

The
New Voice

O F N E B R A S K A



About the Cover

The title of the cover is "The Victim #2." The first piece was finished in clay and stained in earth brown colors. It represents, to me, the artist, a personal feeling of wimmin as individuals and wimmin as a whole. It stands for the oppression, degradation and physical hardships that wimmin are subjected to in our patriarchal society.

The face protrudes through turmoil, silenced by the powers of society and the fear that some wimmin have of speaking out. Yet, the hand reaching out represents the new discovery of wimmin's voices and power. The hand reaching in stands for the power of society slowly being wiped away by the assertion of wimmin's rights to independence.

-- J.H.

Why a "Womyn's Issue"?

For three years now, the November issue has been our Womyn's Issue. Every year, readers ask us why we have a "womyn's issue" of *The New Voice*. The Womyn's Issue is more than an issue given over to articles, poetry and artwork by womyn. The womyn's issue is dedicated to the tremendous contribution Lesbian womyn make in the Lesbian/Gay Community. While Lesbian womyn and Gay men are similar in some respects, Lesbian culture is as rich and unique as Gay male culture. Too often, this is taken for granted.

Why only one issue a year? If it were up to me, there would be more. However, it is not up to me. Putting the Womyn's Issue together requires a lot of time and energy from quite a few womyn -- womyn who must take time away from school, careers, relationships, and other pressing concerns. With an increasing number of womyn's events and projects each year, we

probably can't expect this kind of commitment more than once a year. However, if our readers show an interest (and are willing to help!), we will have more than one Womyn's Issue each year. In the meantime, we thank everyone who worked with us to make the November issue possible.

-- Anita Freeman-Soltisyyk,
Associate Editor

Omaha Womyn— Let's Hear From You

We would have liked to include articles about Chesterfield's (a womyn's bar) and womyn's events and organizations in Omaha; unfortunately, we do not have anyone to cover the womyn's community in Omaha. We *need* womyn to cover Omaha's Lesbian community! If you are interested in contributing articles on a regular basis or even occasionally -- please contact Anita Freeman-Soltisyyk in care of

The New Voice of Nebraska
P.O. Box 80819
Lincoln, NE 68501

A Growing Menace at Indian Hills

A growing menace has surfaced at a local church in Lincoln. A group has formed to "cure" homosexuals at the Indian Hills Community Church, located at 84th and A streets. The group called "Standing By Support Community" is actively recruiting members. Not Paul Cameron and Union College has the gay community been faced with such a threat. The fundamentalist church has put pressure on its own church members, as well as seeking referrals from the community. Recently a subscriber to *The New Voice* received a letter from a Standing By group member. The two-page let-

-- continued on page 1



November 1986

THE NEW VOICE STAFF

EDITOR—Larry Wiseblood
ASSOCIATE EDITOR—Anita Freeman-Soltisyyk
Sandy
COPY EDITOR—Gary Carey
ART & DESIGN—Vicki Jedlicka
TREASURER—Jodi
DISTRIBUTION—Randy Sowards
SUBSCRIPTION DIRECTOR—Ralph Patter
TYPESETTING—Randy F. Steve H.
PHOTOGRAPHER—Sandy

OTHER STAFF—

Dave Michael	Mark
Scott	Don F.
Alan	Larry E.
Mark	
Jerry Peck	

PHONE CONTACTS—
LINCOLN 475-7740 Larry Wiseblood
OMAHA 345-2181 Jerry Peck

The New Voice is published and distributed each month by a dedicated volunteer staff. The magazine is completely financed by donations and advertising.
Copyright 1986. All rights reserved.
Publication of the name photograph or likeness of any person business or organization in this publication is not to be construed as any indication of the sexual orientation or preference of such person, business, or organization.
Opinions expressed herein by columnists do not necessarily reflect the opinions of *The New Voice* or its staff.
Subscriptions: 1 year—\$12.00
Classified Ads: \$2.00 for 20 words or less
15¢ for each additional word. Display rates given upon request.

The New Voice of Nebraska


P.O. Box 80819 P.O. Box 3512
Lincoln, NE 68501 Omaha, NE 68103

ter was written by a complete stranger who only wanted to influence the individual to attend meetings of the "support" group.

A portion of this letter reads as follows: "As years passed by I was able to share my inner problems with other friends and family members and this enabled me to find more stability and accountability towards living a chaste life. Within the last year and a half a group of us were able to form the Standing By Support Community through Indian Hills Church. This was our way of caring and reaching out to others who had borne the same burden as we had -- and needed to find acceptance and reassurance. Some of the people involved have found fulfillment in marriage and family life. Others have felt fulfilled in a single, celibate lifestyle. Some are moving toward marriage as a desire of their heart. All are seeking to remain true to religious conviction."

Anita Bryant, a few years ago, tried to start clinics to "cure and save" homosexuals. More recently, chapters of groups like "homosexuals anonymous" have formed to try to change people's lifestyles. We need to be aware of the local threat and take responsible measures when people we know are approached by this group.


-- Larry Wiseblood



the ANTIQUARIUM book store

Dedicated to an appreciation of Books, Art, coffee and Conversation.
1215 Harney St., Omaha, NE

Play Safe



Specializing in adjustment problems

CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING SERVICES



1863 N. 81st St.
Omaha, NE 68114
(402) 397-6527

Appointments made around your schedule,
not ours!

Call for appointment.



dignity
Omaha

Lesbian and Gay
Roman Catholics
and Friends

Mass. 7 p.m., 2nd Sunday monthly
St. John's Church—lower level
Creighton University Campus

341-1460 P.O. Box 31312
345-9426 Omaha 68131

300-A. 18th
474-4962

Kelly's



Cherchez
La femme

300-A. 18th
474-4962



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 90¢ BEER 1-7:00
2 MOVIE NITE SOFIE'S CHOICE 8:00	3 \$1.00 WELL DRINKS 	4 (50¢) SCHNAPPS 	5 CORONA NITE \$1.00	6 SHOW NITE 10-ish	7 FAC 5-7:00 	8 90¢ Beer 1-7:00
9 THE LADIES 8:00 4:00	10 COUNTRY WESTERN NITE JOE COSEY 9:00	11 DOUBLES Pool 8 TOURNAMENT 7:00	12 CORONA NITE \$1.00	13 DIXIE LA RUE 10-ish	14 FAC 5-7:00 	15 90¢ Beer 1-7:00
16 ALTERED STATES 8:00	17 WELL DRINKS \$1.00 	18 Schnapps (50¢) 	19 CORONA NITE \$1.00	20 MISS CAPITAL City 10-ish	21 MARTA LIVE 7-9	22 90¢ Beer 1-7:00
23 BRIDGET & FRIENDS	24 WELL DRINKS \$1.00 	25 DOUBLES Pool TOURNAMENT 7:00	26 CORONA NITE \$1.00 TRY SOMETHING NEW!	27 Thanksgiving BUFFET all you can eat	28 FAC 5-7:00 	29 90¢ Beer 1-7:00
30 My Science Project	NOVEMBER				Big DAVE and THE TURBANS coming in December	DAN & JOHN WALKER NEWTON and Fat City in December



Local Events

Monte Carlo Night Comes to Omaha

Roll the dice! Spin the wheel! Deal the cards! It's all part of MONTE CARLO NIGHT coming to The Warehouse (at Carter Lake) on Sunday, November 23.

The fun-filled event is being sponsored by the River City Mixed Chorus and will include a number of Omaha community organizations, each staffing a gaming table.

The Warehouse doors open that evening at 5 pm. Plenty of food and drink will be available all evening. At 6 pm, the Casino itself opens with a roomful of gaming tables, where Lady Luck takes over. \$5.00 admission gets gamblers in the door, makes them eligible for door prizes, and starts them off with a supply of Monte Carlo Bucks. From there, it's up to skill and luck.

The gambling ends at 9 pm, but the fun goes on. Music, dancing, and prizes continue until 11 pm.

AIDS Task Force Presents Dr. Keeling

The UNL AIDS Education Task Force will be presenting program on AIDS to UNL staff, students, and administration on Nov. 12. Dr. Richard Keeling, Director of the University of Virginia Dept. of Student Health, and Chairperson of the American College Health Association's Task Force on AIDS, will speak at several sessions.

Dr. Keeling will speak:
 10-11:30am -- Open General Session,
 Noon -- Closed Luncheon with Administrators,
 1:30-3:00pm -- Session with UNL Housing Staff and Campus Counselors,
 3:45-5pm -- Session with Health Center Staff,
 7:30pm -- Open Session targeted to Student Leaders,

9-10:30pm -- Reception for Dr. Keeling hosted by the UNI Gay/Lesbian Resource Center.

A campus resource list on AIDS for the campus, local, state, and national referrals is available free of charge from Community Health. Contact Dr. Margaret Nellis at 472-7440.

Benefit Show Held for The New Voice



Victoria Performs at Benefit Show

Amanda Fox and friends proved that a benefit show is more than just a show.

Several performers gave a little bit of their hearts and souls in support of *The New Voice* on October 20 at The Boardwalk in Lincoln. A total of \$134 was raised at the show, which offered a variation of lip sync, dance and female impersonation.

Amanda Fox, Miss City Sweetheart 1986, performed several excellent numbers including a popular western routine. Victoria, second runner-up to Miss City Sweetheart, also provided a little bit extra and won the crowd's approval with a medley of several songs. Mr. Paul did a rendition of Frankie Goes To Hollywood's "Relax." Pat Phalen, Emperor of the Imperial Court, and

Todd Nelson, first runner-up for Mr. Gay Nebraska, also performed during the show. But the highlight of the evening was Jennifer Powers, who performed on stage for the first time. Powers had the audience clapping and cheering with her portrayal of Barbara Streisand.

Thanks to everyone who helped with this show, and to members of the community who supported the production.

-- Larry Wiseblood

Mike Fitzpatrick
MSW, ACSW

Couple Counseling,
Parenting & Step Parenting,
Individual Counseling
(depression, coming-out to
friends and parents)

Omaha phone 397-0330

THE
Chesterfield

OMAHA

MON-FRI 3 PM-1 AM
SAT-SUN Noon-1 AM
1951 ST. MARY'S



The Women's Bar



Absolutely "The Max"

2nd Anniversary Celebration

Party, Party, Party was the theme for The Max on September 19-21, as we celebrated our second year of service to you, our community and our friends.

The festivities started during our regular Happy Hour (and, boy, were we happy!). From 4-7 p.m., all drinks were 50 cents. Needless to say, a good time was had by all. It was a good time to drink, socialize, and hear the unique laughter of "Ms. Flowers." The festivities continued Friday evening with our dance bar.

Saturday, we continued to show our appreciation to you by sponsoring a free picnic on our patio from 2-4 p.m. Food, good times, and more food were had by all who attended. If you missed this, you missed a wonderful time to enjoy our "Fiji" bar and a wonderful time to go off that diet and start saving up for that "one extra inch" of winter warmth!

Enter Saturday night -- the night to party. And that is exactly what we did! The premiere of our exciting new light show -- Star Wars Style: the Disco went coal black as electronics sounds of an "Empire Star Destroyer" filled the senses. Luminescent fog engulfed the room as the high tech turned the eerie environment into a work of art with lights. Strobes, rain lights, track lighting and black lights filled our heads with the spectrum of a visual delight. As 16 laser lights were activated, a feeling of being in the 21st century overwhelmed us. A rainbow extravaganza!

Sunday was the finale with a "Tea Dance" and Beer Bust from 4-7 p.m. It was the perfect opportunity to socialize with old friends and meet new ones. Cocktails, talk, dancing. . . And we partied into the evening. . .

We would like to thank our bartenders, waiters, doormen, bar backs, "Mary" maids, light techs, disc jockeys, and the rest of "The

Crew" for being the friendliest gang in town. A Special Thank You to you for making The Max the hottest bar around!

Keep your eyes open for more surprises!

Miss Gay Nebraska USA Pageant

Well, we have had another wonderful month again. Our first function was the "Miss Gay Nebraska-U.S.A." pageant. This was a three-day contest and may I say a very hard contest to judge from what I saw. The contestants showed that they put a lot of time and effort into all of the glamorous outfits and also their talent presentations. The ten contestants proved that we do have wonderful entertainment in Nebraska. A special award was given out -- "The Brent Larson Award." This award went to "Beth" for all of her help behind the scenes of the shows and for the wonderful costumes she creates, and it was a very well-deserved award -- congratulations.

The evening concluded with the second runner-up title going to Muffy Rosenberg; first runner-up going to Anne Marlow; and the first Miss Gay Nebraska-U.S.A. going to Dietra Snow. I would also like to add that Mr. Tom Cech truly outdid himself in the set design -- again a breathtaking job.

-- Vince (Velvet) Percy

Sunday Night Entertainment



Bonnie Bitch Thrills Crowd with Unique Brand of Comedy.

The first two Sunday nights of October found The Max hosting out-of-town performers. For those of you who were not there, you missed a couple of dang good shows. Vince (Velvet, etc.), the stage manager for The Max, hopes to continue to bring in a variety of talent.

Bonnie Bitch is a wild and crazy entertainer. After she came out on stage, the laughter didn't stop for two and a half hours. From live monologues, to Barbra Streisand with a Donna Summer marionette, to the song "Ain't No Mountain" on a toilet (it was sick, but oh, so funny), Bonnie (Steve) is a true talent and a wonderful entertainer. If you missed this one, you missed the time of your life. Comedy at its best. Keep your eyes open. We will be bringing Bonnie Bitch back.



Rod Henry Sings Country Western Music.

The second show featured a country western singer, Rod Henry, from Dallas, Texas. He plays straight bars, but enjoyed being in a gay bar. His manager is originally from Nebraska. They will spend a total of four days in Dallas between now and the new year. Rod and his manager have aspirations of making it to Nashville. The music was great, and it was good to see couples dancing together doing the jitterbug, the two-step and a few steps I've never seen before. At least you knew who was dancing with whom.

Omaha has some great entertainers, but we surely can find some hospitality for out-of-towners, and perhaps even learn to appreciate some different forms of entertainment. Thanks, Max!

