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NATIONAL VISIBILITY CAMPAIGN '89

Well, here it is another wonderfully beautiful fall in the heartland and it's a November without an election, that gives us even more time to enjoy the season. So, you may be asking yourselves why, if there isn't an election, is the magazine using clip art from the 1989 NATIONAL VISIBILITY CAMPAIGN. Easily explained. While locally we are not having an election until the May 1990 gubernatorial primary, it is none-the-less important to keep the spirit of our collective voting strength alive and visible. It is helpful with that process to have a single national logo with which all Gay and Lesbian people may identify. The use and visibility of a single national logo plays an even more important unifying role when election activities are dispersed (as in Omaha) by reminding us:

- > that we are interdependent
- > that the victories and defeats of individual gay and lesbian communities across the country are victories and defeats for us all.
- > that the supporters we elect on a local level today will provide more real choices for our community in the national elections of tomorrow.

While at a recent fundraiser in Omaha, (a city where I had felt the collective political consciousness had died and was buried somewhere in the ruins of the old Diamond bar) I was well entertained by fabulous local talent as well as informed about racism, sexism and ageism in our Gay/Lesbian community by some of the entertainers. Along with requests of eliminating these oppressive behaviors from our lives as well as our community, I also heard facts about Gay/Lesbian bashing, something that is irreversibly affecting our community socially, politically and economically. This event, in some ways, gave me a renewed vision that there is awareness, concern and a political consciousness in our local community. Now, the next step is making that concern and strength visible to all people. Writing out your Labor Day donation check really helps alot of people do

important work in our community, however, the point is, a community as vulnerable as ours must be prepared to show its strength again and again. Gays and Lesbians must show that we can consistently turn out, and make a very distinct impact on any issue of concern.

The impact we make has been exemplified in having built and implemented a national health movement surrounding AIDS. We have educated ourselves to know that all culturally and racially motivated hate crime is intolerable behavior. It must be confronted and should be viewed as self-destructive to all Lesbians and Gays. We have empowered ourselves to care for and love ourselves and we must maintain that empowerment and education with other equally important issues facing Gays and Lesbians everywhere. An example: Senator J. Helms continues his attempts to beat us back into the closet, his attacks are personal assaults on each and all of us. The question is, "Do YOU let him get away with it?" What have you done to stop this maniacal gay bashing in our Senate? The solution

Terry Sweeney, Secretary is in our collective strength. It is our collective political pressure and voting strength that will defeat Senator Helms and end his homophobic representation in our Senate. There are a number of ways you can help with such issues that often require less than 10 or 15 minutes of your time. Various national letter writing campaigns, personal telephone contacts and office visits are very effective and worth your organizing or active participation.

The gay and lesbian community must make an on-going commitment to educate its members on the importance of coming out and being visible, empowerment and the importance of our collective voting strength. If you would like to have more information about the NATIONAL VISIBILITY CAMPAIGN or efforts to confront Senator Helms' homophobia, please contact the New Voice with your request, then go register to vote and be sure to vote in May, your vote does count. It's one of the most important and hopeful things you can do. ▼



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Letters to the Editor

NAP Needs You!

The Nebraska AIDS Project has been reaching out to those people affected by HIV/AIDS since its very beginning. In addition to providing education throughout the state, NAP is able to provide some "hands on" support for people.

But, we need more hands! We need volunteers who can serve as Buddies, providing long term physical and emotional support. We also need Practical Support Volunteers--those persons who help with activities of daily living--cooking, cleaning, transportation, shopping--to persons who cannot quite manage on their own. We also need volunteers to answer the statewide AIDS Hotline and volunteers to work in the Alternate Test Site which is located at the NAP office at 3624 Leavenworth in Omaha. Many volunteers are needed in the Omaha area, but we also utilize volunteers throughout the state and would be happy to be contacted by persons throughout Nebraska.

All volunteers complete an applications and go through a screening interview. Training is then provided to each volunteer based on whichever program he/she wishes to take part in. Because of NAP, help and support has been provided to more than 180 persons during the past 18 months. Help us continue this much needed response to HIV/AIDS in Nebraska. For more information about the Nebraska AIDS Project or how you can volunteer, call the NAP office in Omaha at 342-4233 or call on the AIDS Hotline at 1-800-782-AIDS.

Thanks,
Barbara J. Shaw,
Executive Director

Editor:

In the past couple issues of *The New Voice*, people have written to complain, in a public forum, about the administration and operation of the Nebraska Aids Project (NAP). I am a dedicated volunteer with NAP and understand and agree with much of what has been said. NAP needs to do an about-face and be interested in those who support it.

NAP has been uninterested in doing some of the things they should be doing: supporting volunteers and disseminating accurate information. One of my pet peeves is their continued use of "HIV virus." This is redundant and tacitly implies NAP is amateurish and communicates information with questionable validity. In and of itself, this is not that big of a deal (except to me), but the connotations are important (societal norms place a lot of emphasis on appearance and form). The new guy (Pat H) at NAP does seem interested in correcting this particular problem.

The folks at NAP seem indifferent and, almost callously, aloof in the opinions or sentiments of the volunteers. This has caused conflicts that interfere with the information dissemination and support functions of NAP. If the NAP folks care so little for the volunteers that cause the organization to work, I become very uncomfortable when I think of the kind of support the people who really need attention -- those who are HIV+ -- are probably getting. I am no longer willing to work for an organization with a stone heart and uncaring attitude; NAP is too unconcerned.

It is unfortunate that NAP's mode has turned off so many people. Many of the people that are very dissatisfied or have stopped supporting NAP are good people with qualities that are necessary for NAP to be serviceable and functional. It is also unfortunate that something as petty as this can supplant or undermine a volunteer's willingness to work. But the predicament is irking and consternating and distressing. My time is valuable, and I want to donate my time to organizations where I can be effective rather than feeling frustrated and diverted by administrators who piss off their volunteers. I have offered to do and completed several tasks for NAP. My efforts hardly seemed appreciated; I was lied to; and I felt duped and manipulated. There has been a recent "changing of the guard" or at least there is a new *grosse legume*, however I am unable to sense the kind of change that is necessary to cause NAP to be credible to its disheartened volunteers and other supporters.

Rich

October 7, 1989

Steering Committee for The New Voice.

A response seems fair to the self-described "good looking 35 year old" classified advertiser in the October issue. Though he likely is not an intentionally mean spirited person, there are basic unity ideals he simply does not consider.

Do not bore the intelligentsia of this readership with a display of your homophobia. I offer to you a suggestion by other Gay publications (the RFD Journal for one) to interested classifiers that in

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ABOUT THE COVER

This month's cover was chosen strictly to satisfy the editor. This drawing by Charlene O'Rourke, a Native American Lesbian who walked with me in the 1988 Pride Parade, portrays one of my favorite fantasies. On cold nights, as autumn turns into winter, it will be my greatest joy to snuggle under a blanket with the woman I love and watch the moon rise above the horizon. ▼

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Monthly Columns

LET'S TALK LEATHER

In keeping with the theme of this issue of the New Voice, I would like to thank the following people and organizations for their help, support, and donations for Fantasy '89. Without their efforts Fantasy would never have become a reality.

Guy Baldwin--International Mr. Leather 1989, Mr. National Leather Association 1989

Susie Shepherd--International Ms. Leather 1989

Jan Lyons--Miss National Leather Association 1989

Brian Dawson--Southern California Mr. Drummer

Chuck Smukler--Mr. Rocky Mountain Drummer

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Linda Vickery--Miss Southeast Leather 1989

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I appreciate greatly their involvement in this fundraiser, and hope we can all continue to work together in our battle to overcome the many obstacles we endure as a Gay/Lesbian community.

