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Lesbians and Gays



In the Workplace

THE TRANSPARENT DOOR

Jerry Peck

The theme for this month's magazine is "Lesbians and Gays in the workplace." I have not been in the workplace as an employee in a year and a half, so I am far from the expert on this subject. I serve on the steering committee of this magazine, but I do not speak for the magazine, nor necessarily any other member of the steering committee. I write from my personal experience. Perhaps someone else could write about things such as homophobia among employees, supervisors and co-workers, or discrimination against lesbians and gays.

My work history is filled with a wide diversity of employment. I have worked in theatres, military, accounting departments, claims offices, sales floors, maintenance, as a pastor, and as a teacher. With the multitude of applications for employment which I have completed, I have never indicated G.W.M. (gay white male) when questioned as to sex. I have not knowingly appeared in the workplace in a "gay manner". I have not had a living arrangement that would identify my preference for men (damn it). I have tried to keep my sexuality separate from my employment. During the hours at work, I withdrew into the closet as far as my homosexuality was concerned. In order to be a pastor I even reinforced my closet with a marriage to a woman. Experience has taught me that when you devote forty hours per week to your employment, your closet door becomes increasingly transparent.

While working in the movie theatre of my home town I was approached by the brother of a co-worker with a ruler which he used to measure both his and my growth through various stages of erection. What had his sister seen that had made him so bold? When I worked for Trailways I was a part of the executive branch and traveled extensively. I was approached by men for sexual reasons in every major city from New York to San Francisco and Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles. I am not considered an

"Adonis" now, nor was I one in my younger years. In my effort to maintain my closet, I let so many opportunities pass me by asking myself, "How did he know?" While attending college and seminary my wife and I lived in a complex reserved for married students. When we would go swimming the young man next door persisted upon running his knee up between my legs to the crotch as we stood in the water talking. My wife and another "sem" wife often shopped together while we husbands studied together. He greeted me at the door in the nude and remained in the nude through every study session. I was still denying that my closet door had failed me.

Following my wife's desertion, I moved back to Omaha. When I attended a lesbian/gay function, I was greeted by a man that had worked with me some fifteen years previously. He told me that he knew that I was gay even though I was married. At my last place of employment I admitted to my "gaiety" when questioned. Following my admission it was

discovered that my supervisor and three co-workers were also lesbian or gay. That's not bad odds in a ten person crew.

My transparent door has been thrown open, I have exited the closet which proved to be insecure. I am not recommending that every lesbian and gay should abandon their closet when they are in the workplace. Each of us should look to see if indeed our doors are transparent, and if they are we should look to find another outlet for the energy we have exerted holding that door closed.

A TRIBUTE TO DOLLY

Bill S.

On Saturday, July 22, a special friend of our community left us. Miss Dolly (Rex Goins) of Kansas City passed away as the result of AIDS. He is well remembered here in Omaha as a premier female impersonator and as Empress I and II of

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Letters to the Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW VOICE OF NEBRASKA.

I am sincerely disappointed in Athena II.

To my understanding, the position of Athena was solely intended to give Lesbians in the community an outlet for their views and ideas. Also to have a specific vote with ICON.

My concern is this... is Athena II and her royal family representative of the Lesbian community? NO!!! Her "family" consists of her successor, a lesbian who has shown a great deal of support for both the Gay and Lesbian community in Nebraska. Another lesbian who has done nothing discernable for the community at all. A gay man who by gender alone, cannot possibly understand the concerns of the Lesbians in Nebraska. Yet finally, the charade is not over, a drag queen...who is not a woman...but a man who wears a wig

and a dress...does this qualify him to represent lesbians? How, I ask, is this line up representative of Nebraska Lesbians? It is not.

Athena II has shown us all that she only has one ounce of sense, choosing her successor, the rest is trash.

How wrong I was to assume that having an Athena again would give lesbians a voice. How wrong many of us were to vote "yes" to Deb for Athena II at Coronation.

It seems our only hope is that the current Athena II, will be unable to fulfill her duties, and her successor can take over.

Concerned.
Heather Jamison

NEW COLUMNIST: M. A. DEFINE

The New Voice of Nebraska is proud to welcome M. A. Define as a regular columnist. Approximately every other month, Ms. Define will share her wit and wisdom in her column "A View from a Room."

M. A. Define, who is more frequently using her given name, Nancy Lyn Define, is a native of Danbury, CT. She received her B. A. in English from Marymount College, Tarrytown, NY, and her M. A. with a specialization in gay cultural and sociological studies from the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research. Ms. Define gave up her position as a financial consultant to pursue a full time career in writing. As she herself

describes it, "I woke up one day and thought 'is his all there is?' I haven't looked back since (well, maybe occasionally, like last week when my younger sister bought herself a Lincoln Continental)." Ms. Define describes herself as a "dyed-in-the-wool democrat in republican clothing; a philosophical feminist who has no problem with allowing anyone else to change a flat tire for her; a gay woman who does not find that term a *non sequitur* ... I feel that we should take the issues affecting our lives a little more seriously, and maybe ourselves a little less seriously." You'll find this blend of activist and humorist in each column that Ms. Define writes. Enjoy! ▼

Toni Pastory, M.S., C.P.C.

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DOLLY

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the Imperial Court of Nebraska. He worked at the Hollywood and strutted at the Hollywood. After the Hollywood he moved to Kansas City. He was always ready and able to perform for any needy cause. He performed at the Max for the Coronation show on June 17. He got out of a sick-bed to do this for his many friends here in Omaha. As usual he gave a star-studded dance interpretation. Dolly was instrumental in helping form our bowling league. An inspiring memorial service was held on Sunday evening July 30, in Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel, St. Cecilia's Cathedral. A reception for friends was held afterwards at the Max.

The New Voice of Nebraska wishes to express its thanks to Tony Zamudio for his recent participation with the magazine. His support and help in the production of our magazine are appreciated.

CO-PASTOR WANTED

Congregation of 150 seeks seminary educated female minister to join pastoral team in developing church of the United Church of Christ in Minneapolis, MN. 3/4 time position available Jan. 1. Possible 1/4 time Oct-Dec. Congregation 95% gay/lesbian, mostly professional, growing rapidly. Attributes: compatibility with our diversity; commitment to inclusiveness; social justice orientation; feminist theology; good preaching/counseling skills. MINIMUM: gay/lesbian sensitive; MDIV/MTheology. PREFERRED: UCC Minister or eligible for UCC "Privilege of Call." Salary \$1400 - \$1700/ month + medical insurance, other benefits negotiable. To receive profile, write:

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THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT ROOM IN THE HOUSE

I have abandoned all my friends; I have thrown caution to the winds; I am completely head over heels in love with Lief. We went around the world three times -- last night. WOW! And then we went to Montana for the weekend. I used to think Montana was a state that could just as well be dropped from the union, and no one would miss it; but Lief has friends there (butch cowboys, I might add), and anyway, we went for a long weekend. I realize this is a cooking column so I won't bore you with things like campfires, cowboy gear, riding bareback until we were out of sight, cuddling in blankets of the range, sex under the stars, tight jeans, and all those wonderful things those butch cowboys do after chores are finished. I WAS THERE SOLELY ON RESEARCH, looking for new and exciting recipes for you, my dear readers. We stayed in a farmhouse, far away from civilization; the hosts were wonderful and gave me a couple of goodies which I have to share with you. One evening we had the following short rib meal:

Spicy Braised Short Ribs

(serves 4)

