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Our Turn

View and opinions by The New Voice staff.

The Real Killer

-by Sharon V.

I've worked in the health care industry for over 15 years and during that time I've learned a bitter lesson. Frequently, it is not the disease that kills but rather the individual dies because he or she ignored symptoms and delayed treatment until it was too late. When I learned CPR we were taught that the biggest factor in death from heart attacks is patient and physician denial. All too often patients refuse to admit that shortness of breath or occasional chest pain could be early signs of heart trouble. The same is true of deaths from cancer. Too often women fail to detect lumps in their breasts.

Too often men are ignorant of the importance of testicular self examination. Too often these people die.

I feel strongly that the same dynamic is at work in the fight against AIDS. Fear keeps us from being tested, fear keeps us from seeking medical help at the first sign of problems. Fear kills us.

You can fight back. Fear can be conquered through knowledge. You know about safer sex. You know where to go to be tested. You know where to go for medical care. What you may not know is that people can live longer if treatment begins early and is followed faithfully.

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Letters

To the Editor:

Last fall, Dick B. Emperor 7 of The Imperial Court of Nebraska stated that the title of Emperor of the Imperial Court of Nebraska was a title bestowed on him by a popular vote of the good citizens of Nebraska. It is in response to this comment that I direct this open letter to the good people of Nebraska, and especially those of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. I grant that the titled heads of ICON are voted on during the festivities that surround this 'fabled' event.

It has come to my attention that over the past two years (1986 and 1987), that the winners of this election won by extremely few votes. A concern was voiced by several people in this year's election in the fact that there was only one person running for the title of emperor and empress. The first and main concern that was voiced was that of "Why should I go and vote? There is only one person for each position. My vote wouldn't matter." Then other people started talking about going and voting "No" to the candidates on the slate.

Another concern was why should we go and pay \$10.00 to go and vote? It doesn't matter how many yes vs. no votes there are since that one person would be guaranteed the crown.

I asked these very questions to an ICON former emperor and was told that 'If there were even 1 more NO vote that YES

votes, then that person would not win'. I asked the ICON person how that could be since there is NO SEPARATE, IMPARTIAL JUDGE to GUARANTEE a valid election results: that in fact the vote could be rigged, jeopardized, and in fact could be invalidated. No suitable answer was received by myself from this person.

The fact that the ICON BOG (Board of Governors) supervises the counting of the votes, to myself, smacks of favoritism, partiality, and in the event of a tie/no obvious winner/ or even a landslide win, that would not necessarily insure that the wishes of the populace (i.e. gay and lesbian community) be insured for the correct choice.

I challenge the ICON to submit in writing the results of the last election of Emperor and Empress; complete with documented proof that there was no tampering with the results and that they continue to do so in the future. Since the ICON claims themselves to be a voice of the gay/lesbian community at large (Didn't they represent us in Washington? or did they represent only the faction that supports an Imperial Court?), surely they should have no problem in providing this proof.

I personally know of quite a few people who are shocked that Gary W. won the title this year when most of the people that I and others have talked to voted

"NO" on the ballot. When asked about the money needed to go and just vote, the same ICON BOG person stated that 'This year one does not have to pay to vote. This fact is represented in all the advertising that has been done for this year's coronation.'

The fact of the matter is that while on the posters for the coronation it does state that one needs not to pay to vote, the ads carried in The New Voice did NOT state this fact. Not all people who would/would not like to be represented by ICON go to the bars. For many of them, their only source of on-going events is in the New Voice. Does ICON really represent a true cross section of the gay/lesbian community if they withhold information that could be vital to some members? Again, I challenge the ICON to disprove their claim that it was not necessary for people to pay to vote and that this was in all of their ads.

To me it seems that in actuality, the ICON represents itself and what ever group that it wishes to endorse and offers no PROOF POSITIVE of its accountability in voting matters, truth in advertising, or for that matter, how can we know that when we support an ICON function, that the monies we donate are going to the group/agency/organization that the benefit is for?

-Stephen Michael Mosler

Parade Day Reflections

I'm writing to express my feelings of marching in the "Gay Pride Parade" held on the 25th of June 1988.

My first feelings were the fear of what if someone I know sees me on T.V. That soon was overcome by the thoughts of I've been a lesbian for six years now in Omaha. I was welcomed in the community with loving arms and was able to enjoy the bars, fellowship, activities and reading materials.

I joined the parade taking each step with others as we all walked together, heads held high with Gay Pride.

As it came to be I was on T.V. and my family did see it.

Their reactions were just that they had seen me on T.V. Nothing else. I imagined a lot worse.

This parade was just a beginning for me and my feelings of being proud of being a lesbian and wanting "Gay Rights Now!"

Next year I plan on being there, walking tall with pride.

Maybe next year I'll be walking next to those of you who were worrying about what people would say if they saw you on T.V. this year.

Thanks for this wonderful feeling of pride.

-Susan E. Blankman

Dear Sharon,

Thanks so much for mailing me the Pride Week T-Shirt. What a surprise! That was quite thoughtful of the steering committee, so please convey my thanks, I think, however, my partner will be wearing it to the Saturday march, while I'll be sporting the "New Voice" T-shirt I have. Perhaps we'll see you and some other staff members there. And thanks you for extending my subscription. Without the Voice, we'd be living in the dark here in Kearney.

Yours,
Jean

To the Editor and the Nebraska Gay and Lesbian Community:

A letter to the Editor as written by Mr. Stephen M. Moeller concerning the "actions" of the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON), and their Board of Governors (BOG), and a certain individual, about Coronation VIII. We as a governing body of ICON have been given this chance to reply and we are doing so at this time.

As we read Mr. Moeller's letter, the first of many complaints or criticisms is the fact that there is only one person running for the titles of Emperor and Empress. The BOG'S has no control over the number of people deciding to run for these positions. However, whether it be lack of community support or whatever, the previous two years, there has in fact been only one person running for the position of Emperor and one person running for the position of Empress. This is not the fault of ICON'S BOG'S.

As is stated in Mr. Moeller's letter, if there is one more "no" vote than "yes" votes, the person running would be defeated, therefore the position would be left vacant.

Every year prior to Coronation VIII, there has been (1) person to secure the voting box (normally Pastor Jan), (2) either one or more "impartial" people who have participated in the counting of the votes. However, ICON, being one of the five oldest volunteer organizations in Nebraska, decided that we could in fact trust our own membership in the counting, and the validity of our own count.

There were 300 ballots printed; 107 votes were cast, and 193 ballots destroyed. The BOG'S of ICON trust our president, Mr. Don Flowers, who destroyed the ballots and who also still has the ballots cast in his possession (by the way, these equal 107).

According to the By-Laws of ICON, any person(s) wishing to contest the coronation vote, may be allowed to do so within (30) days of coronation. After (30) days, the ballots are destroyed. However, in this year's case, we will extend this to (60) days because of some of the public's concern.

In response to the voting of Coronation VIII, they were as follows: Gary W., yes 75, no 3, Danielle Logan, yes 81, no 23, (3 not cast). They were

verified by Mr. Don Flowers, Mr. Richard W., Mr. Bill B., Don R.

Referring to representation in Washington D.C., for the March on Washington, there was a very diverse group representing not ICON but Nebraska's Gay Community. Emperor VI, Pat Phalen, Prince Royal VI and VII Terry Sweeney, President Don Flowers, Emperor I, II, IV, V, and VIII Gary West, Mr. Don Moran, Mr. Bruce Barnard and gay constituents from Lincoln and Omaha.

These people who represented the Nebraska gay/lesbian delegation were volunteers. They traveled at their own expense, with no funds coming from ICON. Also represented at the March, were two P.W.A.'s from Nebraska, whose expenses were paid due to fundraising done by ICON.

It is not the fault of the BOG'S that Gary W. was the only candidate to run for Emperor. You say that the BOG'S have bias towards Gary W. and that you talked to many who voted "no" for Gary. It seems that you talked only to your friends and not the consensus. As was stated previously, as Gary won by 43 votes. It seems only narrow minded people never gather the real facts.

