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# OUR TURN

## NEW VOICE SAYS "NO" TO NAMBLA

By Sharon Van Butsel

For the last six months the steering committee of *The New Voice of Nebraska* has been engaged in a policy debate as the members struggled with what started out as a routine request for a classified ad. What made it different was that this request came from NAMBLA, the North American Man/Boy Love Association.

In case you aren't familiar with the organization, let me quote from some of the material they sent when we asked for more information on NAMBLA. "NAMBLA, the North American Man/Boy Love Association, is an organization of men, women, and young people formed to support men and boys involved in consensual sexual and other relationships with each other, and to enlighten people about the positive nature of such relationships and the horrible effects of society's current hostility against them." The material clearly states that NAMBLA does NOT support nor encourage sexual abuse of children, nor any form of coercive relationships. They do support CONSENSUAL relationships between "Boys" (usually 12-17) and Adult men.

This first request for a classified was taken to the steering committee for discussion, but before a decision was reached we got a call from the person in Cleveland who had sent us the ad. When he was told of the discussion and debate, he instructed us to cancel the request and send his money back.

However, this did not end the debate, for shortly thereafter we received a request from NAMBLA for information on display ad rates. This time we told them we had to know more about the organization, and they sent us a large packet of information. The steering committee discussed this request extensively and decided not to send the requested ad rates. Then, in late

November, we received still another request for a classified ad from NAMBLA. Back to the steering committee for discussion that continued into January.

The discussion revolved around two main points. First, that this was a highly emotional issue for several members of the steering committee, who felt that they could not support the goals of NAMBLA in any way. Second, that we were entering into censorship by refusing the ads. The comment was made that Gay and Lesbian relationships are illegal in many states, but we support and advertise for organizations that encourage Gay and Lesbian relationships. Therefore, is it right to censor another minority?

The final vote was not unanimous. Some members of the steering committee felt strongly that censorship in any form is dangerous and should be avoided. However, the majority of the steering committee at the January meeting voted to NOT accept advertising from NAMBLA.

We have notified NAMBLA of our decision and have not yet heard back from them, but I don't think the issue is over. I suspect they will continue to challenge the decision made by *The New Voice* and we may bring the issue up for further discussion, but, at this time, we will not accept advertising from the North American Man/Boy Love Association.

We welcome your comments on this or any other issues in our community. Letters to the editor must be signed and an phone number included so we can verify your signature. When your letter is printed, your name can be withheld if you request. Letters must be received by the 10th of the month for publication the following month.

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# OOPS!!

## Apologies from Editor.

### February is Black History Month, Not Women's History Month.

The members of the steering committee were quick to inform me that I had committed another *faux pas*, or in other words, that I had again put my foot in my mouth. February is not Women's History Month as I stated in the January issue—it's Black History Month. I have reason for my confusion—a couple years ago we featured women's issues in the February issue and that stuck in my mind.

Any way, now that I have been re-oriented, it is my pleasure to include in this issue two excellent articles. One is by Steve Jackson, one of the leaders in our community and an African American. Steve has been a leader of UNO's Gay



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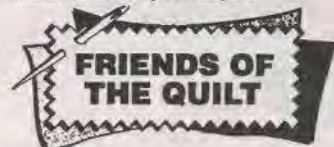
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lesbian Student Organization and is a member of the Executive Board of A.N.G.L.E., currently working on plans for a keynote speaker for Pride Week 1992. The other article is by Marshall Burnham, past moderator of A.N.G.L.E., current chairperson of the ANGLE Gay/Lesbian Information Line committee of ANGLE, working on plans for Pride Week '92, and who is also an African American. My thanks to both Marshall and Steve for their excellent contributions.

Now, I'll repeat my request from last month. I'm looking for women of our community to write poems, articles, or submit art work on their feelings about being lesbian or bisexual in the Midwest. If you have something you'd like to share, submit your work to NVN, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103 by February 10.



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Sincerely,

David Lemos, Executive Director

Susan J. Martin, Director of Development

## CLUB OWNERS, LISTEN UP

Dear Editor:

On December 13, a long-time friend drove in from Michigan to spend part of her holiday. We had told her about the Max and the Metro, both "new" bars to her, since the last time she was here the Stage Door was still open.