- 3 1/2 to 4 lbs beef short ribs
- 1 package of Taco Meat Seasoning
- 2 Tbl cooking oil
- 2 Tbl butter or margarine
- 1 medium onion, peeled and cut into thin slices
- 1 large carrot, peeled and sliced thin
- 1/4 pound mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 2 cups beef broth
- 3 Tbl flour mixed with 3 Tbl water

Melt the butter and oil in a large kettle; brown the ribs on all sides in this oil-butter mixture. Do this over low to medium heat. The browning process should take about 20 minutes. Remove the ribs and drain off the accumulated drippings. Add beef broth, onion, carrot, mushrooms, salt and pepper, and the taco

Hedda Lettuce

seasoning and the ribs back into the kettle and bring to a simmer. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 to 2 hours until the meat is tender. If in doubt if the meat is tender, let it cook another 15 minutes. Remove the meat and keep warm. Make gravy by slowly adding the flour-water mixture slowly to the liquid in the kettle, stirring constantly. Serve the meat either with gravy poured over them or in a bowl. Mashed potatoes and a green salad are the natural accompaniments to these delicious ribs. I had to do more research on ribs (as well as thighs and chests) and found this gem:

Deviled Short Ribs

(4 servings)

Make a marinade of the following:

- 1/4 cup prepared spicy brown mustard
- 1/4 cup prepared mild yellow mustard
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1 Tbl Worcestershire sauce
- 2 Tbl finely grated yellow onion
- 1 clove of garlic, peeled and crushed
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

Beat all these together until smooth and pour over 4 lbs of beef ribs. Cover and refrigerate at least 12 hours, turning ribs now and then. Remove the ribs from the marinade, saving the marinade for later use. Put the ribs on a roasting rack in a pan and bake uncovered 15 to 20 minutes in a 425 degree oven. Turn ribs over and bake 15 to 20 minutes on the other side. Remove ribs from the rack, dump out any collected fat and grease from the pan. Put ribs onto the roasting pan and add 3/4 cups of the marinade; cover tightly with foil and bake for about 2 hours, or until tender, whichever comes first. Just before serving, heat remaining marinade and serve as a hot sauce with these ribs. Life is a wonderful adventure with Lief. Next month is October, and for Halloween I can figure out something to scare the pants off Lief. He doesn't wear underwear, ya know. Lucky me! ▼

ASK DOCTOR D

Dr. Demian

Q: My partner and I are traveling to my parents home this summer for our first joint visit. They accept the fact that I'm gay and know I have a lover, but we haven't yet discussed accommodations. I have always stayed in my parents' guest room during previous visits. Should we expect my parents to host both of us when we visit? What if they say they don't want us sleeping in the same bed?

A: Start by telling your parents what you and your partner want. If you want to share a room of your parents home, give them plenty of advanced notice. They may need some time to sort through their feelings.

Ideally, your parents should extend the same hospitality they would confer on a married heterosexual sibling. If your par-

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ents refuse your request, consider sleeping elsewhere. Your parents' home is their domain. Nonetheless, you deserve the dignity, comfort, and intimacy that bedding down with a partner represents.

"AND YOUR
'FRIEND' CAN
SLEEP ON THE
COT..."

If financial or other constraints make it impossible for you to stay elsewhere, you have a hard choice to make. Including your parents in your deliberations may help them understand the practical implications of their prejudice.

Don't give up on your parents if they refuse your request. Sometimes, loving parents can handle the concept of a same-sex relationship, but not the reality of gay or lesbian intimacy. It is important to keep the dialogue open. Time can effect enormous changes.

The most important thing is maintaining self-respect and an open heart, whatever your parents' reaction.

Demain has a doctorate in education (Ed.D.) and is co-publisher/co-editor of *Partners: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples*. Send your questions about gay and lesbian relationships, for possible use in future columns, to *Partners*, Box 9685, Seattle, WA. 98109. ▼

AROUND THE MILKRUN

Belinda Loveless

I would like to welcome Alma and the "Chesterfield" back to the *New Voice* where they belong. I will try to be more careful what I write in this column in the future. ▼

A VIEW FROM A ROOM: WONDER BREAD,
MAYONNAISE, AND CHEESEBURGERS

Nancy Lyn Define

Sometimes I feel LIKE A SLICE OF WONDER BREAD IN A WORLD OF FRENCH PASTRY. Oliver North is more hip than I am. Compared to me, Bob Newhart is a party animal. And Jane Curtin's wardrobe on "Kate and Allie" would be considered trend-setting next to mine. My mother has a more active social life. And she's seventy one years old.

On the few occasions when I drop by the local bar, I could swear I hear people whispering something about Donna Reed.

My idea of a big night is renting a video of "Martin Mull, LIVE, in Lansburg, Ohio". If I'm feeling particularly risqué, I follow up the Martin Mull video with "Dick Cavett: The Man Behind the Legend". I once stayed up until almost three in the morning with PBS was running a "This Old House" marathon. But that kind of excessive behavior usually results in my having to take a Valium.

Hope and Michael, in the ABC series "thirtysomething", are my idea of a modern day Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald. And I think Peter Jennings would be a much better news anchor if he weren't so emotional. Jane Pauley and Bryant Gumbel embody my conception of "Bon Vivants". But then, Woody Allen personifies a latter-day Beau Brummel to me. I don't care for Tom Brokaw especially. Don't you agree that he'd probably be better as the host of "Soul-Train", where his hyperactive, colorful personality would be more in tune with the program? Oh, and I don't watch Koppel and Letterman anymore. I finally realized that all of that late-night excitement was bad for my nerves.

In a way, I guess I should consider myself lucky. I suppose I'd be a lot worse off if I were a gay man. I mean, nobody EXPECTS gay women to razzle-dazzle. Still, sometimes it would be nice to shine, to steal the show, to—you know—GLITTER! After all, we have as much of a right to "march to the beat of a different drummer" as any other self-respecting gay

person does. Unfortunately, marching to ANY beat requires, at the very least, a little bit of rhythm. And I have none. Zero. Zilch. The last time I attempted to dance was when everyone was doing the bunny hop at my cousin's wedding, two years ago. I fell into my great Uncle Elmer and sprained my ankle.

To me, "cruising somebody" would mean booking them a passage on a luxury liner. And in my world, the word dish is ALWAYS used in conjunction with meals. The smell of leather makes me think of the interior of a beige Mercedes. And I can't imagine tattooing my, ah, my derriere. If I want to see a butterfly, I'd prefer the setting to be a little more pastoral than ass-toral.

Poppers is the name my boarding school roommate called her father. But then, my idea of an erotic conversation is discussing PMS with my physician. Oh, and I almost never use the word "fabulous" (as in, "DAHLING, you look simply F-A-A-A-BULOUS in chartreuse!") Actually, I don't even know what color chartreuse is.

I sometimes wonder if I could have been different, more Mae West and less June Cleaver, the kind of woman who dances at a party with a lamp shade on her head, if I had been born in a warmer climate. The south of France, for instance. Or Spain. Someplace exotic. Mysterious. Hot blooded. Maybe then, I'd walk into a gay bar, my feet would automatically start tapping, my hips would gyrate, my pelvis would do whatever it is that pelvises are supposed to do. And NOBODY would whisper a word about Donna Reed.

Instead, I'd be compared to the Divine Miss M. I'd be a star. People would mistake ME for a FEMALE IMPERSONATOR! I'd dish, and I'd swish, and I might even dance ALL NIGHT! I'd be sexy. I'd be hot. I'd be, OH SO "GAY". I'D...darn, I have to go. I forgot to take out the Miracle Whip for my cheeseburger. ▼

THE "C"-WORD

Commitment.