The idea of free voting first originated this year. You are correct in saying that the posters stated free voting and The New Voice advertisement did not. However the New Voice ad

had to be submitted by May 15th. The BOG'S had not yet voted on the free voting issue until the monthly meeting on June 6th. The Nebraska gay/lesbian community need to realize that the first time things do not always work perfectly. We realize that some work is needed on things we do. It does take time to work out "kinks", which hopefully will be taken care of for Coronation IX.

As far as ICON's credibility to the gay/lesbian community, in the 5th reign, the BOG'S supplied The New Voice with a total breakdown of expenditures and receipts from Labor Day weekend. This however, was never printed in any New Voice publication. If anyone would like to see where the funds raised by ICON have gone, you are more than welcome to contact the UNMC Viral Syndrome Clinic, The Human Rights Campaign Fund (Washington D.C.), M.C.C., Gay Bowlers, Gay Volleyball, River City Mixed Chorus, and Lambda House, and THE NEW VOICE.

As a governing Board, ICON respectfully accepts any criticism or praise for it's efforts. We sincerely hope to have the continued backing of our community, because if not for you (Nebraska's Gay/Lesbian Community), our hopes and dreams would not be realized.

In love and fellowship,
The Board of Governors of The Imperial Court of Nebraska.



Features

Misconceptions

-Jerry Peck

As a PWA (Person With AIDS), I have spoken to other gay men about AIDS. There are many misconceptions about transmission of the virus.

The idea is prevalent that the only Nebraskans (mid-westerners) that are infected are those that went to San Francisco or elsewhere to get the virus. I was born in Nebraska, raised in Nebraska and with the exclusion of 10 days in the southern tip of Texas - all of my sexual experience has been here. That is not to say that I have never been with someone from the areas of greater infection, or with someone that had been with someone from these areas. We, including gay men, are a mobile society.

There are two extremes of how the virus is transmitted. On one hand there are those that believe the virus can be absorbed through the skin from a tear or a drop of sweat. If I believed that the virus could appreciably be excreted through tears or sweat, I would be in a sauna peeling onions.

On the other hand we have people that suffer from a misunderstanding of the term promiscuous. In referring to sexual conduct one can be celibate, monogamous or promiscuous. Any number from two to two hundred falls into the same category. I have heard it suggested that the virus is a mutation caused by receiving semen from multiple partners in one setting (being gang-banged). Somewhat like sperm causing pregnancy, the virus can be acquired through a single contact. Unlike pregnancy, gay men are not only vulnerable at certain times of the month.

A final misconception is that the orifice (mouth or anal canal) receiving the semen must be bleeding profusely in order for the virus to get into the blood. Contrarily, that would flush out the semen and virus. Seepage, such as caused by pyorrhea of the gums, vigorous brushing of the teeth, or insertion of an item into the rectal canal allows the virus entry.

We all enjoy "playing", but if you "play around" - "Play Safe".

Death

Death is a word
Which has the power
To throw fear into the heart
And shorten the hour.
It speaks of your future;
It speaks of your past,
It speaks of eternal
Slumber at last.

-Bear

Letter to Jason

-Ann Muller

Dated June 29, 1981

(1988 note: For several years, Guy Warner, Founder of Parents FLAG, Chicago, patiently nudged parents to participate in Chicago's Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade. In 1981, 16 months after Jason came out to his dad and me, 2 other mothers and I were the first parents to do so in Chicago. Unexpectedly, the experience of being in the parade changed both how I felt about Jason being gay and about myself as his mother. (This is how I described it all to Jason who was away at school that summer.)

Dear Jason.

Well, the parade went on! After rain yesterday morning, the weather cleared, and we marched in sunny 87 degrees cooled by a nice breeze.

First, though, Guy had us up to his apartment for brunch. One of the dads made great scrambled eggs with cream cheese. Somebody else made corned beef hash that had to be cut by hand (by knife?--anyway, not in the Cuisinart), and Dad and I brought fresh fruit salad. They all asked about you and said to tell you hi.

(When we left Guy's apartment building that day and threaded our way through the crowds to where the parade was lining up, I mentioned to one of the other mothers how the excitement around us reminded me of my own feelings about the women's movement. Her answer was that the parallel, for her, was the struggle for black

rights. I remember just how the sun looked on the concrete sidewalk in front of us that day in 1981 when I first understood that significant link of gay to women and blacks.)

Before the parade started, Dad had established 2 "pooping-out" places along the way in case any of us got tired, but it ended up that two other mothers and me plus Ed, Guy, his Bob, and Paul walked all the way to Lincoln Park. We carried cardboard signs that read:

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF GAYS
and

GAY OR STRAIGHT LOVE IS GREAT

At first when the onlookers saw who we were and started to clap, I started to cry, but then I reminded myself that I only had 2 Kleenex in my pocket.

And it was even more emotional as we turned the corner on Broadway. The accolades got almost overwhelming. Several times the crowd came right off the sidewalk, applauding, and kind of closing in on us as if they wanted to see our faces. Oh, Jay, the numbers of people, the very numbers.

You know, Jason, how in a crowd you're inclined to avoid eye contact? Well, for some reason, I found myself doing exactly the opposite yesterday, and somehow it was that very thing, the seeing look, that moved me so.

As much as you and I both know that I didn't want to hear you were gay, being in the parade, surrounded by so many gay people was one of the most moving experiences of my life. Their faces touched me. They were so alive, so full of sensitivity, pain.

I say yesterday that you are part of a good group of people, people you'll be strengthened by. It was also pretty neat to get so much attention for being just your mom.

Dad took pictures of our group in the parade and as soon as they come back, we'll send them to you. We tried to call when we got home last night, but you were out. Let us hear and take care.

Love,
Mom

Hedda Who?

In this issue you'll find a new column written by an old friend of the New Voice. Our culinary genius, writing under the somewhat corny Pseudonym of "Hedda Lettuce" (Is there a Pun somewhere in that sentence?), will share with us ways to make the kitchen a friendly place even on the morning after the night before. Hedda appears to believe the way to a lover's heart is through the stomach as she goes out of her way to entice with tempting, yet easy recipes. I have sampled Hedda's culinary delights and I guarantee you that you will not be led astray by these recipes. Now, Hedda might want to lead you astray but not with recipes.

Second Most Important Room in the House

-By Hedda Lettuce

BREAKFAST! It was at breakfast a few months ago and I was enjoying the meal with Sharon for reasons not discussible here - anyway the subject on me writing a column for the NEW VOICE came up. That was when the NEW VOICE was being published in Lincoln. I begged off and asked her to let me think about it for a while. A lot of iced tea and other liquid refreshments have gone "under the bridge", so to speak since then and after some sporadic badgering by Sharon here I am, girls.

We discussed different ideas about this column and it was decided that my first article should be about special breakfasts - such as the morning after that special night where you've wooed and won and carried on till all hours of the morning in the most important room in the house.

Anyway, here it is morning and after a little morning exercise session you want to show your appreciation for the night before so here's a couple of easy breakfasts that are not the typical toast, cornflakes, and coffee genre.

Play Safe



The first, gleaned from an old GQ magazine, is related to a crepe, souffle, and an omelet all rolled up into one dish. Since it takes less than 20 minutes to make, you can prepare a pot of coffee and perhaps nuke some bacon in the microwave while this is cooking.

Ingredients: 2 Tbl butter
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1 Tbl Grand
Marnier or Kirsch
2 Tbl sugar
1/2 cup flour
Juice of one
lemon, or use bottled
lemon juice

Directions: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place a 10 inch GLASS pie plate in oven to heat. Add the butter to the plate and when melted, brush the side and bottom of the plate with it. Keep the plate in the oven until ready to use, the plate must be kept hot. Put eggs, milk, liquer, and sugar into a blender. Blend briefly at low speed, Add flour and blend at high speed until light and frothy. Scrape sides of blender and blend a few seconds more. Pour mixture into heated pie plate, and bake for 15 minutes.

Serve with maple syrup or jam.

This is an ideal time to serve mimosa which is equal parts orange juice and champagne, but let your mood and temperament be your guide as to the exact proportions of the bubbly and the Vitamin C. It is rumored that a small sugar cube soaked in Galliano and dropped into the wine glass turns this libation into an aphrodisiac (as if you need one.)

