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The New Voice

O F N E B R A S K A

Fantasy '89



Our Turn views and opinions by staff



EXCUSES, EXCUSES

Gary

"I'm too busy."
"I have plans that night."
"Too many people there."
"Not enough people there."
"It costs too much."
"But what if (name of person who doesn't know you're gay) SEES me there?"

Do any of these excuses sound familiar? Elsewhere in this issue, read Sharon's excellent article on ALL that happened during Pride Week. Were you there for ANY of it? As a long-time member of the Chorus, I can tell you how you — our audience — affects us: a big audience gives us lots of adrenalin when we come out (and I mean COME OUT both ways) on stage. Our spirits, energy, and singing is better, and the audience goes home and tells their friends about the great time. (Ask any Chorus member about the feeling when 1,200 people gave us a standing ovation in Seattle.)

Conversely, seeing only a few people in the audience can be a major letdown, and it negatively affects our performance. Less energy, a lower performance level, less for the audience to "ooh" and "aah" about, less for the audience to tell their friends about. As another example, how about the JEB presentation at U.S. West? It brought tears, smiles, and pride to those of us there. It was a national-quality production, presented RIGHT HERE in Omaha. And it was FREE! But the audience was not large.

Just once, JUST ONCE, I'd like to see a crowd the size of a Saturday-night bar crowd at one of these non-bar events. It's done in other cities, but we apparently haven't found the "magic formula" in Omaha or Lincoln yet. (This year, the Pride Week committee even went to great trouble to carefully schedule each event so it wouldn't conflict with the other.)

No more excuses. Let's put Gay and Lesbian Community events near the top of our personal calendars. ▼

WHAT'S HOT?

Sharon Van Butsel

Thanks to the special lady in my life, we finally have a column for the first page of the magazine. My brain was in neutral, the motor revving but definitely no forward progress when she spoke from the living room. "You know what I think is Hot? The whole Fantasy thing that Dusty's doing and the way he's got a whole different group of people to work together. It was like that for Pride Week, too. People got together and worked to make it happen."

Of course, she's right. I'd only seen Dusty perform before the interview in last month's magazine so I knew nothing about him. Since that time I've developed a real appreciation for his energy and his dedication to his fund raising project "Fantasy: An Experience in Leather."

On August 18 and 19, Omaha will be the place to be in the Midwest. Folks from Chicago, Kansas City, New York, and Los Angeles will be arriving to participate in an all-leather weekend sponsored by Mr. Gay Nebraska and the Two Wheelers of

Omaha. Whether you're into leather or not, it will be something to see. Over a dozen title holders from Leather Competitions will be participating and performing in the show at The Max on Saturday night.

Tickets are only available through advance sales, so pick up a registration form at The Max or The Diamond. For \$25 you can participate in a picnic, a video show, and attend "Fantasy: An Experience in Leather". Now that's HOT!

You know what else I think is Hot? The new addition to The Max. Not only does it offer Nebraskans a class bar with lots of see Hot Stuff on page 3

ABOUT OUR COVER...
This month's cover uses the logo for "Fantasy '89: An Experience in Leather". You'll find this event described several times in this month's magazine. The reason for all the coverage is simple. It's big news for Omaha, Nebraska, and, besides, the New Voice is one of the organizations benefitting from the fund raiser!



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The enclosed letter appeared in the School Board News, [June 21, 1989] official publication of the National School Boards Association.

This homophobic man should not be serving on a school board. Perhaps you can help remove him! At any rate, I hope you can use it to enlighten Nebraskans as to the opinions held.

I have also written a letter of response to the School Board News.

Good Luck
Howard B.

SOUNDING BOARD

"Outraged by column on sexual minorities"

To the editor:

I find the article by John Hannay regarding homosexuals extremely inappropriate and an outrage. (Guest Viewpoint in the May 10 issue of School Board News.)

He is correct that "youths learn by seeing." As a school board member and parent, it is my duty to ensure that our youth see appropriate, not aberrant, behavior. If he is genuinely concerned with the high incidence of suicide and drug abuse in the youths he talks about, I suggest that he try to get them out of the unnatural activity in which they are entwined.

I am sorry you wasted the space in your news publication and am more unhappy that our tax dollars are helping to fund the printing of such an article.

The Bible is quite clear about the indecency of homosexual activity: "Claiming to be wise, they became foolish... Women perverted natural functions for unnatural, and similarly the men forsook their natural relationships with women and

burned up with their lust for one another...

"They did not see fit to acknowledge God anymore, so God gave them over to depraved thoughts, to practice what is not decent..."

"While knowing God's ordinance, that those practicing such things deserved death, they not only practice them, but do them." (Romans 1:22-32)

Richard L. Clements
School Board Member
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Elmwood, Neb.

To Our Readers

I find the letter from the school board member particularly distressing for two reasons. First, this is blatant homophobia and should be condemned as such. Second, the courts of our land have staunchly supported the separation of church and public schools.

I find it incredible that a school board member should base his condemnation strictly on biblical passages. Are the Elmwood Schools parochial schools established to preserve one religious sect, or are the Elmwood Schools, in fact, public schools established by the State to provide free basic education to all children?

I would encourage each of you to write letters of protest to the Elmwood School District, to School Boards Magazine, and to friends and relatives who may live in the Elmwood area. Those who are eligible to vote in Elmwood's next school board election should be made aware of the inappropriate actions of this school board member.

Sharon Van Butsel

To the Editor:

I remember my introduction to the gay community of Omaha. I had just turned twenty-one, and had been asked to be the dresser for the soon-to-be Empress VIII, Velvet. I remember going to Coronation that year, and marveling at the magic that night created. I had never seen that many gay men and women outside of a bar before. I had thought at the time that the only way I could meet people "just like me," was in one of the four drinking establishments in our city. So many things were new to me then: cruising, drag queens, leather, you name it. That night people told me more about the Imperial Court and what it did; the organizations that it raised money for, the activities that it sponsored throughout the year. And I thought, what a great idea, now I have a group to belong to that's not into the petty bitchiness I had found in the bars. A place to go to actually help the gay community grow and prosper.

That was two years ago. And just like growing up, and realizing that nothing is ever what it seems, I have seen this organization digress into a rag-tag collection of personalities running amok, each fending for their own idea of how things should be run. I have seen vital people leave the court due to inept discussions based on personal whims and reputations. I have seen people shot down from their good work due to mistakes all of us have made at one time in our lives.

Sure, the good work is still there. Money is still being raised, and functions still happen. But at what cost? All a facade is, is just that, a facade. Now is the time for those of us who have thought that there must be more to "gay life" than scenes and situations such as these to speak out. All we have is ourselves.

Brian Bengtson
(Imperial Elf)

Dustin wants YOU to
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for August 18 - 19

Fantasy '89 — An Experience in Leather

The New Voice

To the Editor:

On June 17th, 1989 we were asked to provide ICON a protocol that would be read as we were presented to the court. We did so assuming that what we had written would be said. Unfortunately some members of the court took it upon themselves to change what we had written to achieve their own ends. We think it is important that the community be aware of the actions taken by these court members. Also to let the community know what was to be read. It was as follows:

Two Wheelers of Omaha is making its last appearance at coronation of the request of Empress Danielle Logan. We wish to thank her for the individual support that she has shown us in the last year. It was hoped that the spirit of community started by Pat Phalen would have continued.

These actions along with others that the court have done are the reasons that Two-Wheelers of Omaha will not participate in any other coronations of ICON.

T. Zamudio
President TWO

WOMEN MEET IN LINCOLN

Tell your friends that women meet women at "The Club" at 116 North 20th Street, Lincoln, every Friday from 5 - 7 pm. The "Women's Friday Afternoon Gathering" is meeting to have fun and foster community involvement. We plan parties and potlucks and want all legal ages, singles and couples, drinkers and non-drinkers, etc. to join us. With you there, we can become more welcoming and inclusive. ▼

••••• Welcome Back to Old Friends •••••

• The New Voice is pleased to welcome back several advertisers who had been absent from our magazine. A special welcome back to The Chesterfield, The Downtowner, The Leavenworth Cafe, The Imperial Court of Nebraska, and Windows on the World.

To The Editor:

The President of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, Mr. Don Flowers, and myself, the Secretary, wish to respond to the letter that Two Wheeler's Of Omaha have sent to you concerning our actions at coronation on June 17, 1989.

It is our feeling that coronation is a night of celebration for the past monarchs, the newly elected monarchs, and ICON itself.

We did not feel that it was the right of T.W.O. to downgrade ICON at a function that we sponsor for ourselves as well as the gay community of Nebraska.

We invited T.W.O. to walk at coronation because they are an organization within Nebraska's Gay/Lesbian community. Danielle Logan did not speak for herself personally, but for ICON when inviting them to coronation, a fact she well knew. A question in our minds is whether Danielle asked that they walk or whether Danielle asked that it be their last walk at a coronation.