Okay, how many of you broke out in a cold sweat at the very sight of that word? To some people, it can be very frightening; so frightening, in fact, that they shy away from actually saying it and instead say "the C-word." What makes it that way?

My dictionary (a rather hefty volume on my bookshelf) defines commitment as: the act of pledging, obligating, or engaging oneself, as to take on responsibility. Maybe that's what makes commitment such an awesome word, the responsibility inherent in the act.

Often we hear two people say, "We are in a committed relationship." I've said that to myself, so I'm peppering this discussion with personal experiences. Over the years, I have had several committed relationships. The fact that it has been several instead of just one makes me pause a moment to reflect on exactly what it means to say the C-word.

I've formed the word with my own lips and then, only a year or so later, found myself single again. And that's happened more than once. So what was I really saying when I used the term? I liked to think of myself as a mature enough person, even at the tender age of twenty, to have used the word in its proper meaning. But, alas, I was doomed to grow and learn life's lessons the same way as other mortals. Hindsight being twenty-twenty, I now realize that when I first applied the word to a relationship, I had no idea what it really meant.

I always cringe at my own naivety when I realize that back then I thought the word, once spoken, was some kind of magical super-glue that would turn two lovers into lifetime partners.

It sounds like a cliché to say that relationships take work. Okay, so it is a cliché. But it is also true. And, I think that is what the definition of commitment really

is: pledging yourself to actually working at making the relationship work.

Relationships aren't easy. Things may go well enough during the romance stage, which usually seems to cover the first three or four months of knowing each other. During that time, two people only start to get to know each other. Everything is rosy. The other person appears to be perfect for you in every way because you tend to show each other your best side. Before you know it, you're talking about living together.

And that's when you really start to know each other. Living together, on a day-to-day basis, is vastly different from spending a few nights a week at each other's apartment. Only after you start sharing living quarters do you get to find all the little quirks and idiosyncrasies that make you individuals. And those are the things that can drive each other nuts. Relationships and commitment involve a lot of give and take, a lot of allowing the other person to still be exactly the same person you fell in love with. Thinking you'll be able to change another person's annoying habits never works. Commitment means allowing the other person to be less than perfect.

The time following the "honeymoon stage" is also the time then feelings start to shift. You move from being giddy and goo-goo-eyed over each other into something perhaps less exciting but definitely deeper and more fulfilling. And this is where the big C becomes so important.

This is the time when you both become truly vulnerable to hurt from the other person. The deeper someone knows you, the closer you become; and the closer you become, the greater the potential for getting your emotional toes stepped on. After living together, it seems natural to begin taking each other for granted, which is a very human thing to do. Sometimes a partner takes it for granted that the other

person would never do anything that might cause pain. But the fact is, we all hurt each other to certain degrees. Usually we can live with the little hurts. It's the big ones that'll test the commitment.

Commitment doesn't mean saying, "Gee, I hope we can stay together forever." Instead, it means saying, "I will try to live with whatever hurts and joys, whatever highs and lows we experience together." It means not turning tail and running for greener pastures if your feelings get tropped on or your ego gets a little bruised. It means forgiving the other person for hurting you, and you swallowing enough pride to say you're sorry when you've done the hurting. It means admitting to being wrong. Commitment means allowing each other to be fallible human beings and not being disappointed when you discover that your partner isn't as perfect as you'd originally thought.

The fact is, sometimes partners can cause each other deep emotional pain without meaning to. There is no magic that will ever stop that from happening. There is no word that is the glue to keep you together. But commitment—not the word, but the act—is the bond, the pledge that you will try with every fiber of your being not to let troubles come between you. ▼

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(reprinted from *Successful Meetings*)

I am a gay man. I can no more speak for all gay people than Gloria Steinem speaks for all women or Bugs Bunny for all rabbits, but I'm sure that some of my experiences in the business world are pertinent to other gay men and lesbians.

To those who know me well and with whom I work closely, my sexual preference is no secret. While I don't offer it as a standard biographical detail, neither do I lie by inventing a family, nor mislead by referring to heterosexual escapades. This approach has never been problematic.

Meeting with business associates who are strangers or relative strangers creates a different situation. Most of the time, the issue is simply moot, since sexual preference rarely matters during routine business dealings. Do I find myself measuring my words or undergoing a bit of self-censorship lest my sexual preference be revealed? Yes. As long as homosexuality is viewed as strange, "out

of the mainstream," or "a crime against nature," I don't want to add an ingredient in the business brew that has nothing to do with the matter at hand.

I have worked in industries considered to be liberal. However, gay friends whose careers are in more conservative organizations tell me that they often have to perform weird acrobatics to hide the fact that they have a same-sex roommate, or carefully guard their words in business encounters. In their spheres, admission of homosexuality is a bucket of axle grease poured on the corporate ladder. Social events are another issue. When it's assumed that I am attracted to women, and someone invites me to share his admiration for a female, I usually dodge the issue by remaining noncommittal. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to say, "Gee, I wonder if she has a brother?" As for homophobic jokes or slurs, I'll do my best to indicate that I find them offensive—usually without revealing just how deeply the remark has stung.

Am I proud of the limitations I've set for myself? Hardly. I wish I could be like an acquaintance of mine who, when undergoing the jury selection process, was asked if he was married. "No," he replied, "I'm gay. We're not allowed to be married." Simple enough, on the face of it. But I'm a product of my upbringing in the 1950s (when, as Lily Tomlin says, "no one was gay, only shy") and its attendant social givens.

There are those who are far more cautious than I, and those—bless 'em—who are far more open. How we deal with society's approbation, or lack of it, becomes an entirely individual matter. That this essay is not signed says a lot about me—and a lot about society. If there's any moral here, it's this: If you are heterosexual, it's easy to assume that the person next to you at the next sales meeting was poured from a similar mold. Don't. ▼

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If you, or someone you know, would like to sing with us, you are welcome to audition September 18th or 25th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street. Rehearsals for the 1989-90 concert season will be on Monday nights, at the church, from 7:00 - 10:00 pm. beginning September 18th. Please join us!

We are particularly pleased to announce that John Kelly will be returning this season to direct us. John's commitment to our chorus shows true dedication, as he faces another year of weekly treks between his home in Des Moines and Omaha, to provide his musical leadership.

This year we will be easing John's burden by providing him with an Assistant Director, in addition to the position of Accompanist. Anyone interested in either position should contact Stan Brown at 341-0763 for more information. In addition, this season we would like to find a Sign Language Interpreter for our performances. Anyone who could help us with this should also contact Stan.

Our 1989-90 season series theme is "Ring Out!" Season tickets are now available for all three concerts. Our Holiday

Concert, "Ring Out Wild Bells!" is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, December 17, 1989, in Strauss Performing Arts Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha. This concert will be a brightly-wrapped package of secular and traditional holiday music, and includes an audience sing-along. Our holiday concerts have become an annual favorite of our community.

The Spring Concert, "Ring Out, Sing Out!" will be on Sunday evening, April 1, 1990, again in Strauss Performing Arts Center. Our guests once again will be the Des Moines Men's Chorus, following last year's successful joint concert. They are such fun to sing with! The music will be fun, as well, combining pop, Broadway and classical music for a spectacular sound. (Director Kelly leads both groups

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MR. GAY NEBRASKA

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Reception for Mr. Gay Nebraska and contestants at the Diamond Bar following the contest. Applications available at your favorite bar or by writing: Two-Wheelers of Omaha, MC, P.O. Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103. The Title *Mr. Gay Nebraska* is the property of the Two-Wheelers of Omaha, MC.