Why Me?

Day after day
I sit and ponder,
Night after night,
I just let my mind wonder.
To find the answer to
The question "Why me?"
All the luck seems to
Be with the rest--but not me.

-Bear

For those who like something more zippy and zesty try these eggs with a definite Mexican flavor. Ole!

For 2 servings:

INGREDIENTS: 2 flour
tortillas
4 eggs
1 t. water
1/8 t. salt
1 Tbl butter (or oleo)
1/4 cup chopped gr onion
1 medium sized tomato,
peeled, seeded, and chopped
2 ounces canned, chopped
green chiles, well
drained
1/2 cup shredded
Monterey cheese
2 Tbl taco sauce
2 Tbl sour cream

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Wrap tortillas in foil, bake about 5 minutes, or until warm. In bowl, combine eggs, water and salt and beat well. In large skillet melt butter. Add egg mixture and cook, stirring occasionally until eggs are almost done. Remove from heat.

Place tortillas on ungreased cookie sheet. Top each tortilla with 1/2 of the egg mixture, then onions, tomatoes, green chiles, and cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 to 10 minutes or until very warm and cheese is melted. Top each with a Tbl taco sauce and a Tbl of sour cream.

Now that breakfast is over and you've decided to live together there will come a time when the in-laws are going to come to dinner. First of all I would suggest lunch but we'll cover that next month. Meanwhile I've got a date with Charlie Horse and I want to see if he lives up to his name.



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Sorry, Hedda

OOPS, we made a slight tactical error and took a left turn when the map said right. This meant that an article got sidetracked between the editor's hands and the typesetter's keyboard. As a result, you will be treated to a double dose of calories from our expert chef, Hedda Lettuce. Enjoy! Enjoy!



First things first. I'm not one to tell all, but about my date with Charlie Horse...lets just say that not all men are created equal. Some men are more endowed by their Creator with certain enviable assets. If you want particulars I'm afraid you'll have to talk with Charlie.

Last month I promised you some recipes to serve the in-laws. Any of these can be suitable for either lunch or dinner so just pick a time to eat and enjoy.

CHICKEN DIJON (serves 4)

Ingredients:

4 chicken legs (the kind you buy in the grocery store)
2 whole chicken breasts, each split in half
1 1/2 cups bread crumbs
1 1/2 tsp dry mustard
1 tsp salt
1 tsp cayenne pepper
3/4 cup veg. oil
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/2 tsp more salt
Brush each piece of chicken with oil, lemon juice, and 1 tsp salt. Mix bread crumbs, dry mustard, 1/2 tsp salt and pepper together. Coat each piece of chicken with this mixture. Bake in well-greased pan 40 minutes at 425 degrees, uncovered.

SAUCE

Ingredients:

1 TBL minced onion
3 TBL butter
1/4 cup flour
1 1/4 cups warm milk
3/4 heavy cream
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp white pepper
1 TBL Dijon mustard
lemon juice to taste..start with a teaspoon

Directions:

In heavy saucepan saute onions in butter until soft.

Add flour and cook 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add milk and cream, stirring until thick. Add salt, pepper, mustard, lemon juice; simmer 10 minutes. Strain through a sieve.

Boil, or preferably, steam a sufficient amount of broccoli until JUST tender. Serve chicken and broccoli with sauce poured over. A crisp garden salad should compliment the meal.

Another yummy way to serve chicken breasts is a Cordon Bleu with Mornay Sauce. Here's how to do it. Serves 4.

Flatten 4 half chicken breasts (there is no truth to the rumor that left breasts are more tender than right breasts) that have been boned and skinned to a thickness of 1/8 inch. This can easily be done between sheets of waxed paper. Use the flat side of a wooden or metal mallet; do not use the grooved sides, as this will make holes in the chicken. Top each piece of flattened chicken with a thin slice of PROSCIUTTO and a thin slice of Swiss cheese. Fold in the sides of the chicken and roll the breast up tightly. Dredge the rolls in flour, shaking off excess. Make a mixture of 2 eggs and 4 TBLs of milk; dip the rolls in this mixture and then coat the rolls in fresh bread crumbs. Saute the rolls in 4 TBLs melted butter until golden brown on all sides. Put the rolls in an ovenproof dish and bake them 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Remember to preheat the oven first. Place cooked chicken rolls in a broiler pan, pour Mornay sauce over and broil 3 to 4 inches from heat for 3 minutes, or until it is slightly brown.

MORNAY SAUCE

Before you do the Cordon Bleu, you should make this sauce, then it will be ready when you need it. In a sauce pan melt 2 TBLs butter and add 2 TBLs flour, stirring constantly. After a minute or so, add 1 cup milk. Stir constantly until thick and smooth, using a wooden spoon, or preferably a whisk. A dash of nutmeg seems to help the flavor. In another bowl beat until well blended 1 egg yolk and 2 TBLs cream. Add a little of the white sauce to the egg mixture, stirring all the time. Then put all the egg mixture back into the white sauce mixture, stirring all the while. When this is nice and hot add 2 TBLs grated Parmesan cheese and 2 to 4 TBLs grated Gruyere cheese. Keep stirring

with a whisk to help melt the cheese and keep the sauce smooth while it thickens. Season to taste with salt and a few grains of cayenne pepper. Voila! Sauce Mornay.

I was going to tell you about Chicken Tarragon but a young hunk is moving in next door. I ran over and introduced myself; his name is Luke Warm...and he's hot!

More next month, loves.

Wednesday's Friends

-by Jean Jennings

On Wednesdays

our lives touched, briefly,
fleetingly..

We brought our sometime
despair, our defeats.

And when we parted, we took
with us

feelings of hope,
and the knowledge that somehow
through our stumbling
efforts,

we would become
the people we so desperately
wanted to be.

They understood.

They knew so well

what "running scared" was
all about.

And more than this, they cared.

They taught me about courage

A courage I think, perhaps,
the world has not known before.
From them I learned to make
each moment count to love,
to give, to be - and to do
this 'now'.

They showed me it was safe to
feel, safe to cry.

They taught me to feel
pain, more intensely -
and now I can touch the
pain in others.

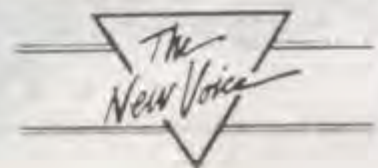
They taught me about joy -
and now I can share the
joy of others.

From them I learned to move
with a passionate concern
for those around me.

Have I told them that -
each in a different way,
they are part of my heart?

And how do I thank them?

Is it enough to say that
so much of what I have become
is because of Wednesday's
friends?



Too Mean to Die:

What it means to be a long

term survivor of AIDS

-by Joe Dolce
Paper

Over six years ago, Michael Callen was diagnosed with cryptosporidium, a parasite which normally lives in the bowels of sheep. He had AIDS and the doctors and the media assured him that he would be dead by 1984. He has proven them wrong with a vengeance. He is one of 15 percent of the people with AIDS now known as long term survivors.

Despite 4 bouts with pneumonia and related illnesses, Callen, an Ohio native, is proof that living with AIDS isn't living with the glass half empty, but living with it half full. An untiring AIDS activist, he was the co-founder of the PWA Coalition, the PWA Health Group, and the landmark CRI (Community Research Initiative) which tests non-toxic treatments within the AIDS community. Besides writing several books and controversial articles, he has written with Marsha Malamet, 'The Healing Power of Love', the PWA anthem, and along with Peter Allen, the very touching "Love Don't Need a Reason." His debut album, PURPLE HEART, is a testament to living and loving in the plague years.

Callen performed in the Reno Sweeney Reunion for AIDS at the Bottom Line along with Phoebe Snow, Janis Ian, and Jimmy Webb. He introduced himself as "the Singing PWA - it's like the Flying Nun, only different." We met in the crowded Winnebago between shows.

Joe Dolce: What prompted this album?

Michael Callen: I had pneumonia for the 3rd time about a year ago and I was feeling very mortal. I've been threatening to do this for a few years now and my lover Richard agreed to help me produce it.

J.D.: Nice title, PURPLE HEART.