With unity and teamwork we can accomplish our goals.

Again, thank you! ▼

CLASSIFIED ADS

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writing their narratives not to offend by use of negatives such as: no fats, no fems, etc. And that responses are better if the positives are listed. You write about "no fats". How is a person fat in your opinion? Love handles not OK? Is a relationship with you over if the scales are tipping ten pounds heavier ten years later? If you are looking for a friendship with a non-fat who also might be lonely, you could make a choice of many at any nursing center. You are seeking friends, right? Become familiar with The New Voice community calendar and resource directory for contacts with people. I am sorry you are lonely, but do not hurt large segments of our population with your "acceptability requirements".

Well, enough justifiable harping on my part. It is time to go iron my petticoats and stir my chocolate fudge.

Timothy Croson



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Features

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

AN INTERVIEW WITH GUY BALDWIN, INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER '89 AND MR. NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION '89

In my office hangs a Boynton print which shows two roosters, one perfectly ordinary with brown feathers and red comb while the other sports a black toothed comb which we would use to part a child's hair. The caption on the picture reads "Dare to be Different".

The print has sparked several comments over the years and I've come to regard it as the symbol of my personal beliefs. We must Dare to be Different even when being different is not easy. It was a pleasant surprise when I found my beliefs reflected by a mountain of a man, clad in black leather, each time he took the stage during Fantasy '89.

Guy Baldwin is a psychotherapist in Los Angeles, doing therapy with individuals and couples. He has been active in the leather community since 1971 and in 1989 won two major titles, International Mr. Leather, and Mr. National Leather Association. Both on stage and off stage Guy presents an image of power and strength. He has the massive muscle development of a professional body builder with huge shoulders tapering to an unbelievable narrow waist and hips. He uses his physical image well in the fantasies he performs on stage, utilizing images of overpowering strength and domination rather than blatant eroticism.

In a personal interview Guy talked little about his performances and titles but spoke at length about his message to our community. When asked why he competes and performs Guy responded, "The job I always wanted was that of philanthropist but I wasn't born rich. So instead I participate in fundraisers like this one so our community can feed itself. I think that's probably what really happened by the sea when Christ fed the thousands. He led the people to share what each of them had so that the loaves and fishes were

multiplied and did feed thousands."

"The other reason I do this is to offer myself as a role model. I'm 42. Other gay men have shut their sex life down because they believe sex ends at 30 or out of fear of health concerns. Sex is part of our nature and to turn our backs on that part of our nature is to fail to honor our nature. I'm a very gifted person and I've harnessed those gifts in order to use them to help others learn to honor themselves."

"Institutions promote homogeneity. Churches and schools are like cookie cutters. They would eliminate all diversity and turn us into social clones of their ideas and values."

"The message of nature is the message of diversity and individuation. If the Universe is the reflection of the Natural Order of things, then diversity is everywhere. With that awareness we must oppose those forces which would strip from us our attitudes, our dress, our behavior, our beliefs, and our sexual practices." "Unless there is freedom for all, there is freedom for none. The Declaration of Independence states that we are born with certain inalienable rights including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. There is more than one way to pursue happiness. It is the genius of American culture that we are founded on these principles but we have to walk the way we talk."

"As part of the International Mr. Leather competition I spoke to the audience about my beliefs. Let me share that with you."

"There is a reason that my family does not know me and does not care to know me better than they do. That reason is that I'm very, very

Sharon Van Butsel

different. I'm a leather man and they know this but fortunately I have a much larger family. That is the family of people who really know, really trust, really accept who I am.

It is my sincerest wish that each of you would create for yourself just such a supplemental family. For in these times when we are under attack from so many different directions, our survival depends upon the support that can only come from just such a real family."

I walked away from the interview in a feeling of awe. It is not often that we have the opportunity to see a real life hero. In my book, Guy Baldwin is just such a hero. I'm thankful he is part of the Gay community. ▼

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COMING OUT THE SECOND TIME

AN INTERVIEW WITH SUSIE SHEPHERD, INTERNATIONAL MS. LEATHER

As we sat on a log outside the circus tent at the Fantasy picnic, Susie Shepherd, International Ms. Leather 1989, shared with me her experience of coming out the second time--this time to come out to all aspects of her sexuality. Susie was born the second of five daughters. Her parents founded the Oregon Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays over 15 years ago. She says she always knew that she was gay. "When I was 5 years old I wanted to play house with this girl and have her be the Mommy and spank me because I was bad.

I've told my coming out story for the fifteen years I've been a Gay Rights activist but I always left out the part about the spanking. I repressed those feelings except in my fantasy life."

At first Susie was active quietly. She lobbied for laws she believed in but

always encouraged people to "be ordinary" and to leave the leather and drag at home.

Like so many in our community, Susie was addicted to drugs and alcohol. She became clean and sober in October of 1978 and walked in the Pride Parade behind the Clean and Sober banner. For the next 10 years Susie remained active but repressed her sexual needs. Leather men were significant friends but she could not admit her personal needs.

The years brought increased Gay Rights Activism and increased Twelfth Step work but also brought a new addiction. Susie became a compulsive eater and her weight went to 230 pounds. On the 10th anniversary of her sobriety, Susie had to reassess and recognized that she had hidden behind compulsive eating and compulsive community work. "It was

Sharon Van Butsel
time to deal with the part of my sexuality that I had repressed."

Susie became part of an activist group called Queers United Acting Against Closets (QUAAC). Also active in QUAAC were the former International Ms. Leather, Judy Tallwing-McCarthy and her lover, Sashi Hyatt. Their friendship gave Susie the opportunity she needed to explore the world of leather. She joined Portland's Power and Trust, a Lesbian S&M group, and studied "The Leather S&M Safety Manual" by Pat Califia. Then, in October of 1988, she attended the Third Annual Living in Leather Conference and had her first leather experience.

"The woman I met gave me a questionnaire to complete that asked what I'd fantasized about, what I'd never consider, and what was in between. She'd done a

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similar questionnaire and we talked about the results. The next day we went down to the dungeons just to see what was going on and to see others' reactions. It was beautiful--just like a ballet. The next day was my first experience. It was so beautiful and so right. With leather people it is so safe because we do communicate about everything.

"Accepting this part of me has been good. I'm integrated at last. I'm still active in a compulsive overeating program and I've lost 70 pounds, but more importantly, I no longer hate my body.

"I'm so grateful to my friends. It was Judy and Sashi who encouraged me to run for International Ms. Leather. They trained me, taught me how to move and how to wear the leather. Sashi was so ill - she had cancer. In January before I left for the contest she gave me her leather jacket. It was her birthday when I called to tell her I'd won the contest. She told Judy to tell me that my winning was the only birthday present she had wanted. She died two days later.

"I want to tell everyone out there that if you're in a closet of any kind (leather, drag, or gay) Get the Hell Out of It! Closets Kill!

"Find out who you are and be that person. Life is too short to be anything else. Maximize every moment and give it back to the Higher Power who gave it to you.

"I owe my life to Sashi, to the people who got me into the 12 Step Program, and I have to give life back. They loved me and I have love to give, but you can only love fully when you're not in the closet."