Community Calendar



4 Monday LABOR DAY!!

Imperial Court of Nebraska Labor Day Picnic; Veys' Hill Haven Farm, 36th South of Giles Road, Omaha, NE, noon to 5 pm.

5 Tuesday SOLAG (Support Group for Spouses and Ex-spouses of Lesbians and Gays); 12111 Pacific Street, 330-1144, 7 - 9 pm.

6 Wednesday P-FLAG AIDS Support Group - Lincoln; 7 pm; call 435-4688 for location.

7 Thursday Bars and Organizations of Omaha (BOO); MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th Street, 7 pm; Call 558-1186 for more information. Representatives from all Bars and Organizations are welcome.

8 Friday Affirmation / Omaha; 7 pm; call 556-7701 for location.

10 Sunday SUBMISSION DEADLINE!! All articles, classifieds, art work, poetry, and letters must be received by this date for consideration for the October issue of The New Voice.
Dignity; St. John's, Lower Level, Creighton Campus, Mass at 7 pm.
New Voice Steering Committee; MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th, 4 pm; All interested parties welcome.

11 Monday AIDS Interfaith Network; Prayer Service at St Cecelia's, 701 North 40th, 7 pm.

12 Tuesday P-FLAG / Omaha; First Methodist Church (North-east entrance), 69th and Cass, 7:30 pm.

17 Sunday Affirmation / Lincoln; write for time and location: P O Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501.

19 Tuesday SOLAG Support Group; 12111 Pacific, 330-1144, 7 - 9 pm.
Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights; Boardwalk, 20th and O, Lincoln, NE, 7 pm.

20 Wednesday Metropolitan Club; call 449-9377 for location, 6 pm.
P-FLAG AIDS Support Group; Lincoln, call 435-4688 for location, 7 pm.

24 Sunday Dignity "Gathering"; call 895-2856 for location, 7 pm.

26 Tuesday P-FLAG / Lincoln; Program is "Positively Gay, II"; call 435-4688 for location, 7:30 pm.

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Sunday

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

The Max
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Show at 9 pm

Monday

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

River City Mixed Chorus — Rehearsals
Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church
1023 North 40* Street
7 pm (beginning September 18)

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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

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

Nuts & Bolts & Brass Tacks
Pella Lutheran, 41* & Farnam, 7 pm
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Pella Lutheran Church
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8:15 pm
345-9916

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

SEPTEMBER

FALL AT THE MAX

This fall proves to be an exciting time for the Max. On September 4th the Omaha Meatpackers will host a fun filled evening. Sunday, September 10, the Max will host the first Mr. Max contest. Contestants will compete in talent, swimwear, and formal wear. There will also be an interview competition. Applications are available at the Max. Contact the show director for more information. Sunday, September 17, the Max will host "The Queens From Kansas City". They include Myrna Vonn - Miss Gay Kansas, Shuggie, Lilli White and Kim Alexis. Sunday, September 24 the Max will host a benefit.

The past summer has been quite exciting at the Max, the staff would like to thank everyone for attending. Congrats to Laffette for winning entertainer of the year, also Bob, Rick and Cris at the Jello wrestling contest. Congratulations to Brandi Alexander for Miss Plains. Don't forget Gabbi, congrats. Stay tuned for more fun and exciting events at the Max! ▼

DUBUQUE PRIDE MARCH

It is time once again for Dubuque, Iowa's annual lesbian/gay pride rally/march, this one being its third. The date is set for September 16, 1989 at Washington Park with the rally beginning at noon and the march to follow at approximately 1:00 pm.

This event began on September 19, 1987 and was the beginning of confronting homophobia in this community and the surrounding areas. This event is not the continuation of confronting homophobia. Dubuque's first rally/march stimulated numerous hecklers to come out and physically and verbally harass supporters, of which were few. Many eggs were thrown and the thirty people who dared to march that first time were all hit by the end of the march. The second march / rally became a national event and was quite different than the first, with approximately 600 supporters flooding Dubuque from San Francisco to Washington DC.

There was no egg throwing at the second, although many were taken by the police. ▼

TWO BRINGS IN THE "GAY 90's"

It's time to bring in those "Gay '90's". For its part, TWO will select Mr. Gay Nebraska '90 on Saturday, October 14th. This year's venue will be the Ramada Inn Airport located on Abbott Drive in Omaha. Contest time is 9:00 p.m. A cash bar will be available at the Ramada Inn Airport prior to, as well as during, the competition.

A reception and photo session will be held for the new Mr. Gay Nebraska, as well as for all of the contestants, immediately following the competition. The reception will be held at the Diamond Bar, which is located on South 16th Street at Leavenworth. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided for those wishing to meet the new title holder.

Applications are currently being accepted from those wishing to enter this year's competition. Entry forms may be obtained from the Diamond Bar, or by requesting them from the Mr. Gay Nebraska Committee at:

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in his busy life.) Our Pride Concert, "Ring Out Pride!" will be on Saturday, June 30, 1990, in Strauss Performing Arts Center. This is our Gay Pride concert, and will include the premiere of an original piece by a local Gay composer, as well as other works by Gay and Lesbian composers. We will "Ring Out" our pride as we continue to grow as a mixed chorus in our community.

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ARE YOU BREAKING THE LAW AND DON'T KNOW IT?

M. R. Scott

I was totally unaware of the sexual assault laws before I was arrested under the law called, "Sexual Assault on a Child." My arrest has changed my life and I pray that this article will help just one person to see that sex with a teenager is not worth the potential price you might have to pay.

As of July 1, 1989, LB 211 has changed the statute of limitations for the sexual assault laws, from 3 years to 5 years. This means that any guilty person can be charged for having a sexual contact with a minor up to 5 years from now.

State of Nebraska laws on Child Molesting and Sexual Assault

The following are copied from the Nebraska State Statutes.

28-317. Sexual assault; legislative intent. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact laws dealing with sexual assault and related criminal sexual offenses which will protect the dignity of the victim at all stages of judicial process, which will insure that the alleged offender in a criminal sexual offense case have preserved the constitutionally guaranteed due process of law procedures, and which will establish a system of investigation, prosecution, punishment, and rehabilitation for the welfare and benefit of the citizens of the state as such system is employed in the area of criminal sexual offenses.

The following section 28-318 will give the definitions of the terms used in the law

28-319, 28-320, and 28-320.01.

28-318. Terms, defined. As used in sections 28-317 to 28-321, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) Actor shall mean a person accused of sexual assault;
- (2) Intimate parts shall mean the genital area, groin, inner thighs, buttocks, or breasts;
- (3) Past sexual behavior shall mean the sexual behavior other than the sexual behavior upon which the sexual assault is alleged;
- (4) Serious personal injury shall mean great bodily injury or disfigurement, extreme mental anguish or mental trauma, pregnancy, disease, or loss or impairment of sexual or reproductive organ;
- (5) Sexual contact shall mean the intentional touching of the victim's sexual or intimate parts or the intentional touching of the victim's clothing covering the immediate area of the victim's sexual or intimate parts. Sexual contact shall also mean the touching of the victim of the actor's sexual or intimate parts or the clothing covering the immediate area of the actor's sexual or intimate parts when such touching is intentionally caused by the actor. Sexual contact shall include only such conduct which can be reasonably construed as being for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification of either party;
- (6) Sexual penetration shall mean sexual intercourse in its ordinary meaning, cunnilingus, fellatio, anal intercourse, or any intrusion, however slight, of any part of the actor's or victim's body or any object manipulated by the actor into the genital or anal openings of the victim's body which can be reasonably construed as being for nonmedical or non-health purposes. Sexual penetration shall not require emission of semen; and
- (7) Victim shall mean the person alleging to have been sexually assaulted.