To be honest, we really talked the Metro up more. The music is loud, but not as loud as the Max. You don't have to scream into someone's ear to be heard nor do you have to hang on to your drink for fear it will vibrate off the table. At any rate, we took her to the Metro on December 15th — and were sorely disappointed! There were male strippers, but that, in itself, was no big deal. But at the end of the show — which went on and on — the dancers were auctioned off for the "privilege" of taking off their costume. To the best of my knowledge, the only ones to benefit from this auction were the dancers. It would have been tolerable if the auction was a benefit for whomever. Needless to say, I asked our waiter to relay my opinion and disapproval to the owner. I also told him how we built the Metro up to our friend from Michigan and that I was going to write to the *New Voice*. He relayed all I said and came back with an apology from the owner, but it makes me wonder if the Metro caters to men and if this is their way of discouraging women from coming to the club.

I would let it go if not for New Year's Eve — the proverbial "straw that broke the camel's back". Seven of us women went to the Metro to celebrate. I'm sure different songs were played, but,

as one woman put it, it sounded like the same song was played all night. At midnight, when we were looking forward to the traditional "Auld Lang Syne", it wasn't played — unless it was played to rap music, in which case we couldn't pick it out from the music we heard all night. The disc jockey claimed he played it (once again I asked our waiter — same one that was with us on the 15th), but even our waiter didn't hear it!

Between midnight and one a.m. two slow songs were played — the only two slow songs played all night. Now I understand the motive behind playing fast songs. They get people to dance. They get thirsty and drink more, etc., etc. But judging from the packed — and I mean packed — dance floor [during the slow song], the younger crowd enjoyed that belly-rubbing music just as much as us "old-timers", if not more. That alone should tell club owners (all of them) it might be a good idea to mix the music up more. They might even throw in an occasional 50's or 60's song. The reason we older folks don't go to the clubs very much is because there is nothing there for us.

Mouse and I put on a 50's/60's dance night a few years ago at a club downtown. It was a big hit. Pay attention now: even the younger crowd packed the club that night and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had dance contests, a dress-for-there contest and nothing but 50's/60's music. "Bobby Sockers" and "Teen Angel" were there. "Sha-Na-Na" even showed up! Ever since, we're asked when we'll do another 50's/60's night. We're talking about doing just that, but, so far, it's just in the "talk" stage. Needless to say, we'd need one of the clubs to work with us. Any takers out there? Mouse and I will do all the work to put it together.

Well, I've gotten off on a whole different track in trying to point something out to club owners. I hope that point is well taken.

Carol Nagy  
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THANKS FOR ARTICLE ON MASTURBATION

*Editor's Note: These letters were written in regard to an article on masturbation which appeared last spring.*

Hi, Sharon and Carla,

Here is the letter I told you about, and my reply. I do appreciate the manner in which you handle all things in the magazine. You write exceptionally well, too. I'll be in touch with you again before long, and hope to have another article for you — thanks for your encouragement.

RS

Dear Rodney:

I picked up a copy of *The New Voice* the other day and read your article on masturbation.

It is a comfort to see others having to deal with similar feelings about self-release. The Christian aspect is one struggle I have to contend with and it's aggravating.

I, too, know what the Bible says on the topic of masturbation, and that there is nothing specifically stated.

Like I said, it was good to see someone approach the subject of masturbation openly and also by doing so without judging.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
MT  
Lincoln

Dear M.T.

Thanks for your thoughtful and encouraging letter. I'm so glad it helped. I wrote in that hope.

and out of the anguish of years when I wanted so much to talk with someone - and had no one - indeed, nothing but condemnation and erroneous ideas.

Note, to all readers, I am wondering what else I might have the privilege of sharing with you. One area in which I have some experience (personal and through counseling) is that of the benefits of massage. Another is that of complete arousal prior to climax (which can be in conjunction with massage). I have found some men as well as women who say that they are brought to climax before they are ready - meaning, fully aroused and eager. They feel used, they say, rather than partners.

It would be helpful to me and to readers in general if some would respond with ideas and requests.

Hope to hear from you.

Rodney Stander

## MCC/NEW VOICE ARE BEST

Dear Editor:

I am one of the old ones.

I have been in Omaha for a lot of years and have seen a lot of things but the best of the best are MCC and *The New Voice*.

MCC kept us in touch with God and a mortal person to help us and to talk to us about our problems.

*The New Voice* keeps us up on what is going on in the community, and where to seek and find people and places and things.

BJ

## LIVING IN HOPE DIES

Dear *New Voice*,

I regret having to announce the HIV Anonymous "Living In Hope" Sunday afternoon meeting has closed. I either am premature in my hopes of this meeting, or people are reluctant to share and grow with these issues. The meeting never had any support, so Possibly I will try again at another time.