There were tears rolling down Susie's face as she talked. I held her for a while as she mourned the loss of her friend and rejoiced at the life she had found. When the interview was over, I went and found Carla and held her while I thanked my Higher Power that I, too, had found the way out of the closet. ▼

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"THANKS"

In March of 1988 I was admitted to the University Hospital in Omaha with P.C.P., and was told that I have full blown A.I.D.S.. I overheard my family being told that one out of five such admissions never leave the hospital alive. From what I had read, the average life expectancy following diagnosis was eighteen months. I was thankful that I was not the one in five, and set my mindset like an alarm clock for eighteen months. I was grateful for what I thought were to be my last year and a half. September 19th was my "dead-line" and it has come and gone. I do not know when I will qualify for long-term- survivor status; however, I know that each morning that I awake to watch the sunrise over the Omaha skyline, I have been the recipient of God's grace. In these last several months I have had to accept a great many limitations; but, I have not had to face this alone.

This month we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. For me, every awakening is

reason for giving thanks. I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude. I am most grateful for my Christian status, and my ability to test my faith in God, and to find Him ever present in my life. God's presence is revealed through the fellowship which I have been able to enjoy at M.C.C. Omaha. Dr. Goldsmith, Wendy Ervin and the staff of the University of Nebraska Viral Syndrome Clinic have combined medicine with emotional support. Being

Jerry Peck

able to serve the gay/lesbian community through my efforts with The New Voice of Nebraska has given me a purpose in living. The buddy program and the practical support network of the Nebraska A.I.D.S. project has provided a quality of life which I could not enjoy without their help.

My first experience with limitations came when I was too weak to accelerate to over 35 mph when driving. N.A.P. volunteers were there to drive me to and from my many medical appointments. As the weakness has progressed, they have provided someone to prepare one hot meal per day, the loan of a wheelchair and a microwave oven, and arranged for a visiting nurse to come to help me bathe. These volunteers have done my banking, my shopping and taken me to get a haircut. A volunteer comes regularly to clean for me and do laundry. Friends have helped re-arrange my apartment to

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WHAT I'M THANKFUL FOR

Jean Mortensen

The general topic for this month's issue is, appropriately, what you are thankful for. As I started pondering that question for specifics, it began sounding like a school assignment of what you did on summer vacation. But singling out things that you are really, truly thankful for is never that easy. Most of us have a lot going for us, so we can say we're thankful that we have food on our tables, roofs over our heads, shirts on our backs, etc.

But for the purposes of this article, I narrowed my vision down to events that have happened since Thanksgiving last year. The most dramatic change in my life was that my partner and I ended our partnership. Certainly that seems nothing to be thankful for, and for a long time I wasn't, but that's a whole other story. One of the results of that break up was my relocation to Lincoln. In the long run, that's proving to be one of the better decisions I've made all year.

It wasn't easy at first, of course, having just lost what I thought would be my life-love and moving to a new town where I knew only a handful of people. But I decided that it would be in my best interest not to sequester myself in my room moping about recent events. So I started making myself go out in public. By that I mean going out specifically in the gay public. I started dropping by Panic for a nightcap after my evening job was done. Well, to make a long story short, I was lucky enough to meet a couple of women who invited me over to the pool table for a game of cutthroat. Basically, when it comes to meeting strangers, I'm more the shy type.

One of the things I'm thankful for is the fact that someone else spoke kindly to me and welcomed a new face into the crowd of regulars.

It would have been easy, I'm sure, to ignore a new face sitting alone at the bar that one Thursday night. It would have been simple to stay focused on only the small group of friends in the immediate clique. But all it took was a warm smile, a hello, and a "How about playing a game

of cutthroat?" to make a stranger feel a whole lot less alone.

That fortunate meeting eventually introduced me into a broad (no pun intended) group of women who helped me feel less "thrown away" and gave me back a measure of the self-esteem I'd lost during my break up. They are adding now to my spiritual growth as well. I've gotten reacquainted with several women who preceded me in moving to Lincoln from Kearney, which felt curiously like coming home in a new location.

I could go on forever, as I am often known to do, but the point is this: what I'm most thankful for this year is the support I have found from friends, both old and new. I found welcoming souls in a new town at a time when I felt most rejected, and that is indeed a wonderful gift.

A postscript here is that I'm also thankful for having the, well, the guts it took to get myself out of my room to meet new faces. One of the fortunate benefits of that action has resulted in finding another chance at making love work. God only knows where this is going to lead us, but thanks for the chance to try again, D.K.. Thanks for making trying again something that is not so frightening. ▼

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make it wheel-chair convenient and transport me to church and other social functions. I have not attempted to list all of the individuals which are due my appreciation. It is my hope that every person that I wish to say "Thanks" to, have received joy by their helping me. N.A.P. has a large number of volunteers; however, the needs are ever increasing. The extent of commitment is left to the volunteer. Do you have a few hours a week that you would be willing to share with someone with A.I.D.S.? Call the N.A.P. office and talk to Patrick, the case worker and coordinator of volunteers. Those of us with A.I.D.S. will say "Thanks". ▼

FANTASY '89 GENERATES OVER \$5000

The event of the summer, Fantasy '89, lived up to its billing as a major fund raiser as checks totaling \$5300 were distributed to local organizations during the Mr. Gay Nebraska '90 competition.

John Coe, President of the Board of Nebraska AIDS Project, accepted a check for \$3300 from Dustin Logan and Bob Ewing. Checks for \$1000 each were awarded to the Reverend Matthew Howard on behalf of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha and to Sharon Van Butsel on behalf of the *New Voice of Nebraska*. As Dustin Logan presented the awards he praised the cooperation shown by different elements of the Gay and Lesbian community in working to make Fantasy '89 such a success. Dustin indicated that plans are underway for Fantasy '90 and that regional and national title holders in the leather world are already planning to attend. ▼

EGGS

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- spins, causing it to wobble.
8. When whipping egg whites, it is important that they do not come in contact with any fat. This means the bowl and the beater must be clean and fat free. Also, if you store egg whites, make sure the container is grease free. Egg yolk and grease are the two most common causes for low volume whipped egg whites.
 9. To tell if a raw egg is fresh put it into a pan of cold water. If the egg sinks and lies on its side, it is fresh. If it stands partially on its tapered end, it is over a week old. If the egg floats, it is not suitable for eating.
 10. Eggs should be stored upright, with the larger end up. This position keeps the egg yolk from coming in contact with the air pocket in the egg and thus reduces spoilage.
 11. There is no nutritional difference between eggs with white shells and eggs with brown shells.
- Have a happy Thanksgiving and see you next month. ▼

IMAGINE IF YOU WILL, A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Seven September, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine — A Thursday Eve in Lincoln Neb. This was the evening for a scheduled prayer and candlelight vigil against Gay and Lesbian Violence. Lincoln had just been rocked with a possible G/L bashing. A young man had been shot and killed at party that had turned violent with the intrusion of outsiders.

We were to meet at 7 that evening on the North side of the Capitol. I came to the site early to see the possibility of some pictures. Already the sun was setting in the west, darkening the sky. Even this early, 25 to 30 people had already gathered there. Police were already in place across the street, both to direct traffic and to keep order. More people kept coming. PFLAG from Lincoln was there with a banner, "Violence against one — is Violence against all". Some clergy, by their mode of dress, were there. About 5 still photographers were there. About 4 videocam photographers were there. The Lincoln TV station was there as well as one or two from Omaha. Kathy England, Omaha PFLAG, and her daughter were there. By now it was 7 and dusk had deepened to darkness. Many of us were lighting our candles. Spare candles and pink carnations were provided to those who wanted them. The majority of candles were the common candle with a styrofoam cup to protect the flame from the wind. Others had grabbed candles from end tables, mantles, bathrooms, candles in bowls, candles on holders. Those who had matches lit the candles of those who didn't. We, in turn, would light our neighbors' candles with ours. Stranger turned to stranger to light the candles. A great sense of comradeship permeated the air. And soon, in the darkness, it was as the twinkling of dozens of fireflies in the black night.