-- Vince (Velvet) Percy
-- Jerry Peck

Our Special Womyn's Issue

Opinions expressed herein by columnists and contributors do not necessarily reflect the opinions of *The New Voice* or its staff.

The Place to Be— Cherchez la femme

This August, I discovered the neatest place to go when I wanted to relax and chat with some neat womyn. It's called Cherchez la Femme and it's located below Kelly's at 200 So. 18th in Lincoln. Oh, I'd been there before then, but I'd never really taken the time to get to know anyone, so consequently I'd been missing out on a lot of fun. As I started to spend more time there, I got to know the people who work there. On Monday, Tuesday and Saturday nights there's Lynne; then on Wednesday and Friday nights, Pam takes over, while Ennie picks up Thursday night, and Kelly runs the place during the day. Also, during the weekends, Ann does cocktails and backup bartender, while Jamie provides the exciting dance music that keeps people moving to the dance floor.

All these womyn introduced me to the other patrons and before I knew it, I was as comfortable there as if it were my second home.

Cherchez has something to offer just about anyone. For the pool player, there's a table and monthly doubles tournaments. For the video nut (like me), there's video games. For the person who appreciates art, Jean Bean has four pieces for sale and on display, and for those who like to gamble, there is the monthly casino night where you play blackjack and poker for chips which apply to specials on drinks. Of course, there's also numerous drinks and virgin drinks for those of us who don't imbibe. Now, as the weather turns colder, they also are going to have hot cider and hot chocolate for us when we come in from the cold, and for the occa-

sional hungry stomach there's Do-Biz cookies and other snacks available. Also, I can't forget the entertainment that they have. Take, for instance, the upcoming Bridget and Friends performance, scheduled for November 23. I'm looking forward to an evening of comedy and fun and I know I won't be disappointed. So, next time you're sitting around and don't know what to do, come on down and see what's happening at Cherchez la Femme.

-- Jodi

Bridget and Friends Offer Humor and Entertainment



Bridget and Friends— From left to right is Sherrie, Ann, Dora, Beth, and Jamie.

What are the ingredients of a successful comedy troupe? Well, lets add some lip sync, funny madcap routines, and a famous puppet named Bridget. With these ingredients, how can you fail? Seven wimmin make up this group which has performed in Lincoln and is looking to bring their brand of comedy to other areas.

Beth Muchlin formed the group about two years ago. Bridget and Friends offer unique and original material using a variety of props and costumes. Many of the skits are done in group fashion, rather than seeing one person at a time on stage. "We've undergone changes since the group started. We're very good about letting anyone join our

group who enjoys doing this sort of thing," related Beth.

Beth gives credit to her father for getting her started in entertainment. When she was 12 years old, she would perform with her two brothers for family and friends at reunions and birthday parties.

Other members of the performing troupe include Sherrie Hanneman, Sheri Overly, Jamie Johnson, Cindy Aerni, Dora Bianco, and Charm Saytree. Additional members are: Pam Coffey, make-up and costumes; Leslie Schulz, bodyguard to Bridget; and Ann Woods, who helps backstage.

Bridget and Friends consider their headquarters to be the local wimmin's bar, Cherchez la femme. They have also performed at The Stage Door in Omaha. The group recently performed in Wichita, Kansas where wimmin from a six state area got together for music, entertainment, and comedy.

Members described their brand of comedy as, "insanity and bizarre." However, this does not accurately describe the group either. The group mixes a variety of skits, lip sync, and some serious material.

It is not easy to describe this group on paper. You will have to see Bridget and Friends to fully understand their brand of entertainment. They are next scheduled to perform at Kelly's on November 23, beginning at 7:48 pm.

-- Larry Wiseblood

**Finally, a T-Shirt that
reflects your true sentiments . . .**



(a
lavender
shirt
with a
dark
purple
and
white
design)

. . . wear one with pride

A fundraiser for the UNL Gay, Lesbian Resource Center, get one in person for \$9.00 in Neb. Union Room 342 or send \$10.50 to:

GLRC
Room 222, Neb. Union
Lincoln, NE 68588

Sexual Harassment—The Problem and Our Options

As more womyn enter the workplace, they are increasingly confronted with the pervasive problem of sexual harassment. Whether this stems from men feeling threatened and trying to reassert their power, or was always present and never before acknowledged to such a degree, is not known. The fact remains, however, that as womyn who work, we may all -- at one time or another -- be forced to deal with unwanted advances from supervisors or coworkers. For any woman put in this situation, the event is traumatic, degrading and unsettling, yet this is complicated further if the woman is also a lesbian. Then there is the additional fear that if the advances are refused, suspicion will be aroused about whether she is gay. Along with this fear, the lesbian is saddled with the doubts that assail any woman put in that situation, namely: Will I lose my job if I speak up? If I refuse, will he make life in the office impossible? If I speak up, will anyone believe me? Am I the only one this is happening to? All of these fears are valid and are typically accompanied with the feeling of being alone and unable to do anything. Yet sexual harassment is not a rare thing. In a government study in 1980, 42% of the respondents said they had been subjected to some form of sexual harassment. This projects to an astonishing 395,000 female federal workers being subjected to unwanted sexual advances while at work. In another study done by Redbook magazine, over 90% of the respondents claimed they had dealt with sexual harassment on the job. Obviously, it is a widespread problem, but it is also one that will not go away through silence. Only by womyn being aware of what can be done and then acting decisively will this problem begin to be dealt with seriously.

The first thing to understand is what the government has defined

sexual harassment to be. Guidelines set by the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) provide that verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature shall be considered sexual harassment if:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment.
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual, or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

If any actions fall under one or several of these conditions, the person who did them may be liable for a sexual harassment suit.

The question then becomes what to do if anything of this nature happens. The most important thing to do is to write the incident down as nearly as you can remember it, along with the date and any names of anyone who may have witnessed it. This way, even if you don't decide to pursue that particular incident, if something else happens at a later time, you will at least have the details of the incident available for use in action taken. If you do decide to take action, one of the first things to do is examine whether your company has a stated procedure for handling the situation. If it does, follow that procedure, being sure to document the events and conversations as nearly as possible for your own records. If you exhaust all company-provided options, however, this is the time to take the evidence you have collected and file an EEOC complaint. If there are no company procedures outlined, you can take the following steps:

1. Confront the person who is harassing you with your feelings and perceptions about his actions. Firmly ask him to cease his actions. If practical, have a witness with you and

at the very least document the incident.

2. If this doesn't work or you fear repercussions in your job, go to a higher level supervisor (i.e., above both him and yourself) or to someone in the personnel department with your complaint.
3. If, after a reasonable length of time has elapsed, the harassing continues, go further up the chain of authority.
4. If you receive no satisfaction or are being subjected to adverse treatment because of your actions, contact the EEOC with your complaint.

The most important thing to remember is to document every action taken or every harassment encountered because it often boils down to one word against another, and every fact you have available will strengthen your case.

I realize that there is much to weigh when trying to decide whether to take action against harassment, but whatever you decide to do, it must be something you can live with. One thing we as womyn cannot forget is that unless we speak up, nothing will change. While the dangers are very real with respect to lost jobs and opportunities, the psychic damage of staying silent is just as great. Just because we are womyn, we should not be expected to endure crude jokes, unasked-for touching or outright sexual proposals in the workplace. It degrades us, makes the work environment hostile, and subjects us to unwanted pressure and stress. It is important to remember that it is not necessary to put up with those kinds of situations. If we choose, there are options available for us to take to put an end to this type of oppression.

-- Jodi



Men Need to Adopt Feminism

I am always surprised at the number of purportedly "liberal" gay men who are unsupportive of the womyn's movement. This seems analogous to a Jewish Nazi or a Black Ku Klux Klan member, as feminism should go hand-in-hand with the gay rights movement. Anti-feminist gay men share the company of Jerry Falwell, Ronald Reagan, Nels Forde, and the Catholic Church (is it nice to know you're not alone?).

It is unrealistic for the gay male community to believe that a gay rights amendment will become law before some sort of similar legislation is passed to raise womyn from their second-class status. If judged on the basis of their common oppressive situations alone, womyn and gay men should be natural allies. They are two oppressed groups in the United States whose rights as equals to heterosexual men are not protected by legislation.

Womyn and gay men both face prejudice, the former because of gender, the latter from sexual orientation. Both groups are stereotyped as being weak, emotional, flighty, dependent, passive, unstable, et cetera, ad nauseum. All either faction seeks is freedom from societal roles and restrictions.

One of the reasons for this seems to be mutual fear brought on by a lack of understanding. Gay men are trained to be oppressive towards womyn by society, whether or not it is voluntary. Thus, they claim they don't understand feminism when they haven't really taken time to learn about it (a common fault, often found in heterosexuals when dealing with homosexuality). They complain that they don't understand things like alternative spellings of the words "women" and "woman," or womyn's offense at being called a "girl" or a "lady."

Short explanation: "woman," spelled as such, takes its basis from the word "man" rather than separate individuals with their own ideas and identities. Similarly, "girl" is a derogatory term along the lines of calling a black man "boy," suggest-

ing immaturity, a lack of development and a need for supervision, while "lady" is a classist term indicating a separation from the rest of womyn. This may seem trivial, but language is oppressive in subtle ways. "The Siblinghood of People" may not roll of the tongue quite as easily as "The Brotherhood of Man," but it is more inclusive and accurate.

Separatism is another issue that gay men seem to have difficulty understanding, feeling it a personal attack that some womyn choose to live apart from males. One must take into account that womyn have been dominated and influenced by men for so long that separation is necessary to free themselves from the bonds of that domination. Gay men often immerse themselves in the gay male community after coming out in order to free themselves of the effects and attitudes of heterosexual society. The principles of separatism (and feminism in general) are not that different, being an attempt to break away from the expectations and limitations of a male-dominated world. It is not that separatists "hate" men -- rather, they need time and space where they can exist with other womyn, free of male influence. Consider too that some separatists have been the victims of psychological and physical abuse and understandably have a difficult time trusting any man, a situation few males could identify with. In addition, remember that separatism is one extreme in the world of womyn and one part cannot be said to represent the whole group.

Some gay men feel they cannot support womyn's free choice in terms of reproductive rights. Yet this is very connected with gay rights, because if womyn cannot choose whether or not to complete a pregnancy, what is to stop political figures from imprisoning or executing homosexuals because they are doing nothing for human reproduction? Male objection to abortion is also the height of sexism, since men cannot get pregnant and cannot truthfully know what they would do in that situation.

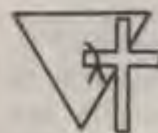
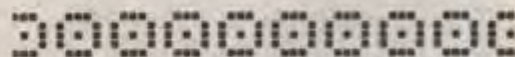
There is much for gay men to learn from womyn, especially the Lesbian community. Has anyone else no-

ticed how Lesbian womyn are light-years ahead of gay men in terms of developing and maintaining long-term relationships? Had we followed their example sooner, maybe promiscuity would have been lessened and AIDS wouldn't have taken the toll it has on the gay male community. We cannot go back in time, but we must learn from our mistakes.

Our Lesbian sisters have much to teach us, if we only let them speak. Lesbians also surpass us in their ability to appreciate the lives and accomplishments of our older community members, learning from them while the gay male population laughs at any "troll" who comes to a bar. The focus must shift in the community from the young to all ages. Our diversity is our strength, for there is no group on this planet without a gay member.

Finally, these are difficult, conservative times. If we cannot work together, we are lost. It sounds melodramatic, but the comparison with Germany just before Hitler's rise to power is not inappropriate. "We Shall Overcome," but it must be all of us, woman and man, gay and straight. As long as one person is oppressed, none of us can say we are free. "Us" and "them" divides our strength, which is what they -- the conservatives -- want. We have not time to waste bickering among ourselves. If we (womyn and men) unite ourselves to end oppression for everyone, we cannot and will not be stopped.

-- Ron Zank



The
Community
of Grace

An interdenominational worshipping
community of Lesbians, Gays and
those who would identify with us.

Sundays, 7 pm

474-1205

P.O. Box 6881
Lincoln, 68506

Considering Feminist Philosophy

From the time that I was four until I was six, I was sexually abused by a male relative. I have since learned that he particularly enjoyed pornography depicting girlish-looking models engaged in sex acts with men who appear to be older, authority figures. It is probably not surprising, then, that I have some strong feelings on the pornography issue. My childhood experience, however, is not the only source of these feelings -- my beliefs about pornography have a sound base in the Feminist studies I have read in the course of my education.

Though I do not believe that *pornography* (defined by social scientists as erotic material combining sex and aggression and in which force, coercion or dominance is involved) will cause the mentally healthy person to commit sex crimes, I do believe that pornography provokes the mentally unhealthy individual. I also believe, as laboratory research seems to confirm (Malamuth and Donnerstein), that men who are

exposed to pornography will act more aggressively toward womyn in subsequent interactions. Prolonged or continued exposure has been shown to increase leniency in attitudes toward rape and callousness toward womyn in general.

Pornography is more than "dirty pictures" -- it is a complex issue involving gender-class sexual domination and humiliation and basic misogyny, not to mention brutal representations of sexuality. Feminist philosophy exposes the politics of pornography and its effect on the behavior of men and womyn. Feminist philosophy also reveals the powerful social system of values that is expressed and supported through pornographic images.

While there is little doubt that someone so inclined to do so can twist the statistics in his favor, I would hope that anyone who is pro-pornography, or who downplays its effect, would at least consult and consider some of the

feminist material on the subject. I strongly recommend two of the many excellent Feminist writings on pornography: *Pornography: Men Possessing Women* by Andrea Dworkin and *Pornography and Silence: Culture's Revenge Against Nature* by Susan Griffin.

Unfortunately, I have found resistance on the part of many non-Feminist men and womyn to reevaluate their beliefs about pornography. Feminist philosophy is very challenging and painfully insightful; however, Feminist philosophy should not be intimidating, but stimulating, to anyone who recognizes the complex human problems in our society and in the world at large. I believe Feminism has the power and the potential to restructure society and the ways in which men, womyn and children interact. After all, Feminism is not just about womyn -- it concerns the human condition. The value of Feminist philosophy cannot be over-estimated.