M.C.: Richard suggested it because it had different layers of meaning. I liked it because purple was queer. My goal was to make the queerest album in the world, one that celebrates being gay even in the age of AIDS.

J.D.: Is that why you held what sounds like the longest note in musical history in your version of "Where the Boys Are?"

M.C.: I held that note for 23 seconds. I wanted to hold a note longer than any recorded Streisand note and the longest she holds is on "Before the Parade Passes By." which is 17 seconds.

J.D.: Did you actually hold it or was it engineered?

M.C.: There's no way to fake it on one note, or on one word.

J.D.: The notion of long term survivors is a new one in the history of AIDS, no?

M.C.: It's an old one to me. I know more long-term survivors than anyone in the world. I went in search of them. In my first support group meeting in 1982, I met the longest survivor of AIDS in the world. He'd had KS since '78. He was beautiful, sexy and working fulltime. This was pre-propaganda and he never viewed his illness as inevitably fatal. He was a sign for me and when I got involved in the movement, I met others. For the last 6 years my goal has been to put out the notion that not everyone dies from AIDS.

J.D.: What makes a long-term survivor?

M.C.: Believing in the possibility of long-term survival seems to be a precondition. And those of us who are frisky and mock authority have other ways. Some turn off the IV, refuse to read the papers, fire doctors who give them a negative prognosis. I personally have studiously avoided federally designed treatment protocols. Now they think I may have lymphoma, so I'm back on the merry-go-round on inconclusive tests, biopsies, endoscopies. 3 doctors think it is, 2 think it's inconclusive. The plan now is to wait a few months.

J.D.: But what specifically do you think has kept you alive?

M.C.: My mom says I'm too mean to die. I don't know. No one pattern has emerged. No one medicine, no one alternative. But there is a personality profile and the word that comes to mind is grit. These are people who are just not ready to die and they surround themselves with people to support that notion. Almost every one had thrown a physician or health care provider out. We're difficult patients and it's well known that difficult patients survive better and longer. I want to be clear though - I know some people who had hope and who believed they were going to survive, who died. It's not a simple matter of having the right attitude. But

it is clear to me that having the right attitude is the precondition to surviving.

J.D.: What about diet? I know you'd a dedicated Coca-Cola-holic.

M.C.: I believe I'm alive because of luck, the love of a good man, changes in attitudes, and good medical care. I've been on pneumocystis prophylaxis from the beginning. If you want the whole list, I've been plasma frozen, I received units of packed red blood cells for my immune complex problem, I'm on high dose acyclovir, German enzymes, lipids, antabuse, and naltrexone.

J.D.: Is it true that you only have 17 T-cells?

M.C.: Yes, but they've never correlated with how I feel. When I'm feeling great and I burst into the lab, they're low. When I'm feeling shitty, they're above 100.

J.D.: I know people with AIDS who have managed to use this disease to really transform their lives.

M.C.: I like to say that AIDS is a cosmic kick in the butt. It makes you ask, "Do I like my life? I may not have much left, I better get it right." It's not easy. My fantasy was that within weeks of my diagnosis, I'd be writing songs and telling everybody what I really thought of them. It doesn't work quite like that, but you do get over some silliness. My reputation precedes me. I was your basic, not really a clone because I don't grow facial hair, but, um...I was a slut. That's what I did. Bathhouses and Back rooms. I was actually quite sick before my official diagnosis. During that period I began to deal with the possibility I might be dead. I decided what I always wanted to do was make music. So I placed an ad in the NATIVE looking for musicians to form a rock band. My lover who's a drummer answered the ad, so I got a lover and a band out of it. That's dramatically changed my life. Now I'm Mathilde monogamous. Who knew? You could title my biography "I Married a Drummer."



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Political Inciters

-by Jerry Roemer

KAY'S BUSH

Governor Kay Orr will be doing more than just supporting former CIA director George Bush for President. In June, Kay attended a meeting with 20 other elected Republicans to become part of an anti-Dukakis task force. Since the Vice President can't be everywhere Dukakis is, these surrogates including Governor Orr will be preceding or following Dukakis appearances in their area to steal away any positive press and create controversies for Dukakis. We've all known that Kay Orr was for hire (thank's ConAgra) anyway. Look for a lot of political junkets by our hit-man governor this fall.

ALL TALK, NO ACTION

After taking testimony from gay rights and pro-choice advocates during Republican platform hearings, it is now obvious that it was all a "smoke and mirrors" routine. The GOP can't operate in today's generation, as long as Robertson throwbacks are increasing their strength in the party. At the Nebraska Republican convention, the evangelicals succeeded in repealing South African support and called for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. Furthermore, they nearly succeeded in passing a plank in favor of public reporting of all people exposed to the AIDS virus.

FIRST TIME EVER

The Nebraska Democrats, however, passed their first plank ever dealing with AIDS. The state platform committee rejected an AIDS plank written by PFLAG and Lancaster County Democrats, and instead wrote a plank calling for awareness education and more resources in the fight against AIDS. On the convention floor, Lancaster County and Young Democrat delegates amended the plank to "demand an end to discrimination against people with AIDS, ARC, HIV+ status or those perceived to have AIDS." AIDS is clearly a black or white issue in Nebraska politics - either you are aware and understanding or you want a

scarlet letter branded to those who are HIV+.

RED-NECK VICE PRESIDENT

Nominee Dukakis's selection of Lloyd Bentsen is not necessarily good news for the gay community. Bentsen has consistently voted with Southern Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) on AIDS education issues. Furthermore, Bentsen wants mandatory HIV testing for all couples applying for a marriage license. Such a program in Illinois has driven applicants out of state to get married and those who want to be married in Illinois can't get a timely appointment (8 weeks advance minimum). The cost of testing in Illinois is over \$100 in many cases, and most importantly, has limited the access of those in high-risk groups to get testing because of the backlog. While he can't be fully categorized as a redneck; progressive democrats will have much work to do to educate Bentsen.

THE 3rd PARTIES

With the New Alliance stealing the spotlight for third parties, I thought it might be interesting to look at their competition. The Libertarian Party has been organized in Nebraska for over eight years and has a place on the fall ballot. There are forty registered Libertarians in Nebraska (three times more than the New Alliance) and their presidential candidate is Ron Paul, who spoke in Lincoln this past spring. Libertarians are simply for personal freedoms - no helmet laws, no gun control, no seat belts, no drug testing and no income tax. Based on these issues, they have to be for gay rights.

The newest kid on the block is the Green Party. This West German ecology party has been organizing in the U.S. since August 1984. The nearest organization is in Kansas City (PO Box 30208, KC, MO 64112) and they are actively seeking Nebraska contacts.

NEXT TIME

The National Conventions summary and what the Presidential AIDS Commission really said.

Safe Sex

-by Yvonne Eldresse

I've never much enjoyed
Morning-after night trails,
Vagina grooves,
Venus impaled...
So those fingercots I can
Abide.

(Safe sex ain't all that bad.)

Though rubber was never my trip
My fingers are learning
To slishtrip
Through vinyl,
I can christen it kinky
And slide.

(I practice on myself.)

But damn dams.
Will somebody please
Give me some dam lessons?
How can I get hot
Over safethings
That leave me so cold?

(So, okay, I won't floss my
teeth.)

Mutual Masturbation?

Okay
To a point
But all that makes me want to
do
Is
Switch.

(Maybe it's all unnecessary
anyway.)

After all
I'm careful in my choice
Of partners.

But what about her quickie
on that ski trip?
And her friend she doesn't
know is bi?
And her lover who travels a
lot?
And his friend who shoots up
in Detroit?
And her...
And his...

Oh, shit!
I see...
It isn't just MY choice of
partners.

(It never was.)

I admit I've tried
Long-term monogamy
And 6-months-after-a-safe-test
Celibacy
But it's not
For me.

(So, step right up...with dam
tips!)

For more reasons than this
But this one counts, too.
I'm just trying to keep my
sense of humor

Of honor
My life

Use the Classifieds

15 Years - 100 Days

-Tom White, Editor
Guide Mag.

This is a love story.

I first met Barry on a warm summer's night in a dismal bar 15 years ago. It was his first-ever trip to a gay bar. He was naive, shy, and vulnerable. He was, to me, perfect, and soon after I first saw him, we were dancing together.