There's something about the warm glow of a candle in the dark. Imagine if you will, about 150 to 200 candles, twinkling in the blackness of night. There were several speakers, speaking out against G/L Violence and Bashing. Then it was time to march. Across the street we went, down the east side of Centennial Mall. The

vigilance and march was quiet, somber, hushed. Imagine if you will, a string of people 2 blocks long, with the candles flickering in the dark. A mother pushing her stroller with her child, a Grandmother worried over a granddaughter or a grandson, a farmer more at home on a tractor in a field, college students, high school students, people from many walks of life, united in a common bond.

As we crossed the streets at M, then at N, O, P, Q and finally R street to the Nebraska History Building far north of the capitol, many people thanked the police for helping us cross the streets safely. At the north end of the Mall, we quietly gathered. Another speaker, a young lady, addressed us. Then she thanked us all for coming and taking a stand against violence of any kind. She also warned us to stay in groups walking back to the capitol to our cars. She told us many Gay Bashings had occurred on Centennial Mall.

As I crossed the street to return an incident brought this home, loud and clear. There, as I crossed the street, stood a group of young men in their late teens, maybe, four in number. I overheard the tallest one say to his companions, "Look at all those Queers over there; we ought to go over and bash their F*****G heads in".

Yes, we need more of these marches, more of these vigils, but these won't do it alone. I have been in Omaha since 1969 and have seen much of this "Gay Bashing", and people I have known in the past have died because of this. And I am saddened to say, more will die in the future, because of this. Does anyone have an answer? A solution? I don't. ▼

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THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT ROOM IN THE HOUSE

Hedda Lettuce

This month's article should be titled The Egg and I. The following is a list of egg tips you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask. And to give credit where credit is due: They came from Lief's aunt, Sharon Sharalike.

- To prevent the yolk of a hard cooked egg from becoming green-tinged:
 - Use fresh eggs only. The green gunk develops quicker and more easily in older eggs.
 - Never boil the eggs longer than 15 minutes.
 - Once cooked, quickly cool the eggs in cold water.
- To get the yolk in the center of the egg when you want picture perfect deviled eggs, stand the eggs on end in the pan of boiling water.
- When poaching eggs, use vinegar at the ratio of one Tbl vinegar per one quart of water. The acid in the vinegar precipitates the setting of the egg white and thus gives the poached egg a more compact shape.
- To hard cook eggs, place them in a pot and cover with cold tap water. Bring to a boil, then immediately lower the temperature and simmer as follows: Small eggs: simmer for 12 minutes; medium eggs: 13 minutes; large eggs: 14 to 15 minutes; extra large eggs: 15 minutes. Do not mix different sizes of eggs when hard cooking them.
- Hard cooked eggs are easier to peel when they are hot. To peel, start at the larger end of the egg and remove the shell under running cold water.
- To prevent a soft boiled egg from cracking, pierce the large end of the egg with a pin. This is almost foolproof as it allows the air to escape from the air pocket in the egg as it increases under heat.
- To tell if an unopened egg is raw or cooked, spin the egg on a flat surface. If the egg rotates smoothly and effortlessly, it is hard cooked. If it wobbles, it is raw. The yolk of an uncooked egg changes position as it

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Community Calendar



- 1 Wednesday P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7 pm. Call 435-4688 for location.
- 4 Saturday & 5 Sunday NAMES Project, AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, Central Intermediate School Gym, Waterloo, Iowa.
- 5 Sunday New Voice Steering Committee, MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th, 4 pm. All interested parties welcome.

All Iowa AIDS Benefit, Des Moines, Iowa
- 6 Monday Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Governors meeting, The Max, 1417 Jackson, 6:30 pm

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, UNO, Milo Bail Student Center, 3rd Floor, Board Room. All students welcome!! "Guest Speaker," 7 pm.
- 7 Tuesday ANGLE (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors - formerly BOO), Dale Clark Library, 15th & Douglas, Meeting Rooms 2 & 3, 7 pm.
- 10 Friday Submission Deadline!! All articles, classifieds, art work, poetry, and letters must be received by this date for consideration for the December issue of the New Voice.

Affirmation/Omaha, call 556-7701 for location, 7 pm.
- 11 Saturday PACT/BWMT (People of All Colors Together/Black and White Men Together), Joint meeting between Omaha and Kansas City chapters, call 341-4078 for location, 7 pm.
- 12 Sunday Affirmation/Lincoln, Program "Casting Out Fear" video tape about the Reconciling Congregation Program. Write for time and location: PO Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501.

Dignity, St. John's, Lower Level, Creighton Campus, Mass at 7 pm.

"Food for Thought" Imperial Court of Nebraska benefit show for food baskets for PWA's and for MCC-Omaha food pantry. The Max, 1417 Jackson, 9:30 pm.

P-FLAG/Omaha, First Methodist Church (northeast entrance), 69th and Cass, 3 pm (NEW DATE AND TIME).
- 13 Monday UNL Task Force on AIDS Education Conference, Room C, University Health Center, UN-L, 3:30 pm.

AIDS Interfaith Network, Prayer service at St. Cecilia's, 701 North 40th, 7 pm.
- 15 Wednesday Metropolitan Club, call 449-9377 for location, 6 pm.

UNL Gay Lesbian Alumni/ae Association, Reunion Room, 905 North 16th Street, Lincoln, 7 pm.

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, call 435-4688 for location, 7 pm.
- 18 Saturday PACT (People of All Colors Together), Pot Luck Dinner, call 341-4078 for location, 7 pm.
- 20 Monday Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, UNO, Milo Bail Student Center, 3rd floor, Board Room, "Co-Dependency Issues," 7 pm. ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!
- 21 Tuesday Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, Boardwalk, 20th and O, Lincoln, 7 pm.
- 23 Thursday Thanksgiving!!
- 26 Sunday Dignity "Gathering," call 895-2856 for location, 7 pm.
- 28 Tuesday P-FLAG - Lincoln, call 435-4688 for location, 7:30 pm. Nancy Erickson, recent graduate of Yale Divinity School and newly ordained at First Plymouth Church will be speaking and sharing as a friend. Hear the current collegiate views and opinions.

NOVEMBER

Weekly Events

Sunday

Metropolitan Community Church
420 South 24*, 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 to 10 pm

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals
Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church
1023 North 40th Street, 7 pm

Tuesday

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24*
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, 41* & 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 24*
6:30 pm
346-0561

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous
Pella Lutheran Church
303 South 41* 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

Local Organizations

P.A.C.T. NOTES

P.A.C.T. (People of All Colors Together) is growing and making progress. We want to be recognized as an official chapter by January 1990.

Our special guest from the National Association of Black and White Together came to support us and give us new insights on how to keep our forming chapter alive. Ken A. was pleased to see how much interest and desire there was to have the group in our city.

Last month Milwaukee B.W.M.T. chapter celebrated its ninth anniversary. Three people attended and expressed positive feedback to Omaha's chapter. We met many people from the Midwest states and shared new and existing ideas. Those delegates who participated in this festive event said that the workshops were of benefit to them. It helped them realize what B.W.M.T. really is.

This month our chapter is scheduling an introductory get acquainted event with the Kansas City chapter. We are glad that they will be visiting us and it will be our pleasure to host them. We welcome you, B.W.M.T. Kansas City.