28-319. Sexual assault; first degree; penalty.

(1) any person who subjects another person to sexual penetration and (a) overcomes the victim by force, threat of force, express or implied, coercion, or deception, (b) knew or should have known

that the victim was mentally or physically incapable of resisting or appraising the nature of his or her conduct, or (c) the actor is nineteen years of age or older and the victim is less than sixteen years of age is guilty of sexual assault in the first degree.

(2) Sexual assault in the first degree is a Class II felony. The sentencing judge shall consider whether the actor shall have caused serious personal injury to the victim in reaching his decision on the sentence.

(3) Any person who shall be found guilty of sexual assault in the first degree for the second time shall be sentenced to not less than twenty-five years and shall not be eligible for parole.

28-320. Sexual assault; second or third degree; penalty.

(1) Any person who subjects another person to sexual contact and (a) overcomes the victim by force, threat of force, express or implied, coercion, or deception, or (b) knew or should have known that the victim was physically or mentally incapable of resisting or appraising the nature of his or her conduct is guilty of sexual assault in either the second degree or third degree.

(2) Sexual assault shall be in the second degree and is a Class III felony if the actor shall have caused serious personal injury to the victim.

(3) Sexual assault shall be in the third degree and is a Class I misdemeanor if the actor shall not have caused serious personal injury to the victim.

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28-320.01 Sexual assault of a child; penalty.

(1) A person commits sexual assault of a child if he or she subjects another person fourteen years of age or younger to sexual contact and the actor is at least nineteen years of age or older.

Class II Felony: Maximum: fifty years imprisonment. Minimum: one year imprisonment.

Class III Felony: Maximum: twenty years imprisonment, or twenty-five thousand dollars fine, or both.

Class IV Felony: Maximum: five years imprisonment, or ten thousand dollars fine, or both. Minimum: none.

Class I Misdemeanor: Maximum: not more than one year imprisonment, or one thousand dollars fine, or both.

The three laws above are the most commonly heard about sexual assault laws. To try to simplify the legal language and put them in general terms is tough to do. However, if you are over nineteen years old and you have sex with a child under sixteen years of age, you are guilty of rape (section 20-319) no matter how willing the child is to participate in that sexual encounter. (Punishment would be 1 to 50 years in prison).

If the child is between sixteen and eighteen years of age, you are guilty of a Class I misdemeanor (That law is not listed above, and is punishable by up to one year in the county jail).

If you touch a child who has not reached his/her fifteenth birth date in a sexual way or have him/her touch you in a sexual way, you can be charged under section 20-319.01. (Punishment would be up to 5 years in prison).

The Nebraska legislature wants child molesting stopped. If you are breaking any of the above laws, stop before you end up in prison.

If you can't stop on your own, there is help available for you. ▼

MCC HEADLINES

Carla P.

August, too, was a busy month for friends and members of the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. New Singspiration books, which were "under construction" during June and July, like all of the Omaha streets, were put into use in the August 6 service.

On the 12th, MCCer's gathered for a potluck dinner honoring the Rev. Jan Kross for her ordination into the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

"Fantasy: An Experience in Leather" highlighted the following weekend. Sunday morning we were glad to have the opportunity to fellowship with some of the Fantasy participants that had come in from out of town. Thanks, Dustin, for all of your hard work!

Putt-Putt golf and a social following were August's social event. As for the high and low golfers -- well, rumor tells us both are considering turning pro (one thinks one has been "called" to be a pro caddie.)

This month marked the first Healing Service. Hereafter, the evening service on the last Sunday of the month will be a Healing Service. The service starts at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Coming up in September are the installation of Rev. Matthew Howard on Sept. 17th and the social event of the month - a hayrack ride and wiener roast on September 23. Contact the church office at 345-2563 for more details. ▼

REV. KROSS ORDAINED

The Rev. Jan Kross was ordained as Clergy of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches during the 14th Conference of the UFMCC. The ordination of clergy into the Fellowship signals a lifetime commitment to Ministry and lifetime credentialing by the Fellowship. Rev. Troy Perry, founder and elder in the Fellowship, delivered the Prayer of Ordination. Lay Elder Larry Rodriguez delivered the message for the Ordination Service held on Saturday, July 22. Over twenty pastors were approved for ordination during the conference. Standing up with Rev. Kross during her ordination were Rev. Tom Jordon, Linda Miles and Meta B. Rev. Kross pastored the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha for the past seven years. Prior to that she pastored the MCC in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for two years. Rev. Kross is currently residing in Omaha while seeking a pulpit. Members and friends of MCCO honored Rev. Kross with a potluck dinner and social in mid-August. ▼



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SIX STEPS TO SAFE SEX

When putting on a condom, there are four simple steps to follow to achieve the maximum in safe sex.

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2. Hold the tip of the



condom to squeeze the air out of the end or semen reservoir. This leaves some room for the semen when you come (ejaculate).

3. Put the condom on the end of the erect penis. While holding the tip of the condom, unroll it all the way down to the hair. Remember to put the condom on before you enter your partner.

4. It is best to withdraw before ejaculation. If you come (after ejaculation), hold onto the condom and pull out while the penis is still erect. Pull out before the penis becomes limp.

Important note: Use only latex condoms with a water-based lubricant that contains nonoxynol-9 (a spermicide) (This provides extra insurance). Lubricants like vaseline or grease or Crisco can cause condoms to break. Dispose of the condom in a safe place such as a garbage can rather than under your pillow. Wash the penis with warm soapy water -- another opportunity for safe play! Practice using a condom with your partner. This is fun and using condoms will become as easy as "riding a bicycle." Practice makes perfect. ▼

ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS LEGISLATION

The AIDS Action Council heralded the recent White House endorsement of the Americans with Disabilities Act as a turning point in the federal response to the challenges of the HIV epidemic. "President Bush clearly means to include people with AIDS and HIV infection in his kinder, gentler nation," responded Jean McGuire, Executive Director of the Council. "After so many years of serious neglect by our nation's leaders, we are grateful to see this cornerstone of HIV public policy endorsed." For years, AIDS activists and the public health community at large have been calling for federal anti-discrimination protections to assure that those at risk for the disease would be free

to come forward to receive counseling, testing, and treatment services. The Americans with Disabilities Act, sponsored by Senators Harkin (D-IA), and Kennedy (D-MA), and Representatives Owens (D-NY) and Hoyer (D-MD), provides the scope of protections necessary to assure that people with AIDS and HIV infection, as well as the rest of the 36 million Americans with Disabilities, will have access to the civil rights they have so long been denied.

Senator Kennedy conducted the Labor Health and Human Resources Committee mark-up of this landmark legislation. ▼

THE NAMES PROJECT

Names Project to Display Entire AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, DC for the Third and FINAL Time, October 6 - 8
President Bush Receives Special Appeal to Stand With the Mourners on the Quilt.

More than 2,500 volunteers will converge on Washington, DC this Columbus Day Weekend, October 6-8, to make possible the final display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in its entirety. The display will include more than 10,000 individual 3' X 6' panels, nearly six times the size of the Inaugural Quilt Display in October 1987.