-- AF-S



*You can always
find something you like at
Graybeards Collectibles*

733 S. 11th
Lincoln, NE 68506
Open Mon-Sat. 12-5

435-6840



Globe

QUALITY CLEANERS

Globe offers quality cleaning
with over **80 years** of experience.

- **Professional Shirt Laundry**
- **Family Laundry Service**
- **Deluxe Care** for fine linens and special items
- **Complete Drapery Service** for home or business with **Draper Form** for even hems and no shrinkage.
- **FREE pickup & Delivery**

4 convenient locations

1124 'L' St. 476-8554	21st & 'G' St. 435-3217
Normal & South 488-4217	Gateway North 464-4090

LINCOLN, NE

Nebraska's All Wimmin's Band— Amethyst



Amethyst— Featured from top left is Kara, Kathy, and Jaci. From bottem left to right is Maria, Deb C. and Deb A.

Amethyst is not like any other band in Nebraska. The members are all wimmin and play a wide range of music, including rhythm and blues, jazz, reggae, rock and country.

The band is composed of seven members:

- Kathy Tejcka - piano, vocals
- Maria Carpenter - guitar, vocals
- Deb Cirksema - bass, vocals
- Jaci Augustin - saxophone, synthesizer
- Deb Andersen - percussion
- Kara Kugler - drums, vocals
- Eli Rhodes - sound person

Amethyst was an outgrowth of another band that broke up over a year ago. Last fall some of the current members got together and started practicing. Amethyst has been together since March 1986, and had their first performance at Nebraska Wesleyan during Women's Week in April. They have also performed at The Boardwalk, YWCA during the National Peace March, Kelly's, Chesterfield's, and a benefit show at the Zoo Bar. Their last performance was a concert on September 25 with June Millington at The Boardwalk.

The group is very cohesive and their primary goal is having fun. Future plans include playing in Omaha and possibly doing weekend engagements. They would also like

to play at a wimmin's music festival or at different college campuses. Amethyst will perform next at the Zoo Bar on November 19 and again on December 23. On December 6 the band will play at a "wimmin only" event at the YWCA. They also may be playing at the Sidetrack in the near future.

The band sees a promising future. The longer they have played together, the better they have become. This has enabled them to get attention in the local area. They are also staying with some of the trends in music and are singing remakes from the 60's. Amethyst is one band worth watching. Make a date with a gem of a group.

-- Larry Wiseblood

Famous Wimmin in History

Voltaire once observed, "History is the lie that men agree upon." While not an absolute lie, history is often colored by the teller. History is a function of those in power, but we can share in that power. Our history has been hidden from us. We can increase our wisdom and power by recovering our history, and by sharing this knowledge -- for only by knowing where we have been can we truly break with the past and move forward.

How many of the names listed below can you match with the correct description? Answers appear elsewhere in this issue.

1. Rita Mae Brown (1944 -)
2. Eva LaGalliene (1899 -)
3. Lucretia Mott (1793 - 1880)
4. Lucy Stone (1818 - 1893)
5. Georgia O'Keefe (1887 - 1985)
6. C.J. Walker (1867 - 1919)
7. Phyllis Wheatly (1753 - 1784)
8. Angelina Grimke (?)
9. Esther Morris (1814 - 1902)
10. Ethel Barrymore (1879 - 1959)
11. Louisa Ann Swain (?)
12. Belva Lockwood (1830 - 1917)
13. Judy Chicago (1939 -)
14. Mary Walker (1832 - 1919)

15. Rosa Parks (1914 -)
16. Maria Tallchief (1925 -)
17. Elizabeth Blackwell (1821 - 1910)
18. Martha Graham (1894 -)
19. Margaret F. Rudkin (1897 - 1967)

- a. This actress made her stage debut in 1894, her film debut in 1914, her radio debut in 1936 and her television debut in 1953. She won an Academy Award in 1944.
- b. She was the first American woman to receive an M.D. degree in 1849. In 1853 she founded a woman's medical college and in 1857 she founded a woman's hospital.
- c. This popular educator and writer of lesbian-oriented stories published her first novel in 1971.
- d. A feminist artist who threw a dinner party and organized the Feminist Studio Workshop of Los Angeles.
- e. The "mother of modern dance" began teaching in 1920 and found her own School of Contemporary Dance in 1929.
- f. The daughter of a wealthy South Carolina plantation owner, she became an ardent abolitionist. In 1838 she became the first woman to speak before a legislative body in the U.S. as she spoke for the abolitionist cause.
- g. She began her acting career in 1915, founded the Civic Repertory Co. of New York and the American Repertory Theater. She wrote two books, a critical study, and translated works by Ibsen and H.C. Andersen. As late as 1977 she was directing and acting with the Seattle Repertory Theater.
- h. First woman in America to receive a law degree (1873) and the first woman to argue before the Supreme Court.
- i. Solely through her efforts, she won suffrage for Wyoming. Later she became Wyoming's first justice of the peace.

-- continued on page 11

- j. In the 1830's, this abolitionist/feminist organized "free stores," which sold only those goods produced without slave labor. Later she was a law figure at the Seneca Falls Convention.
- k. Well-known artist specializing in scenes of the American West and intimate views of flowers.
- l. On Dec. 1, 1955, she refused to give her bus seat to a white man and was arrested. This event sparked the modern civil rights movement.
- m. This woman began a bakery business (Pepperidge Farm, Inc.) at the age of 40 and made herself millions.
- n. First American woman to attend college, this ardent feminist and abolitionist graduated from Oberlin College in 1847.
- o. At the age of 70, on Sept. 6, 1870, she became the first woman in the world to vote in a public election at Laramie, Wyoming.
- p. This noted ballerina began dancing with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo in 1942, and was a prima with the New York City Ballet and the American Ballet Theater. Currently she is artistic director of the Chicago City Ballet.
- q. First black millionaire, she built her empire on beauty products. (Note: I said "first black," not "first black woman.")
- r. In 1863, she became the first woman appointed to a surgeon's post in the U.S. Army. She was captured briefly in 1864, and was eventually awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor.
- s. This black poet was the first black writer published in America (1770). She also studied Latin and made a tour of England in 1773.



A Celebration of Women's Strength is theme for Conference

On Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15, the YWCA and the Lincoln-Lancaster Commission on the Status of Women will sponsor a "celebration of women's strengths" at the Lincoln Hilton. Over 30 program presentations by local women will focus on three main themes: *inclusiveness*, *empowerment*, and *support* for all women. Participants will discuss the history and experiences of women and everyone will have the opportunity to share her own story and experiences. Each session of presentations features a wide range of topics (including Lesbian-identified issues). The celebration begins Friday evening at 6:00 with registration and dessert and continues Saturday morning with registration at 7:30. Registration fees are on a sliding-fee scale to ensure that no woman is excluded for financial reasons. Free child care will be available with pre-registration at the YWCA.

If you would like more information, please call the YWCA at 476-2802 or write I.L.C.S.W.; 901 'P' Street; Suite 330; Lincoln, NE 68508.

-- Sandy



Its Fun
Its a New Adventure
Practice Safe Sex



Ames Art Gallery #2
340 No. 27th St.
Lincoln, NE 68505
(402)476-8497

*Our fine arts gallery
needs salable artwork
for the Holidays.
Bring your precious
pieces to a Lambda-
oriented business.*

The New Voice

UPCOMING THEME ISSUES
WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

DECEMBER—RELIGION

JANUARY—COMING OUT EXPERIENCES

Current Programs at The New Directions Center

The New Direction Center is part of Lincoln's YWCA at 1432 N Street. The Center is for women of all ages and socio-economic levels who are experiencing emotional, personal or career changes in their lives with which they would like assistance, or who wish to expand their interpersonal or coping skills, support networks or horizons. Short-term individual counseling is available as well as classes, support groups and workshops.

Current programs of interest to *New Voice* readers may be the Support Group for Lesbians Who Parent meeting from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on Monday evenings and the monthly Women's Cultural Salons. The next Salon is Friday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m.; the topic is "Women and Peace." Films and readings will fill the evening. The December Salon

on the 20th begins at 6:00 p.m. and is a Solstice Potluck Crafts and Bookfair and Concert Extravaganza!

Other programs linked to the New Direction Center are Transcend, The Single Parents Career Counseling Project, Kaleidoscope and Chrysalis. Transcend is a wholistic program designed to help prevent substance abuse in women at special risk for alcohol and drug abuse. If you are the daughter or partner of an alcoholic or drug abuser, have been emotionally, sexually or physically abused or recently ended a close relationship, Transcend has something to offer you.

The Single Parents Project is a comprehensive career counseling program designed to fit the needs of single parents. Services include Survival Resources, Short-term Individual Counseling, Career Information Resource Library, Job-Seeking Assistance and Support Groups. Kaleidoscope focuses on professional development and is a series

of lunch hour sessions co-sponsored with Southeast Community College. This fall the series is focusing on Power Communication and Business Writing Skills. Chrysalis programs provide special educational and experiential events for women. For example, a Freedom from Smoking Clinic begins on November 4 and an Audre Lorde Reading Group met this fall.

NDC also has a reading room with a wide selection of feminist and lesbian materials. The Center provides services on a sliding fee basis. To schedule an appointment or for more information call 476-2802 and ask for the NDC intake person.

-- Mary K.

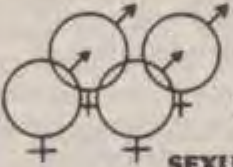
Activities Offered at Women's Resource Center

Hello, and welcome back to another fun, exciting and action-packed year with the Women's Resource Center. Despite our being closed over the summer, we can look forward to a year filled with new programming events, brought to you by the Women's Words and Music Committee. Coming November 21, we are sponsoring a coffehouse, which will feature local poets, singers, musicians and a variety of coffees, teas and many other delectable delights. This will be open to the public from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the women's account which enables the Resource Center to bring in radical, controversial and non-typical speakers and performers. We are always looking for new collective members to volunteer. We need a variety of women to assert their ideas and opinions to help us get a better picture of what you would like to see put on the agenda for the upcoming year. We're looking forward to seeing new people. Give us a try. We think you'll like it! Questions? Ideas? Comments? Stop by the Women's Resource Center, 117 Nebraska Union or phone 472-2597.



INTERIORS CLEANED
RESIDENTIAL CLEANING
BY THE HOUR OR BY THE JOB

LARRY BIRKETT (402) 488-8365



**MINISTRY
IN HUMAN
SEXUALITY, INC.**

Individuals and Couples
Coming out Personal Growth
Spirituality and Religion

J. Benjamin P.O. Box 80122
Rec. D. Mts. Lincoln, Nebraska 68501
(402) 476-9913

474-1205



-Support Groups
-Counseling
-AIDS, Alcohol & Drug Education

Support Group
every Monday - 7p.m.

**Support Our
Advertisers**

.....

They 

Support

 **You!**

Clothing Available to Disadvantage Women

Women in our society who find themselves subsisting on welfare or ADC are faced with a dilemma when they try to get jobs. They are told that when they go to the interview they should dress in attire that is appropriate to the job. Yet, with their limited incomes, they do not have the funds to buy those clothes, and they wouldn't have the funds until they get a job. This puts them in a dilemma which for many is unsolvable.

Fortunately, a number of groups have recognized this problem and have formed Job Outfitters to deal with it. Job Outfitters acts as a clothing bank for women who are referred to them by the state's human services programs. Using clothes that people have donated, they help the women prepare for their job interviews and also for work, once a job is obtained. Using donated money, the women also get new shoes to match their clothes. Through the assistance of several community salons, they receive certificates which they can use to get a haircut or style. Volunteers from the University of Nebraska, along with Job Outfitters, are sponsoring clothing seminars for the women to help them learn new ways of making the most of the clothing they have available. All of these volunteers go through sensitivity training on color and class issues so that a secure, supportive and understanding atmosphere is created for the women.

Job Outfitters is run by a board of directors which is made up of representatives from the five groups that sponsor the organization. These groups are Business and Professional Women, Access, Lincoln Lancaster Commission on the Status of Women, the Women of Color Taskforce, and the YWCA. As Job Outfitters has begun recently, they are seeking donations -- both clothing and financial -- so that they can more effectively help the women who need them. If you have quality

clothing that you don't wear anymore, don't leave it in your closet for the moths to snack on. Why don't you bring it to the YWCA (where Job Outfitters operates from) so that it can be put to use by women who need it. Also, if you would like to donate money, either for use in buying shoes or helping to renovate the YWCA basement, or if you want more information about Job Outfitters, contact the Lincoln Lancaster Commission on the Status of Women at 471-7716. All donations are tax-deductible and will help women have the opportunity to make more of their lives than circumstances have allowed them to in the past.

-- Jodi

Author's note -- I would like to thank Denise Barret for telling me about this organization. She is a member of the Women of Color Taskforce and was very patient with my questions during our interview.

We're Responsible for Us.

We want a better world to live in, don't we? Not just today, but in the future as well. We as homosexuals only want to be treated as fairly as the rest of society. We want our rights to employment and housing. We want equality for ourselves and our lovers as compared to straight society. Wouldn't it be nice to bring our lovers to social functions and dinners without other people whispering aside remarks behind our backs? And how many times have you ached to hold your lover's hand in a theater or restaurant, but felt that it might offend someone? Gay couples should be entitled to the same legal rights as any other married couple and should be recognized as a family unit. But, most of all, we want respect as human beings.

The bottom line is that it's up to us to make those things reality. Nobody else will do it for us, so if we just sit around on our duffs waiting for it to happen, it probably won't. For example, look at the

women's suffrage movement. Nobody was going to simply hand them the right to vote and, thus, actually count for something other than having babies and cooking meals. Those early feminists had to demand that right and speak up for what they believed. The Black rights movement was the same way; they had to stand up and make white people see that blacks had the same constitutional rights. If it weren't for leaders like Martin Luther King, we might still have separate sections on buses.

Don't get me wrong; not everybody is a Martin Luther King. Not everybody can afford to come out of the closet without perhaps losing their sole source of income or their home. Or their families. But there are some of us who are already out of the closet. We who have made ourselves known to families and co-workers don't have the risk of losing the most important things in our lives. We may have insults hurled at us, but mere words won't kill. Those of us who are openly gay are the ones who could, and should, start doing something about gaining our rights.