If P.A.C.T. is something that interests you, we invite you to see what we're all about. Please call 341-4078 for more information. ▼

UNL GLSA WINS

AWARD

The UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association won the First Prize for their booth at the Annual Activities Festival, sponsored by Campus Activities and Programs. The award was given October 5th. Awards are based on appearance, materials given and originality of the booths. ▼

NEWS IN ACADEMIA

Reprinted from GALA Nebraskan

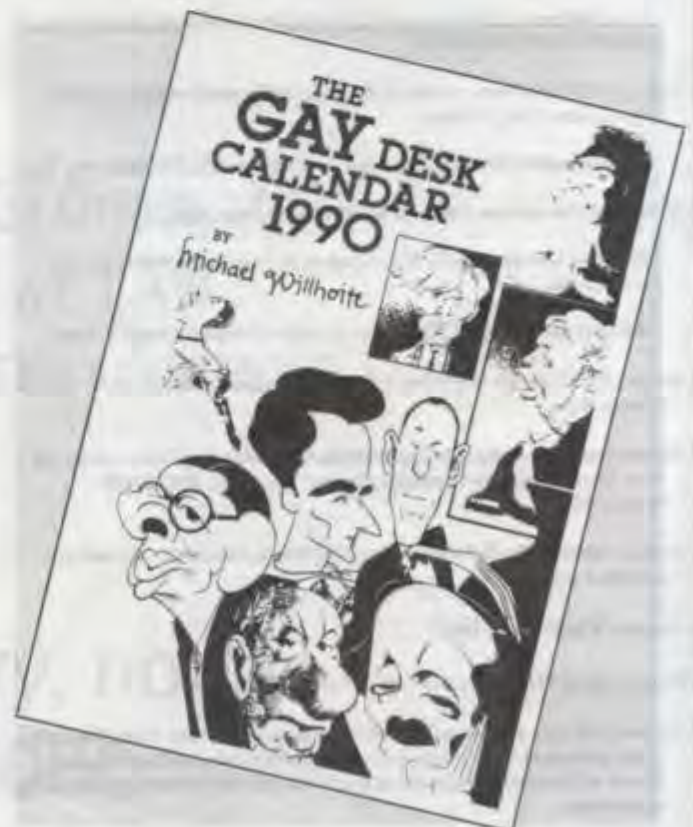
Gary B. Melton, a UNL Psychology/Law Professor has produced an excellent article in the June 1989 issue of *American Psychologist*. The title of the article is "Public Policy and Private Prejudice: Psychology and Law on Gay Rights". The article seems to provide an excellent analysis of the role of psychology in the role of fighting stereotypes and changing public policy and personal prejudice regarding sexual orientation. If you have time, check it out. ▼

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NEW VOICE

Just in time for Holiday Giving, *The Gay Desk Calendar, 1990* by Michael Willhoite from Alyson Press, is available for only \$10.95 from any member of the steering committee of *The New Voice of Nebraska*. Michael Willhoite, popular caricaturist for *The Washington Blade*, has selected his most attractive and witty drawings of personalities from the past and present. In a short essay accompanying each caricature, Willhoite dishes as cleverly as he draws.

This calendar is larger than those published in previous years, not only to accommodate Willhoite's excellent drawings, but also because virtually every day of the year contains an anniversary of births and important events.

If you'd like a copy of *The Gay Desk Calendar, 1990* for yourself and a few copies to use as presents, contact any member of the steering committee. For more information, call Amy Marie Meek at 422-1564.



NEWS FROM THE MONARCHS

We would like to start our letter by expressing our deepest sorrow of the death of Bunny Lynne, who passed away September 29th.

Bunny was a great asset to the gay community. Being Princess Royal I of I.C.O.N., she did many benefit shows. Her memories will always live on. We'll miss you Bunny.

On a happier note we wish to congratulate Dusty Logan. Dusty won the Great Plains Mr. Drummer leather contest in St. Louis and came in 4th at the National Mr. Drummer Contest in San Francisco. Doing a great job with Fantasy '89, we all know he deserves this title. Great job Dusty!!

If you've ever wondered who makes up the Board of Governors of I.C.O.N., your questions are over. The following people give their time with meetings, shows, picnics and many other events.

They are as follows:

Executive Board:

- Don Flowers.....President
- Billy Bohannon..V. President
- Rick Tornow.....Treasurer
- Scott Rezek.....Secretary

Members of the Board:

- Joe Reed
- Debra Levensgood
- Kent Rodriques
- David Hansen
- Gerald Brown
- Jo Jo Morrison
- Gary West

If you don't know who these people are, you're always welcome to attend our meetings to meet them. They are held every 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Max.

Food for Thought; What is it? Why do we do it? As we all know there are those less fortunate people who can't afford some of the necessities of life. This is why I.C.O.N. started Food for Thought. Usually around Thanksgiving I.C.O.N. hosts a show to raise money for the purpose of helping those in need of food.

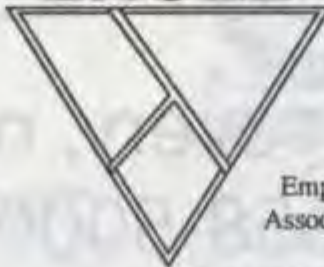
This year Food for Thought will be held November 12th at the Max, at 10 p.m. All proceeds will be split. 50% going to MCC Food Pantry and the remainder will be given to an AIDS related organization to be distributed to P.W.A.'s in need of food. Come and show your support. We will appreciate it. Once again please come to our meetings and see what we do.

We leave you with this, Joe, Debra, and Gabrielle

Thanks to Fantasy '89

Once again all of us at the New Voice of Nebraska want to say a heart-felt thank you to Dustin Logan, Bob Ewing, and the TwoWheelers of Omaha for Fantasy '89. The funds raised by Fantasy '89 will go a long way toward making the New Voice financially secure so we can continue being the voice of Nebraska's Gay and Lesbian community. ▼

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RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

The River City Mixed Chorus is now well into rehearsals for their Winter Concert in December and working very hard to bring to you a fun and memorable Holiday Season event. So mark your calendars now for Sunday, December 17th, 7:05 p.m. and come join us celebrate.

The Chorus this season has lost some familiar faces who have moved away during the summer, but has gained some new members, who are realizing how much fun it is to gather on Monday nights at Lowe Avenue to sing, warble and wail away with family. This year we have been joined by Kathy England, a member of PFLAG, making us a truly Mixed chorus. We'll be watching to see what kind of costume she will choose to wear to our Halloween Night rehearsal.

Some of our members have been bringing reports back to the Chorus about some of the good singers around Dale's piano at the Max. If you enjoy singing there, why aren't you coming and singing with us?

Our first public appearance will be at Lowe Avenue, Sunday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m. The Chorus is always pleased to sing for the church members during their worship service. This is one of the many ways we get to say THANKS to them for providing us a place to rehearse. After the service, the Chorus will be holding a small reception downstairs for the membership. If there is one thing the Chorus can do besides sing, it's cook. From the way things are stacking up, the entire chorus may have to go on a collective diet after the holidays.

Next we will be appearing at Union Station on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. We will be sharing our holiday spirit with the rest of Omaha, and those of you who care to attend...hear us sing...remark how "last year's tree was decorated better"...and see some of Omaha's historic past.

Finally we will be wrapping up our non-concert appearances with our annual "Caroling at the Bars" night. We will first stop at the Max on Friday, December 15th, sometime during Happy Hour, to sing and partake of some libation. After touring the Old Market area, we will have a Chorus dinner, then it's on to the others. We will be at the Chesterfield sometime after 9 p.m., with a stop at the Run, ending up at the Diamond to sing and eat some of Cindy's great cake.