The Last Display In Its Entirety, But the Quilt Goes On

The focus now shifts to the Washington, DC display, the third and last such display of the Quilt in its entirety. According to Cleve Jones, executive director of the NAMES Project, "The Quilt is simply



growing too large to continue to be spread out in any one place. However, the NAMES Project is by no means finished," stated Jones. "We are increasing the focus on outreach and education in communities all over the country. We will continue to accept panels and display

see **Quilt Display** on page 14

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NAP PROGRAMS

The Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) is more than a HOTLINE and an alternate HIV test site. It is also dozens of volunteers who offer practical and emotional support to PWA'S.

The Practical Support volunteers have been meeting the day to day needs of many of our PWA'S. From June 1 to July 15, for example, volunteers provided 100 rides, 14 shopping trips, 39 meals, 20 laundry services, and 107 hours of "general" practical support.

This general support has been in response to some PWA'S who have greater needs for assistance in daily living. For example, volunteers have helped PWA'S get up in the morning, wash, dress, and make the bed. Their work has preserved the safety and dignity of these persons while they are ill. When a service is requested, the Practical Support volunteer who is available at a given time is called, so volunteers often see different PWA'S each week. In a more ongoing way,

Mary Lefevre

Buddies enter into a one-on-one relationship with a PWA. They spend time each week with the PWA they are assigned to, listening to them, talking with them, doing things together, whether it's a shopping expedition or an evening of TV.

In a Buddy, PWA'S find someone from outside their circle of friends who all know each other, outside the family, that they can talk to about what's going on in their lives without putting on the face they show to protect the people they love from their pain. Their Buddy is there for them, whatever their situation.

AIDS in Nebraska is a growing crisis. Each year more PWA'S look to NAP for assistance. New volunteers are always needed to do Practical Support or to be Buddies. If you want to do more in response to the AIDS crisis, call the NAP office for a volunteer application (342-4233). You will be making an investment of time and concern that will reward both you and the people you are helping. ▼

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them, but in smaller, more manageable and cost-efficient displays. And we look upon this as a time to reaffirm our original commitment, to continue the Project until the last person who wishes to create a panel has done so, and until that last panel is sewn in place."

Bush Invited to Attend Quilt Display

This year, for the first time, the President of the United States has received a special appeal from the NAMES Project to attend the Quilt display, to join with the tens of thousands of Americans in mourning their loved ones lost to AIDS. Said Jones, "We challenge President Bush to stand with us on the Quilt. Decisions about AIDS made in the coming months will help decide whether the ultimate death toll from the pandemic is measured in the tens of thousands or tens of millions. It is imperative that those decisions be made with compassion, and we know that seeing the Quilt opens hearts and minds to the reality of this epidemic and need for the immediate and compassionate response." ▼



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NAP

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Omaha, NE 68105

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HIV Testing

7pm — 10pm Mondays and Thursdays

National Spotlight

THE "NEW COORS"

(reprinted from PATLAR, Sacramento, California)

The Adolph Coors Company, brewer of Coors' Beer, in recent months has been actively campaigning to dispel its anti-gay image of the '70s. Many gay leaders believe it is time to "forgive" Coors.

It is now believed that Coors never donated any money to Anita Bryant's intensely homophobic "Save Our Children" group. The widespread belief in the nationwide gay community that the company had made such a contribution was a major factor in the development of its anti-gay image. For the last ten years, the Adolph Coors Company has been *persona non grata* in the gay and lesbian community. The brewery was formerly run by reactionaries to the right of the John Birch Society. Employment policies came under fire as racist, union busting, and homophobic. There were no signs of improvement by the late 70s. Consequently, a coalition of unions, civil-rights groups, and gay activists called for a boycott of Coors' products in 1978. The boycott was very effective.

The boycott ended last year. The new leaders of Coors, led by Jeff and Peter Coors—as President and Technical Director, respectively—are moderate in their outlook. Their efforts to make

amends have been so effective that the coalition called off the resistance movement. Part of this effort and outreach campaign involves a national advertising campaign in the gay and lesbian press promoting Coors' Beer.

In 1989 Coors donated many thousands of dollars to community groups—and to AIDS service organizations. "Black Enterprise" magazine recently named Coors as one of the top recruiters of minority talent in the nation. Since 1983, Coors' Equal Opportunity Policy has included "sexual preference" in their company list of non-discriminatory items. This, by the way, makes Coors the only known brewery to have such an equal opportunity policy. As of this writing, Coors is not only working to dispel its anti-gay image, but they are helping the gay community at large. Numerous fund raisers have been underwritten by them. There have been many donations to help AIDS-related organizations; some recent examples include a \$10,000 contribution to help underwrite an AIDS Walk in Orange County, California, and \$15,000 to stage a BB King concert in Maine with all proceeds going to a fund to help pay medical bills of Persons with AIDS. ▼

GAY EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS CASE

National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) announced that 205 of the 232 gay and lesbian claimants in the 14 year, precedent-setting employment rights case against Pacific Bell were awarded more than \$3.2 million as a result of a settlement reached in December, 1986. The settlement is the largest single financial award in the history of the gay rights movement.

In December, 1986, Pacific Bell was forced into a \$3 million out-of-court settlement in the nation's largest and longest-running anti-gay employment discrimination law suit, "Gay Law Students Association v. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company." The record-setting settlement also produced a landmark California Supreme Court decision, in May of 1979, protecting lesbians and gay men against job discrimination in the State of California.

The suit was filed in June of 1975 when several Pacific Bell employees were forced to leave their jobs or were rejected for employment because they were gay. It was later learned that Pacific Bell had a specific policy, approved at the highest level of management, forbidding the employment of "manifest homosexuals" and that gay applicants were systematically rejected by labelling their job applications "Code 48 - Homosexual."

Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA, said, "This historic settlement confirmed the civil rights of gay men and women in the work place. It puts monetary teeth in a major law suit and puts others on notice that employment discrimination will not be tolerated." ▼

Use the Classifieds



I'M YOUR CO-WORKER, AND I'M GAY!

Gary

Good morning! (I had a great time last night with my gay friends.)

Do you have any questions about this report? (And can we discuss them over some coffee at my place?)

I had a great talk with my Mom this weekend. (I came out to her.)

Yes, Betty is a beautiful woman. (But I really want to meet Betty's brother.)

I'm so happy for you and your wife. (Maybe, someday, I can adopt a child.)

Who's the new employee? (I love his eyes, can I personally show him around?)

I had a great vacation! Went to Seattle and saw a few friends. (2,500 gay and lesbian singers from across the country and Canada.)

I have to leave right at 5 tonight, I have an important meeting. (It's the gay/lesbian chorus, and I'm proud to be a member.)

Someday let's have a long talk. (I have something important to tell you, something very important about myself. But not now. Not yet.)

Congratulations

DUSTIN

on a job well done!

Love ya,

Bob

FANTASY BECOMES REALITY

Sharon Van Butsel

Omaha was THE place to be on August 18 and 19 as "Fantasy '89" became a reality. Over 300 people attended the various events as 17 title holders demonstrated the showmanship and style that had earned them their titles.

Notable among the title holders were Guy Baldwin, Internatinal Mr. Leather 1989 and Mr. National Leather Association 1989 and Susie Shepherd, Internatinal Ms. Leather 1989. Also among the celebrities attending the gala was Tony De Blase (Fledermaus), Editor of "Drummer."

I found that these people became more than just names in a list as Guy Baldwin demonstrated the sheer power of his muscular form while on stage and also spoke about the trust and respect necessary for a "scene" to develop into a successful sexual adventure. Susie Shepherd brought both flamboyance and a disarming level of self disclosure. Fledermaus objectively shared with the audience basic information on "Sado-Masochims," reinforcing at every step the need for encounters to always be Safe, Sane, and Consensual.