The simplest way to begin is on an individual basis. You have friends who respect you as a person, right? I'm talking about friends who are straight. Come out to them. Let them know that you are still the same person they've always known; only their perception of you has changed. You might even find that sharing what was once a burdensome secret will increase the quality of your friendship. A weight will lift from your shoulders once you no longer have to hide a big part of yourself. Of course, each person will have to use his or her own judgment whether this is a good course of action to take. You might not be willing to risk friendships yet until you are more comfortable and secure in yourself. I'm speaking from my own experience, remember, and what's good for me may or may not be good for you. But it's been my experience that coming out to my friends has usually improved the relationships. And it's given them insight to the gay world, helping them to see what's fact and what's fiction.

Which brings me to my next point.
continued on page 14

Somehow, the incorrect myths about homosexuals must be destroyed if society at large is ever to view us in a positive light. People need to realize that the limp-wristed, lisping faggot and the cigar-smoking, leather-jacketed diesel dyke are generalized stereotypes. Society needs to realize that homosexuals come in every size, shape, color, creed, and behavior pattern. One way to do this is to be a living example, as I mentioned in the above paragraph. Another way is through letter campaigns. Any time you see an inaccurate depiction of homosexuals on TV, organize your friends or a local gay support group and write letters of protest to the network or TV station. And back up the protest with facts and figures if you can find them to give your protest credibility. Once voice may not be heard in such a protest, but many voices will be. Paul Cameron also comes to mind when thinking about letter campaigns. We can all sit around and tell each other that he doesn't know what he's talking about, but unless we tell him that, it won't do much good. A third way to destroy myths is to provide the public with

factual and accurate information. That could be as easy as checking what books your local library has on the topic of homosexuality. If their books are inaccurate or not up-to-date, perhaps a gay support group could petition the library with a list of good books and pamphlets. The National Gay Task Force provides an excellent booklet called Twenty Questions About Homosexuality, which might be a valuable donation to local counseling centers.

I'm not too sure it would be a good idea to do anything that could be misconstrued as proselytizing or recruiting. That would only serve to give gay people a bad name. But as I said before, if we don't do anything to help ourselves obtain our rights, then who will?

The process will take time. Nothing happens overnight, but we might see the changes over the years. If you have cable TV and subscribe to Showtime, you may have seen the show Brothers. It revolves around three brothers, the youngest of whom is gay. In one show, the middle brother, Joe, had

to deal with a type of prejudice. His daughter began dating a black man. Joe had, in his youth, marched for equal rights, so it was with great reluctance and feelings of sadness that he had to admit feeling uncomfortable about his daughter dating a black man. He felt that his generation had failed and nothing had been accomplished by those marches. But Cliff, his younger brother, pointed out to Joe that he hadn't failed. If Joe's daughter could date someone of another race with no qualms, then Joe's marches had done some good after all. The attitudes of the younger generation had been changed by Joe's generation. It just took time.

Just so, it will take time for us. We must have patience. We must think of future generations as well as our own. And if we do not bring the gay rights movement full force into our home town, then we will have done nothing to better our world or the world of the next generation. Homosexuality is a natural part of our lives, and nothing to be ashamed of. Gay Pride Week is vitally important nationwide. The actions we take today will determine the name that tomorrow's gays will bear. Let's make sure it's a good name.

-- Jean Mortensen

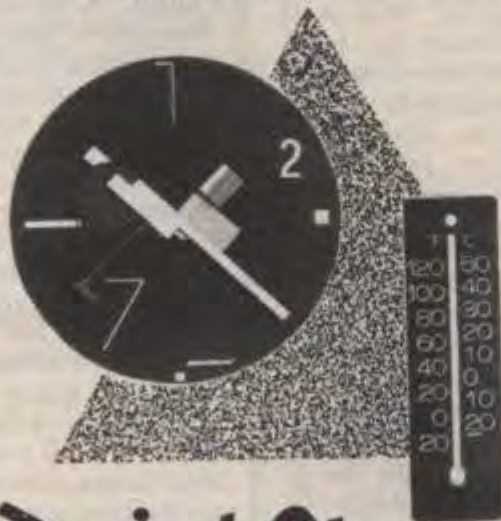


Imported Coffee, Tea
Herbs, Spices and Accessories

(402) 475-5522

119 North 14th
Lincoln, Nebraska
68508 U.S.A.

If you have an eye for style.....
We have gifts for home and office.
Great design is the common denominator.
Well priced objects that will be treasured for years.



Dirt Cheap

RECORDS & GIFTS

EAST PARK STORE ONLY!

Iva & Company

Iva & Company is a "must" if you are ever in Iowa City, Iowa (about two hours east of Des Moines). Located on 1910 S. Gilbert, Iva's provides a comfortably spacious social environment for womyn -- not to mention a quality sound system and large dance floor. Originally Iva's Juice Bar, Iva & Company has now obtained a limited liquor license. Fruit juices are still available.

Iva & Company is selling stock to generate capital for growth investment and to eliminate initial remodeling expenses. These sales will be personally arranged and the owners plan to repurchase the stock in one to two years. The number of investors is limited to 30. (If you are interested in making such a womyn-connected investment, please contact Iva Lucas at 319-354-7819.)

Iva & Company must have special pride in their establishment -- it shows! Iva & Company is a great place to stop for a friendly smile, a cold drink, and new friends.
-- Sandy

Catalogs for Wimmin

Wimmin's Music:

Ladyslipper
P.O. Box 3130
Durham, NC 27705

Their free catalog provides nearly 80 pages worth of music by wimmin. Music ranges from classical to punk, rock to reggae, jazz to blues.

Wimmin's Literature:

The Naiad Press
Box 10543
Tallahassee, FL 32302

Spinsters Ink
803 DeHaro
San Francisco, CA 94107

Women's Press Collective
5251 Broadway
Oakland, CA 96410

Gay Sunshine Press
Box 40397
San Francisco, CA 94140

Persephone Press
Box 7222
Watertown, MA 02172

Alyson Pub., Inc.
Box 2783
Boston, MA 02208

Daughters, Inc.
22 Charles Street
New York, NY 10014

Diana Press
4400 Market Street
Oakland, CA 94608

These publishers will provide a free list of their books upon request.

--Jean Mortensen

A Holy Union

At 6:30 p.m., on October 4, 1986, at Mt. Vernon Gardens in Omaha, Nebraska, Jan and Pat entered into a state of oneness through the ex-

change of vows. Jan was attended by her daughter, Shawn, and Pat was attended by a friend of the family. Jerry Peck presided over the holy union with the reading of scriptures, words of instruction and prayers. The double ring ceremony was highlighted by the testimonies of love given to one another by Pat and Jan.

Both wimmin are members of the gay community as well as their respective professional communities; therefore, they have requested that last names not be published.

-- Jerry Peck



Call the Nebraska AIDS Project
now for information
about support groups
for persons with AIDS
or positive HTLV-3 antibody

In Omaha: 342-4233

Toll-Free Statewide
(outside Omaha): 1-800-782-AIDS

6 pm to 11 pm daily

Poetry

Dream of Love

Sitting by a river
Allowing myself to be free
I close my eyes
And begin to dream

As I dream
I build hope
The hope that
Our relationship will continue

I lie by this river
Wishing you were with me
If you were here
I'd hold you
Oh, so tightly

You would run your hand
Through my hair
We would remain there
In awe of each other's presence

The touch of you skin against mine
Causes a great warmth in me
Your lips are so soft
Your eyes so brilliant

Now as I return to reality
And realize that I am alone
I wish you were here
But it cannot be

Allow me to Love You
Even though it's in my dreams

--Sandy

When You Were Gone

when you were gone
i wanted a shower,
but the ancient tub
only laughed at me
refusing comforting spray.
so i ate a piece
of raisin toast
and sat curled
around my pillow
with my dreams.

--lizzie

Silent Eyes

do not see the walls
or life-less shadows -
echoes of a scream
fade away
unheard by men in white coats -
she is one of many
who cannot, will not
forget

rape

--A.C.

33rd Street to Downtown

darkness
bumpy motion
33rd street to downtown
a man on the bus
across from me
sees
not knowing
I
woman
look
the slight-pink-form
the man
the grin
the hand
the motion
the silent seeing

and in the very center
of this dark and empty house
undressed

I
woman
(back door unlocked
Jesse barking)
am back in that place
stay in my place
yearning
to run
run to
driver
driver
woman
yes

silent and dark
I sit

I
woman
by silence and darkness
granting his wish
sink
below fire
below ice
below stone
nothing

--J. Walker

The Womyn's Bar

First visit:
Mind full of questions...
What will it be like?
Will I know anyone?
Will somebody try to pick me up?

Hesitant,
Head full of stereotypes and mis-
conceptions
Unsure of how to act,
What to say,
What to do.

Time passes,
Return with new friends.
Introductions,
To the bartender,
To other people,
Playing pool and video games.

Watching the womyn,
Getting to know them,
A newfound confidence and ease
grows.

Now I sit,
Watching people,
Enjoying conversations,
Laughing at jokes,
Sharing knowledge and ideas,
And I feel comfortable
And more a part of the commu-
nity,
That is...
The womyn's bar.

--Jodi

Figuring it Out

Somedays you look into the mirror
See everything and nothing you
need to know
Reflections won't sort out your
thoughts
Even if the feeling stares you in the
face
Not sure if you are where you
ought to be
Not certain of what you really want
Wondering if you dare talk it out
With anybody and does anyone re-
ally understand
Too many things to figure out
Pushed into a corner
Hard to turn around
And the mirror doesn't tell you
What to do -- no answers stare out
From scared and empty eyes
Afraid to face the choices
Knowing only one will do
Learning to look within
And not without
Without you

--Katie Boner

Come Be My Fantasy

come be my fantasy;
lie with me
and be happy.
giggle softly in the night
when i touch you;
my fingertips moving slowly
touching love.
in this silence of touching
the word not needed,
still i sigh
though.

--lizzie

Local Organizations

Nan Hunter Featured at Annual Meetings of NCLU & Coalition



Nan Hunter Speaks at Coalition meeting.

Nan Hunter, Director of the recently formed Gay Lesbian Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, was keynote speaker on October 11 and 12 at the annual meetings of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union and Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights. The NCLU meeting was held in Omaha and the Coalition assembly took place in Lincoln. A variety of activities took place at both meetings including workshops on political and social issues. Popular workshops at the NCLU meeting included Drug Testing, Alien Rights, Bill of Rights Lobby, Living Will, and Gay/Lesbian Rights. Workshops well attended at the Coalition

meeting included Coming Out, AIDS Discrimination, Gay Art, Religious Issues, and Healthy Relationships. Bill Trotter, director of the play "As Is," was also featured. It was announced during the meeting that the Nebraska Directors Theatre donated \$406 from the play to the Nebraska AIDS Project and \$406 to the Coalition's Health Concerns Committee.

Nan Hunter is a lesbian feminist attorney who, prior to the Gay/Lesbian Rights Project, worked with the ACLU Reproductive Rights Project and the Feminists Against Censorship Task Force. Hunter worked with the ACLU of Georgia in its challenge to the Georgia sodomy statute (Hardwick v. Bauers) and is coordinating ACLU efforts to have sodomy statutes repealed in the remaining 24 states where these statutes still exist.

The challenges seem custom-made for an attorney like Hunter. At age 37, she manages to combine ambition and feminism with an unflappable, thoughtful manner. Hunter kept the audience's attention with her easy-going, charismatic tone.

Nan Hunter described many examples of prejudice and ignorance by society over sexual differences. She pointed out that a recent survey showed that 71% of the public claimed that they did not know any gays or lesbians. This increases

bigotry and prejudice because of the fear of the unknown. Hunter feels that it is important that we self-examine coming-out in our own communities.

Hunter also discussed the Supreme Court and how it had abandoned its "constitutional function" in the Hardwick case by using history as a reason to discriminate against gays and lesbians. She pointed out that sodomy laws intrude on people's lives and rights of privacy for gays and non-gays alike.

Hunter pointed out the growing hostility within the courts. She feels that state legislatures will need to be increasingly lobbied. Nan Hunter provided a thought-provoking lecture that led many in the audience to think and evaluate their own lives.

-- Larry Wiseblood

GAY/LESBIAN INFORMATION AND SUPPORT LINE

P.O. BOX 94882
LINCOLN, NE
68509

GLIS

SUN. - THUR.
8:00p.m. to 12:00a.m.

FRI. & SAT.
8:00p.m. to 1:00a.m.

475-4697

WIN PRIZES

PRIZES

PRIZES

Doors open 5 pm

Casino open 6-9 pm

Dancing & prizes till 11 pm

Admission \$5.00

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Sunday, November 23

The Warehouse

Carter Lake

SPONSORED BY

RIVER
CITY
MIXED
CHORUS

COG Celebrates Anniversary with Thanksgiving Dinner

The Community of Grace will hold its annual Anniversary-Thanksgiving dinner and worship on Sunday, November 23, at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street. The potluck dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. As has been done traditionally, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will be participating in this dinner. Everyone is welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to those who have no other plans for Thanksgiving. Bring one covered dish and your own table service.

The worship-anniversary service will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church. Ben Roe, executive director of Ministry in Human Sexuality, will be the principal speaker. For more details, call 435-4688.

"Dignity" National President to Visit Omaha

James Bussen, national president of DIGNITY, an organization for Roman Catholic lesbian women, gay men and their friends, will visit Omaha in November.

In addition to the national presidency, Bussen holds the office of envoy for DIGNITY Region VI. Bussen will be at the DIGNITY/Omaha regular monthly mass in November. The mass will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, November 9, in the Celebration Room, lower level of St. John's Church on the Creighton University campus. A reception for the guest will be held after the mass in one of the lower level conference rooms.



Lambda News— Fundraising Drive

Lambda, Inc.'s Stock Sale was kicked off at the Coalition Banquet by fundraising Chairman, Larry Wiseblood. This sale will be continued for 60 days, during which time anyone wishing to invest in the gay/lesbian community by buying shares in Lambda, Inc. can contact *The New Voice* or Pat Wall at Lambda House.