Ours was a gay storybook romance. We met, made love and moved in together - on the first night. We have grown in love ever since.

For the first 7 years of our life together, our relationship was monogamous. We led sheltered suburban lives and grew comfortable as a pair. During the sexual circuses of the '70's, when we had both finally become sure of ourselves and sure of our love for each other, we were able to share our love with others. We both slept with many men, often falling in love, always coming home.

We walked on the edge, without regret. When we grew anxious or tired of each other, we sought help and found our way together again.

During the last 3 years, we watched as AIDS began to take it's toll among our friends. We grew closer through pain. We released our anger through activism. We came together in celebration. We found time to share the small wonders of our existence.

In Washington last Fall, we were married - a symbol of our commitment. For Christmas, we exchanged wedding bands - a symbol of our completeness and our righteous love.

When he told me he wanted us to grow old together, I held him close, and cried, and said 'we have'.

On October 27, 1987, my partner, my lover and friend was diagnosed with AIDS. 100 days later he died, with dignity and at peace, his work complete.

I am overwhelmed by his loss. Grief rolls across me in waves. Loneliness hangs on my heart like a stone. My heart hurts.

Yet, I am grateful.

Barry and I shared the best. Through all the triumphs, disasters, and wonders of life we chose to be together. We worked at our relationship and we were rewarded. Toward the end, we shared in the most

important work of our lives, a healing of our spirits. Eyes wide open, we walked together again.

For now I am left hollow and confused. Awed by the finality of death, I am frustrated with my own inadequacy for expressing what I feel.

I know that I am not unique, that many thousands of lovers and partners, brothers and families and friends have also tasted of this bitter fruit. I search for a meaning and a message to share with them.

But there are no grand solutions. There are no hidden meanings. We are born into experience and we pass into experience. If we are lucky, or if we are smart, we are able to keep our eyes open, to really see. If we are blessed, we learn to plant love in the gardens of the heart.

Many years ago on a trip to New York, Barry and I enjoyed a revival of Berstein's *CANDIDE*. The words to the finale come back to me now.

"We're neither pure, nor wise, nor good,
We do the best we know.
We'll build our house,
and chop our wood,
and make our garden grow."

So long, boyfriend and thanks. We did the best we knew, and we grew a good garden.



Lamb Among the Wolves

A circle of children
launting, laughing
Crude and thoughtless.
A lamb in the center
Stands alone
Wanting to belong
Wanting to get along
With the pack of wolves.

To: RK & I.

-Bear

Who is the shadow? for I am you
and you are me.

Our paths now cross yet they
were never apart as we
walked the same road.

You desire to have what I have
been given yet my own heart
cries for the exchange
rather than the status quo.

I hold on to truth with fire
and vigor while I yet crave
the lies that would bind me
to hell.

You reject my wants as the
undesirable ways and covet
my gifts to have as your own.

You wish the freedom from the
destructive desires that my
own heart seeks to freely
follow.

Who is the shadow? for I am you
and you are me.

by John S.



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The week long benefit will begin with a leather beer bust sponsored by Touche' and Male Hide Leathers on Sunday afternoon, August 21st at Maneuvers & Co., 118 E. Jefferson in Joliet.

The highlight of the week will be Sunday night the 28th also at Maneuvers & Co. Beginning at 8pm, the bar will host raffles, door prizes and entertainment. A donation will be requested at the door.

Project S.A.V.E. has set a 1988 goal of raising \$3000. Moneys raised by Project S.A.V.E. are used to assist needy persons with AIDS in the Joliet (SW Chicago Suburban) area. Catholic Charities is responsible for determining the need.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to:
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Foolish Follies X

The Omaha Meat Packers would like to announce their 10th annual Foolish Follies. Of the previous ten, this is the fourth consecutive year to benefit AIDS. Last year of \$13,000 plus raised during Labor Day weekend for AL721 research. the Omaha Meat Packers raised over \$9,000 in a four hour period.


This Labor Day weekend, the goal of the Omaha Meat Packers,

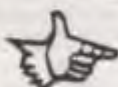
along with other Nebraska Gay organizations is \$30,000.

Foolish Follies X will be held at The Max in Omaha on September 5th at 9pm Drag Time.

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Local Organizations & Events

Honoring Ann Lamb

-by Jerry Peck

On July 10th from 2 to 5 pm a reception was held at the NAP Test Site in honor of Ann Lamb MSW as she moves on from her position as Social Worker with the Nebraska Viral Syndrome Clinic at University Hospital in Omaha. In attendance were staff of the Viral Syndrome Clinic, representatives from I.C.O.N., the Interfaith Network, MCC, NAP as well as persons with AIDS, persons with ARC and the worried well.

Ann Lamb received a plaque from NAP, a framed letter from the Archdiocese of Omaha, a certificate of appreciation from the Interfaith Network, a framed poster of the NAMES Project and a plaque from ICON as well as gifts and cards from individuals.

As a PWA that has been touched by Ann Lamb, I cannot say enough in gratitude for her help. Ann has been there to help me and others when we could no longer cope with AIDS. Ann has talked to many of us when suicide seemed the only answer, and shared our times of joy and laughed at some of my worst efforts to be funny. Ann Lamb will indeed be missed.

The reception also provided many of us with an opportunity to examine the newly acquired NAP offices and testing site. There is a reception area, four rooms for pre and post counseling and a rest room. The remodeling and furnishings have been made possible through generous donations by various people. The facility is a beautiful statement of the concern about AIDS made by the joining of the gay/lesbian community with the straight community.

Metro Club Dance

-by Bill S.

Omaha's 1988 Pride Week festivities came to a swinging finale at the dance Sunday night at the Warehouse hosted by the Metropolitan Club. When I say a swinging dance, I really mean a swinging dance! The music was by the Amethyst Band, which has a big fan club here in town. The group is composed of six gals with guitars, drums, keyboard, percussion and a saxophone. Popular music of the past thirty some years has really bewildered me, but a saxophone I can relate to. There was fast dance and slow dance music and just listen-to concert kind of music. The gals had fun doing it and it was great how the sax fit in with the other instruments. My only disappointment of the evening was the lack of support by the guys. If the guys had supported the event like the gals did, it would have been the biggest social event in the history of our community.

Memorial Service

MCC-Omaha sponsored their second annual memorial service on June 26, 1988. Forty people joined to remember those who have died during the last year from AIDS and other causes. Bagpipes and Pipe organ set the stage for the service which utilized scripture as well as readings from "The Book of Qualities" by J. Ruth Gendler to illustrate Fear, Courage, Grief, and finally Joy. The River City Mixed Chorus joined in the memorial service, performing "Danny Boy" in memory of former chorus members. The lighting of MCC's memorial candle was a highlight of the service which closed to the hopeful message of "Joy Comes in the Morning" sung by Howard Gunn of MCC-Omaha.

New Lesbian Quarterly

-Equal Time News

NEW MOON is a quarterly general interest magazine for lesbians and will be on the newsstands for the first time in October 1988. The editor requests inquiries from potential subscribers, shareholders, advertisers, and writers or photographers currently working in news media who would be interested in contributing. Contact Claire Hueholt, Editor, 2 Kings Terrace, Ames IA 50010 (515) 292-1972.



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Day Before Labor Day Picnic

-Jerry K.

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This year, T.W.O. is cosponsoring this event with various religious organizations in the area. Come one, come all to this festivity!

Splash Bash



Womyn Together (formerly Lesbian Rap Group) is sponsoring its first monthly social event or women only. On August 20, at 8:15pm, a summer splash bash will be held at Woodrow Wilson Pool in Council Bluffs. This private party will require advance reservations so call 556-9907 to reserve your spot. The cost is \$1 per person.

Prior to the pool party a pot luck picnic will be held at 6:30 at Robert Parks in Council Bluffs. Bring your own meat dish plus a dish to share.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at either the park or the pool.

Hope to see you there as Womyn Together!

Thanks to ICON

We at the New Voice of Nebraska want to say a heartfelt thanks to the Imperial Court of Nebraska for the \$300.00 donation received as part of the Coronation activities. Thanks Emperor VII and ICON.