For those who are part of the Leather community, the event was a delight to the senses. For those of us who knew very little about what Leather is all about, it was an opportunity to gain a new appreciation of a segment of our community. If you missed it, you missed a marvelous experience.

As Editor of The New Voice, I was privileged to be able to interview several of the title holders and some interesting non-title holders. I'll share these interviews in the next month's issue of The New Voice. See you then. ▼

Fantasy '89



An Experience in Leather

Thanks to Dustin and Bob for Fantasy '89
-the New Voice staff

PHYSIQUE 89

The third National Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships featured bodybuilders from as far away as Rotterdam, Holland and Vancouver, Canada.

On Saturday June 24, one thousand muscle lovers came to ogle at the fifty-two competitors. As an invisible MC read each name, the well-oiled body builders filled the large stage, bringing the audience to its feet. Betty Doza and Joe Tolbe kicked off the competition with the women's-over-40. The crowd went wild when 67-year-old Keith Thomas did his posing routine in the over 60 category. The audience screamed throughout the routine of 48-year-old Marcel Catoire

from Rotterdam, Holland, and he received the gold medal in the 40 to 49 age group.

A delegation of over a hundred spectators from Sacramento came to give vocal support to their favorite bodybuilders - five women and two men from Valenti's Gym in their hometown - and were not disappointed. The owner of Valenti's Gym, Liz White; won a gold medal as the best women poser. "I flipped out over the pairs competition," said Joe Tolbe, one of the emcees. "Lets face it, gay men and women - well - they have that extra something. As for the men bodybuilders, they don't have to hide behind a macho image!" ▼

THE BOOK REPORT: Pleasures by Robbi Sommers

reviewed by Amazonia

This book marks a bold departure from Naiad Press's norm. Most of the fiction I've read coming from Naiad Press focuses primarily on the quality of the story line, and comparatively little

emphasis is put on erotic scenes. In "Pleasures," however, we are treated to a heavy dose of erotic short tales. This book gives us twelve pieces of fiction, all done to indulge the fantasies of lesbian sexuality.

Personally, I thought the story lines rather predictable, the settings pretty common-place, some of it unbelievable, and I found little that was truly innovative in these recorded fantasies. This book will never be nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. But fantasies are strictly meant for fun, so it would be like comparing apples to oranges if I were to try to debate the book's literary value and use of syntax or rhetoric.

If you're interested in serious fiction with some kind of moral, better pick up another book. The

MAN CHALLENGES FIRING BECAUSE OF GAY RUMOR

Kansas City, MO.: In a May 21, 1989 letter sent to Sam Walton, president of Wal-Mart department stores, ACT-UP Kansas City accused the company of discrimination in the firing of an employee because of a rumor that he was gay.

The employee, Michael Poynor, was told that he could not be an effective manager at the Blue Springs, Mo. store and further he could not work there if he was gay or associated with homosexuals. "I had a spotless employment record for four years and I feel like I was interrogated about my personal life," Poynor stated.

Poynor was told by his district manager that if the rumor's were true he would be fired. He was subsequently dismissed.

Michael is challenging the firing in the courts and his attorney, Michael Lacy, commented that, "it is outrageous that just the rumor he is gay would warrant his firing." The decision to fire Michael Poynor came from the highest executives of Wal-Mart and Lacy further referred to president Sam Walton as an "all-American Nazi."

Anyone wishing to contact Sam Walton directly can call him at: 501-273-4000, or write to Wal-Mart Stores Inc., 702 SW 8th St., Bentonville, Ark. 72716

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GAY MAN WINS CHALLENGE AGAINST FAMILY-DISCOUNT DISCRIMINATION

SEATTLE -- Seattle's Human Rights Department has "found probable cause" that the membership policy of AAA Automobile Club of Washington is discriminatory on the basis of marital status. The ruling was issued in a case brought by Demain, Seattle resident who has only one legal name.

The department ruled June 23 that the automobile club discriminated against Demain when it told him that his domestic partner was ineligible for "associate membership." The low-cost associate membership is offered to spouses and dependents of "master members."

The department rejected AAA's defense that the associate membership criteria are warranted by "tradition and economic reasons"; that it is less expensive to service spouses and dependents.

In a separate decision, the department rejected Demain's contention that the membership policy also discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation. Demain said that he was dissatisfied with the

ruling on this charge; however, he declined to appeal it.

"All families, including gay and lesbian families, deserve equal access to family discounts. It's fair and, in Seattle, it's the law," said Demain.

Demain is co-publisher/co-editor of the national monthly PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples.

The case now proceeds to conference and conciliation, a process whereby the department will work with both parties to achieve a "just and equitable resolution" to the matter.

Demain has asked that AAA redefine associate membership as any second adult household member, and that it widely publicize the change of policy.

If the conciliation fails, the city attorney could file suit against AAA. ▼

MARINE'S DISCHARGE OVERTURNED

Washington - In a stunning reversal of a discharge recommendation, a Marine Corps Board of Review on July 6 reinstated a female Marine Corps Captain who had been court-martialled for her friendship with a civilian lesbian.

Captain Judy Meade, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, was notified that the board determined the evidence against her was "insufficient to justify an involuntary separation from the Marine Corps."

Meade was court-martialled in February on charges that she had engaged in conduct unbecoming an officer. Prior allegations that she had engaged in homosexual conduct evaporated when military prosecutors were unable present evidence supporting that charge.

Nevertheless, the Marine Corps proceeded with its prosecution on charges that Meade had a "long-term personal relationship with a known lesbian," that she on one occasion had slept "in the same bed with a known lesbian," and that she was on one occasion "in the presence" of persons suspected to be lesbians. Meade's court-martial resulted in a recommendation for other than honorable discharge. ▼

CHEW BEFORE SWALLOWING

In a twist on the old adage, "Don't bite off more than you can chew," a 61-year-old Englishwoman's bowel was obstructed because she neither bit nor chewed a dried apricot. Apparently, she swallowed it whole a few days earlier and it became rehydrated inside her, blocking her small intestine. The fresh-looking apricot, measuring 1.2 inches across, was removed surgically.

To verify the woman's claim that the fruit she had swallowed was dried and not fresh, doctors in Liverpool soaked a dried apricot in water for 24 hours, "and a re-constituted apricot emerged that was identical with the one removed from the woman's small bowel."

In conclusion, they suggested that dried fruit retailers display warning signs saying, "Not to be swallowed whole or it may turn into a jam." ▼

? Risky Sex ?
? Multiple Sex Partners ?
? Casual Sex ?

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for AIDS Infection

AIDS

Information — Referral
and
Testing

Lincoln Lancaster County
Health Department
402/471-8065

For other testing sites, call:

Douglas County	402/444-7214
Grand Island Hall County	308/381-5175
Nemaha County	402/274-4549
North Platte	308/534-6780 ext. 134
Scottsbluff	308/635-3866

Classifieds

If you live in Lincoln and wish to car-pool to River City Mixed Chorus rehearsals, call me. Ron 488-4665.

Typists needed!! If you have access to a (preferably PC-compatible) computer or a modem, the New Voice needs you! A few hours each month is all that is required. For more information, contact Sharon Van Butsel, 556-9907, or Pat Phalen, 455-3701

For Sale: This space. Use this space to tell someone that you love 'em; wish someone Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary; sell something; tell others that you need something; advertise your trade (everyone needs a house painted or home fix-up chores done); or just buy space so you can see your name in print.