Lambda, Inc. is a for-profit real estate purchasing and leasing corporation committed to purchasing Lambda House, a property to be used as a gay/lesbian resource center. This organization is permitted by law to capitalize and sell shares -- preferred stock at \$50 per share and common stock at \$1 per share. Common stockholders vote at membership meetings. Preferred stockholders are the first to receive dividends and be reimbursed for their holdings if the corporation falls into bad times.

You are urged to become a part of this important gay/lesbian community effort and make a significant contribution to its success. By working together, we can (and we will) provide services and protected environments for each other -- for those we love!

The outstanding obligation for Lambda House is approximately \$30,000. The "House That Love Bought" could be paid for in 60 days -- with your help.

Resource Center Supporters Anonymous reports \$450 in donations and equipment for the renovations of Lambda House, the Gay/Lesbian Resource Center. The gay/lesbian community owes an anonymously disorganized debt of thanks for this assistance.

Thank you, Kelly, for the nice BIG refrigerator. We have also received china, silverware, beds, mattresses, lamp shades, lamps, vases, and pictures, as well as other things which will help enormously to make the house livable. We still need two day-beds, pillows, one double bed, chests and dressers, small tables, occasional chairs for bedrooms, more lamps, light bulbs, paper

supplies and cleaning supplies, a couch for the living room, towels and curtains, and anything else that will make our house a welcome place for guests, residents and friends. Workers are needed, as well as persons interested in helping with an office.

Visit Lambda House -- and tell your friends.

tel. 474-1205
2845 R Street
Lincoln, NE 68503

Imperial Court News

Since Labor Day, members of the Imperial Court have been busy planning the 1986 and 1987 activities. October was Toys for Tots and November will be Food for Thought. Let us all turn out for the Food for Thought activities. Most food cupboards are running low and need our help. Food collected will be distributed by the Metropolitan Community Church. December, of course, will be busy with holiday activities.

The emperor, Prince Royal and Czar represented Nebraska at the first coronation of the Texas Riviera Empire in Corpus Christi. The Emperor and Prince Royal will also be representing Nebraska at the Dallas Coronation November 15. Dallas' Imperial and Sovereign courts will join together as one court system. We wish them every success.

Also, as promised, the following is a break down of monies dispersed from the Labor Day Weekend:

1. ICON Persons with AIDS Fund
\$1,139.00
2. Nebraska Aids Project
\$1,139.00
3. Human Rights Campaign Fund
\$1,000.00
4. University of Nebraska Viral Syndrome Clinic
\$1,000.00
5. Metropolitan Community Church
\$ 856.27
6. PFLAG Lincoln Chapter
\$ 200.00

continued on page

7. Metropolitan Actors Guild
Linda Wierzbicki Memorial
\$ 200.00
8. River City Mixed Chorus
\$ 200.00
9. Salvation Army Tree of Lights
\$ 100.00
10. American Red Cross Aids Education Coalition
\$ 100.00
11. **Total:**
\$5,934.27

Until next month, Imperially yours,
Pat Phalen,
Emperor VI

What is Project Concern?



The Imperial Court of Nebraska's newly elected Emperor for the 1986-87 year and His Royal Family are pleased to advise you of their year-long AIDS program, Project CONCERN.

Project CONCERN is a Coalition of Nebraskans promoting a Centralized Education and Referral Network. Project CONCERN will work with various other local and out-state projects and organizations in providing AIDS information and referrals to the community at large. We will be available to provide literature for your meetings, establish referrals for speakers and available counseling services or assist in ordering large numbers of materials for your own use.

For additional information, contact:

- Terry Sweeny, Project Co-ordinator, 455-3701
- Richard Brown, Project Co-ordinator, 451-4373
- The Nebraska AIDS Project, 1-800-782-2437 (6pm-11pm daily)

G.S.L.A. Offers Hotline, Support Groups and More

The UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center will be open Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm and evenings by appointment. Volunteers will be available to assist you. Being a volunteer at the center can be rewarding and fun. Off-campus people are welcome to visit or volunteer.

GLRC has continuously offered a telephone hotline, peer counseling, referral, a Coming Out Support Group, a reporting center for anti-gay/lesbian violence and discrimination, educational meetings, social activities, STD and AIDS information and referral, free brochures and magazines, a speakers bureau, travel brochures, a roommate referral service and employment referral service. New services at the center for the community include distribution of *Gay Chicago Magazine*, the *Kansas City Alternate News*, the *UNO Gateway* newspaper and *Equal Time*.

Meetings for November and early December include:

- November 6 -- Coming Out
- November 13 -- Gay/Lesbian Parents: Panel Discussion
- November 20 -- Assertiveness Training
- December 4 -- Movie: *Kiss of the Spider Woman*
- December 11 -- Gender Impersonation, speakers on male and female impersonation.

These meetings begin at 8pm in room 342 of the Nebraska Union. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center will hear on a \$2,000 grant from the Fund for Human Dignity in November and a \$5,490 grant from the Chicago Resource Center on December 30. The center requested \$100 from the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights for its AIDS Education Project and support for the play *Torch Song Trilogy*. A private donor from Omaha has offered to fund the

telephone hotline for the rest of the school year. Rodney Bell and Vicki Jedlicka, representatives of GLRC are applying for funds from the All-University Fund.

Lesbian T-shirts (\$9) and Gay Comix (\$2) are being sold to keep the center afloat. The Lesbian T-shirts with the slogan "Lesbian Love Lives On" will be marketed nationwide to campuses with gay/lesbian student groups. Call 475-5644 for details.

Representatives of the UNL-GLRC approached the University Program Council to create a lesbian/gay programming committee and fund it for the next school year. The proposal must go through the UPC-City Executive Board, the UPC-Executive Board and the Union Board. UPC-City will vote on the proposal October 21st at 5pm. The Lesbian/Gay Programming Committee would ideally sponsor speakers, concerts, films, panel discussions and special events.

Other gay/lesbian groups are welcome to meet in the center or list events with our hotline. Let's all network and make the state a powerful lesbian/gay community!

Future activities at the center include: a community listing of events on our telephone hotline recording, UNL Condom Day in the Spring, and productions of the play *Torch Song Trilogy*.

If you're new on campus or in the state, stop in and see what's new at UNL!

AMONG FRIENDS

A MONTHLY JOURNAL OF RESOURCES AND NETWORKS FOR THE LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITIES OF IOWA, MINNESOTA, AND WISCONSIN

\$15/YR
\$2 SAMPLE CY



E9340A South Ave.
Reedsburg, WI 53959

River City Bowling League Standings

Bowling has become a part of the gay/lesbian social scene in Omaha in the past few years. This season is no exception. The River City Bowling League has 16 teams with a total of four bowlers on each team. The league is composed of gays, lesbians, and straight people who are sensitive to the gay/lesbian community. Bowling is held at the King Louie Bowl on Sunday at 4:00 pm. The league officers are President Budda Wages and Secretary/Treasurer Willie Vanderpool.

A large group of non-bowlers come by to lend their support. League standings for the first quarter are listed:

1. Run/After Hours (19-5)
2. A & E Video (17-7)
3. Ultimate Max (16-8)
4. Six Balls Plus None (16-8)
5. Station WRKII (15-9)
6. Run/Blue Lights (15-9)
7. OGB's (12-12)
8. Betty's Bombers (12-12)
9. Maxipads II (11-13)
10. JR's Diamonds (10-14)
11. Mona's Maulers (10-14)
12. Cruisers Crew (9-15)
13. Chesties I (8.5-15.5)
14. Chesties II (8.5-15.5)
15. Wild Queendom (7-17)
16. Muffy/Muffinheads (6-18)

Meatpackers Distribute Funds to AIDS

The Omaha Meatpackers would like to thank the Nebraska gay and lesbian community for their support in our festivities over the Labor Day weekend.

We feel that there are certain causes that are of greater priority in the community than others. The main priority to us at this point is AIDS. We divided our funds from Labor Day weekend accordingly. We gave 50% to the Nebraska AIDS Project and 50% to the ICON People With AIDS fund.

This is the way our money was divided:

Diamond Bar show \$706.00

The Max (door)	1008.00
The Max (tips)	564.00
Total	2278.00

Expenses (donated)	0.00
--------------------	------

NAP	\$1139.00
ICON-PWA	\$1139.00

As of September 1986, the officers of the OMP are as follows: President, Don Flowers; Vice-President/Treasurer, David Hansen; and Secretary, Scott Cruca. We hope that we are able to serve the Nebraska gay and lesbian community in the best way possible in the future.

Third Culture Notes

Third Culture is expanding its activity to include a social night on Fridays, each week, when members and friends gather to play card games (i.e., poker) and visit. Munchies are welcome, but not mandatory. Arrival time is 7:00 p.m. and folks leave when they like -- or until everyone gets tired of the fun.

Beginning November 3, Monday night, a new Transactional Awareness (an Eric Berne communication theory) class will examine the psychology of gay relationships and human behavior related to personality expression and need. This training is recommended for those who might want to become "buddies" for persons with AIDS. There will be six sessions in the T.A. series, with a seventh session, "Exploring Neuro-Linguistics," if the group desires.

When the training period is over, the group will decide if they wish to continue as a therapeutic group. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend and check it out.

Third Culture meets at Lambda House, 7:00 p.m. on Friday, as a social group until the beginning of the new Transactional Awareness group begins on November 3.

On October 18, a party was held in honor of Kent D., who is leaving Lincoln for Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the end of October. The well-attended party was at Lambda House, and guests were treated to a tour of the newly reconstructed up-

stairs, the nice refrigerator and microwaves, and all the other attributes of the Resource Center, as it's going to be. Kent will be employed as an electrical engineer and plans to be active in the gay/lesbian community in Albuquerque. He hopes to visit Lincoln regularly. He serves Lambda, Inc. as its president and has been administrative coordinator of Third Culture. He has also served the Community of Grace as its communications coordinator and was active in the Gay Pride celebration parade in Omaha. Kent will be missed, and Albuquerque will be richer for his presence.

Coalition Offers Pamphlets on AIDS

The Lincoln Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights wishes to make the following material available to the community.

Their Health Concerns Committee has the following pamphlets on AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) for distribution. When ordering, please give order number and name. The pamphlets are free, yet there may be a small charge for postage if mailed to you.

1426J What Every Gay and Bisexual Man Should Know About AIDS

1427H What Everyone Should Know About AIDS

1428E Why You Should Be Informed About AIDS (For Health Care Personnel)

CHCC001 Guidelines for AIDS Risk Reduction

Maximum order is 25 copies per order. To order, call the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union at 476-8091, or write to Coalition Health Concerns Committee at P.O. Box 94882, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509.

--James Ehrlich
Chair/Health Concerns Committee

Safe Sex is for Your Life

Celebration of Pride Submits Financial Report

INCOME

Book Fair	\$193.80
Button Sales	\$463.70
Total	\$657.50

EXPENSES

Picnic Supplies (receipts available)

Ice and cups	\$32.76
Water cooler	\$ 7.35
Volleyball net	\$ 6.00
Cabin (rental and deposit)	\$200
(deposit was lost, due to lack of cleanup help)	
Charge for Money Order	\$ 2.00
Total	\$657.50

TOTAL

Income	\$657.50
Expenses	-\$248.11

\$409.39

--compiled by Michael S. Francis
Thanks to everyone who helped!

National Spotlight

Couples-Newsletter

SEATTLE -- The world's only publication specifically for gay and lesbian families premieres this December. Available only by subscription, *PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples* will feature articles by professionals and by couples themselves.

The newsletter, edited by life partners Steve Bryant and Demian, will contain timely and concise news, features, media notes, and interviews. According to its editors, *PARTNERS* aims to provide practical information and ideas to help gay men and lesbians develop and sustain relationships that are strong, satisfying, and successful."


The eight-page monthly newsletter will discuss issues such as buying a house together, spousal rights when your partner is in the hospital, and sex outside a primary relationship.

Subscriptions run \$36 a year, \$66 for two years. Those who subscribe before November 4 qualify for a \$6 discount. A sample issue is available for \$3. To subscribe, or for information concerning submissions, write *PARTNERS*, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.


The Real Thing

It has come to the attention of *Gayyellow Pages* (please note the trademarked correct spelling) that the company known as Gay International, Inc. of San Francisco refers in its publication "Gay Times" (Number 1) to its "Gay Areas Telephone Directory" as "The original Gay Yellow Pages."

We would like to remind the Lesbian/Gay Community that *Gayyellow Pages* has been published since 1973 by Renaissance House, Box 292 Village Station, New York, NY 10014 (212-674-0120).



LEO—GEM CLUB



341-1013
Private Membership Club
2224 Leavenworth St.
Omaha, NE


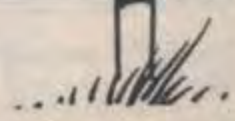
A Simple Country Place . . . nothing
dirty going on

. . . Illusions of Grandeur

Specializing in
Body Wraps
and Sauna

Hours:
Tuesday-Saturday: 7 p.m.-on
Closed Sunday and Monday

Support
New Voice
Advertisers

Court Briefs



This article reviews selected recent court decisions affecting lesbian and gays, and it partially updates a legal seminar presented in October at the UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center. Legal citations are given for each case for anyone interested in learning more about specific decisions. If you are unfamiliar with doing legal research, simply copy the citation, go to a local law library (in Lincoln, at the law school on east campus or on the third floor of the state capitol; in Omaha, at the Creighton law school library), and present the citation to the librarian (or a cute patron) who will then help you find the actual reported case. The librarian (or cute patron) can also show you how to "Shapardize" a case to see if any more recent court decisions cite the case as precedential authority.

On September 11, The United States Supreme Court denied the petition for rehearing filed in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, 106 S.Ct. 2841 (1986), where a sharply divided court held that homosexuals have no fundamental constitutional right of privacy to engage in private, consensual acts of oral sex or anal intercourse. The petition for rehearing addressed Justice Powell's concurring opinion which stated that the constitutional issue should not be reached because the gay man had not been brought to trial. Justice Powell was the "swing vote" that was originally with the minority to find that there was a constitutional right to consensual homosexual sex, but switched his vote on the perception that there was no prosecution. The petition for rehearing argued that the single day which the gay man was forced to spend in jail was enough to show a prosecution. The court's decision to deny the petition means that the decision against gays will remain the law and thus allow states with sodomy statutes to prosecute gay men and lesbians.