We are sorry that the organization of T.W.O. does not feel that we serve the purpose of the Gay/Lesbian community, but please note the financial records of ICON and ICON/PWA (the latter being an organization founded by ICON).

The ICON board is more than willing to meet with T.W.O.'s membership to discuss differences and to work with them. It is vitally important that we do so during this time of fighting for Gay/Lesbian rights.

Sincerely Yours,
Don Flowers, President
Scott Rezek, Secretary

HOT STUFF

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options for socializing, but it also reflects a real confidence in the community. Think of the investment the owners made, trusting that we would be willing and able to support it. That's a real vote of confidence in Omaha's Gay and Lesbian community. And that's HOT!

I see other organizations growing and developing, expanding into new areas. I see the Pride Week Committee developing plans to recognize National Coming Out Day in October. I see new members and new input into all the organizations. I see our community becoming stronger. Now that's really HOT! ▼

Editor Takes a Vacation

My lady love and I will be travelling during the first half of August. So please address all phone calls, compliments, complaints, last minute news stories, ads, poems, cartoons, bouquets of flowers, cash donations, new cars, chances to appear on television, and questions to other members of the Steering Committee during that time. (Please call them. I want them to think I really have a hard job.)

Thanks so much for your support during my first year as Editor. You make it possible for the New Voice to be the Voice of Nebraska's Gay and Lesbian Community.

Sharon

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You
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Monthly Columns

SPORT SHORTS

The days of summer are in full swing. The multitudes of tanned bodies that one time knew only the dark indoors are now available for full public view. It is only fitting that at this time of the year we think about the fun times that are available to members of our community. In addition to the bar scene, the bread-and-butter of many, are some other activities for those who may want more.

One of the ways to meet more people, learn more about our community, and grow as individuals has to be sports. The dynamics of team and individual competition aside there is something special about knowing that everyone round you is having a great time and that there are no moral repercussions. In Nebraska, there are many things to do. The goal for which this regular column will strive is to bring to your attention updates and information on alternatives especially sport related.

This month I gathered information on two different groups. Each is a regular, scheduled event and can be loads of fun on a consistent basis. The River City Bowling Summer League is organized and running even as I type. Presently, they are expecting to organize fall teams on Sunday, August 20, at the Rose Bowl. Dean, a promoter of this sport, said that they plan to have 60 or so bowlers in two different times. They have everything from beginners to near-professional players. "The focus," he said, "is to just have fun. We're a fun group out here to enjoy ourselves."

AROUND THE MILKRUN

It's here! It's open! It took almost as long in the construction stages as the Pyramids, but the wait was well worth it. It's got to be the most beautiful room between the Coasts. There's something for everybody; Disco, Show room, Pool table, Piano Bar and Bars (lots of bars). The Max owners have really outdone themselves on this addition. The

Johnathan Williams

If you like the sun, you'll love the Nebraska Mounties. They are the "B" Volleyball team that represents our community in tournaments around the country. Even though they do some traveling, they also play weekly in Omaha. The captain of this group, Biff, explained that they can always use new people and are even willing to teach. This group is smaller, 12-15 people but they know how to have fun in the sun and will continue to meet into the fall.

The truly impressive things about both these groups is the willingness to teach new people and that there are opportunities to travel with both. If you're interested in becoming involved in either organization the costs and time commitment are minimal. They both have competed nationally and finished well in the past if that is part of sport for you.

The key is involvement. The more people that we have the opportunity to touch with our lives for whatever reason, the more full our own lives become. Living, learning and loving require growth. The best way to grow is to have fun doing it.

Note: The New Voice of Nebraska Sport Shorts is currently searching for other sport, game, and recreational formats that are available to our community. If you have any information that you feel would be helpful, leave a message at 293-7837 or write the New Voice. Your aid will be much appreciated. ▼

Belinda Loveless

Meatpackers opening show for the new show room, Sunday night July 2, was at its usual campiest best. It just goes to prove that Old Drag Queens like Miss Flowers don't lose their touch. They just get better with age. The other room at the Diamond Bar is going through changes, again. The D.J. booth fell to the

see **Milkrun** on page 5

THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT ROOM IN THE HOUSE

Hedda Lettuce

Last month I went to one of those intimate, little dinner parties and met my heart throb (Thump! Thump! Be still my heart!) Blond, blue-eyed, tall, tanned, a body that won't quit, a centerfold hunk, friendly smile, intelligent, V-shaped torso, gorgeous thighs, gorgeous pecs, gorgeous all over, the kind of person fantasies are made of, and HE LIKES ME. Girls he's all mine and I'm not going to share. Oh yes, his name: Lief Lettus.

A week after the party, I finally got on my feet and called the host and begged her to tell me a few of the recipes. We had started the evening with peach margaritas and guacamole.

Here is her recipe for GUACAMOLE
 2 ripe avocados (about 1 1/2 pounds)
 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
 1 Tbl finely chopped chili peppers
 1 1/2 Tbl white vinegar
 1 tsp salt
 1 medium-sized tomato, peeled

Remove pit and peel avocados. Mash with potato masher, Add onion, chili pepper, salt, and vinegar; mix well. Put into a plastic bowl and freeze. To serve: Thaw guacamole, add finely chopped tomato and mix together. Serve with tortilla chips or raw vegetables. If you have a food processor, chop the onion and chili pepper in the bowl, add salt, vinegar, and avocado and process to a puree. Freeze as mentioned above.

Dinner consisted of grilled chicken thighs, a vegetable trio of snap peas, red pepper, and zucchini. The starch was a delightful orange flavored rice, served in orange cups. Dessert was a masterpiece -- ALMOND TULIPS WITH STRAWBERRIES, WHIPPED CREAM, AND STRAWBERRY SAUCE!

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STRAWBERRY SAUCE

4 cups fresh, hulled strawberries
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup plus 2 Tbl granulated sugar
4 tsp cornstarch
2 Tbl orange flavored liqueur

In a saucepan combine strawberries, water, and sugar. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the sugar dissolves and the berries start to soften. Turn the heat up a bit, and bring the mixture to a boil. Boil for about 4 minutes, until the strawberries form a puree. Strain the mixture through a sieve into a bowl. In the saucepan, make a paste using a small amount of the strawberry liquid and the cornstarch. Add the rest of the strawberry liquid and cook over medium heat, stirring all the time, until the mixture comes to a boil. Boil one minute. Strain this thickened mixture through a sieve into another bowl and let cool to room temperature. Stir the orange liqueur into the sauce and refrigerate until 30 minutes before serving. This sauce can be placed on the plate under the tulips to form a pool, or poured over the tulips.

ALMOND TULIPS

1/4 cup softened unsalted butter
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp almond extract
egg whites from 2 large eggs, room temperature
1/4 cup flour
1/3 cup blanched, sliced almonds, toasted lightly
Preheat oven to 425 degrees

In a bowl cream the butter, add the sugar and beat until fluffy. Add the egg whites, and almond extract and beat for 5 to 10 seconds, or until smooth but not frothy. Sift the flour over the mixture, sprinkle the almonds over the mixture and gently fold it all together. The batter will be a bit lumpy. Spoon 1 1/2 Tbl batter onto greased baking sheets and with the back of a spoon which has been dipped into cold water spread batter into 5 inch rounds. Bake 5 to 6 minutes, or until the edges are a golden brown. Let the cookies stand for about 30 seconds, until they are just firm enough to hold their shape. With a metal spatula transfer each cookie to a glass bowl and pinch the four sides to make a tulip shape. If the tulips

become too firm to remove from the baking sheet, put them back into the oven for a few seconds to soften. Let the tulips cool on racks until ready to use. Cut up 3 cups of strawberries and make some whipped cream. Just before serving, put the tulips on dessert plates, fill the tulips with strawberries and add a generous dollop of whipped cream. And don't forget the super strawberry sauce. Now, I've got to get off my feet and back to Lief. See you next month. ▼

MILKRUN

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wrecker's ball. The stage is the next to go. The pool table will go to that end of the room and there will be more room to dance. Cindy has been getting calls for that change.

We love hearing from ya'll; keep those cards and letters and articles coming in. But remember to get 'em BEFORE the 10th of the month. Do you have any ideas about making this a better magazine? Let us know.

AIDS nebraska project

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AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Features

FANTASY '89

August 18th and 19th, 1989 Omaha, Nebraska will be the place to be! The event is Fantasy '89 - An Experience In Leather sponsored by Mr. Gay Nebraska/T.W.O.