We're telling you here and now, the first one of you, who shouts out, "Sing out, Louise..." is ... ▼

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MCC HEADLINES

Over twenty MCCer's invaded The Chesterfield the first Friday in October. In November we'll hit The Diamond and in December, The Max. Join us for an evening of fun! Some of us took advantage of the opportunity to say "Thanks" to Dusty and Bob and T.W.O. for the funds raised at Fantasy '89 at an appreciation dinner on the 13th sponsored by T.W.O. Thanks again to all of you: Dusty, Bob, T.W.O. Saturday nights are now movie and game nights at MCC. Activities start around 7:30. From now on there will be something going on at the church nearly every Saturday night. For full details, contact the church office. A special song service was held the evening of the 15th. The service was planned by members of the Worship Committee. They are planning another special service around Thanksgiving.

Membership classes ended, and we were again pleased to welcome new members into our ranks! The Board of Directors

met in mid-October and identified some long range goals.

Near the end of the month, things got busy again as we had our monthly social event: a Halloween Party. Lots of fun, food and fellowship highlighted the evening.

Our quarterly congregational meeting on the 29th allowed us to take care of the business of our church.

That evening was the monthly Healing Service. The attendance at this service continues to grow. As always we invite you to join us any Sunday for either or both of the two services 10:20 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Looking ahead to November, there are plans for beginning Parish Family Groups, and all of the usual activities: Sunday School, Support Group, Choir Practice, Movie and Game Nights, etc. Come join us, any time! See you soon. ▼

Carla P.

G/L JEWS MEET

Gary

After several months of dialogue, a group of Gay and Lesbian Jews met on October 15 to discuss forming a metro-area Jewish group.

The group is being patterned after similar area associations for other religious affiliations (such as Dignity and Affirmation), and other existing nationwide support groups and "gay synagogues" for Jews. The small -- but dedicated -- "core" of this new organization would very much welcome new members from the area. They would also appreciate input towards a name for the body. The next gathering will be held the weekend of November 18-19, at a time and location yet to be decided.

All interested persons are invited to phone 402/449-9377, and leave a name and number. Your call will be returned. ▼

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MATTHEW HOWARD INSTALLED AS PASTOR OF MCC-OMAHA

On September 17 the sanctuary of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha was filled to overflowing as the Reverend Matthew Howard was officially installed as pastor. The service was conducted by the Reverend Bonnie Daniel, District Coordinator of the Mid-Central District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The Reverend Daniel spoke to the congregation on the season of change that we all experience. She complimented the Reverend Jan Kross on her 7 years as pastor which prepared the church for this new season. She spoke of the pain which always accompanies change, comparing it to the chill of autumn frost which brings the trees to their full color. Reverend Daniel went on to speak of the season of growth which she sees ahead for MCC-Omaha. In the Installation ceremony which followed, Reverend Howard formally accepted responsibility for pastoring the congregation. The items necessary for his ministry were symbolically presented to Reverend Howard by Reverend Daniel, the MCC-Omaha Board of Directors and the Lay Delegate. Communion elements were presented by Reverend Howard's spouse, Craig Stoope, and a stole was presented by Reverend Howard's personal friend and mentor, Roger Webb. A reception followed the service. Among the guests were friends from Reverend Howard's former pastorate in Pueblo, CO. ▼

MR. GAY NEBRASKA 1990 SELECTED

A crowd of well over 100 cheered as Rick Noss was named Mr. Gay Nebraska 1990 in the competition sponsored by the Two Wheelers of Omaha.

Rick presented an image of classic good looks combined with an impish sense of humor. His appearance in bar attire was fashionably stylish as was the initial phase of his appearance in beach wear wrapped in a black beach towel. However, when he removed the towel, his black bikini boasted a miniature bow tie and white shirt in front and tiny black tails in back. His use of the unexpected continued into the formal attire when he appeared in classic Celtic costume of black jacket and tartan plaid kilt. During his prepared statements Rick spoke fluently regarding his personal loss when a good friend was killed in Lincoln earlier this fall and his intent to be politically active in the fight against hate crimes.

The first runner-up to Mr. Gay Nebraska was Todd Vesely, Mr. Max, who consistently presents a stylish contemporary Western appearance. Todd spoke of his desire to continue to seek unity within the Gay and Lesbian community. The second runner-up to was Brandon whose appearances had a theatrical flair that enchanted the audience.

A more complete report of the festivities will appear in the December issue of the New Voice. ▼

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NEW ANGLE IN NEBRASKA

At the October 5 meeting of Bars and Organizations of Omaha it was decided to rename the group to reflect its current focus on G/L Pride Activities throughout the year. The new name, ANGLE, represents the group's focus on Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors.

Membership in ANGLE is no longer limited to representatives of Bars and Organizations. The newly elected officers of ANGLE are currently developing standards which will allow individuals with a specific interest in Pride Activities to become full members of the group. In addition, any Gay or Lesbian Business or Gay and Lesbian Sensitive Business is welcome to join this group and to support on-going Pride Activities. And of course, all organizations dealing with Gay or Lesbian issues are welcome.

To allow for greater participation by the community, ANGLE will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

The group has not yet determined a permanent meeting location so for now call 556-9907 for location.

The group has already completed two major projects presenting a highly successful benefit show and orchestrating local recognition of National Coming Out Day.

The benefit show, "Proud Mary, Keep On Burning", was held at the Max on September 24. Fifteen different acts took part in the 2 1/2 hour show, including several "live" numbers. Seven organizations and businesses were represented in the show which raised a total of \$563.73 to be used for Pride Activities during the upcoming year.

In recognition of National Coming Out Day, press releases were sent to all local television stations and the World Herald, a classified ad encouraging Gays and Lesbians to take a coming out step was placed in the Personal column of the

World Herald on October 11 (National Coming Out Day). Flyers suggesting several coming out steps were distributed, and a mail campaign was organized to support Hate Crime legislation. Throughout the weekend prior to National Coming Out Day, members of ANGLE were at the Max showing tapes of the 1988 and 1989 Pride Parades and asking people to sign letters to Senators Exon and Kerrey and to Governor Orr asking that they support legislation which would require that all Hate Crimes, including Gay Bashing, would be reported as such. Over 200 individuals took an important coming out step by signing these letters.

If you feel a strong commitment to Gay and Lesbian Pride issues and are willing to work on networking and consciousness raising activities, then you belong in ANGLE. For more information, contact Sharon Van Butsel at the New Voice of Nebraska. ▼

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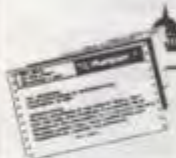
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To our Readers: Please consider sending this letter to our President to encourage his more active role in the fight against AIDS.

November 1989

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Last October 6, 7, and 8, tens of thousands came to Washington D.C. from all corners of America to remember this country's AIDS dead. For three days they walked among the 10,800 panels of the National Names Quilt honoring that many people and more who have died of AIDS.

You were not there with them to see the Quilt, to walk with them and experience first hand the hearts and hands of the thousands who fashioned its pieces.

We needed you then and need you now to lead America in fighting this disease and helping those affected by it. Help us who care, who volunteer and contribute our resources to make America well. Give us your leadership and support. We love those people represented by that Quilt. And we love many others not there who have died and are dying. Please show compassion, Mr. President, and guts and the courage to commit our nation's resources to ending this epidemic.

