelson (402/556-4776) or Wes Perry (W-402/559-6520 or H-402/451-5631) Open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, & supportive social workers, Don't have to belong to NASW

Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran Church, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 345-4080 or 453-7137, Meet 1st Sunday 7pm.

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

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

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

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

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Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, (402) 733-1360; Cleve. Meets last Saturday Jan-Oct, 2nd Saturday in December, No Nov meeting

PRIDE-Gay/Lesbian Student Organization (PRIDE-GLSO), Box 8171, Omaha 68108. 1st & 3rd Sundays, 7pm, Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha.

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Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc, Support Info for Les/Gay 451-5631 /800-4-GAY-SDA.

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STATEWIDE

Alcoholics Anonymous, (308)236-8610
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Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, lobby for G/L civil rights, newsletter, socials. Bus Mtg, 3rd Tues 7:30pm, St Marks, 13 & R; 1st Sat Social Event, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7-10pm

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

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska, For info send self-addressed, stamped envelope to: GLAGN, Box 1546, Kearney, NE 68848

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

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

***Box 4374, Lincoln**, NE 68504, (402) 435-4688. 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', Groups for family of people with HIV, and G/L Youth meet same time & place.

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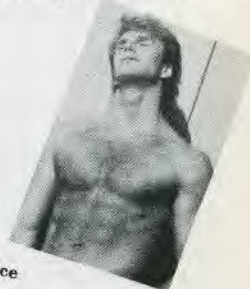
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