A few of the special guests for the weekend will be: the current Mr. National Leather Association and the current International Mr. Leather - Guy Baldwin; the current International Ms. Leather - Susie Shepherd; the editor of Drummer magazine - Fledermaus; Publisher of the Leather Journal - Dave Rhodes; Director of the International Mr. Leather contest - Chuck Renslow; the renowned artist - Etienne (whose work appears across the country and who provided the logo for this years event); Mr. Chicago Leather - Matthew Christian; Mr. New York Leather - Bill Murray; The Leather Journal's Gay



Guy Baldwin — Mr. National Leather Association '88-'89;
International Mr. Leather '89

Man of the Year and the owner of Mr. S. Leathers in San Francisco - Allen Selby; Jan Lyon - Miss National Leather Association; JoAnne Tierney - Miss Leather Sacramento; Linda Vickery - Miss Southeast Leather and many more male and female title holders from across the country.

The event will begin with a registration party at the Diamond Bar, Friday August 18th at 6:00 pm, with introduction of guests at 10:30 pm. On Saturday, August 19th the weekend continues with an outdoor picnic to be held in rural Iowa. The picnic will begin at 11:00 am. At noon and 2:00 pm, there will be seminars and demonstrations provided by Guy and Fledermaus of safe, sane sex.

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"Fantasize with us"

The New Voice

At 1:00 pm, the artist Etienne will be autographing "Fantasy '89" posters.

At 4:30 pm there will be a video party at the Max, showing the video of this years International Mr. Leather contest. At 9:00 pm, the climax of the weekend will take place.

The show "Fantasy" will take place on both sides of the Max. (The Max will be closed to all persons without the 'Fantasy '89' package during all Fantasy events to be held there.) The show will consist of the male and female title-holders performing their sexual fantasies on stage. There is a possibility of a special celebrity star attending and speaking at the event.

Registration forms may be picked up at your local establishment. The cost for the weekend package will be \$25.00 per person and will include tickets to all events. Advance ticket sales only! There will be no ticket sales at the door.



Dustin Logan — Mr. Gay Nebraska

This event is being promoted nationally, especially in the Midwest, such as Kansas City, St. Louis, Joliet, Chicago, Denver, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, Lincoln, Grand Island, Wichita, etc...

Registration packets may be picked up at any of the "Fantasy" events. In order to attend the picnic, however, packets must be picked up Friday night to obtain the map.

All profits from "Fantasy '89" will be distributed as follows: Nebraska AIDS Project - 70%, MCC-Omaha - 15% and The New Voice 15%.

This will be one wild, exciting event that you won't want to miss.

For further information please contact Mr. Gay Nebraska - Dustin Logan or Fantasy '89, PO Box 6645 Omaha, NE 68106-0645. ▼



Ms. Susie Shepherd — International Ms. Leather '89



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WHAT'S HOT! WHAT'S NOT!

Sharon Van Butsel

To find out What's Hot! What's Not! we consulted The Alyson Almanac, "A Treasury of information for the Gay and Lesbian community". The Alyson Almanac is available from Alyson Publications, Box B-19, 40 Plympton Street, Boston, MA 02118. The cost is \$6.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling.

Favorite Travel Destinations

Domestic Travel

1. Key West
2. San Francisco
3. Provincetown
4. New York City
5. Southern California

International Travel

1. London
2. Paris
3. Mexico
4. Amsterdam
5. Caribbean Islands

National Hotlines

AIDS Action Hotline -- 800/257-4900. Ask for operator 9184 to send 50-word message on AIDS issues to Members of Congress. Cost approximately \$4.50.
Fairness Hotline -- 800/257-4900. Ask for operator 9188 to send 50-word message on Gay and Lesbian related issues to Members of Congress. Cost approximately \$4.50.

National AIDS Hotline -- 800/342-AIDS. For information and referral.

National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline -- 800/SOS-GAYS. For information and referral.

STD National Hotline -- 800/227-8922. For information about sexually-transmitted diseases and referrals to doctors and public health services.

Katherine Forrest's List of Best and Worst Lesbian Novel

Best

Other Women by Lisa Alther
 Rubyfruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown

Sinking, Stealing by Jan Clausen
 Chamber Music by Doris Grumbach
 Patience and Sarah by Isabel Miller
 The Price of Salt by Claire Morgan
 Memory Board by Jane Rule
 Contract With the World by Jane Rule
 We Too Are Drifting by Gale Wilhelm
 Torchlight to Valhalla by Gale Wilhelm

Worst

The Well of Loneliness by Radclyffe Hall
 Every book about lesbians ever written by a heterosexual male

Richard LaBonte's Best and Worst Gay Books

Best

A Boy's Own Story by Edmund White
 The Celluloid Closet by Vito Russo
 City of Night by John Rechy
 Fadeout by Joseph Hansen
 Gay Spirit edited by Mark Thompson
 In Heat by Larry Mitchell
 The Male Muse edited by Ian Young
 One Teenager In Ten edited by Ann Heron
 A Single Man by Christopher Isherwood
 Tales of the City by Armistead Maupin

Worst

The Closet Hanging by Tony Fennelly
 The Front Runner by Patricia Nell Warren
 The Great Urge Downward by Gordon Merric
 The Smile of Eros by John Coriolan
 The World Can Break Your Heart by Daniel Curzon

Andrea Weiss's Ten Best and Worst Lesbian Movies

Best

Madchen In Uniform
 Entre Nous
 Damned If You Don't
 I've Heard the Mermaids Singing
 Queen Christina
 Desert Hearts
 The Virgin Machine
 Daughters of Darkness
 17 Rooms, or What Do Lesbians Do In Bed?
 The Group

Worst

Waiting for the Moon
 The Fox
 My Two Lovers
 Personal Best
 The Color Purple

Vito Russo's Ten Best and Five Worst Gay Movies

Best

Abuse
 Un Chant D'Amour
 Maurice
 My Beautiful Launderette
 Parting Glances
 Scorpio Rising
 Sunday Bloody Sunday
 Taxi Zum Klo
 The Times of Harvey Milk
 Victim

Worst

Busting
 Cruising
 Partners
 The Sergeant
 Staircase

Terry Helbing's Ten Best and Five Worst Gay and Lesbian Plays

Best

Bent by Martin Sherman
 Coming Out by Jonathan Ned Katz
 Jerker by Robert Chesley
 Last Summer at Bluefish Cove and A Late Snow by Jane Chambers
 Niagara Falls by Victor Bumbalo
 The Normal Heart by Larry Kramer
 Street Theater by Doric Wilson
 T-Shirts and Blue Is for Boys by Robert Patrick
 Thanksgiving by Loretta Lotman
 Patience and Sarah by Isabel Miller
 Torch Song Trilogy by Harvey Fierstein

Worst

The Boys In the Band by Mart Crowley
 The Children's Hour by Lillian Hellman
 The Killing of Sister George by Frank Marcus
 The Knife by David Hare
 Tea and Sympathy by Robert Anderson

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Local Organizations

PRIDE WEEK KALEIDOSCOPE

The 1989 Pride Week activities held something to interest almost everyone. As the community turned out to support those activities, we had the chance to make new friends, renew old acquaintances, and to strengthen the bonds within the Gay and Lesbian community.

The festivities began with the traditional pomp and circumstance of the Imperial Court Coronation. Breaking with tradition, Coronation was held at The Max as an audience of over 200 saw Joe, Forte de Sade, and Deb crowned as the new monarchs. On Sunday afternoon, 45 persons gathered at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church for an Ecumenical Worship Service featuring participants from six organizations serving the spiritual needs of the Gay and Lesbian community. Tears came to many during an emotion-laden reading of "I Am What I Am" by Kathy England of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

P-Flag participation was notable throughout the week's events, but only a few members of the Gay and Lesbian Community attended the open forum conducted by P-Flag on Monday night. Those who attended participated in an exercise specific to developing pride in one's self and in the community.

Tuesday night took 70 people to U.S. West to see and hear the presentation by Joan E. Biren (JEB) on the 1987 March on Washington, "For Love and For Life". JEB's challenge to our community was to join together and stand up for our rights. Her inspiring presentation, brought to Omaha by the Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians of U.S. West (EAGLE), encouraged several members of the Pride Week Committee to begin discussing activities to recognize National Coming Out Day in October.

Metropolitan Club opened its doors to the Gay and Lesbian community as representatives of over a dozen organizations took the stage to tell the group assembled just what their particular organization offered

to the community. Over half of the 50 persons were attending Metro Club for the first time.

Thursday night was the bar night with pamphlets displayed from several organizations at each of the bars. Hardy souls from River City Mixed Chorus and the UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Group took to the bars and sold Pride Week buttons to all those who crossed their path. (If you happened to be missed, contact The New Voice. We have just a few buttons left.)