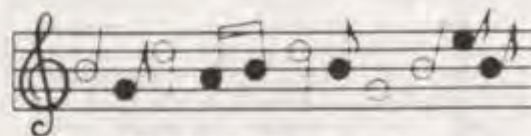
Puttin' on the Lips

Benefit for The New Voice

"Puttin' on the Lips", a take-off from the popular TV lip-sync contest show will be held on August 28th at the Max.

The event is sponsored by Mr. Gay Nebraska 1987, Dick Brown, as a benefit for The New Voice of Nebraska.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three performances as determined by the audiences. Prize money is: First - \$100, Second - \$50, Third - \$25. A ten dollar entry fee will apply.



RCMC Concert

-by Sharon V.

It was indeed a "Grand Night for Singing" as the River City Mixed Chorus presented their summer concert on July 10 at Strauss Performing Arts Center. There was something to please each of the 150 person in the audience as the Chorus performed old favorites as well as delightful new pieces. From the light hearted "Old Man Noah" to the inspiring "Battle Hymn of the Republic", from the heart wrenching solo rendition of "Summertime" to the poignant "Danny Boy" the River City Mixed Chorus demonstrated the breadth and depth of their talents, but it was the encore performance of "Sleigh Bells" complete with hats, scarves, mittens and elves scattering snow over the Chorus members that won the hearts of the audience.

River City Bowling

Anyone interested in Bowling in the River City fall/winter league, "Heed the Call".

On Sunday, August 14, at 4pm an organizational meeting will be held at the King Louie Rose Bowl, 1110 Northwest Radial Highway. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the rules and organize teams for the start of bowling, August 21. For further information, contact Charley Wade (493-6118) or Scott Rezek (345-5118).

We'll be looking forward to a successful winter season.

Gay Pride Parade

This year's Pride Parade may not have been the largest but it was probably the most enthusiastic and the most visible. 85 people marched 10 blocks down Farnam street with reporters in full pursuit. Members of P-Flag led the marchers in chanting a demand for Gay Rights Now while members of MCC sang songs of religious freedom. The parade ended at Turner Park where another 50 who had been supporting the Parade from the sidelines joined the marchers. 20 people were registered to vote during the activities. Your New Voice staff was right there in the middle of the Parade with a float of a bigger than life copy of the June New Voice Magazine.



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-Jim Hilyard
Show Director

As we approach the mid-summer and early fall, The Max will host an explosion of entertainment. July showed a variety of talents.

On July 10th at 9pm. The Max hosted the first Nebraska Entertainer Of The Year Contest. Fourteen contestants participated.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top 3 contestants. Anne Marlow showed us her "Tina" talents, winning 3rd place (\$25). Miss Max - Katrina Kane, working as a waitress, showed us "It's an Art" winning 2nd place (\$50). Entertainer Of The Year (\$100) was awarded to MUFFY ROSENBERG. Muffy showed the transition of herself to "I am what I am", Wearing her 3 foot headdress as "Big Spender", and then transformed to Marty "The Working Girl". Congratulations to Muffy. The Max would like to thank each contestant for their outstanding performances. Kansas City's Entertainer of the Year - Shugie was the special guest for the evening. Thanks Dorian for the special entertainment MC.

July 17, The Max hosted Grant Dixon's "Victims of Desire" an all Male Revue that was more than four beefcake performances. Each of the young men "Victims" enticed the crowd with production, and teased the audience with the individual strip sets, leaving the crowd laughing with "off the wall" comedy numbers.

The Imperial Court's Investiture was held at the Max on July 24. Congratulations to Empress VIII Daniel Logan and Emperor VIII Gary West.

The Max is excited to announce these upcoming events:
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- Miss Gay USA
- Female Impersonator of the Year

SUNDAY AUGUST 28

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MONDAY SEPT 5

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The team, sponsored by the Max, play their games every Wednesday night at either 7:30 or 9:30pm. Currently the team is in a tie for first place and is in the position for a possible trophy at season's end.

The team is as follows: 1st base, Gerry Polson; 2nd base, Sue Sanders; shortstop, Von Dyrda; left field, Karla Wieser; left center, Shay Stoney; center field, Tracey Garland; right field, Dawn Lutrell; catcher, Karla McGinn; Sub, Sue Saum; pitcher and assistant coach, Erin Sullivan; 3rd base and coach, Deb Winterscheidt and Dale Odey is their manager. Everyone's support is needed. For information, the schedule is posted at the Max.



Community Calendar

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

Metropolitan Community Church
420 South 24th St, Omaha
Worship Services 10:20am, 7pm
Bible Rap 6pm

Mondays

Adult Children of Alcoholics
MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th
346-0561, 7pm

Fridays

Gay AA
Lutheran Medical Center
345-9916, 8:15pm

Gay Al-Anon
MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th
8:15 pm

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 8

AIDS Interfaith Network
Prayer Service
St. Cecelia's Cathedral
701 N. 40th, Omaha, 7pm

Womyn Together (Lesbian Rap)
Dale Clark Library, Omaha
Meeting Rooms 2 & 3
7-9 pm

Sunday, August 14

Dignity
St. John's (lower level)
Creighton Campus, Omaha
Mass - 7pm

Monday, August 15

Womyn Together (Lesbian Rap)
Dale Clark Library, Omaha
Meeting Rooms 2 & 3
7-9 pm

Sunday, August 21

The Max
1417 Jackson, Omaha
"Special Patio Show"
9:30 pm

Tuesday, August 23

P-FLAG/Lincoln
Call for location
(402) 435-4688

Sunday, August 28

Dignity
"Gathering"
Call for location
331-4919, 7pm

The Max
1417 Jackson, Omaha
"Puttin' on the Lips"
Fundraiser-Mr. Gay Nebraska
Benefit for The New Voice



LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Sunday, September 4

MCC-Omaha
420 South 24th
"Ice Cream Social"
12 noon

T.W.O. 3rd Annual
"Day Before Labor Day Picnic"
Call for info/location
(402)341-9358 or (712)566-2206
Noon to 6pm

The Max
1417 Jackson, Omaha
"Pudgy"
9:30 pm

Monday, September 5

Imperial Court of Nebraska
The Warehouse
Carter Lake Iowa
Labor Day Picnic
12-5pm

August 10 - September 10

The Max
1417 Jackson, Omaha
Meatpackers Labor Day Show
"Foolish Follies"
Fundraiser for AIDS
Host: Don Flowers
9pm Drag Time

Tuesday, September 6

P-Flag/Omaha
First Methodist Church
(Northeast Entrance)
69th & Cass
6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 7

MCC-Omaha
420 South 24th
"Coming Out" support group
7pm

Thursday, September 8

Bars and Organizations of Omaha
(BOO)
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YOU BE THE JUDGE.....BE THERE!!!

-Jerry K.

The Sioux Empire Gay and Lesbian Coalition (SEGLC) will sponsor "Mini-Con 88: A Conference on Gay and Lesbian Relationships" September 9-11 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The purpose of the conference is to help gay men and lesbians develop better understandings in relating to themselves, their families, friends and the straight community. Counselors, along with family and friends of gays and lesbians, are invited.

The keynote speaker will be Karen Thompson of St. Cloud, Minnesota. Thompson has achieved national recognition in the custody battle over her lover, Sharon Kowalski. Thompson contends that she can provide better loving, nurturing care than Kowalski is currently receiving in a nursing home. Kowalski is invalid and brain damaged due to an automobile accident, Kowalski's father has barred Thompson from any communication and contact with Sharon.

Thompson will be discussing the necessity for legal avenues to safeguard same-sex relationships.

The conference will include speakers and workshops on building positive self-images, alcoholism, family relationships, safe sex, relationships affected by AIDS, ensuring life-long relationships, and relationships with God.

The conference begins Friday evening, September 9. It concluded Sunday with a church service conducted by Rev. Jan Kross of the Omaha Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). A dance will be held on Saturday night to celebrate the Coalition's 10th anniversary.

Early registration is \$20.00 per person, which includes Saturday's noon lunch. On August 27th, the fee increases to \$25.00.

For further information, contact SEGLC, P.O. Box 220, Sioux Falls, SD 57101. Phone (605) 332-4599.