Sadly, the *Windy City Times* of Chicago reports that the first felony convictions for sodomy were recently handed down in Georgia against two men found engaging in oral sex while parked off an interstate highway. The men face up to 20 years in prison under Georgia law. Nebraska does not have a sodomy statute.

After *Bowers*, the Supreme Court of Missouri upheld a criminal statute forbidding "sexual misconduct," which was defined to include "deviate sexual intercourse with another person of the same sex." The case, *State v. Walsh*, 713 S.W.2d 508 (Mo. 1986), involved a man who touched a detective's genitalia through his clothing and thus charged with "a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of sexual misconduct." The court found that the AIDS crisis presented a reasonable legislative justification, which ignored the fact that the man's simple touch of another man's clothing could not spread AIDS. The court cited an article by the Nebraskan homophobe Paul Cameron, and further stated that the Missouri General Assembly "could have reasonably concluded that the general promiscuity characteristic of the homosexual lifestyle made such acts among homosexuals particularly deserving of regulation."

Another opinion which the United States Supreme Court issued recently upheld the closing of an adult bookstore in New York. In *Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.*, 106 S.Ct. 3172 (1986), illicit sexual activities, including solicitation of prostitution, were observed in an adult bookstore. The Supreme Court upheld the state statute which allowed the bookstore to be closed. Justices Blackmun, Brennan, and Marshall dissented because the state had less restrictive alternatives. Instead of closing the bookstore, for example, police could simply arrest any patron who solicited for prostitution. The three justices stated that the state's purpose in stopping public lewdness could not justify the substantial infringement of First Amendment rights of free press and free speech.

In the Nebraska case *Sinn v. Daily Nebraskan*, 638 F. Supp. 143 (D. Neb. 1986), the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska found that the UNL Student newspaper had a right to refuse classified advertisements which sought roommates for a lesbian and a gay man. The court's decision found that it was not unreasonable for the *Daily Nebraskan* to find that the advertisements would have discriminated against heterosexual readers of the newspaper.

In a positive decision for lesbians and gays, the Central Intelligence Agency was told in *Doe v. Casey*, 55 U.S.L.W. 2093 (1986), that it could not simply fire a gay man just on the basis of sexual orientation unless it could justify why a ban on gays and lesbians was "necessary or advisable in the interests of" the United States. The CIA had previously determined that homosexuality posed a security threat, but refused to explain why. The traditional justification of "possible blackmail" obviously cannot apply when the individual in question has come out of the closet and is not subject to blackmail.

Finally, in *D.C. v. City of St. Louis, Mo.*, 795 F.2d 652 (fifth Cir. 1986), the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit struck down an ordinance which prohibited "an indecent or lewd act of behavior." The case involved the arrest of female impersonators performing at a cabaret-type nightclub. The ordinance provided that "Any person who shall, in this city, appear in any public place in a state of nudity or in a dress not belonging to his or her sex or in an indecent or lewd dress, or shall make an indecent exposure of his or her person, or be guilty of an indecent or lewd act of behavior shall be guilty of a misdemeanor." The court reviewed past decisions to see if it could define what a "lewd" act was. The court could not arrive at a definition, and thus struck down the ordinance as being unconstitutionally vague.

The courts present an active arena
continued on page 24

where the rights and liberties of lesbians and gay men are daily fought. Each new decision defines the scope and provides direction for the political and social dimensions of the gay rights movement. Until that fight is won, the gay and lesbian community must work within the confines of the constricting court decisions and advance toward more favorable decisions in American courts.

--Mark, J.D.

An Interview with Rev. Troy Perry



Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry, Moderator of the Board of Elders for the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, visited Omaha, Nebraska, September 26 through September 28. The Universal Fellowship serves 267 congregations throughout the United States and in eleven foreign countries. Troy was the founder of MCC in 1968 and has been active not only in the development of the denomination, but also in working toward creating gay/lesbian communities across the nation that gays, lesbians and others can be proud of.

Although Elder Perry is not a sociologist, he has seen many gay/lesbian communities grow in conjunction with the establishment of the MCC throughout our nation.

He granted an interview and answered the following questions:

Jerry How old are you? And have you always lived an openly gay lifestyle?

Troy I am 46 years old; my birthday is July 27, 1940. I started Metropolitan Community Church when I was 28 years old, eighteen years ago. Have I always lived an openly gay lifestyle? Certainly! Just before I started MCC, after my wife and I separated (I was heterosexually married, father of two children), I moved to Los Angeles and started living my gay lifestyle, and was drafted into the Army at that time. But even in the military, I was openly gay, and for the last 23 years, I have been as open as any human being can be about my homosexuality.

Jerry Where did you originate from?

Troy I'm originally from Tallahassee, Florida, and moved by way of Alabama, where I attended high school in Mobile, to California 25 years ago.

Jerry Since it has been thirteen years since you were in Omaha, what is the most notable change you have observed in the gay community?

Troy The size! When I came here before, there were only two gay bars, the Diamond and one other small bar that was here that I remember. There may have been others; those are the ones I remembered at that time. There were no gay organizations, other than the MCC start-up, and what has transpired since then! I am delighted to come into the city and you now have six gay bars, one gigantic bar that rivals anything we have in L.A., The Max, and a number of gay organizations that have proliferated since then. That is amazing, and that is great! We need organizations for

everything from gay Christians to gay bowlers to the Court system, to leather groups. You name it and they are here in Omaha. And that is great to see.

Jerry The Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has many pastors who have less than "degreed" educations. Does this lend itself to a limiting membership, or a fear of members with degrees? What educational credentials do you have?

Troy No, I don't think so. I am a high school drop-out. I have no college whatsoever. I went to a non-accredited bible college in the Pentacostal tradition, and I have been able to do the work that I have done. We are delighted with those who are educated. Most of our new, younger ministers, we insist that they go to seminary. I want them as well educated as possible. However, having said that, I learned a long time ago that God uses all kinds of people, and that includes people with degrees and those without them. I encourage both classes to seek membership within our organization, and for us it has worked. We haven't gone down any in membership, and we continue to grow at about a rate of fifteen percent a year.

Jerry Since American history reflects that many social groups originated based upon a common church affiliation, what role do you see the MCC playing in the development of any gay community?

Troy Well, we are in cities where there aren't even gay bars. I think that sometimes we play a dual role. Number one: I sometimes think we're the shock troops that move into an area and we start our organization. And as a result of that, gay businesses start and then the other gay organizations start. The second part of that is

that we are not a fly-by-night group. We have a sense of history about us. We started eighteen years ago and we continue to grow. We don't close down our works and move out in the middle of the night. We give a sense of community to places where there is no community. And that is very important, I think, to the gay rights movement as well as to those who are seeking a spiritual oasis in the middle of this desert we call humanity. Especially for people who are oppressed.

Jerry Many Midwestern gays blame the lack of our success in developing a gay community on Midwestern ethics and morals. Do you see this problem coming from outside or within our gay community, or is it a legitimate reason for limitation?

Troy Well, I don't agree with anybody who says that you

have a stunted growth in the Midwest. I am one of those eternal optimists. I look at what has transpired and happened in just the last thirteen years in Omaha. I think you have a very cohesive community -- as an outsider looking at it -- that is moving, seeking its own, standing up and talking about what has transpired and what is happening. Your magazine is a case in point. A few years ago you didn't have that. Today you have a lovely magazine. It's printed here and looks good. As I read it, it has articles that are pertinent to the total community and has everything from lesbian separatists to some gay males with no political consciousness, whatsoever. People are looking at the magazine. They're reading it, they're seeing it, and that is very important. So I say again, don't be so hard on yourselves here in the Mid-

west. I think you are not behind anybody. You just reflect the culture that is here, and I think the gay people do too, because they were raised here. But that's okay. You know how to work in this area a lot better than someone like me from the outside. So it's easy for someone like me to walk in and say, "If you'd be doing this, this and this, you'd see this, this and this happen." That is not true. The experts are right here in Omaha, not Troy Perry or any other outsider, but you who live here.

Jerry What, other than AIDS, do you see as the greatest threat to the development of a gay community?

Troy Fear! Just automatically, when people sit around fearing what will happen to them if they come out of the closet, that will paralyze them. Armies are not de-

-- continued on page 26

I'm Dreaming of a Gay Cookbook for Christmas



Delectable Delights

A collection of favorite recipes of Terry L. Kups

Call for orders Omaha 571-4452
or Lincoln 475-7740

Or send \$4.50 to Cookbook offer,
P.O. Box 80819, Lincoln, 68501

\$1.00 will be contributed to
The New Voice for each cookbook sold.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha



Sunday Services:
(Breakfast & Bible Study)—9:10-10:10am
Worship Services—10:30am and 7:00pm

Tuesday: Bible Study—7:30pm
Wednesday: Mid Week Program—7:30pm

"This is my commandment, that you
love one another."—John 15:12

Rev. Jan D. Kross, Pastor/420 So. 24th
P.O. Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103

Phone (402) 345-2563

feated by other armies. Usually, it's by indecision. And I always say again, to gay/lesbian communities across the country, don't sit around fearing, because if you do -- yes, things are going to happen to you. But if you stand up and you decide that you're going to live an openly gay lifestyle. . . ! I can assure you that I have traveled all over the world and I go into places where there are large numbers of gay people, and I go into places where people are horrified to learn that I'm a homosexual. But I don't act differently in either area, and I can honestly say that it has created very few problems for me in my life.

P-Flag Book Notes— Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin

Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin
by Susanne Bosche, London: Gay
Men's Press, 1983; \$5.50, paper-
back.

This is a children's book with a lot to say for adults as well as children. The interactions pictured in candid photos are a delight. I read it to my grandchildren (9 and 6) before we went to visit my son and his lifemate. My granddaughter read the back cover which said, "...But women do also fall in love with other women and men do fall in lover with other men." Her world is the typical world of heterosexuals, saturated with all the sex role stereotypes and messages about "what right people do," but she is fortunate in having a mother who is also the loving sister of a gay man. Our family has learned that what is usual is not necessarily all there is in this world, and we appreciate diversity.

Jenny is shown in a routine weekend with her Dad and his lover...they have a surprise birthday party for him which her mother helps plan; they go to a laundromat; and they also encounter a homophobic neighbor who yells at them. Jenny feels sad

about that confrontation and asks her Dad for answers and explanations. He makes use of chalk drawings on the sidewalk to illustrate the woman's attitude and how it might change. Jenny says, "I don't like her being so grumpy. I get scared when I meet her." I can relate to that...I get scared to, when I meet up with unreasoning prejudice.

This little story is a bright hope that reminds us, like the song about the children in *South Pacific*, "they have to be taught to hate and fear." Likewise, children are naturally loving and recognize the warmth and caring in loving relationships when they feel them. You'll find this little story a pleasure to read.

--Jean Durgin-Clinchard
Parents FLAG

Madame Zelda's Horoscope— Scorpio

SCORPIO

-The Scorpion-
(October 23 through November 21)

Your enthusiasm can seem overwhelming at times. Generally you are successful at most of your undertakings and are not the type to be easily discouraged. As a friend, you are very loyal and will stick to your friends in their time of need. However, there are times when you tend to confuse your priorities.

Financially, this year is not yours unless you work really hard at attaining your goals. You may find much restructuring in your workplace and feel as if you have been overlooked. Hang in there. This time next year, opportunity shall knock.

Love is in the air. If you are currently involved with a romantic partner, a trip may be very beneficial to the relationship. If you are not involved at this time, patience will provide you with a special person. Do not neglect friends who have stood by you in the past.

Temper is one of your weakest

points. You "fly off the handle," without knowing all the facts and often regret your previous comments. Scorpios often tend to be wasteful when it comes to their own emotions. You may tend to take a sexual encounter for granted and not realize the affect of that tryst on the other party. You are a tough one to understand at times and enjoy being this way.

The 7th and the 15th of each month in the first quarter of next year will be very productive for you next year. Avoid those born under the sign of Gemini and be cautious in your dealings with Sagittarians. Leos and Pisces make loyal friends.

Happy Birthday, Scorpio!

--Madame Zelda

AIDS Special Featured on NETV

By the end of 1986, AIDS cases in the United States will have reached 35,000 -- a dramatic increase over a total of just 300 five years ago. It is estimated that another two million Americans -- one percent of the population -- are infected, but have not yet shown any signs of the disease. No one knows how many eventually will demonstrate symptoms; nobody knows how many people AIDS will kill.

Two important November specials discuss the AIDS epidemic -- in very different ways.

On Tuesday, November 11, at 7 pm, NOVA gives an up-to-date report on the scientific prospects for halting or curing this disease, one of the most lethal and perplexing epidemics ever to challenge modern medicine, in *CAN AIDS Be Stopped?*

Total AIDS cases in the United States have doubled every year since 1981; half of those who have contracted the disease have died; the American health care delivery system, in attempting to deal with the rising ranks of the sick and dying, has been severely taxed.