We got better acquainted with the UNO student group on Friday night as they hosted a movie night on the UNO campus. There was good natured rivalry over which television would be playing the loudest until a tragedy struck — 3/4ths of the way through, the tape of "I Heard the Mermaids Sing" died and could not be revived. Those of us who had chosen to see "Maurice" sympathized but continued watching.

Saturday brought the River City Mixed Chorus to the stage for their summer concert "A Little Travelin' Music". The selections challenged the chorus members as they once again demonstrated their commitment to vocal excellence; however, it was the arrival of the seven "dwarfs" (aka the 6 shortest chorus members and the tallest member trying to think short) which enchanted the audience. Our hats are off to all the dedicated members of the chorus and to Sam for the buffet and hospitality enjoyed at the after concert party.

At long last, on Sunday afternoon, people gathered for "the event billed as the 1989 Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade". 110 people joined together to walk from 20th and Farnam to Turner Park, wearing arm bands with pink triangles, carrying signs with such slogans as "Closets are for Clothes" and "Silence=Death". While spectators were few, people driving by as they left the Summer Arts Festival rolled down their windows to shout encourage-

ment, to jeer, or to stare in fascination. The police were cooperative and allowed the parade to proceed at an orderly (even leisurely) pace. Reporters waited at Turner Park to conduct interviews with those willing to appear on television or to have their names in print. Our hats are off to JoJo, Pat, Terry, Vince, and Dick for speaking so eloquently for our community.

The week's excitement wound down as a hundred people remained to picnic at Turner Park. At the final event of the 1989 Pride Week Activities, 30 people joined with Reverend Matthew Howard of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha to celebrate Vesper Services in the Park. The New Voice would like to extend our thanks to the news staffs of KMTV and KETV for their coverage of the Pride Parade. We would also like to thank the Omaha World-Herald for providing coverage which, if not totally without bias, certainly far exceeded the coverage given in previous years. A special salute is extended to Carol Schrader for her "Viewpoint" program of June 18 which featured an interview with Rev. Matthew Howard of MCC-Omaha, Wes Perry, chairperson of the 1989 Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Committee, and Terry Sweeney, Co-Chairperson of EAGLE. Her interview was fair, unbiased, and professionally done.

Letters of invitation were sent to 43 political office holders in Nebraska, including U.S. Senators Exon and Kerrey, Representative Hoagland, Governor Orr, Mayor Morgan, the City Council, the County Commissioners, and the State Senators from Omaha and Lincoln. None of those invited chose to attend any of the week's events, though Mayor Morgan did agree, at the request of EAGLE, to proclaim the week of June 19-23 "Gay/Lesbian Awareness Week". So, Pride Week '89 is all over, but plans have already begun for 1990. After all, the Gay '90's are coming and we plan to be there to celebrate the occasion. ▼

Sharon Van Butsel

1989



PRIDE



PARADE



OMAHA AND STONEWALL - 20 YEARS LATER

Community Calendar

- 1** Tuesday SOLAG (Support Group for Spouses and Ex-Spouses of Lesbians and Gays); 7-9 pm.; 12111 Pacific Street; 330-1144
- 2** Wednesday P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7 pm; call 435-4688 for location
- 6** Sunday New Voice Steering Committee; MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th; 4 pm; All interested parties welcome
- 8** Tuesday P-FLAG / Omaha; First Methodist Church (northeast entrance), 69th & Cass; 7:30 pm
- 10** Thursday Submission Deadline!! All articles, classifieds, art work, poetry, and letters must be received by this date for consideration for the September issue of the New Voice.
- 11** Friday Affirmation / Omaha; 7 pm; call 556-7701 for location
- 13** Sunday Dignity; St. John's, lower level, Creighton Campus; Mass at 7 pm
- 14** Monday AIDS Interfaith Network; St. Cecelia's 701 North 40th; Prayer service; 7 pm
- 15** Tuesday SOLAG Support Group, 12111 Pacific, 7-9 pm; 330-1144
- 16** August Metropolitan Club; 6 pm; call 449-9377 for location
P-FLAG AIDS Support Group; Lincoln; 7 pm; call 435-4688 for location
- 18** Friday through **19** Saturday
Fantasy - An Experience in Leather; Picnic, Party, and Show, pre-registration required
- 20** Sunday Affirmation / Lincoln; Write for time and location: P O Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501
- 22** Tuesday P-FLAG / Lincoln; 7:30 pm; Program Topic: "Positively Gay" call 435-4688 for location
- 28** Sunday Dignity "Gathering"; 7 pm; call 895-2856 for location
- 3** September Labor Day!
Imperial Court of Nebraska Labor Day Picnic
Vey's Hill Haven Farm, 36th Street (south of Giles Road), Omaha, NE; noon - 5 pm

AUGUST

Weekly Events

Sunday

Metropolitan Community Church
420 South 24th, Omaha
Sunday School, 9 am
Worship Services 10:20 am & 7 pm

The Max
1415 Jackson
Show at 9 pm

Monday

Early Warning
Social Activist Group
Room 345, Nebraska Union
University of Nebraska at Lincoln
check Union Calendar for time

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

Tuesday

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th
7:30 pm

Thursday

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Students Organization
Room 342, Nebraska Union, 8 pm
University Nebraska / Lincoln

Nuts & Bolts & Brass Tacks
Pella Lutheran, 41st & Farnam, 7 pm
Call NAP 342-4233 or Steve 346-1556
Alcoholic Anonymous Group dealing
with alcohol and AIDS issues

Friday

Adult Children of Alcoholics
MCC-Omaha
420 South 24th
6:30 pm
346-0561

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous
Pella Lutheran Church
303 South 41st Street, Omaha
8:15 pm
345-9916

Women's Friday Afternoon Gathering
(to foster networks and have fun)
The Club, 116 North 20th Street, Lincoln
5 - 7 pm

T.W.O. 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our anniversary turned out to be a very successful event. We were pleased with the turn out of our club brothers and sisters.

Arrivals for the weekend festivities started coming in Friday evening. T.W.O. members were at the Diamond Bar waiting to greet our guests. There were plenty of cocktails and conversation throughout the evening. We had members of the Corn Haulers and Satyricons present for the "pre-night" festivities. Naturally, we closed the bar and had an unofficial after hours party until the wee hours of the morning. Little rest was had by all!

Red eyes and headaches were the norm on Saturday morning. After dragging ourselves out of beds, we began preparations for our celebration that evening. Registration began at 3 in the afternoon at the Diamond. Clubs represented for the

Craig O. weekend were the Knights of Leather, Black Guard, KC Pioneers, Corn Haulers, and Satyricons. The highlight was cocktails and a dinner/show at Cascios's. Also present were Imperial Court Empress Danielle, Rev. Howard of MCC-Omaha, Dignity president Ron, and Cindy of the Diamond, along with other guests. Dinner was excellent (if you're in Omaha, we recommend this restaurant). Wine was provided by the Corn Haulers. The show went well with a good time and laugh by all. Ending the evening was another after hours party! Another long night, I might add.

Eye openers and brunch on Sunday ended our celebration. Good-byes were said and our thanks extended to all for making our weekend a complete success. ▼

PLAY SAFELY IN AUGUST

CHORUS INVITES NEW MEMBERS

The River City Mixed Chorus is inviting all women and men who love to sing to JOIN THE CHORUS!

Music Director John Kelly will listen to new voices on Monday, September 18, and Monday, September 25, both evenings from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street, Omaha.

Rehearsals for the Holiday Performance Period of the Chorus begin September 18. They will follow both audition sessions, from 7:30 to 9:30 the two nights, and will continue on Monday evenings through December 11. The Holiday Concert will be presented the evening of Sunday, December 17. No prepared music is necessary. Everyone is welcome to try out! If you have any questions, please phone 341-0763. ▼



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CHORUS SHARES AT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

"A Spirit with a mighty voice is a Spirit mighty strong."

Those words are from "Come Out Singing!", the closing anthem of the Third GALA (Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses) Festival, held in July in Seattle, Washington.

It would be very difficult to express the joy, sharing, and love my fellow chorus members (River City Mixed Chorus, Omaha) and I experienced this past week at the GALA Festival. It was like walking through the looking glass.

The Festival—held every three years—brought together some 2,500 representatives from 48 of the 70 men's, women's, and mixed choruses making up the GALA network across the U.S. and Canada. The event was held on the University of Washington campus, which became a virtual "gay/lesbian mecca" for the seven days. (You KNEW everyone else was "one", too, and you could be yourself. That's quite a big deal to those of us from Nebraska's closeted communities.)

From the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, the "granddaddy" of the gay men's choral movement, to choruses as new as a year old, friends met, listened, sang, and became immersed in a community of gays and lesbians joining in song. Everyone made new friends, some became reacquainted with friends from past events, we all heard great music, and we came home exhausted, walking on clouds. It's also safe to say each chorus returned with ideas for future concerts.