Two Wheelers of Omaha are proud to announce their 1988 Mr. Gay Nebraska Contest to be held on Saturday October 15, 1988 at the Diamond Bar.

As in years past, contestants will be judged on various areas that include bar attire, talent, and other areas. In addition to the contestants, various local performers will fill out the program so that an entire evening of fun, entertainment, and enlightenment will be had by all who attend.

Further details along with rules and regulations of entrance will be available at local bars, organizations, and publications in August and September. Anyone interested in competing or knowing of anyone interested in competing should contact T.W.O. at P. O. Box 3216, Omaha, NE, 68103.

The title "Mr. Gay Nebraska" is the property of the Two Wheelers of Omaha, M.C.

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National Spotlight

National Notebook

-Joe P.

In an attempt to deal with the Vatican's dictate that Dignity Chapters not be allowed to use Catholic facilities, Cardinal Bernardin of the Archdiocese of Chicago issued the following statement, which is excerpted here.

"For more than 17 years there has been a mass at St. Sebastian's for gay and lesbian Catholics. The Archdiocese has never formally recognized the sponsorship of Dignity/Chicago. Last August Dignity/National adopted a resolution which called for openness to discussion on the morality of homosexual acts. The position of Dignity is unacceptable.

I am very concerned that gay and lesbian Catholics receive the pastoral care of their church. This new development, however, has required that the status of Dignity/Chicago's sponsorship of the mass at St. Sebastian's be reconsidered. It is my responsibility to make sure that the church's teaching on human sexuality is presented clearly and without ambiguity. It would be inappropriate to allow such an organization (i.e. Dignity) to assume a position of leadership.

In order to resolve this dilemma, I have been meeting with pastors of a number of parishes. The pastors and I have agreed to some basic principals upon which our ministry to the Catholic gay and lesbian community should be based.

1. The Archdiocese strongly affirms the teaching of the church on the rights and dignity of all persons and the fact that these rights should be respected and protected.

2. The Archdiocese condemns arbitrary discrimination and prejudice, violence, and harassment against a person because of his or her sexual orientation.

3. The Archdiocese fully supports the church's teaching on human sexuality which rejects as immoral

homosexual acts as distinguished from the person who is homosexual.

4. The Archdiocese reaffirms its commitment to minister spiritually to its brothers and sisters who are homosexual.

5. The Archdiocese does not endorse any organization which assumes a position of advocacy against church teaching.

In the context of these principles I wish to address the mass at St. Sebastian's. The importance and significance of this mass go beyond the question of sponsorship by Dignity/Chicago. To cancel the mass would be a serious pastoral mistake.

I have decided that the Archdiocese will assume responsibility for this mass. All who have been involved in the planning and celebration of the Sunday eucharist are invited to continue. It will be the responsibility of the pastors to ensure that everything connected with the mass, and any event which might take place before or after the liturgy, be in accord with church teaching and discipline. I will continue to dialogue with interested people as to how we can extend further, as the authentic teaching of the church directs, our pastor outreach to gay and lesbian Catholics."

As a result of this proposal of the Cardinal's, the chapter leadership of Dignity / Chicago voted 6 to 3 to recommend this proposal to its membership. The membership, by a vote of 75%, rejected this plan. As a result the chapter officers of Dignity / Chicago have resigned and an alternative mass has been established at a non-Catholic facility. The first alternative mass saw 114 persons attend the Dignity sponsored mass while 44 persons were in attendance at the "approved" mass sponsored by the Archdiocese.

Dignity Seattle has now been confronted with the same choice as the Arch Bishop Raymond Hunthausen informed Dignity Seattle that that group's mass would also be placed in the hands of the Archdiocese with no references to Dignity permitted. The guidelines outlined in Seattle were that:

1. Dignity will no longer be permitted to sponsor their usual Sunday evening liturgies.

2. The Archdiocese will appoint pastors to assume responsibility for the Sunday evening liturgies previously sponsored by Dignity.

3. The appointed pastors will be responsible for insuring that everything connected with the liturgies, and any event before or after, will be in accord with church teaching and discipline.

Dignity Seattle is now faced with three options. Accept Archdiocese sponsorship, reject sponsorship and oppose the actions of the Archdiocese which would result in the conducting of an exodus mass and moving to another non-Catholic location, or thirdly, do nothing and let the membership choose which mass to attend; the one sponsored by the Archdiocese or an alternative Dignity sponsored liturgy. No decision has been made as of this writing.



Matlovich Dies

-Washington Blade

Leonard Matlovich, a former Air Force technical sergeant whose battle to stay in the military after he acknowledged his homosexuality to a superior officer landed him on the cover of Time magazine, died June 22, at a friend's home in North Hollywood, CA, from complications associated with AIDS. He was 45.

AIDS News

-Washington Blade

A South Carolina pharmaceutical firm announced that it will ship all medication commonly used to treat AID or ARC to anyone with a valid physician's prescription anywhere in the country.

Kim Richardson, vice president of Family Pharmaceuticals, said the company will ship the medication via the United Parcel Service in plain brown wrappers to ensure confidentiality. Richardson said AZT is being sold at \$169.75 per 100 capsules and pentamidine is being sold for \$114 per vial.

For more information about the company, call 1-800-922-3444, or write: Family Pharmaceuticals of America, 309 Mill St., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

Dentists may not ethically refuse treatment solely because the patient has AIDS or has tested positive for the AIDS antibody, the American Dental Association Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs said in an advisory opinion last month.

The American Dental Association News reported that advisory opinions by the council are binding on the association's membership. The decision will be included in the association's code of ethics.

The opinion noted that since there is "virtually no risk of AIDS transmission" from a patient to a dentist or a member of a dentist's staff where infection control procedures are used "it is apparent that the refusal to treat an individual who is or is suspected of being seropositive cannot be justified."

The American Medical Association Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs ruled last November that doctors cannot not reuse to treat people with AIDS, saying that they require "competent, compassionate treatment."

-UFMCC Alert

The American Foundation for AIDS Research is publishing the latest edition of its important treatment directory titled AIDS/HIV EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT DIRECTORY and contains background information for people with AIDS. A 1-year subscription, including the directory and updates, costs \$30; a single issue is \$10. AmFar will continue its policy

of sending a free copy of the directory to any person with AIDS who cannot afford one. This directory includes only

treatments for HIV, not those for opportunistic infections. For more info about the directory call AmFar at 800-992-2873.

Condom Study -The Los Angeles Times

A continuing federally funded study has found dramatic differences among 31 condom brands in their ability to protect against leakage of the AIDS virus, the Los Angeles Times has learned.

Preliminary results from the study by the University of California, Los Angeles, indicated that at least eight condom brands offered excellent protection against the AIDS virus. At least five were apparently of questionable effectiveness.

An expert involved in the study contended that its results raise questions about the wisdom of the nation's AIDS-prevention strategy, which has advocated condom use in general without acknowledging that there may be major differences in protection among the 4 dozen U.S. made brands sold in this country.

"I think these results certainly tell us right off that one condom is not the same as the next," said UCLA researcher Bruce Voeller.

The best rankings showed that the 8 best-performing condoms in tests measuring, among other things, water leakage, air-pressure resistance and package effectiveness, were all manufactured by 2 of the nation's 4 major condom makers, Circle Rubber Corp. of Newark N.J., and Schmid Laboratories of Little Falls, N.J.

The top-ranked condom, with a combined index score of 98.9 on a scale of 100, was the heavily advertised Mentor brand, which includes an adhesive seal to prevent leakage of semen.

The condom is distributed by Mentor Corp. of El Paso, Texas, but manufactured by Circle Rubber.

The 7 other top ranked condoms were the Ramses Non-Lube, Ramses Sensitol, Sheik Elite and Dures Nuform, all made by Schmid and its British parent company, and the Gold Circle Coin, Gold Circle and Pleaser products made by Circle Rubber.

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Would like to meet lesbian ladies. Must be sincere, honest. No games. I'm a big lady but have a lot of affection for that special woman. Call 551-0080 or 556-9737 Ask for Vickie - Be very discrete.