Thank-you for listing the meeting in the *New Voice*. I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Marta

HIV Anonymous, Sunday 4:00pm, Lincoln  
General Hospital: MEETING IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

## THANKS!

Dear Sharon:

Again, thank you for the fine job you did with the article on AIDS, as shared with you by Darrell and myself ("Charles").

I am submitting the enclosed article about coming out of seclusion and getting back to the "living" as it pertained to me.

It the article can be used, great. If not, I will submit to you other items for possible use in the future.

Let's keep in touch.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Ron

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## \$\$\$ HELP \$\$\$

Greetings!

As the old year ends and we enter into the next one, I look forward to it being one of unity and peace. With your help we can make this come true at least within the Gay/Lesbian community of Nebraska.

On Saturday, December 7, I had the pleasure of attending the one year anniversary dinner for Kearney's Gay/Lesbian paper the *Empty Closet*. What began as a support group of seven from the Omaha area dwindled down to only three. Emperor Gerald Brown and Czar Chris joined me for a time of fellowship and had the privilege of hearing Beverly Barbo speak about her son's own struggle with being gay and his death from AIDS. I hope all of you get the chance to hear her uplifting presentation.

To unify any community, communication and the ability to work as one is essential. As your representative, I can do very little without your help and support. As members of the community, I need you to let me know what can or needs to be done. What are your concerns and your needs?

At the current time, I am in contact with several groups that I would like to bring to the Omaha area. These include: Beverly Barbo, Romanovsky and Phillips, and the show *La Cage* from Las Vegas. To make any of these special events happen, I will need the support of the entire Nebraska Gay/Lesbian community. All three events would be of interest not only to our community, but local area communities as a whole. I see this as an ideal way, not only to raise awareness, but raise funds for continuing AIDS research.

Unfortunately, these events would require money, but what doesn't?! If a contract can be negotiated, I will need your help as sponsors. If your organization, or you personally, would be interested in helping sponsor such an event, please let me know for further reference.

You may contact me at the following:

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I am very excited about representing the State of Nebraska and I want to thank all of you in advance for the help and support I know you will provide.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Jones, Mr. Gay Nebraska 1992

## LETTER POLICY CHANGES!!

Effective immediately, *The New Voice* will publish only those letters to the editor which include full name and either address or phone number so we can verify authenticity. Recently situations have arisen in which letters have been sent to *The New Voice* using fictitious names or initials and innocent people have been accused of writing letters that were critical of some business or organization. As a result, we will consider your letters only if they are signed and if we are able to contact you to verify that you did write the letter and that the contents are what you intended.

## TO BE OR NOT TO BE... MARRIED

by Nancy Lyn Define

A lot has been said lately about the concept of gay marriages. There has been a mass of material written about the pros and cons of same-sex nuptials. Ultimately, however, the bottom line on the whole issue centers on some very basic and concrete questions.

Oh, sure, I know, there are any number of gay persons out there who think that LOVE is the answer to everything. And there are others who discount any concept that doesn't have the approval of mainstream society.

But like it or not, gay marriage is very much a part of the current scene and same-sex weddings will probably be as much a symbol of the nineties as platform shoes and disco dancing is to the seventies.

Therefore, we should probably examine the whole idea of 'gay marriage' as carefully as the aficionados of Donna Summer examined her wardrobe. We should accord to it the same diligence as 'Saturday Night Fever' groupies. And, yes, we should familiarize ourselves with the procedures of gay matrimony as thoroughly as queens in platform shoes memorized the 'Hustle'.

With that in mind, here are a few things to consider when entertaining the idea of 'tying the knot' with someone... preferably someone you have known for more than twelve hours (after all, we are NOT as desperate as those fortyish executive secretaries who haunt Holiday Inn lounges on Friday nights... well, ... maybe SOME of us are but there's no need to share THAT news with the world).

Anyway, here are a few things to ask yourself before you say yes when that special someone pops the big question.

By the way, if you're one of those women who are a) independently wealthy, b) independently wealthy, or c) independently wealthy, I'd REALLY like to get together with you and discuss this matrimony issue in more detail. Hell, if you even WANT to be a woman and you can answer yes to a, b, or c, look me up.

Okay, okay, to get back to this whole marriage thing... some reasons to say yes:

You would now have a LEGITIMATE reason to dislike your lover's family.