AIDS is not a partisan disease. All are affected by it no matter what their political stripe, religious doctrine, economic position or life style. AIDS needs research. It needs massive attention. The discrimination so many suffer must stop. There must be housing for those who have none. There must be affordable care. AIDS cannot be swept under the rug nor can our government or anyone wish it away.

Some 66,000 of us have died of AIDS in this country. More than we lost in Vietnam. Please don't ignore what can only grow worse if action isn't taken.

December 1 is World AIDS Day. Whether we like it or not, AIDS is a world problem, too. America can take leadership to address it and she needs you in the forefront. Please, Mr. President, acknowledge AIDS and commit this nation to fighting it.

Sincerely,

October 11, 1989

"Mr. President, Speak to us!" Those words were the opening words in a speech by Cleve Jones at a Saturday night candlelight march which ended at the Reflecting Pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial, October 7, 1989. There were heard and were endorsed by tens of thousands who came to Washington D.C. to remember this country's AIDS dead. It was Cleve Jones who started the great Names Quilt with a single panel. It is now a memorial unlike any in history with more than 10,800 names sewn and painted into its fabric honoring that many people and more who have died of AIDS.

The Quilt is an incredibly powerful expression of love and pain, anger and affirmation from the hearts and hands of thousands and thousands of individuals who have lost someone dear. Its panels demonstrate a tremendous variety of expression that exists among a people as diverse as the people of America. They are made by friends and lovers and families from all corners of our nation and even beyond. Some are plain and simple and others are so complex, one could write pages about the people honored. Many are humorous and many scream with outrage, fury and frustration. Some merely give a person's name and others are decorated with great detail often with moments that help describe the uniqueness of the person given tribute.

They represent people of all ages and races and national origins and religions. People who were gay and straight, male and female -- and all who died of AIDS. Some died surrounded by family and friends. Others died alone and even unknown.

Some died in prison, their names kept secret -- and some are locked in the prison of their families' memories -- families who are afraid or embarrassed or can't accept the truth.

On Friday and Saturday the names on the Quilt as well as others not there were read at a podium by hundreds who traveled from all parts of the country to give

tribute. Each name was signed for those who could not hear.

For two days we heard those names and the anguish of those who read them. Mothers, fathers, grandparents, lovers. They were brothers and sisters, friends and those who simply cared. It wasn't a drone nor monotonous, but at times during the 8 hours each day that their names were spoken, the senses were dull until a name familiar -- or did it only seem familiar? -- sprang out like the crack of a whip to make reality even more stinging. On Sunday, the speakers were silent and it was left to our eyes to see those names. Some names were famous but all were important.

"David Jackson, Melvin J., Michael Bennett, Rita Redd, Baby Jessica, Tony P., Tony Joseph, Debra Sharan, Steve, Stig, Jose Rentas, Oka, Baby Doe, John, Alphonso, Aarmando, Monique, Tom Novotny, Rock Hudson, 'My Cousin,' For All Those Who Died Alone, Anonymous Man, Bill, Giselle, Tom B., Winona..."

Many hundreds came to volunteer time to monitor the Quilt, to set it up and to take it down. Comradship developed among them that we will cherish through memory. We all wore white and decorated our sweaters and hats with appropriate buttons that spoke simple words that only hinted at what we were experiencing and would later remember: "Keep the Love Alive." "The Names Project." "The Quilt See It And Understand." "Some say this is punishment from God. But that isn't the God I know." "Silence = Death." "Remember Their Names." Because thousands are represented by the Quilt, thousands came to see it. Mothers. Fathers. Brothers. Sisters. Babies. Lovers. Friends. The curious. The humble. The Great. Our own Nebraskan Peter Hoagland -- our Representative in Congress was there. Every state was represented by someone. Many countries and all the continents were too. Unfamiliar names including mellifluous ones from Africa helped tie our world together.

Once again, however, our President was not there. Last year, and the year before,

it was Reagan. This time the man who saw in our people a thousand points of light, who in his vision of America promised a kinder, gentler nation, didn't take the time to console or give encouragement or recognize the grief and tributes of thousands -- even with a word. In the very front of his front yard at the White House -- in the great Ellipse by the great Mall -- were cries and reminders of his people, yearning for his leadership, pleading for a sign that he cared. Instead, his noisy chopper flew over in a might and insulting rush to escape to Camp David for the weekend where he could nurse his aching finger which had received surgical attention.

Does he have a clue how an AIDS person aches? Or how that person's family and friends ache? Does he even care? That Friday night in October, it would seem he did not. Although he had been invited to view the Quilt, he did not.

Cleve Jones's appeal was an appeal from all of us whose hearts ache with grief and yearn for compassion and leadership. Some 66,000 have died from AIDS. There will be more. We want this disease to stop its rampage. How can our government and its leadership continue to be callous? We need the President to speak to us, to not ignore his people. We want to respect him and want him to honor his oath and office by being President of all the people.

Thus, there are many feelings and emotions are engendered by experiencing the Quilt. There is anger and hurt when one considers what is happening in our country. But there is also the sense of privilege. Above all, it was an honor to be present at the Quilt. America is both poorer and richer because of it. Poorer because we have lost so much life that has contributed so much life. Richer because there are people who have taken the time to care and remember.

John Coe
President
Nebraska AIDS Project

Classifieds

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GWM, 25, Sharp, Athletic, wants friends/share + relationship. Mature, employed, 24-30. Respond w/photo. Phone if possible, Boxholder P.O. Box 6470, Omaha, NE 68106.

Special Notice

On November 8, the Omaha Workshop Theatre will present a special fund raiser for NAP of its highly successful comedy, "Nebraska - Oklahoma." Written by Steve Porr, this will be the fourth year of this hilarious production which has won critical acclaim all over the state.

The play will be presented at 8:00 sharp at The Scorecard, 636 north 114th Street. All seats will be \$12.50 and may be ordered through the NAP office at 342-4233 weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm.

NAP CONTRIBUTIONS: MANY FORMS FROM MANY SOURCES

In the past few weeks, NAP has been the recipient of several contributions to help it in its work. On October 3, many performers from the Omaha community gave of their time and talent at a show held at the Upstairs Dinner Theatre. An audience of nearly 100 were entertained by many of Omaha's finest stage and night club personalities including Dalienne Majors, Joshua Kuhl, Clyde McNeal, Pan and Jim Kalo, Beth Asbjornson, WOW's George Woods, Senator David Landis, John Morrissey, Luigi Waites, Claudette Valentine, and members of the "Ain't Misbehavin'" cast. Special guests included Penny Franks, Keith Allerton, Dick Mueller, NAP's Executive Director Barbara Shaw and President John Coe. Dutch Haling was the producer. Over \$2,400 was raised at the event which promises to be the first of more to come.

A smaller event, but one which helped raise some funding was a birthday party for NAP's President, John Coe. Instead of gifts, he requested donations to go to NAP. Approximately \$2,500 was raised on that occasion.

On October 14, at the Mr. Gay Nebraska contest, retiring title holder Dustin Logan presented NAP with a check of \$3,300 raised in August at Fantasy '89. This event also involved the cooperation and

support of many people including T.W.O. which provided personnel and many hours of time to that major effort. These and other fund raisers held for Nebraska AIDS Project are greatly appreciated, for such financial support enables the agency to maintain an office and provide and coordinate the many services it offers Nebraskans.