River City—as did most participating choruses—performed our own 25-minute set of music on stage for the other singers. It's a terrific feeling to get a standing ovation from an audience of 1,200! (Our director, John Kelly, had the unique opportunity to direct on stage twice, since he also directs the Des Moines Men's Chorus, another GALA member.)

At the end of the week, for the finale, choruses joined together to sing newly commissioned works, including music by composers Bernice Johnson Regon, Conrad Susa, Janice Giteck, and Paul Patterson. Men's, women's, and mixed choruses each sang several of these new musical works. After that, we all went outdoors, became a chorus of 2,500 (!), and sang the Anthem for the Festival, "Come Out Singing!" by Holly Near.

GALA is one of two national vocal music "networks" for gays/lesbians (the other being the Sister Singers Network.) In addition to the Festivals, GALA services to its members include director and leadership conferences, information networking on topics from incorporation to dealing with AIDS, and vast music resources to share pieces and to commission new works. Music is a great way to celebrate for ourselves, for our gay communities, and for the larger community. The next GALA Festival is scheduled for July, 1992, in Denver. Our own chorus, the River City Mixed Chorus, is proud to have been a part of this Festival. We encourage more people to get involved with our chorus. Call 341-0763, or write Box 315, Omaha, 68101. ▼

Gary

UNL COLAGE MAY RECEIVE FUNDS

Rodney A. Bell, II

In the 1989-90 school year, UNL Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events was denied the requested amount of \$749 in student fees due to "homophobic" administrators, student leaders, and morality. As a result of a meeting between Vice Chancellor James Griesen, UNL Attorney, Dorothy Walker - an NCLU Cooperating Attorney and COLAGE members, Vice Chancellor Griesen added \$1000 to the University Program Council's committees: Talks and Topics (\$800) and Special Events(\$200). COLAGE could then apply to cosponsor a program with one of those committees. The Vice Chancellor was not able to guarantee that COLAGE would receive any of the funds. Although an agreement has been reached, COLAGE may still retain the right to sue the University. The Committees don't have to give the COLAGE the money, even though they probably will.

Sounds like homophobia to me! As chairperson of UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumnae Association, Inc. and co-founder of the Gay and Lesbian Programming Committee (formerly COLAGE), I think that the Vice Chancellor is placating and fraudulent in promising the COLAGE funds put into two other committees. Why doesn't he put the money where it belongs? He has been known to play politician before! By not putting the money into COLAGE, he is being homophobic! ▼



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P.A.C.T.

P.A.C.T. (People of All Colors Together) is slowly moving at a steady pace, but there seems to be a gradual increase. Since the last time P.A.C.T. was in The New Voice, we have had a few phone calls. These people had a definite interest and certainly are finding the group to be a place where they can share and express their culture with other people.

Our local chapter (per se) met last July and discussed about attending the anniversary celebration in Kansas City, Mo. I do believe that some of us or all of us will be participating.

B.W.M.T. (Black and White Men Together), our national organization, held its convention July 2-9 in Tallahassee, Florida at Florida State University. I have not heard what had happened, but I am assuming the convention went well with a great success.

This Month we will be meeting after the celebration in Kansas City. Again we would welcome those people who might find this group to be a value to them. If you would like to know more about P.A.C.T. please call 341-4078. ▼

UNL GALA NEWS

Rodney A. Bell, II

The last meeting for the summer for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association, Inc. will be held August 17th at 7pm. Persons who are interested should call (402) 464-0371.

The UNL GALA publishes a quarterly newsletter about happenings for alumni/ae, staff faculty and students from the University of Nebraska. Anyone may receive a copy or become a member by writing: UNL GALA, Inc., PO Box 30681, Lincoln NE 68503.

Current plans include: making plans for the September Board of Directors meeting, fund raising, for a gay and lesbian scholarship fund, membership recruitment and social networking. ▼

GENDER SHIFT ON STEERING COMMITTEE

Sharon Van Butsel

Guess what!! I'm not the only woman on the Steering Committee anymore!!! At the July meeting, Sharon, co-chair of the EAGLE group, joined the New Voice Steering Committee.

Welcome aboard, Sharon!!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

for Fantasy: An Experience in Leather. August 18-19. Advance ticket sales only. Registration forms are available at The Max and The Diamond. This is the biggest thing to hit Omaha this summer. Folks will be coming from all over the U.S. Buy your tickets NOW or else Dustin will become very unhappy. Now, I am sure we want to keep him real happy.

I.C.O.N. FINANCIAL REPORT 1989

We are pleased to publish the 1988 financial report of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. We applaud I.C.O.N. for their willingness to share this information with the community at large.

The New Voice is glad to publish information related to any organization serving the Gay and Lesbian community.

Imperial Court of Nebraska Revenue and Expense Statement End of the Year 1988

Net Proceeds from the Year

\$986.56

	Revenues
Doors and Gates	\$11,061.25
Raffle Ticket Sales	2,235.00
Donations	1,927.00
Advertising	945.00
Food and Drink	398.00
Fees	190.00
Games	81.00
Deposits	70.00
Miscellaneous	84.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$16,991.75

	*Donations
ICON PWA Fund	\$1,166.66
Viral Syndrome Clinic	2,828.34
AIDS Interfaith Network	770.00
New Voice of Nebraska	375.00
Gay Mens Volleyball Team	275.00
NAP Helping Hands	125.00
Memorials	100.00
AIDS Support Group	100.00
MCC Church	75.00
Lambda House	75.00

**These monies are recorded in the appropriate expense accounts after all receipts and monies are returned to the treasurer.

***This account is for air fare to and from an out-of-state coronation for the Emperor and Empress.

	Expenses
*Donations	\$5,890.00
Food and Drink	2767.00
Advertising	2670.00
Picnic Ground & Hall Rental	1,508.55
Set	820.86
Prizes and Awards	743.97
Sound	434.50
***Travel	406.00
**Budgets	300.00
Attorney's Fees	100.00
Deposit Returns	70.00
Postage and Copies	55.11
Bank Charges	46.88
P O Box Rental	39.00
Doors and Gate Returns	10.00
Miscellaneous	141.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,005.19

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SPECIAL U.S. POSTAL STAMP CANCELLATION RECOGNIZES GAY PRIDE

New York, NY -- At the request of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), the U.S. Post Office issued a special stamp cancellation (featuring art work designed by prominent artist Keith Haring for Heritage of Pride, and reproduced below) that was available at the June 25 lesbian and gay pride march in New York City. The cancellation was issued in conjunction with 20th Anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, when patrons of a gay bar fought back against police harassment and launched the modern lesbian and gay liberation movement.

When apprised of the cancellation, Senator Helms, castigated the Post Office on the Senate floor for celebrating "perversion." He attacked the lesbian and gay movement for trying to subvert "American values."

Craig Davidson, Executive Director of GLAAD, responded "The nastiness of Sen. Helms' remarks reveals the desperation of a one who knows he is losing his battle to deny Americans the truth that lesbian and gay people are decent, loving, and proud." He added, "The Post Office regularly celebrates the cultural diversity of America with special stamps and stamp cancellations, and that is exactly what they have done here. While Sen. Helms wishes a "pox" on postal officials who approved our cancellation, we thank them for their fairness -- the most fundamental of American values. ▼



MCC HEADLINES

Carla

Yes, July started out Hot for members and friends of MCC-O! In addition to the regular services and meetings that were held, we jammed into the first nine days a food booth at the ICON picnic, a potluck dinner at the Church, a quarterly congregational meeting, and a new color of paint for the front of the Sanctuary.

Things kind of cooled down a little mid-month as our pastor and the lay delegate were gone to Minneapolis for the UFMCC General Conference.

And I guess you could say that we really cooled off the last Saturday of the month — the social event of July was a picnic and swimming party. What a splash we made! We ended the month on a positive note: several new members joined our

ranks!

Looking ahead to August, MCCer's will head for the Putt-Putt range, and I hear that there are more improvements on the building in the makings!

Plans for the September 17 installation of Reverend Matthew Howard will also begin to take form. Presiding at the installation will be the Mid-Central District Coordinator Bonnie Daniel. We invite all of the community to join in the festivities. Watch for more details.

Office hours for MCC-O have changed slightly since I last reported to you. The MCC-O office is now open Monday through Thursday from 10 till 1 and 2 till 5. See you in church Sunday! ▼

Please save your aluminium cans for Metropolitan Community Church!!!