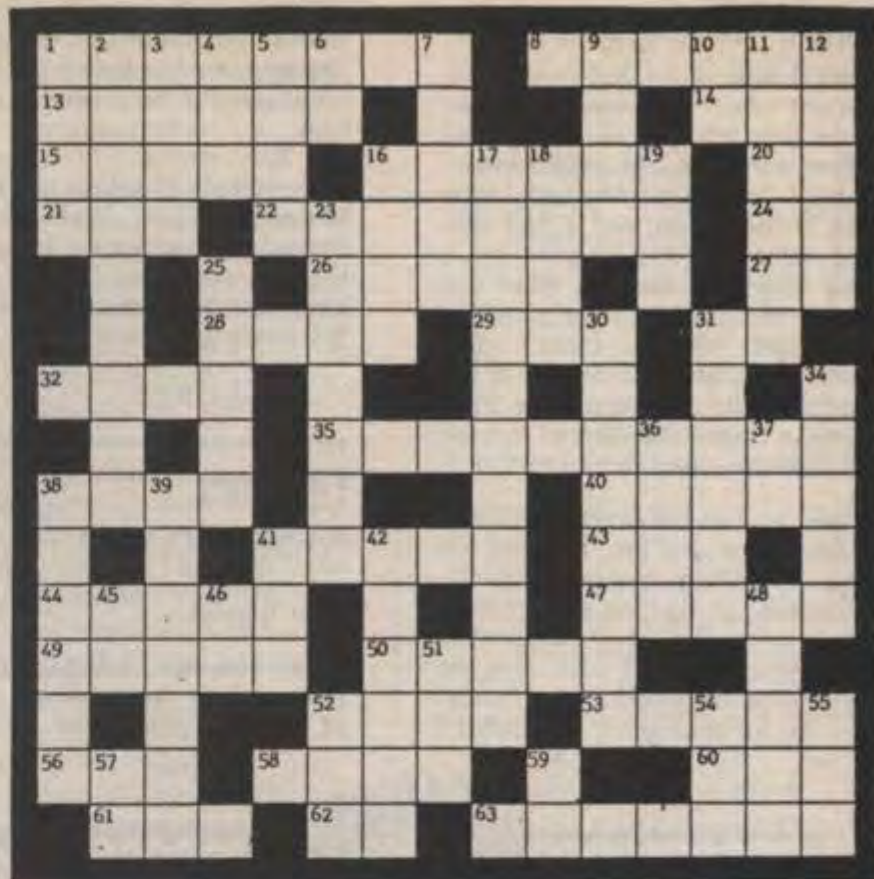
-- continued on page 27

Can AIDS Be Stopped? tracks three strategies in the war on AIDS. It looks at possibilities for drug treatment, investigates the race to find a vaccine and explores possibilities for preventing AIDS by changing behavior.

The AIDS Show: Artists Involved with Death and Survival, a one-hour special examining the impact of the AIDS epidemic on the community hardest hit -- gay men -- airs Saturday, November 15, at 10:30 pm.

The AIDS Show, an acronym for "Artists Involved with Death and Survival," is based on a long-running San Francisco stage production of the same name. The original play was a series of comic, dramatic, and musical sketches about AIDS. This program by award-winning filmmakers Peter Adair and Robert Epstein combines excerpts from the play with interviews with the show's creators, backstage activities, and narration by filmmakers.

San Francisco *Chronicle* critic Steven Winn said of *The AIDS Show*: "Epstein and Adair's documentary touches on an enormous range of feelings, fears, nightmares, and hopeful dreams about AIDS. In the end, it poses the only solution available: to preserve and endure through our own best resources of humanity and humaneness."



Massage Feathers
 Hugging Love
 Communication
 Touch Toys
 Music

**Safe Sex Has
 No Boundaries
 and Limitations**

ACROSS

- 1.) Faithfulness
- 8.) For each
- 13.) Beginning
- 14.) Knock
- 15.) Mistake
- 16.) Writer
- 20.) Rejection
- 21.) Identify
- 22.) Incomprehensible
- 24.) Washington--
- 26.) Pale
- 27.) Exclamation
- 28.) Stride
- 29.) School Org.
- 31.) Either
- 32.) Too
- 35.) Reflecting colors
- 38.) Neutral tone
- 40.) Type of card
- 41.) In motion
- 43.) Recommended Daily Allowance (abbr.)
- 44.) Dull
- 47.) Association (abbr.)
- 49.) Wear away
- 50.) Indifferent one
- 52.) Adolescent
- 53.) Bicuspids
- 56.) Comedian; Louis _____
- 58.) Space Exploration Agency
- 60.) ---- De Janeiro
- 61.) Ball
- 62.) Postscript
- 63.) Entice

DOWN

- 1.) Enemies
- 2.) Abnormal
- 3.) Terrible
- 4.) The self
- 5.) Foreign Currency
- 6.) Contained by
- 7.) Child
- 9.) Experts
- 10.) Emergency room (abbr)
- 11.) Frankness
- 12.) Period
- 16.) Assistant (abbr)
- 17.) Fear
- 18.) Seek
- 19.) Dream state
- 23.) Guard
- 25.) Pain
- 30.) Theoretical
- 31.) Musical plays
- 34.) Storage space
- 36.) Scoundrels
- 37.) Negative
- 38.) Manage
- 39.) Enable
- 41.) Lemon---
- 42.) Haunt
- 45.) Arrives (abbr)
- 46.) The same
- 48.) Of the eye
- 51.) Herbal brew
- 52.) Touch lightly
- 54.) Span of Time
- 55.) Very warm
- 57.) Yes (slang)
- 59.) Article

PUZZLE

ANSWERS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

AIDS Struggle

I've known ----- for two years. We got pretty close when -----, her lover, was living at -----. She had found out a couple weeks before she got really sick. She had a little boy about a year and a half old. She went into the hospital for a lung biopsy to find out what was wrong with her and found out that she had AIDS from using intravenous needles. She never left the hospital. She was there three months before she died at the age of 37 years.

I went to visit her a couple of times before she passed on. My best advice to others around Lincoln, Nebraska, or wherever you are from is: be careful of who you are with, or if you decide to have sex, use precaution or protection. I'm saying this for your good. I feel that I

had to say this to the Gay and Lesbian community. I feel that it's important. It's better to be safe than sorry or end up in a grave later.

Watching my friend die like she did, I saw the pain that she went through and withering away like a bag of bones. But I would like to know and learn more about AIDS. It's a very dangerous disease.

-- Signed, P.G.

Letters

Politically Correct

Dear Editors,

Five years ago, I began my long journey into the profound politics of Feminist philosophy. I felt my

heart and mind opened to a wide range of gender/preference and socio-economic issues, and in the natural course of my ideological "awakening," I was drawn to other politically active Lesbian womyn. I admired their conviction and learned much from their analysis of culture and society. Subsequently, I also learned that certain things are considered "politically incorrect" and sometimes Feminists don't agree on these things. Just when I thought I understood Feminist philosophy, I find myself confused. A series of questions will reveal the nature of my confusion:

Is it "politically correct" for a Lesbian feminist organization to deny membership or leadership to other Lesbian womyn who do not agree politically on every point?

Is it "politically correct" for a Friday afternoon gathering of professional Lesbian womyn to focus almost exclusively on educational accomplishments and monetary goals?

Is it "politically correct" for Lesbian counselors to charge Lesbian clients the standard rate despite financial concerns and mental health needs?

Is it "politically correct" for feminists to be ardent fans of a violent, macho-glory sport like football (especially when womyn's sports are being ignored)?

Is it "politically correct" for womyn to espouse feminism yet enjoy playing a video game in which points are obtained by "shooting" human figures with a life-size handgun?

These are just a few of my concerns. If anyone can answer my honest questions, please respond. In closing, I hope feminism is more than lip service in this community. We must turn words into action or they are meaningless.

Sincerely,
L.



Capitol City Couples Not Bar Oriented

Dear Larry,

As Administrative Couple of Capitol City Couples, it has come to our attention that our organization has been identified as being bar-oriented. We are writing to let couples know that CCC has *never been* and *never will* be bar-oriented.

Aside from the fact that two events were held at the bar for convenience, CCC is a network-based organization that caters to gay and lesbian couples to promote a sense of stability for the alternative lifestyle relationship.

As a member of Couples National Network, we have strengthened and renewed our efforts to support gay and lesbian relationships.

Sincerely,

James Ehrlich & Rod Moyer
Chaircouple: Capitol City Couples

Charity Begins at Home

To the Editor:

In response to recent attacks on gay people by the Justice Department and Supreme Court, we have decided to allocate all of our charitable resources to victims of AIDS and the legal struggle for gay rights.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter we are sending to all those charitable organizations which we have supported in the past, explaining why we can no longer finance their work.

Charity begins at home. We would hope that other individuals and social organizations in your community might consider similar actions. It certainly would be a significant way of helping ourselves while educating others.

Richard Sacher
Bill Dailey
Kenneth Kohn
Mark Rice

Dear Friend:

I have been pleased to support your worthy cause in the past, but

BECAUSE the Supreme Court ruled that states may continue to make criminals of gay people for engaging in consensual, private sexual relations, and
BECAUSE the Department of Justice ruled that employers may fire AIDS victims (or anyone who may have been exposed to AIDS) from their jobs, and
BECAUSE the Reagan Administration has consistently refused adequate funding for AIDS education, treatment and research,

I am no longer able, in conscience, to use my limited resources for anything except to support people with AIDS, and to fund the legal struggle to secure basic human rights for gay men and women.

Gays Did Not Invent Sin

Homophobia is rampant, even more so today with the affliction of AIDS or in another term, the "gay plague." The world no doubt is full of its Paul Camerons and Jerry Falwells, as history bears out the truth of this. Against people who are persecuted by the dominant society and their demagogues.

And to establish my point, gays did not invent sin. On the contrary, the gay population does not claim to have invented sin. Gays merely perfected it.

The theologians in the persons of Cameron and Falwell overlook the fact that Sin came into the world as the direct result of the selfish act of a man and a woman -- Adam and Eve. And the heterosexual deed has since plagued Mankind to no end. Scripture concludes that first man and woman in Adam and Eve brought sin into the Creation.

If the "self-righteous" Pharisees today want to point fingers, let them point the finger of righteousness at first Man and Woman. Gays, like everyone else, inherited their nature from the first human relationship of a man and woman, and not the contrary.

The Ten Commandments are divine, no one can deny. God commands, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," but how many heterosexuals daily violate this

-- continued on page 30

Accent Card

contemporary greeting cards
& balloon bouquets.

1325 "O" St. Lincoln, NE
• 68508/476-1918

CELEBRATE!

There are many occasions that warrant more than a phone call to announce an event. Whether for a business or social gathering, Accent Printing/Coopcenter can help you with all your printing and paper needs. Invitations, announcements, thank-yous, banners, programs and festive decorations can all be obtained with one easy stop. Our catalogue features a wide selection of colors and styles—or we can print your original ideas and designs. Either way, Accent is here to help ensure a delightful celebration.

Accent

226 S. 16th St.
475-5000

Monday—Friday 9 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Accent East

5811 "O" St.
483-5300

Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Stop!

Look! Listen!

Take Care
of Your
Health

golden rule? And yet they can toss stones at the homosexual. Divorce among straights is astronomical by Victorian standards. Gays do not have a monopoly on righteousness, but in my view neither does the straight world. And what if my neighbor is my lover of some degree of human affection, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

-- Alexis Wolf, Lincoln

Alcohol

Dear Editors:

The gay community suffers an alcoholism rate more than 3 times the national average. This means 3 times as many damaged lives, 3 times the number of deaths related to alcoholism, 3 times the job losses, 3 times the number of drunk-driving accidents. The national average of alcoholism is 1 in 10. *Ours is 1 in 3.* More of our men and women die from this disease yearly than from AIDS, yet there isn't as much being done about it.

Here is a simple suggestion that activists in your area might want to work to put in force: make it law that all bars and liquor outlets must post large signs, in large letters, warning of the effects of alcohol. Since education rather than prohibition is regarded as the answer to the problem, put the signs where they can be seen easily at the most critical moment: at the instant the consumer makes the last conscious decision to buy or not to buy that bottle or that next drink.

The posters should be placed near the point of purchase or ordering. They should mention the symp-

DAVE A. HUSTAK
ARTIST-PHOTOGRAPHER
Fine Art Photography
Limited Editions
Custom Framing

374 N. 47th St.
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 346-0285

toms of drunkenness (loss of coordination, distortion of vision, personality changes, slurred speech, etc.); the effects on the body (depletion of vitamins, especially B1 and C, the fact that alcohol is an immunosuppressant, etc.); of chronic alcoholism (loneliness, depression, possible suicidal tendencies and other mental disorders, job and family problems, etc.); penalties for public drunkenness and drunk driving; and city, state, and county treatment centers, as well as local Alcoholics Anonymous information. Since this is obviously too much for one poster, there should be at least 4 different posters distributed at random, just as there are 4 different notices on cigarette packages. There should be pamphlets with the additional information laid out for the customers, and a stiff financial penalty for running out and not replacing them. These pamphlets should tell more about the disease and penalties, stressing that there is nothing wrong with being an alcoholic; there is, however something wrong with doing nothing about it. The signs should be well lit, in print large enough to read at any point in the room, at and above eye level, and without anything obstructing the view. If defaced, they should have to be replaced at the owner's expense. In bars and stores catering to people speaking languages other than English, the signs should be posted in both English and the other major language used.

There is plenty of precedence for these signs: the aforementioned cigarette packages, for instance. Medicines must carry statements of possible drowsiness or other side affects. In San Francisco and Los Angeles, gay bathhouses must have signs telling of the risks of unsafe sex (none of those signs ever closed down a bathhouse). Movies are rated. Household cleaning products give warning, and TV sets carry cautions about possible electric shock.

Since, naturally, these signs should be in all bars, not just the gay ones, there is also the possibility they may help decrease street attacks on our people, assuming that our attackers will get the message and drink less.

I hope you'll print this, and that your local activists will follow through. Let's start a national movement to help our people help themselves. Thank you.