Whoops! We really goofed... Last month we transposed the PO Box no. of this ad: **GWM, 35, 5'11"**, 155 lbs, Brown, Blue, Mustache, Good Looking. I am looking for friendship and possible lasting relationship. No fems, fats, or drugs. Write P O Box 5644, Lincoln, NE 68505



This is my opportunity to say thanks and good-bye to all the good folks and staff at **The New Voice**. I have enjoyed very much helping make this magazine more pleasing and readable. I am moving west; I hope there is a way I can still help do the typography. Be good to yourself, and continue to support **The New Voice of Nebraska**.

Rich



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- The Chesterfield**, 1951 St. Mary's Avenue
- The Diamond**, 712 South 16th Street 342-9595
- The Max**, 1417 Jackson 346-4110
- The Run**, 1715 Leavenworth 449-8703

Lincoln

- The Boardwalk**, 20th and O Streets 474-9741
- The Club**, 116 North 20th Street 474-5692
- Panic**, 200 South 18th Street 435-8764

Grand Island

- Chasins**, 4th and Walnut 308/382-0236

Resource Directory

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

Affirmation of Nebraska
Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501
402/556-7701 in Omaha
United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian concerns. Meets monthly in Omaha and Lincoln

Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights
Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509

Advocacy/lobbying for Gay/Lesbian civil rights, educational presentations, newsletter, and cultural programs.

Imperial Court of Nebraska
Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102
Social organization for advancement of gay society.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns
402/733-1360 Cleve

Midwest Transvestite-Transsexual Hotline
206/329-TVTS (8887)

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.
P O Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131 402/558-1186
Meetings, information, & support for Lesbians/Gays

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504 402/435-4688
meets 4th Tuesday
Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103
402/331-5188 or 291-6781
meets 2nd Tuesday

AIDS RESOURCES

Information and Referral
Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131
402/342-4233 or 800/782-AIDS (2437) (statewide)
AIDS Hotline, HIV Testing, Support Groups, Practical Support, AIDS Awareness programs and literature.

Veteran's Administration Medical Center
42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, NE 68105
402/346-8800 - Dean Pierce (ext 4119)

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

Lincoln Cancer Center
64600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE 68510
402/483-1872 Barb Morton

American Red Cross
1701 "E" Street, Lincoln, NE 68501
402/471-7997
3838 Dewey Avenue, Omaha, NE 68131
402/341-2723 Confidential Testing

Confidential Testing
Nebraska Aids Project
3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131
402/342-4233 or 800/782-AIDS (2437) (statewide)
Alternate test site; anonymous testing Monday and Thursday 7pm to 10pm

Douglas County Health Department
4th Floor Civic Center, Omaha, NE 68102
402/444-7214

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
2200 St. Marys Avenue, Lincoln, NE
402/471-8065
Counseling and Support

Counseling and Support
Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Aids Support Group
call 402/435-4688 for meeting locations in Lincoln
1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7 pm

Brother William Woeger
c/o Omaha Archdiocese
100 North 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

Open Door Ministry-Lincoln
402/474-3390 Fr. David

AIDS Interfaith Network
1104 North 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

Legal
Nebraska Civil Liberties Union
633 South 9th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508
402/476-8091 John Taylor
402/346-5025 - Omaha

Mowbray, Chapin & Walke, P.C.
201 North 8th Street, Suite 242, Lincoln, NE 68508
402/476-3882 Jim

LINCOLN

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
call 402/466-5214 AA Central Office for location

The Wimmin's Show
Noon-3pm every Sunday on KZUM radio at 89.3 FM stereo

UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association
mail: Room 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, 68588
402/472-5644 Rodney Bell II

Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events (COLAGE)
mail: c/o GLSA/GLRC, Rm 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, 68588
402/472-5644

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

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

Lesbian Support Group
Women's Res. Center, Rm 117, Nebraska Union
University of Lincoln-Lincoln, Lincoln NE 68588
402/472-2597
Informal weekly discussion group for lesbians

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

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

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

OMAHA

DIGNITY / Omaha
402/895-2856 or 402/341-1460
Mass 7pm 2nd Sunday monthly; St John's (lower level) on Creighton University Campus
Roman Catholic lesbians / gays & friends.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
402/345-9913 Weekly meeting on Friday at 8:15pm
Alcohol and AIDS issues group 7pm Thursdays, call Steve at 346-1556 or NAP 342-4233

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC)
mailing address: P O Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103
service at 420 South 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68103
Sunday worship at 10:20am and 7pm; 402/345-2563

Metropolitan Club
Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103 402/449-9377
Networking organization of business / professionals

River City Bowling League
402/345-5118 Scott OR 402/493-6118 Charlie

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club
PO Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103

River City Mixed Chorus
Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101 402/341-0763
Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/sensitive people

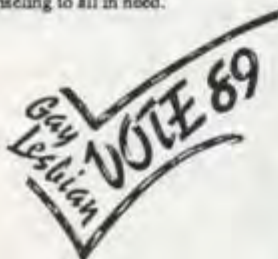
UNO Student Group
Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320
Held at 402/391-0694 / Wes or Rick at 402/558-1186
Lesbian and Gay student social/support group

Spouses & Ex-Spouses of Lesbians & Gays (SOLAG)
12111 Pacific Street, Omaha 330-1144 for info
A support group that meets the first and third Tuesday

Gay/Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics
402/346-0561
Support group for adults raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes

PACT (People of All Colors Together)
402/341-4078
A social / support group

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TIPS FOR CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR BY LETTER

Taken from a letter by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

There is a great need for individuals to stay in written contact with their elected officials. Letters are used by legislators as one way to measure public opinion in their district. Legislators count the pieces of mail FOR and AGAINST every issue.

Effective Letters: Identify Yourself

Make sure your legislator knows you are his/her constituent. You can identify yourself as a constituent but you can also assume the staff person recognizes most addresses in the district - which means you must include your name and address.

Avoid anonymous letters.

Topics

Cover one subject per letter. Different staff in the office cover different issues. Your letter may get lost or get hung up with one staff person if you cover several topics in your letter. If you have more than one issue to raise, write more than one letter. If the issue you raised can be identified by a bill number, include that bill number. If possible, mention who introduced the legislation, how many legislators have co-sponsored the bill, and what it will do. This demonstrates to the legislator that you are serious about the issue and are keeping a close watch on the progress of the bill.

Selling Your Position

Be brief and concise. Type or write clearly so your letter is easy to read. State your position and exactly what you want the legislator to do in your first paragraph. For example, "I urge you to support congressional efforts designed to end the irrational discharges of lesbian and gay military service personnel." Or, "I urge you to support and co-sponsor HR 1048, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act."

Give reasons for your position. Remember, when you write, you are essentially trying to sell your idea or position on an issue to the legislator. Avoid deeply emotional appeals, demands, threats or promises. These are not effective letter writing tactics. However, if you are writing about discrimination and have been a victim of discrimination, explain that to the legislator. Legislators will want to know how a bill or proposal will affect the lives of their constituents. Your own experiences and observations will help sell your position.

Follow-up

Request a reply. You can ask how your legislator will vote on a particular bill, you can ask about his/her position on an issue, and/or you can request his/her personal involvement in a particular issue. You are more likely to receive a reply if you ask for one.

When you receive a reply from the legislator and he/she agrees with your position or has informed you of his/her intent to vote for the position you have advocated - write back and thank him/her. If you receive a reply from the legislator that informs you of his/her intent to vote in opposition to the position you have taken - write back and explain your position again. Don't let him/her off the hook. Keep the heat on!

Addressing your letter

U.S. Senate The Honorable _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator _____

House The Honorable _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative _____

REMEMBER - THE ONLY EFFECTIVE LETTER IS ONE WHICH IS WRITTEN AND MAILED!