SILVER STATE NEEDS HELP

The Silver State Gay and Lesbian Task Force asks your help as they attempt to unite the Gay and Lesbian Community in the Reno, Nevada area. This fledgling organization planned a Pride Week Celebration, but has been unable to raise the \$2,400 required for a park permit, liability insurance, and the required police protection. They are now targeting August 19th as the date for their Pride Celebration if the necessary funds can be raised. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to SSGLTF and mail to: SSGLTF, P.O. Box 50472, Reno, Nevada, 89513. ▼



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AIDS News**ADMINISTRATION CHANGES AIDS IMMIGRATION POLICY**

The Bush Administration announced it is changing its immigration policy to allow some foreign visitors who have AIDS or HIV into the U.S. for a limited amount of time.

Under the policy change, HIV-positive persons will be admitted into the country for up to 30 days to attend scientific conferences, obtain medical treatment, conduct business, or visit family.

The policy change comes in response to an international uproar caused by the detention of a Dutch city official for five days last April by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

The official, Hans Paul Verhoef, came to the U.S. to attend the Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation Conference/National AIDS Forum in San Francisco.

Following a hearing, local immigration officials ruled that Verhoef could enter the country and attend the conference, but INS headquarters in Washington, DC, blocked that decision. Finally, an immigration judge ordered Verhoef admitted on bond. The incident sparked widespread criticism of U.S. policy, which violates international standards formulated by the World Health Organization with U.S. participation. It also raised concerns about plans to hold the Sixth International AIDS Conference next year in San Francisco.

Organizers of the Fifth International AIDS Conference in Montreal in June were also concerned that thousands of foreigners, many with HIV infection, might be prevented from travelling through the U.S. on their way to or from the conference. "The United States does not import AIDS," said Robert Bray, Human Rights

Campaign Fund communications director. "We have the largest number of cases in the world. Restrictive and paranoid immigration policy does nothing to control the epidemic. It only contributes to the spread of AIDS by limiting the free exchange of information and discouraging infected people from seeking testing or treatment."

"The Administration has recognized the global embarrassment that would result if the U.S. could not host international scientific AIDS meetings that included people with HIV infection," said Vic Basile, Executive Director of Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF).

Basile promised HRCF would "continue lobbying the Administration and Congress for free travel and immigration rights for persons with HIV infection." ▼



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CAUTION

John Kelly Gentry is considered armed and dangerous. He also uses the aliases William Veith, Kung Fu, and Jim.

F.B.I. Alert!

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has asked the New Voice of Nebraska and the Gay/Lesbian Community to help them locate John Kelly Gentry, Jr., who is charged with murdering two people.

In 1982, John Kelly Gentry, Jr., was convicted of felonious assault after he attacked and crushed the Adam's apple of a homosexual man with whom he had lived for 11 months. While serving this sentence, Gentry befriended Barbara Gerber, a civilian cook at the Toledo, Ohio, jail.

Upon his release from jail, Gentry moved in with William Veith, a known homosexual, but commuted to Barbara Gerber's home in Monroe, Michigan, where he also maintained a residence.

On April 12, 1983, Barbara Gerber's nude body was found in her home. Her throat had been slashed and an attempt made to burn down the house. The next day William Veith's body was found in the basement of his business. He had been bludgeoned to death with the blunt end of an axe.

If you have any information concerning John Kelly Gentry, Jr., please contact the Omaha office of the F.B.I., 402/348-1210.

DONALD KOWALSKI RESIGNS AS GUARDIAN

On June 12th, Sharon Kowalski moved to Trevilla of Robbinsdale, an extended care facility near Minneapolis, MN, that provides rehabilitation and transition to less structured care for brain-injured persons. The move is the first step in the rehabilitation plan recommended by Kowalski's therapists at the Miller-Dwan Medical Center in Duluth, as reported to St. Louis County District Court Judge Robert V. Cambell. Meanwhile, Kowalski's father, Donald Kowalski, has requested that he be removed as her guardian.

Sue Wilson, Thompson's attorney, said Donald Kowalski has asked Campbell to terminate his guardianship of his daughter, "because if he can't do it his way, he doesn't want to do it." Campbell has specified that he will not appoint Thompson as guardian. His selection of a third party guardian is pending.

Prior to the move to Trevilla, Kowalski spent several weeks at the Ebenezer Caroline Center in Minneapolis, awaiting a vacancy at Trevilla.

In their September evaluation report the Miller-Dwan doctors wrote, "Ms. Kowalski's level of social and psychological well-being is quite low related to the difficulty of the social situation as well as the chronic nature of her placement in a nursing facility." Their medical report, presented to Judge Campbell in March, recommended that Kowalski move immediately to Trevilla. While there, they wrote, she should prepare "to maximize independent living skills by completing the Transitional Living Program at Courage Center." Finally, they recommended that her ultimate goal be "to return to pre-morbid home environment." The cover letter to Cambell from Dr. Matthew Eckman stated, "We believe Sharon Kowalski has shown areas of potential and ability to make rational choices in many areas of her life. She has consistently

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indicated a desire to return home, and by that means to St. Cloud to live with Karen Thompson again."

Donald and Della Kowalski have refused to attend any medical or legal meetings regarding Kowalski's care since they saw the March report.

While at the Caroline Center, Kowalski participated for the first time in a medical staffing conference about her care, and received a pass to attend a barbecue with Thompson and other friends. It is expected that her medical team at Trevilla will be aggressive in recommending further activities that allow her to leave the facility. ▼

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LIVING IN LEATHER IV

**The National Leather Conference
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The National Leather Association has sponsored 3 successful "Living in Leather Conferences", bringing together men and women of all sexual orientations from throughout the National Leather/SM/Fetish Community. Living in Leather IV will be presented October 6-8, 1989, in Portland, Oregon.

Headquarters hotel will be the Inn-at-the-Coliseum, (503/230-990 or 800-342-1342). The Inn-at-the-Coliseum will also

be the site of registration and hospitality rooms. The backup hotel is the Hyatt Lodge (503/233-5121).

The site of workshops and exhibits will be the Portland Memorial Coliseum Complex. Our exhibits area will feature many of the most prominent vendors of Leather/SM/Fetish clothing and playthings in North America. All registrations will include the annual party, the Blackout Ball.

For information and registration, contact the National Leather Association at P.O. Box 17463, Seattle, WA. 98107. ▼

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND

New Democratic Leadership In The House Of Representatives Friendly To Gays And Lesbians

Washington, June 26 ... Recent elections of strongly pro-gay representatives to leadership positions in the U.S. Congress

are being hailed by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) as important gains for the lesbian and gay community and the fight against AIDS. HRCF political strategists praised the election

on June 22 of Congressman Vic Fazio to vice-chair of the Democratic Party Caucus, and the election the day before of Steny Hoyer as Caucus Chair. Both are long-time supporters of gay-related legislation.

New House Leadership Members who serves on the Appropriations Committee and on the subcommittees for Health & Human Services and the District of Columbia; Vic Fazio, who also serves on the Appropriations Committee; Dick Gephardt, majority leader; Bill Gray, majority whip; and Tom Foley, Speaker of the House. ▼

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BOB DAMRON (1928 - 1989)

Bob Damron, creator of the original gay travel guide bearing his name, passed away June 20, 1989. Although famous for the creation of the Bob Damron's Address Book, his primary occupation was owning some of the most popular bars in the sixties and seventies.

The last bar that Damron opened was "The San Francisco Eagle", which remains an institution in that city. After selling his gay guide business in 1987, he retired to Los Angeles and settled back in the family home with his brother Norrie Damron, where he died of complications from AIDS. ▼

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NGRA BEATS DAN- NEMEYER IN COURT GAY LIBEL SUIT TOSSED OUT

San Francisco A Superior Court judge in Sacramento sustained the demurrer of the *Bay Area Reporter* (B.A.R.), a gay newspaper published in San Francisco. In a libel suit brought against it by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Orange County, CA).