You get to do things like call the local bar to

see if your spouse is there (if you're the drunk in the bar you get to have the bartender lie for you).

You get to pick out china patterns from Williams-Sonoma or matching cue sticks and softball gloves from your local sporting goods store (I REALLY don't think I have to differentiate the female from male on this one and yes, Virginia, there is a wonderful difference between gay and non-gay marriage, especially when it comes to appropriate wedding gifts).

It is now perfectly acceptable to nag... and almost mandatory to use the old, "not tonight, honey, I have a headache" routine.

You get to fight even more about money than you do now.

You get to say really stupid stuff like "Well, my husband says..." or "my wife thinks..." which makes you immediately more popular with your non-gay married friends who say really stupid stuff.

You get to say "it's your MOTHER" every time that old hag calls your apartment.

You get to sign your name to your lover's checks and credit cards etc. (oh, I know you don't have to be married to do that but marriage makes it more acceptable, somehow).

You get to go through every private area of your lover's life including but not limited to private correspondence, wallets, diaries, pockets, phone calls, etc. with a totally clear conscience (actually, this is almost a DUTY when you're married).

You get to ignore your lover completely (you no longer even have to pretend you're listening to those dumb old stories you've heard a million times before).

You get to give each other little meaningful, lovelorn, glances every time a comedienne tells a husband or wife joke.

You get to ogle sweet young things in department stores and pretend they'd give you a second glance if it weren't for that HUGE wedding band on your finger.

You get to say to every person you ever gave the eye to who didn't give it back, "so, are you STILL single?"

You get to watch Saturday Night Live at the same time you're having sex.

and finally,

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*Beverly Barbo is the author of "The Walking Wounded, in which she chronicles the experience of her son, Tim, growing up "different" in a small city in central Kansas, and then coming to maturity and finding love and a faithful relationship. She also tells the story of his diagnosis and death from AIDS in 1986 and how she cared for him during the last year of his life. It is Tim's story, but it is also Beverly's story of how she was transformed into the loving, compassionate person who delivered this speech. The Walking Wounded is available for \$12.95 from Carlson's Publishing, Box 364, Lindsborg, KS 67456-0364, or by calling (913) 227-3360.*

I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King who had a dream for his people, the black community.

I, too, have a dream for all people, but particularly for this group of people, the gay/lesbian community. You are people who have seen very little justice in your lifetime. A people who have been largely unrecognized for your contributions to society, culture, to the arts, and to the humanitarian causes that you support.

The gay/lesbian community is as diverse within its ranks as any other group of people — and I have a dream.

I have a dream that one day across this country, yes, indeed, across this world, that men, women, gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, black, white, brown, yellow, red, young and old, disabled and able, fat and thin, tall and short, Jew, Gentile, Christian, Protestant, Catholic, Moslems of all varieties, Buddhist, Hindu, other faiths, atheists, conservatives and liberals will be able to put aside their animosities and come together in the common bond of humanity to celebrate diversity rather than finding offense in it. This planet and we as civilized human beings cannot survive the constant divisions which lead to destruction. We cannot flourish with an "us against them" mentality.

I have a dream for the children, not only as Dr. King said, that little black boys and girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and little white girls, but that children of all colors, all

ways of being, will be able to come together without the prejudice and fear that has haunted all generations up to the present.

We must take good care of the children and it must begin with this generation; it must begin with us.

Each little human being comes into this world with a unique biological make up, with inherited predispositions, abilities, talents, deficiencies, strengths, and a lot of potential. It is the responsibility of the adults to nurture and encourage the self esteem of these little children and to teach them to look at the world and at God from an inclusive perspective.

Only then will children of all colors, all faiths, in all states of being be able to come together and understand that we are all in the human condition together; that sexual orientation as well as color of skin, is just another part of who we are and that it doesn't make any difference.

Homophobia is one of the most devious forms of child abuse. Part of my dream is that on the playgrounds around the world as well as in the churches, the homes, and society at large, the game played by old and young alike, "Smear the Queer," will no longer be acceptable.

I have a dream that little girls will be valued as much as little boys. I have a dream that because of our gender, male or female, that we will not be programmed into defined, what is considered acceptable roles. I dream that my granddaughters will have the same opportunities as my grandsons and that there will be no limitations because of gender.

While working at a bank for 6 years my daughter trained many men to take a position above her on the corporate ladder while enduring various forms of sexual harassment that the men thought she should be complimented by. We as women have been tied to by a patriarchal power structure that says we should accept this as the correct and natural order of things. We must seize the power and the opportunities to set the record straight, that we won't take it anymore. Only then will our daughters, granddaughters, nieces, etc., be able to choose what is appropriate and right for

themselves and not have all choices made for them by others.