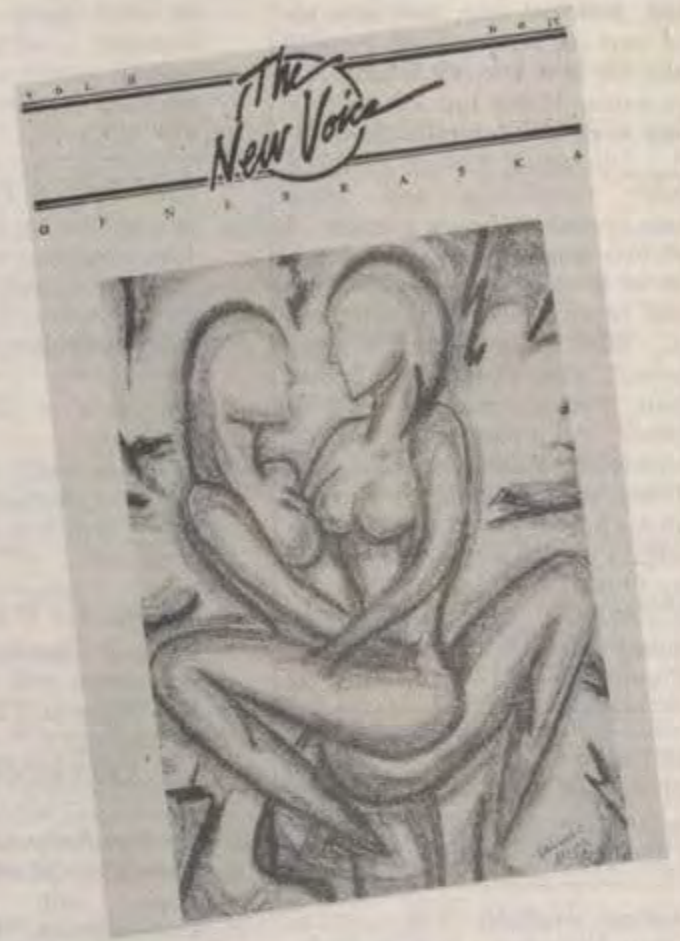
Sincerely,

Michael Ramos



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

THE NEW VOICE SALUTES THE WOMYN OF OUR COMMUNITY
WE LOOK FOWARD IN SERVING YOU IN THE FUTURE



Classifieds

Houseperson (Male) Needed

Offutt, Bellevue area, part time several days per week. Early evening would be best but not a must. I have a nice home but no time or ability to do the domestic chores as well. Job would include cleaning, laundry, marketing and other chores to make a house a home. I have two small dogs so liking animals is a must. Some cooking would be nice but not that important. What is important is being clean-cut, discreet and an honest person. Personal references will be required. All replies will be strictly confidential. I am a business man and am only looking for honest work for honest pay. I will consider a military person who needs a home away from home. **NO DOPE OR EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL.** Evenings after 8:00 is the best time to inquire, 292-6813.

Third Culture Can Help

Need to get in touch with your feelings? Let Third Culture help. Call 474-1205 for information.

Periodicals Available

The New Voice has a periodicals library. Several local and national magazines and newspapers are available. Come browse. Call 475-7740.

The Dream Lives On . . .

Kathy & Diane:
November is here! Wish we could celebrate D.C. with you! Even after the March is over, the dream lives on . . .

-- Sandy & Anita

Try Lambda House

Do you have an evening meeting or small group program to plan? Consider Lambda House -- a protected, warm and comfortable meeting area with kitchen. Call 474-1205.

Want To Earn Part-Time Income

Sell advertising for *The New Voice*. The magazine is looking for two dependable persons from Omaha and Lincoln. A 20% incentive fee will be paid for new advertising.

We Need A Filing Cabinet And Bookcase

The New Voice needs a filing cabinet and bookcase. Please call 475-7740 if you can donate any of these items.

The Bar For Womyn

Kelly - Thanks for always being supportive and sincere. Cherchez la Femme is THE bar for womyn in Lincoln!

-- The Faithful

Do You Know German?

Kuenstler, Musiker; moechte gern Leute mit Deutschkenntnisse kennenlernen. Habe drei Jahre in Berlin gelebt. Ich komme aus S.F., CA. Schreibe bitte auf Deutsch. Antwort garantiert. Vielleicht wollen wir uns auch anrufen? Bobby K.; 3012 Dewey Ave.; Omaha, NE 68105

Join Our Friendly Staff

The New Voice meets the first Wednesday of each month. Call 475-7740 for time and place. The magazine needs your support to make it work.

Snow Removal



HOMETOWN LAWN CARE

*Formerly MF Lawns
of Omaha

402-496-3691

Order your one year
subscription today by
mailing \$12.00 to:

New Voice of Nebraska
P.O. Box 80819
Lincoln, NE 68501

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

*Mailed discreetly in a
plain brown envelope.*

Answer's to Womyn's History Quiz

How did you do?

- | | | | |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. c | 6. q | 11. o | 16. p |
| 2. g | 7. s | 12. h | 17. b |
| 3. j | 8. f | 13. d | 18. e |
| 4. n | 9. i | 14. r | 19. m |
| 5. k | 10. a | 15. l | |



Omaha Bars, Clubs, and Lounges

- The Chesterfield*, 1951 St. Mary's Ave., 342-1244.
- The Diamond*, 712 South 18th St., 342-9595.
- The Max*, 1417 Jackson, 346-4110.
- The Run*, 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703.
- The Stage Door*, 1512 Howard St., 342-8715.

Lincoln Bars, Clubs and Lounges

- The Board-Walk*, 20th & O, 474-9741.
- Cherchez la femme*, 200 So. 18th (lower level), 474-9162.
- The Club*, 116 No. 20th St., 474-5692.
- Kelly's*, 200 So. 18th, 474-9962.

Gay/Lesbian Resource Directory

Nebraska Statewide

Affirmation of Nebraska. Box 80122, Lincoln 68501. United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian Concerns. Meets alternately in Omaha and Lincoln, second Friday of the month. Phone 476-9913.

Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights. Box 94882, Lincoln 68509. Advocacy group which lobbies for lesbian/gay civil rights, provides educational presentations, publishes a newsletter and sponsors cultural and political programs.

Imperial Court of Nebraska. Box 3772, Omaha 68102. Social organization for the advancement of the gay society. Omaha meeting first Monday of each month, except holidays. Phone 733-1924.

Nebraska AIDS Project. Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Center for information, support and coordination of A.I.D.S. related community efforts. Phone Omaha 342-4233 or toll-free statewide, 1-800-782-AIDS.

The New Voice of Nebraska. Box 80819, Lincoln 68501. Monthly magazine serving the gay/lesbian community. Staff meets in Lincoln the first Wednesday of each month. Phone 475-7740 or 345-2181.

Viral Syndrome Clinic. Contact Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith, Physician or Jan Hopp, RN by calling 559-7331.

Lincoln

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous. Group meets every Friday. Phone A.A. central office for location, 466-5214.

Capitol City Couples. Organization to promote positive aspects of alternative lifestyle relationships, create stability in those relationships, and to share and socialize with other gay couples. Call 423-1374.

Community of Grace. Box 6881, Lincoln 68506. Interdenominational worshipping community of gays/lesbians, and those associated. Meets Sunday at 7 p.m. Call 474-1205.

Gay/Lesbian Information and Support Line. Box 94882, Lincoln 68509. Referral and support phone line staffed by peer counselors. Call 475-4697 in evenings.

Gay/Lesbian Student Group at Nebraska Wesleyan. Contact Dr. Mary Smith, NWU, 50th and St. Paul Sts., Lincoln 68504. Phone 465-2351.

Lambda Resource Center. Meeting rooms, outpatient counseling, group activities. 2845 R St. Call 474-1205 for information.

Lesbian Support Group. Informal discussion group for lesbians, all womyn welcome. Meets weekly. Contact Women's Resource Center, Room 117, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588. Phone 472-2597.

Lincoln Legion of Lesbians. Box 30137, Lincoln 68503. Lesbian-Feminist collective providing a newsletter, confidential referral, and support groups for lesbians. Sponsors cultural and social programs.

Ministry in Human Sexuality, Inc. Box 80122, Lincoln 68501. Non-profit agency providing counseling, education, and supportive action for those seeking growth and understanding in the areas of sexuality and relationships. J. Benjamin Roe, Executive Director. Phone 476-9913.

New Directions Center. Short term individual counseling, support groups, classes and workshops dealing with coming out, relationship issues, parenting. Sliding fee scale. Call 476-2802.

Open Door Ministry. To provide orthodox spiritual counsel to all people in need at no charge. Phone 474-3390.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Box 4374, Lincoln 68501. Support group for parents, friends, and relatives of lesbians/gays. Meets fourth Tuesday of the month. Phone 435-4688.

Third Culture. Non-residential subculture dealing with issues such as coming out, social behavior, the gay lifestyle, suicide, and drug or alcohol abuse. Contact Pat at 474-1205.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Association. Room 222, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588. Political, social and educational organization for students and interested others. Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. in room 342 of the Nebraska Union. Call 472-5644.

The Wimmis Show. KZUM Radio 89.5 and 99.3 FM. 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. every Sunday.

Woman's Journal-Advocate. Monthly feminist publication. Write to P.O. Box 81226, Lincoln 68501.

Omaha

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous. Group meets weekly. Phone 345-9916.

Dignity of Omaha. Providing common bonds through Mass and meetings for gays and lesbians and their friends. Regular Mass second Sunday of the month, 7 pm, St. John's lower level. Phone 341-1460 or 345-9426.

Gay Parents Support Group. Support group for gay parents who have children. Phone 553-2308 for times and locations.

Lutherans Concerned of Omaha. Society of gay Christians and friends together to foster within a church climate of understanding, justice, and reconciliation among all women and men. Phone 592-1209.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. Box 3173, Omaha 68103. Sunday worship at 10:30 am and 7 pm; Tuesday evening Bible study at 7:30 pm; Wednesday Mid-week Program at 7 pm; Adult Sunday School at 9:10 am. Phone 345-2563.

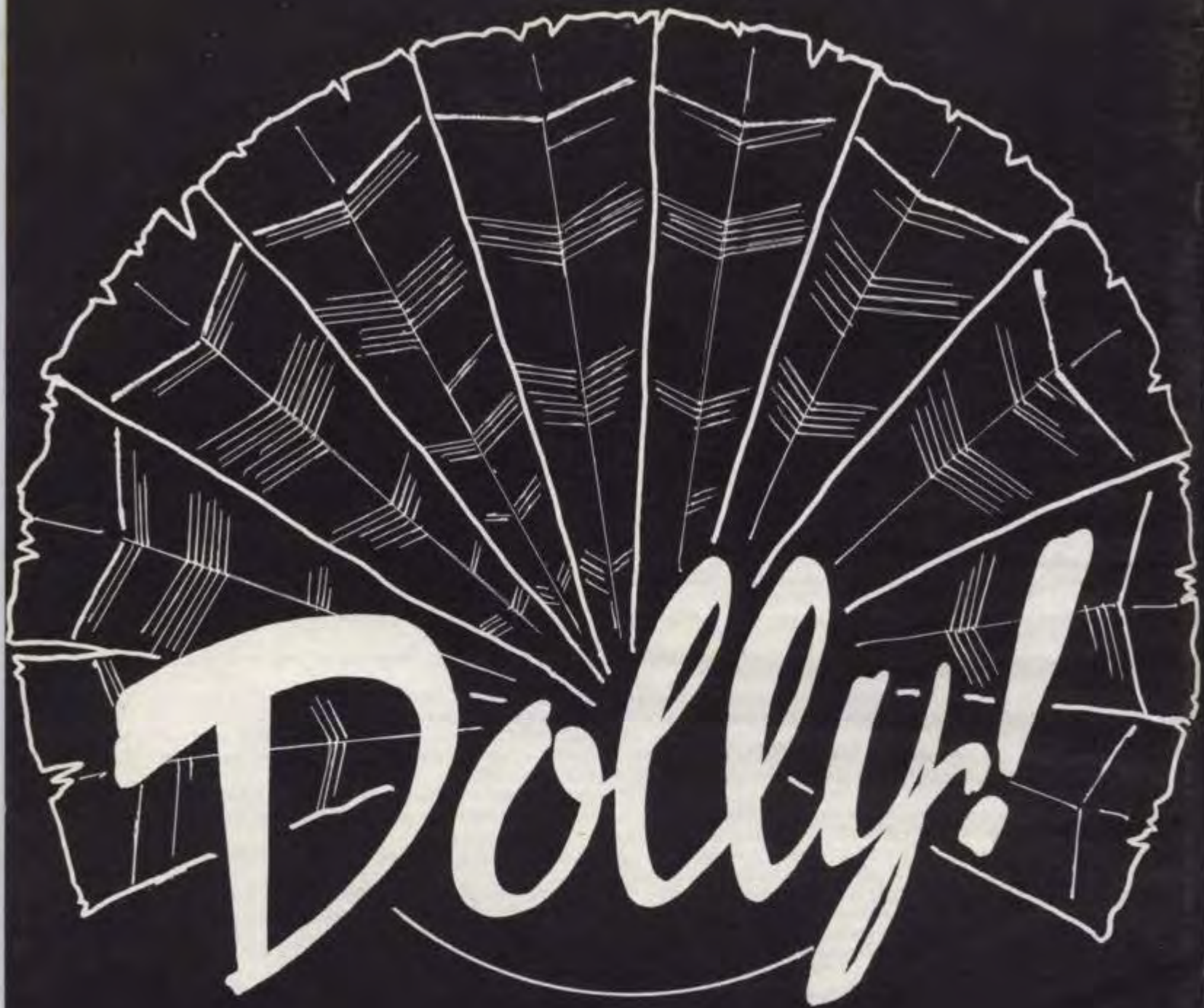
Metropolitan Club of Omaha. Box 24973, Omaha 68124. Networking organization of business and professional persons. Meets third Wednesday of each month. Phone 345-3966 for information and meeting location.

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

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG). Box 3173, Omaha 68103. Support group for the parents, friends, and relatives of lesbians/gays. Phone Ruth at 556-7481.

River City Mixed Chorus. Box 315, Omaha 68101. Volunteer community chorus for gay/lesbian and gay/lesbian-sensitive men and women with the goal of musical excellence in performance. Rehearsals Monday evenings.

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



**Thanksgiving
Night**

T H E M A X

Open 4 p.m. Daily • 1417 Jackson • Omaha • 402/346-4110



The
New Voice
needs
new voices
(yours)!

To join our friendly staff,
call 475-7740, or write:

New Voice of Nebraska
P.O. Box 80819

Lincoln, NE. 68501

HOMETOWN LAWN CARE

*"Professional Lawn Care
At An Affordable Price"*

Fall Specials on

*Fertilization...Pre-Emergent Applications... Power Raking...Lawn and Leaf Cleanup...
(10% Discount when presenting this ad)*

**We serve Omaha, Lincoln,* Council Bluffs and surrounding area
*Mon. & Tues. based on demand. References Available**

*Commercial and Residential
C.B. Rogers
(402) 496-3691*

Formerly MF Lawns
of Omaha