Dannemeyer alleged in his lawsuit that B.A.R. reprinted a memo which said, in part, that Dannemeyer was "foaming at the mouth", "a live grenade", and "far to emotional to do any good" to the Republican Party with respect to the AIDS issue. The court held that the B.A.R. article was protected under the California "Fair

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

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1. Book about AIDS, "And the Band _____"
4. If you are not openly gay, you are _____
7. Persons with same-sex orientations _____
8. To Impress a date, you might "wine and _____" her/him
9. NGLTF - National Gay and Lesbian _____
10. AIDS-Related complex abbreviation _____
12. A fight; this broke out at the Stonewall Bar in 1969 _____
14. "I am what I _____"
15. ICON - _____ of Nebraska
17. "Do your parents _____?"
19. A word you might use to describe an attractive lover _____
22. A Roman Catholic support group for gays and lesbians _____
23. A slang term used to describe someone who can be affectionate with both sexes. _____
24. Ancient Greek poetess who taught a private girls' school _____
26. An Omaha bar, The _____; a precious stone
27. Please practice _____ sex
28. National Gay Rights Advocates abbreviation _____
30. Synonym for "uncommon;" "True love is a _____ thing."
33. The name of this magazine, "The _____"
34. Another word for "partner" or "mate" _____
35. California city with the most gay bars in the nation _____
38. Most commonly-quoted number for the gay percentage of the population _____
40. Song title: "So Many _____, So Little Time"
41. An Omaha club; a word meaning "pertaining to a city" _____
44. Voluptuous, seductive _____
45. What impersonators do to music in a show, "lip _____"
46. A liquid which might be warmed and used in a massage; "baby _____"

1. What we celebrate during the last week in June. _____
2. From Greek mythology, the embodiment of male perfection _____
3. What many gays face on the job and with insurance companies _____
5. Mel Gibson is _____ than Sonny Bono
6. An Omaha women's bar, The _____
10. "Meet me _____ The Max" 11. ACLU, American _____
13. A Diana Ross song, "I'm Coming _____"
16. A ritual; the Metropolitan Community Church offers the _____ of Holy Union to gay and lesbian couples
18. We must continue to march and demonstrate until we _____ our rights
19. A slang term used to describe someone who can love either sex _____
20. Support groups can help keep you from feeling _____
21. Shows at the Max feature _____ impersonators
23. A Lincoln dance bar; a song: "Under the _____"
24. Slang term for a heterosexual _____
25. Each June we march in a Pride _____
29. An Omaha singing group, The _____ Mixed Chorus
31. What is found on a cake at a Holy Union ceremony _____
32. Lincoln Legion of Lesbians abbreviation _____
36. Greek letter; the first in "liberation" _____
37. Amethyst is a Lincoln band consisting of all _____
39. If you are not closeted, you live as an _____ gay
42. What you call your last lover, "my _____"
43. Two Wheelers of Omaha abbreviation _____

SOLDIER WINS REINSTATEMENT TO ARMY

Because of his 14 years of exemplary military service, openly gay sergeant Perry J. Watkins must be reinstated to active duty by the U.S. Army, a San Francisco federal appeals court ruled.

This latest decision, however, did not rule on the broad constitutional issue of equal protection for homosexuals in the military, much to the disappointment of gay and lesbian observers.

Rather, the court ruled on narrow issues, chiefly that of the Army's responsibility to be consistent with its own regulations. The Army repeatedly broke its own rules by retaining and reenlisting Watkins for 14 years despite the fact that its own record indicated that he is gay going back to when he was drafted in 1967.

Spending a significant amount of time recounting Watkin's outstanding service record, the court ruled that the military's general ban on homosexuals as unfit for service may not be applied in the Watkins case.

Despite the Court's sidestepping of the larger issue (equal protection), the ruling is considered an enormous first step because it shatters the stereotype of homosexuals in the military. The Court was not swayed by the military's argument about homosexuality being incompatible with the service.

It is not yet known whether the Army will appeal this decision. Watkins, however, indicated that if the ruling stands, he will re-enlist. ▼

CENTER KIDS FROM THE CENTER VOICE

When the Center's (the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York City) contingent marched down Fifth Ave. on Lesbian and Gay Pride Sunday (June 25), one group in that contingent stood out - parents and their children. That is gay and lesbian parents and their children, participants in the Center's new program called Center Kids.

Center Kids started last year with informal get-togethers of men and women-couples and singles- who had embraced parenthood after coming out or were interested in doing so. They discussed parenting

issues, adoption, and alternative insemination. They also shared concerns about the need to expose their children to positive social experiences with other children who also have gay or lesbian parents.

Word about the meetings spread fast. The mailing list grew longer, living rooms tighter, and eventually the Center seemed the logical hub for meetings and social events. Discussions with the Center President David Nimmons led to an approach to the Board of Directors.

In the winter the Center welcomed Center Kids as its newest program for the lesbian and gay community. As a social program, Center Kids primary focus is on the children, giving them, in Wayne Steinman's words, "a gay-supportive environment" through various activities with other children and their lesbian and gay parents.

The program is also educational and informational. Now that it's based at the Center, it will sponsor workshops, support groups and forums devoted to legal and other issues that concern parents and prospective parents. ▼

NGLTF CONFERENCE

Continuing the innovative programming that characterized its annual conference last year, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Creating Change conference will be held from November 9-12, 1989 in the greater Washington area.

The Conference will begin on Thursday, November 9 with a special pre-conference Training Institute focusing on fund raising for gay and lesbian organizations. The faculty for the Institute will include foundation directors, development and direct mail experts, and activists from organizations of different sizes and budgets.

On Friday the luncheon keynote address will be delivered by former Staff Sgt.

The NGLTF Creating Change conference is committed to being accessible to all organizations and activists.

Perry Watkins, who recently won a federal appeals court decision ordering the Army to allow him to reenlist despite his homosexuality. The experience of gay and lesbian service members will be the subject of a Friday afternoon demonstration at the White House calling for an end to the military's discriminatory policy. On Saturday the luncheon keynote address will be delivered by longtime gay activist, media critic and author, Vito Russo. Russo is author of *Celluloid Closet*, a book on the treatment of gay and lesbian issues in Hollywood and in the media. The keynote address on November 12 will feature Arkansas-based lesbian feminist activist Suzanne Pharr. Pharr is author of "Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism". She is founder and staff member of The Women's Project.

The NGLTF Creating Change conference is committed to being accessible to all organizations and activists. Workshops will be interpreted for the hearing impaired, and the facility for the conference is wheelchair accessible. For registration information, write: NGLTF Creating Change, 1517 U St. NW., DC. 20009 ▼

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"For further information regarding the National Gay and Lesbian Crisis Line, contact Julien Maurice, Coordinator, The Fund for Human Dignity, 666 Broadway, New York, NY, 10012. (212) 529-1600.

For direct assistance, dial 1-800-SOS-GAYS. Hours are 4-9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Noon-4 p.m., Saturday (Central Time.) ▼

MOTHER OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH FOUNDER DIES

Edith Allen Perry, 73, died of cancer in Los Angeles on May 17. She was the mother of Rev. Troy D. Perry, Founder and Moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

From the earliest days of Metropolitan Community Church, she was one of its strongest supporters and faithful volunteer. She worked closely with Troy for decades, and in 1980 was named "Women of the Year" by Christopher Street West, Los Angeles' Gay Pride organization. As

the first heterosexual person to receive this annual award, she was honored for her outstanding contribution to the Lesbian and Gay community.

Mrs. Perry was born September 11, 1916 in Jasper, Florida. She is survived by five sons: Troy, Eugene, Jimmy, Jack and Jerry, and their families. Funeral services were held May 25 at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Los Angeles. A memorial fund has been established for the Edith Allen Perry Library at UFMCC's Samaritan College in Los Angeles. ▼

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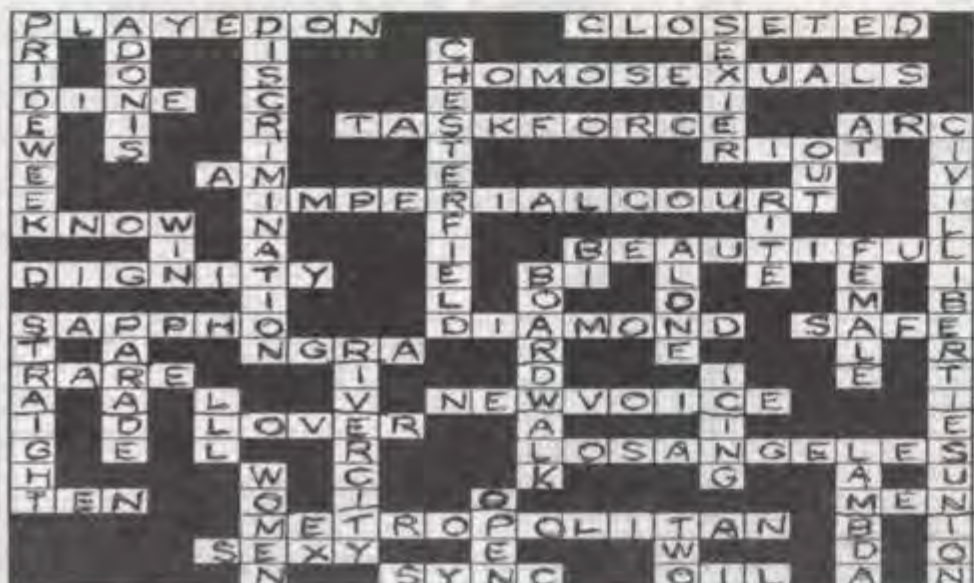
Comment" doctrine and the First Amendment. Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said, "William Dannemeyer can't use frivolous lawsuits to intimidate the gay press. The courts have consistently held the First Amendment protects the right of newspapers to publish opinions about public figures." The court also held that the statements in the reprinted memorandum were statements of the author's opinion, not literal statements of fact. Thus, although Dannemeyer was granted leave to amend his complaint, the effect of the court's ruling is that there is nothing he can allege that would make the statement libelous. ▼

FBI FINDS YOU UNFIT

A federal district judge recently ordered the Federal Bureau of Investigation to overhaul its system for promoting racial and ethnic minorities, finding that the agency's employment decisions have long been marred by significant discrimination. Unfortunately, the decision does not address the FBI's long history of discrimination against hiring and promoting gays and lesbians.