I dream of a world where a woman's contributions are not counted only in how good a wife she is or how many babies she brings into the world, but where her work in art, literature, business, industry, medicine, athletics, the military, and the church is also validated.

I have a dream that little boys will now longer be taught the art of violence. I dream of a world where being the biggest, the strongest, the most aggressive, the meanest and most brutal is not the criteria for being a man. A world where being a gentle little boy, a gentle man, is acceptable, yes, even encouraged. I dream of a world where athletics and business are not the only measuring stick for our young men, that excellence in academics, arts, music, dance, and drama will also be considered a validation for manhood.

My dream is that if my granddaughters decided to drive trucks, dig ditches, climb the corporate ladder, or be President that they will be affirmed and not labeled lezzies or bitches. My dream is that if my grandsons choose to be designers, hair dressers, artists, or house husbands that they will not be called faggots or considered less than men. My dream is that those negative stereotypes and labels will cease to exist because there will be no need for them anymore.

I have a dream where no one has to go hungry, sleep under bridges, or go without medical care; a dream where economic and political divisions will blur and those with money and power will look to a common good. I have a dream where men and women who claim to speak for God will stand up for the right for each one of us to come to God in his/her own way, instead of driving wedges and putting up walls between those they consider acceptable to God and those they consider unacceptable.

I believe we all have a spiritual hunger; the longing for a great power, a kinder spirit, a guide in this difficult journey in life.

As we search for our truth in this matter let us remember that we are created in the likeness of God, goddess, Life-force, Supreme Being, Universal Power, or whatever form spirituality expresses itself in your life. Our truths may be diverse, but all of the above would exemplify goodness, wholeness, and well-being, therefore, the truth will make us free to be who we are. Instead of dwelling in the negative, evil, badness, unacceptability, the wrath of God, let us take responsibility for our own lives and love each

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other, affirm people as good, and get away from judgment, thereby claiming the potential the creator gave us to reflect his/her/its image in caring for the creation.

Some special reflections from the Christian tradition are:

Micah 6:8 "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Mark 12:30-31 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these."

I have a dream that all people on this earth will take responsibility. We must take responsibility for ourselves and our actions. These days it is in vogue to blame others for our problems — to play the part of the victim. It is easy to blame mom and dad because they programmed us according to their values, their knowledge, and their ignorance. We, as parents, are products of the family we were brought up in and then added some of our own interpretations of how things should be along the way. Most of us did the best we could with what we knew at the time. All families are dysfunctional to one degree or another. Because of the negative messages we received from society at large and even the psychological and medical people along with the false witness from the church, we believed that you, our gay children, were sick or deceived by Satan himself; we believed this was a choice you made; we believed you could be fixed; we believed the lie — the lie that you were not valued human beings and that you were not acceptable to God.

We did not recognize your uniqueness as good and we tried to bend you in ways that were unnatural to you, thereby, diminishing your self esteem. We planted the seeds of hostility and even mental illness as we made you try vainly to be what you are not.

This song was written by my son during his sophomore year after sometime on the beach finding out he wasn't alone, exploring as any other teenager does.

## ANGRY SEA

The wind maps and whirls about,  
across the angry sea  
In the air, dark cumulus clouds whirl  
about to create  
An everlasting oblivion.

Time passes...years are seconds,  
centuries minutes...but the clouds and  
the angry sea play a ritualistic game with  
each other, always twirling, dancing, but  
never changing...the same...the same,

No other sound except the wind and waves...  
the same...the same...through  
eternity....

Float on by...Float on by...

Take me to the oblivion where it is alive,  
yet there is no life, Where there is playful  
anger which never ceases.

Tim Barbo  
From The Walking Wounded

To care for ourselves we have to learn to love and value ourselves. Right now I would like to have us consider our childhood, our past as well as the present and our future.

Please get comfortable. Close All eyes. Take a deep breath and we will explore some of your feelings about family. Acknowledge and own your own emotions — positive or negative, pleasure or pain.

Think back to when you were very little. Recognize that little child as I say "Mommy — Daddy". What was it you needed from them? Did you get it?

Let us acknowledge that little wounded child that is in each of us. Create in your mind the circumstances that would have made things better. Forgive mommy and daddy and move on.