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

HAIRY MEN/ADMIRERS! Bears, fur-lovers, trappers. Hot, uncensored nationwide ad listings. Infopixpak \$3.00: MAN-HAIR, 59 West 10th, NYC 10011

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS is seeking persons interested in the following paid positions for the 1989-1990 Concert Season: Assistant Director, Accompanist, and Sign Interpreter. If you are interested in applying or would like additional information, please contact: Stan Brown, 341-0763, or write RCMC, P.O. Box 315, Omaha, NE, 68101-0315.

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GWM, 35, 5' 11", 155 lbs, Brown, Blue, Mustache, Good Looking. I am looking for stable person for friendship and possible lasting relationship. No fems, fats, or drugs. Write PO Box 5644, Lincoln, NE 68505

PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples. Practical ideas for developing satisfying, successful relationships. Interviews, news, and reviews in an 8-page monthly; peek-proof envelop. Mailing list never sold or rented. \$36/year; organizations \$49/year; overseas \$59/year (US funds only); sample issues for \$3. PARTNERS, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. SPECIAL OFFER: Send self-addressed, stamped envelop for free list, "Resources for Lesbian and Gay Couples."

LONG AID

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

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

NOVEMBER - What Are You Thankful For?

DECEMBER - Religious Celebrations, Spiritual Issues for Gays & Lesbians.

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The Boardwalk, 20th and O Streets 474-9741

The Club, 116 North 20th Street 474-5692

Panic, 200 South 18th Street 435-8764

Grand Island

Chasins, 4th and Walnut 308/382-0236

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

Affirmation of Nebraska

Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501

402/556-7701 in Omaha

United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian concerns. Meets monthly in Omaha and Lincoln

Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights

Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska

Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102

Social organization for advancement of gay society.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns

402/733-1360 Cleve

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206/329-TVTS (8887)

The New Voice of Nebraska

Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103

Monthly magazine for the Lesbian/Gay community.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center

UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588 402/472-5644

Nebraska Union, Rm 342 - Meetings (Mail Rm 222)

Social activities, AIDS education, roommate referral, groups, library

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.

P O Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131 402/558-1186

Meetings, information, & support for Lesbians/Gays

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504 402/435-4688

meets 4th Tuesday

Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103

402/331-5188 or 291-6781

meets 2nd Tuesday

LINCOLN

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

call 402/466-5214 AA Central Office for location

The Wimmin's Show

Noon-3pm every Sunday on KZUM radio at 89.3 FM stereo

UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association

mail: Room 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, 68588

402/472-5644 Rodney Bell II

Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events (COLAGE)

mail: c/o GLSA/GLRC, Rm 222, Nebraska Union, UNL,

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402/472-5644

Women's Assistance Emergency Fund

Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Women's Journal-Advocate

Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Lesbian Support Group

Women's Res. Center, Rm 117, Nebraska Union

University of Lincoln-Lincoln, Lincoln NE 68588

402/472-2597

Informal weekly discussion group for lesbians

Lincoln Legion of Lesbians

Box 30317, Lincoln, NE 68503

Lesbian-feminist collective, newsletter, support, confidential

referral, cultural and social programs.

New Directions Center

402/476-2802

Short term counseling, support groups, classes, workshops dealing with coming out, parenting and relationships. Sliding scale fee.

Open Door Ministry

402/474-3390

Orthodox spiritual counseling to all in need.

No charge.

OMAHA

DIGNITY / Omaha

402/895-2856 or 402/341-1460

Mass 7pm 2nd Sunday monthly; St John's (lower level) on

Creighton University Campus

Roman Catholic lesbians / gays & friends.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

402/345-9913 Weekly meeting on Friday at 8:15pm

Alcohol and AIDS issues group 7pm Thursdays, call Steve at

346-1556 or NAP 342-4233

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC)

mailing address: P O Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103

service at 420 South 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68103

Sunday worship at 10:20am and 7pm; 402/345-2563

Metropolitan Club

Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103 402/449-9377

Networking organization of business / professionals

River City Bowling League

402/345-5118 Scott OR 402/493-6118 Charlie

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club

PO Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103

River City Mixed Chorus

Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101 402/341-0763

Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/sensitive people

UNO Student Group

Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320

Heidi at 402/391-0694 / Wes or Rick at 402/558-1186

Lesbian and Gay student social/support group

Spouses & Ex-Spouses of Lesbians & Gays (SOLAG)

12111 Pacific Street, Omaha 330-1144 for info

A support group that meets the first and third Tuesday

Gay/Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics

402/346-0561

Support group for adults raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes

FACT (People of All Colors Together)

402/341-4078

A social / support group

EAGLE - Omaha

c/o Sharon McCartney, 1314 Douglas on the Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha, NE 68102

AIDS RESOURCES

Information and Referral

Nebraska AIDS Project

3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131

402/342-4233 or 800/782-AIDS (2437) (statewide)

AIDS Hotline, HIV Testing, Support Groups, Practical Support, AIDS Awareness programs and literature.

Veteran's Administration Medical Center

42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, NE 68105

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

Viral Syndrome Clinic

University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

402/559-6202 Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith

Lincoln Cancer Center

64600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE 68510

402/483-1872 Barb Merton

American Red Cross

1701 "E" Street, Lincoln, NE 68501

402/471-7997

3838 Dewey Avenue, Omaha, NE 68131

402/341-2723 Confidential Testing

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Nebraska Aids Project

3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131

402/342-4233 or 800/782-AIDS (2437) (statewide)

Alternate test site, anonymous testing Monday and Thursday

7pm to 10pm

Douglas County Health Department

4th Floor Civic Center, Omaha, NE 68102

402/444-7214

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

2200 St. Marys Avenue, Lincoln, NE

402/471-8065

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Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays

(PFLAG) Aids Support Group

call 402/435-4688 for meeting locations in Lincoln

1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7 pm

Brother William Woeger

c/o Omaha Archdiocese

100 North 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

Open Door Ministry-Lincoln

402/474-3390 Fr. David

AIDS Interfaith Network

1104 North 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

Legal

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union

633 South 9th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

402/476-8091 John Taylor

402/346-5025 - Omaha

Mowbray, Chapin & Walks, P.C.

201 North 8th Street, Suite 242, Lincoln, NE 68508

402/476-3882 Jim

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MAX**

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OMAHA MEATPACKERS**

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THE QUEENS ARE BACK
FROM KANSAS CITY
MYRNA VONN
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**SUNDAY, SEPT. 24
ACE BENEFIT**

THE MAX

**1417 JACKSON
OMAHA, NE**

WANTED BY THE FBI



The FBI has asked our help in locating this man. He is wanted for questioning regarding three robberies and kidnappings in the Omaha area.

Description

The suspect is a white male, 25 to 35 years old, 5' 6" to 5' 9", 180 pounds, stocky build, with straight blond hair.

Caution

The suspect is armed with a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol and considered extremely dangerous.

Alert! Alert! Alert!

In each incident the suspect approached a man and asked for a ride. He then robbed the victims at gun-point, threatened their lives, forced them into the trunk of their car, and abandoned them. In one case, the suspect approached his victim in an adult book store. In another case, the suspect thumbed a ride at 17th and Jones.

During at least one of the kidnappings, the suspect threatened to kill the victim and stated "I'm going to rid the world of homosexuals and those who cater to them."

If you have any information, contact the Omaha Office of the FBI at 348-1210. The office is staffed 24 hours a day, so if you think you see the suspect, call the FBI immediately.

If you have information regarding the suspect but prefer to remain anonymous, contact The New Voice, and we will pass the information to the FBI. 24 hours a day, so if you think you see the suspect, call the FBI immediately.