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The New Voice is now publishing a calendar of events for the Gay and Lesbian Community. We are happy to list events taking place in your organization or business. Remember that the publication date of The New Voice is the 10th of the month and listings for the calendar must be received by the 15th of the month preceding publication. You'll need to plan well in advance for events taking place in the first 10 days of the following month. The New Voice reserves the right to edit material submitted for length and appropriateness.

Boarder wanted - Woman of college age to mid or late 30's to occupy furnished downstairs of a comfortable two-bedroom ranch style home in Northwest Omaha. \$50 deposit plus \$110 per month rent and portion of utilities. Call 572-8078 after 4pm or weekends. Prefer non-smoking, chemically free female.

PFLAG Book Review

The QUILT
Stories from the NAMES Project
Written by Cindy Ruskin
Photographs by Matt Herron
Design by Deborah Zemke

-Marian O. Hesner

I have just received my copy of *The QUILT: Stories from the NAMES Project*. The book is as beautiful and moving and loving as the project it represents. I was able to view the QUILT in Kansas City and it was a very moving, sobering experience. Representative quilt panels have been included in the book to show something of the vast inclusiveness of this disease as to the people it affects. Comments and stories about their feelings were sent along with the panels by many or most of the quilt makers and these have been included as is or expanded upon often to explain why the piece was created in a particular way. All of the panels represent anguish and loss but also honor and bravery, dreams (fulfilled & unfulfilled), goals and lowering over every emotion - LOVE.

"The QUILT was created in homes across America by the families, friends and lovers of people lost to AIDS. While they represent a great diversity of people and backgrounds they are united by their shared experience of a devastating epidemic.

The QUILT is a gift from the hands and hearts of thousands of Americans who have learned not to despair. It stands as a statement of hope and remembrance, a symbol of national unity and a promise of love." - Cleve Jones

The writing, photography and layout of the book is well done. These are the stories of our people, our children and of how the QUILT became a project of hope and promise for those lost but not forgotten. This book should be in the bookstores now. Find it, read it, share it. Profits from the book are going to the NAMES Project and will help raise funds for local support groups providing direct services to people with AIDS.

Pocket Book Publications \$22.95

AIDS

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Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights

Box 94882, Lincoln NE 68509
Advocacy Lobbyist for Gay/Lesbian
civil right, educational presentations,
newsletter, cultural programs.

Imperial Court of Nebraska

Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102. Social
organization for advancement of gay
society. Omaha meeting first Monday
each month, except holidays.

The New Voice of Nebraska

Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103
Monthly magazine serving
Lesbian/Gay community.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center

(402) 472-5644
Nebraska Union, Room
342-Meetings (Mail Room 222)
UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588
Social activities: AIDS education,
roommate referral, groups, library

Presbyterians For Lesbian/Gay Concerns

(402) 733-1360-Cleve

Seventh Day Adventist

Kinship, Inc.
PO Box 31351 Omaha, NE 68131
Wes Perry (402) 558-1186.
Meetings, information, understanding
and support for Lesbians/Gays

LINCOLN

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

Call (402) 466-5214
AA Central Office for location.

Gay/Lesbian Information & Support Line (GLIS)

Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 472-4697 eves. Referral,
support phone line staffed by peer
counselors

Lambda Resource Center

(402) 474-1205
2845 "R" Street, Lincoln, NE 68503

Lesbian Support Group

(402) 472-2597
Women's Resource Center, Room 117,
Nebraska Union, University of
Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
68588 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.

Nebraska Wesleyan Student

Group
(402) 465-2251 (Dr. Mary Smith)
Meets weekly and confidentially

New Directions Center (402)

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Open Door Ministry

(402) 474-3390
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Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) (402) 435-4688

Box 4375, Lincoln, NE 68501
Support group, parents, friends,
relatives of Lesbians/Gays. Meets
4th Tues

The Common Woman

(402) 464-6309 1065 N. 33rd
(33 & Apple), Lincoln, NE 68503
Bookstore-Coffeehouse
(Women's social Fri. 7pm-mid.)

The Wilmrin's Show

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Women's Journal-Advocate

Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Women's Assistance

Emergency Fund
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Dignity of Omaha

(402) 331-4919 or 341-1480
St. John's (lower level)
Common bonds thru Mass, meetings
for Lesbians/Gays their friends. 2nd
Sun. 7pm

G/L Adult Children of

Alcoholics
Monday 7:00pm
(402) 348-0561
MCC-O 420 S. 24 St

Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon

Meeting weekly, Fri. 8:15pm
MCC-O, 420 S. 24th., Omaha, NE
68103 (402) 345-2414

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics

Anonymous
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(402) 345-9916

Metropolitan Community

Church of Omaha (MCC-O)
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Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 345-2503
Sun. worship 10:20am and 7pm

Metropolitan Club

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68131
For women: Box 34463, Omaha, NE
68134. Lesbian and gay student
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INFORMATION & REFERRAL:

Nebraska AIDS Project

(402) 342-4233
1-800-782-AIDS
3624 Leavenworth St.
Omaha NE 68131
Support Groups, Buddy's,
Aids Info & education

Viral Syndrome Clinic

University of Nebraska Medical
Center, Omaha, NE
(402) 559-6202 Dr. Jonathan
Goldsmith, MD

Lincoln Cancer Center

Barb Morton (402) 483-1827
4600 Valley Rd., Lincoln, NE 68510

Lambda Resource Center

2845 "R" St., Lincoln, NE 68510

American Red Cross

1701 "E" St., Lincoln, NE 68501
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Douglas County Health Dept.

4th Floor Civic Center, Omaha,
NE 68102 (402) 444-7214

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Health Dept.
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Brother William Woeger

ord. Omaha Archdiocese
100 N. 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

AIDS Interfaith Network

1106 N. 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

FINANCIAL:

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Lincoln General Hospital
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- **Get frequent VD check ups** if you're sexually active but not involved in a monogamous relationship.
- **Use condoms** as a general preventive health measure for a number of sexually transmitted diseases.
- **Avoid recreational drugs.** Evidence suggests that the use of some drugs may inhibit the immune system. The use of intravenous drugs involves the added risk that shared or contaminated needles bring for transmission of the AIDS virus.
- **Maintain good general health** by getting plenty of rest, eating nutritious foods, eliminating or curbing the use of alcohol and tobacco, and getting exercise.

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Rita Charleston
Courier-Times

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AIDS QUARTERLY REPORT - APRIL 1, 1988 - JUNE 30, 1988

The number of AIDS cases reported in Nebraska increased by 12 during the second quarter of 1988, according to figures released Thursday by the State Department of Health. That increase brings to 71 the total number of cases reported in the state since the first case of AIDS was confirmed in 1983.

This figure is in line with official projections, according to Virginia Wilkinson, administrator of the AIDS Program at the Health Department. "We expect to have 100 AIDS cases at the end of the year. If we have 12 or more new cases each quarter, we will be very close to that number."

The report indicates that 10 of the 12 new cases reside in the eastern region of Nebraska, which includes Lincoln and Omaha. Two cases were reported in the central region and there were no new cases in the western part of the state.

Eleven of the cases were male and one was female. The female was the only new case that was heterosexual. Nine were homosexual or bisexual men and two of the new cases were both homosexual or bisexual men as well as IV drug abusers.

Under the National AIDS Surveillance System set up by the Centers for Disease Control, cases are reported to the CDC by the state where the patient is diagnosed as having AIDS. Individuals who reside in other states when they are diagnosed with AIDS and then move to Nebraska are not included in the Nebraska case count.

A breakdown of Nebraska's AIDS cases follows:

Residence: Region I (west)	2	Race: White	61
Region II (central)	8	Black	7
Region III (east)	61	Hispanic	2
TOTAL	71	American Indian	1

Sex: Male	67	Case Status: Alive	24
Female	4	Dead	47

Transmission Category: Homosexual/bisexual men	52
IV drug abusers	4
Both homosexual/bisexual and IV drug abusers	6
Hemophilia/Coagulation Disorder	3
Heterosexual Cases	2
Transfusion/Blood Components	3
Unknown	1



Region I - 2

Region II - 8

Region III - 61

DISTRIBUTION OF NEBRASKA AIDS CASES

JUL 30, 1988