An excellent article in *Parade*, the national Sunday newspaper supplement, recently took the FBI to task for discrimination against gay people. "How ironical," wrote Lloyd Shearer, "when one realizes that J. Edgar Hoover may well have been gay himself and that police departments throughout the country are slowly beginning to hire homosexuals for training."

Remind the FBI that its bigotry is shameful. Write William Sessions, Director, FBI, Ninth St. and Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC. 20535, and write to thank Lloyd Shearer, *Parade*, 750 Third Ave., New York, NY. 10017. ▼



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Book Reviewer needed. Each month the New Voice receives review copies of Gay and Lesbian literature from publishers such as Alyson, Knights Press, and Naiad Press. We are in need of a person or persons to review the literature received and write brief reviews for publication in the New Voice. If interested in this position with our volunteer staff, contact Sharon Van Butsel, Editor, at 556-9907.

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LOOKING AHEAD

The New Voice is constantly looking for new contributors. If you have something written on any topic, please submit it by the 10th of the month. We are especially looking for articles related to various feature topics in upcoming months:

SEPTEMBER - Labor Day; Gays and Lesbians in the Work Place

OCTOBER - National Coming Out Day, 3rd Anniversary of the March on Washington and the 1st Quilt Tour

NOVEMBER - What Are You Thankful For?

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A literary journal of the highest quality will make its debut this winter. Tribe, to be issued quarterly, will feature fiction, poetry, and essays by, for, and about gay men. Manuscripts are now being solicited.

Authors submitting manuscripts are asked to include a self-addressed stamped envelope. All manuscripts will be evaluated blindly. Short, medium-size, and long pieces are welcome.

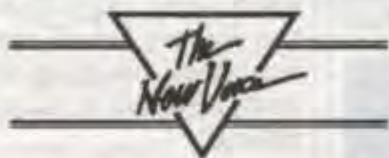
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Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns

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206/329-TVTS (8887)

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UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association

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402/472-5644 Rodney Bell II

Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events (COLAGE)

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Women's Assistance Emergency Fund

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Lesbian Support Group

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University of Lincoln-Lincoln, Lincoln NE 68588
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402/331-5188 or 291-6781

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Veteran's Administration Medical Center

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402/346-8800 - Dean Pierce (ext 4119)

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402/559-6202 Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith

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1104 North 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

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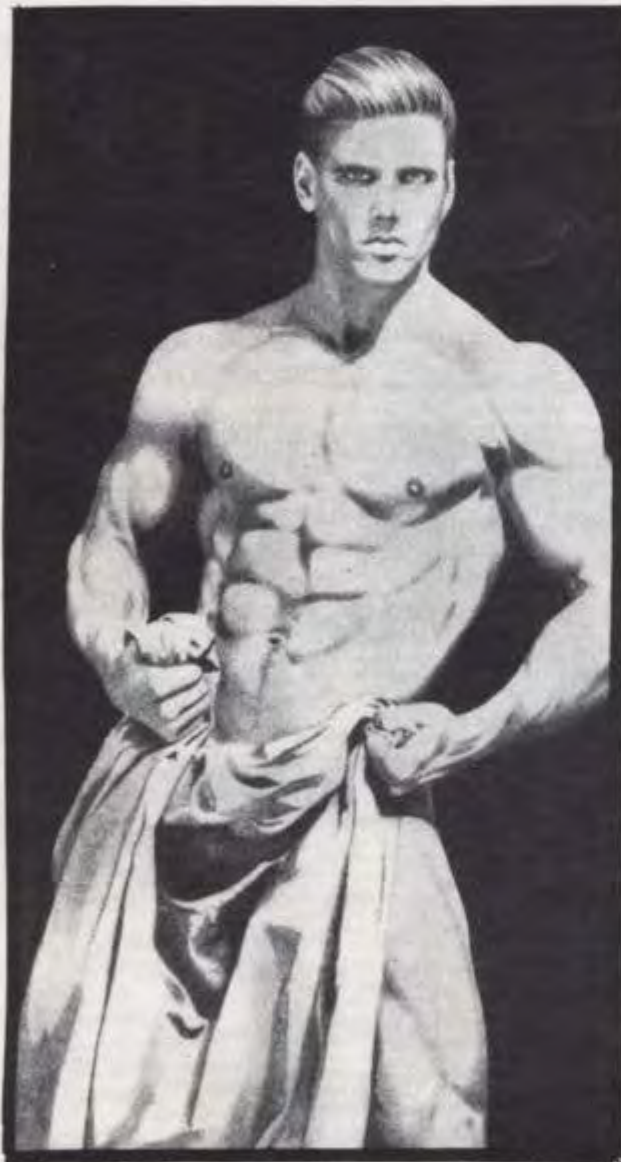
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Daley Leads Gay Parade in Chicago

The Chicago Tribune

Chicago — For those who remember times when being gay meant secrecy and fear, Sunday's sight reminded them how much life has changed in 20 years.

There was Mayor Richard M. Daley in a bright blue T-bird convertible, leading the Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade.

He is the first mayor ever to participate in the annual event. Titled "Stonewall 20: A Generation of Pride," the parade was part of nationwide celebrations of the birth of the gay rights movement two decades ago.

Police officers marched several groups behind the mayor's car. That also was a first, organizers said.

"It's really something, really something to see the police in the parade, and the mayor," said Jon Legris, 37, a jeweler.

Some gay activists credit Daley, then a mayoral hopeful, with helping to rally crucial City Council votes in December that led to passage of a local human rights ordinance.

As Daley shook hands with onlookers, he said: "They asked me to participate in their parade, and I'm very happy to be here. They are important people to the city, and I get good

support from them."

Marches in cities throughout the nation commemorated the June 27, 1969, riot at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, where gay bar patrons for the first time fought back during a routine police raid.

More than half a million people marched Sunday in New York; Minneapolis; West Hollywood; Birmingham,

Ala.; Lansing, Mich.; and Chicago, The Associated Press reported.

In San Francisco, a cheering crowd estimated by organizers at 300,000 people and by police at 140,000 turned out for the 19th annual Lesbian-Gay Freedom Parade. The parade was led by a scantily clad women's motorcycle contingent.



Fifth Year for Parade

In Omaha, 110 Join in Downtown March

By Mary de Zutter

World-Herald Staff Writer

About 110 people walked from 20th and Farnam Streets to Turner Park Sunday evening in an event billed as the 1989 Gay-Lesbian Pride Parade.

Organizers said this was the fifth year the homosexual and lesbian community has held a parade in downtown Omaha to celebrate Gay-Lesbian Pride Week, which ended Sunday.

The marchers chanted, "Human rights now," and carried signs and banners. One sign said, "One in 10, we are the invisible minority." Another said, "Closets are for clothes," and a third said, "God is greater than AIDS."

Pink Triangles

Some marchers wore armbands marked by pink triangles, a symbol they said homosexuals were forced to wear in Nazi Germany.

Less than a dozen spectators watched from sidewalks along Farnam Street from 20th to 30th Streets. March-

ers stayed in the right-hand traffic lanes of westbound, one-way Farnam Street while the usual automobile traffic was permitted to pass on the left.

Occasional cheers and jeers came from the passing cars.

Three police cruisers escorted the paraders.

The marchers gathered at Turner Park for a short speech by organizer Pat Phalen, then held a picnic.

Phalen said the parade had grown from its beginning five years ago when 60 people marched, some wearing masks or paper bags to hide their identities.

"Next year bring another friend. It's OK to be gay in Omaha, Nebraska," he told the marchers.

There were no masks or paper bags evident at this year's march. Vince Percy, who carried a flag at the front of the parade, said the lack of disguises showed that marchers had more self-confidence and less fear about their

employers' or families' reactions to their being homosexual.

'Legitimate Relationships'

Phalen said this year's march commemorates the 20th anniversary of an incident in New York City, when police raided a bar known as a gathering place for homosexuals, and the patrons of the bar fought back.

Marcher Terry Sweeney said a major issue among homosexuals currently is over the legalization of their same-sex partnerships and living arrangements. "We want our relationships legitimized," he said.

Groups that carried banners in the parade included the Metropolitan Community Church, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln group called the Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events and an organization of U.S. West employees called the Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians. Members of that group said U.S. West has a policy that it will not discriminate against homosexuals and lesbians.