Consider the age — and teen when it was "Mom — Dad". What was it you needed from them? Did you get it?

Let us acknowledge that wounded child that is in each of us. Create in your mind the circumstances that would have made things better. Forgive mom and dad and move on.

Think of how things are today or if your parents are gone — how it was with them when you were an adult. "Mother — Father". What was it you needed from them? Did you get it?

Let us acknowledge that wounded child that is in each of us. Create in your mind the circumstances that would have made things better. Forgive mother and father and move on.

You as individuals and as a community have been taught to hide, to lie, and to deny who you are. You have been forced to find your way without any role models or understanding guidance, you have been teased, harassed, beaten, and even killed for who you are. Some of you have felt self-hatred, have experienced victimization and turned to inappropriate ways of coping and found that drugs and alcohol are of the answer. Those of you who are suicide survivors know that acts didn't make your life any better. You have enduring humiliation and sometimes denial of job, housing, legitimization of your relationships which are the most basic civil rights. Nations have tried to get rid of you.

Yet you survive, even flourish. You have found courage. You have gained strength and you are not telling society and the church that you are here, you always have been in you always will be. You are saying in diverse ways, gentle and angry, "Look at us, we are fellow human beings, we are no better or worse than the rest of you and , yes, we are your children, your family, recognize us, love us."

I saw evolution in Tim as he grew up. At first life was so hard. He changed — sometimes with a negative attitude, sometimes positively, but he was a survivor. You can probably relate.

*In this macho world, being one of the gentle ones is not acceptable, and because of his eye problems he couldn't do "boy things". When little boys can't do something like hit, catch, or bounce a ball, they are not very popular. Tim would just give up and walk away from the others wondering why he had to be different.*

*As the children got older, they didn't look kindly upon that gentle little boy with the horn rimmed glasses who couldn't keep up with them. From the first grade on, the boys though it was great fun to label this odd little child with names like cross-eyes, girl, sissy, etc. Time would ery*

*and wonder why no one wanted to be his friend. he was beginning to believe the lie, the lie that he was not worthy to be loved and accepted.*

*Tim built a wall around himself and by keeping himself hardened to cruel comments and at arms length from other people; he finished his sophomore year. One by one his friends turned from him. Often he would say, "I wish I could be with someone, I wish I had a true friend." Finally it was, "I don't need anyone." The change had begun.*

*Tim grew strong and more sure of himself in his senior year of high school I think one gets stronger or perishes under the pressure of hiding who you are. He became a more assertive and aggressive person, which had a positive effect on his life in general. No one was ever going to walk over this kid again.*

From The Walking Wounded

He found out he was good at business and then he found out the truth — the truth that he was worthy to love and be loved. He wrote it in an anniversary card:

Love —

*I have learned about love from you — and yet have so much more still to gain. Teach me, Tom, in your ways of freedom, honesty and peace. Help me to open up to all the wonderful love that is being offered. The Love of Christ is radiating from you.*

I will always Love You.

Tim

*P.S. While arranging the flowers the two roses went in together last. No matter how I tried to arrange them differently, the roses clung together — just like you and I.*

I have a dream that everyone in the world will find a special person to share their life with — someone to hold close — to cry with — to celebrate with — to party with.

I have a dream that family will be redefined and reframed socially, legally, and religiously, a dream whereby any of you who love, affirm and commit to each other will be recognized and sanctioned as heterosexual couples are. You should at least have the choose.

I have a dream that those of us who choose to bring children into the world, into a traditional or reframed family, that we would make them top priority so that every child will feel loved, wanted, and valued. That adults will learn appropriate ways to handle hostility and anger and pass those skills down to their children. Our children, responsible, healthy and with self esteem intact are the greatest legacies we can leave this world.

I dream that as productive caring people our diversity can be celebrated, not demeaned by those who are threatened by it. My dream includes the care of the earth, the environment and all living creatures.

You people here tonight are the role models for those looking for guidance; you for gay youth, and us for parents. We, all of us together, are the prophets that proclaim the truth to present and future generations. And the truth will make us all free.

I honor you in my heart.



## TOM BOELLSTORFF SPEAKS ON OPPRESSION IN RUSSIA by Sean Kershaw

Tom Boellstorff, a gay activist with the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, spoke to a group of 40 people on Sunday, January 12 at First Central Congregational United Church of Christ in Omaha. His talk, *Oppression and Hope: Gays and Lesbians in the Soviet Union*, dealt with his experiences while doing gay and lesbian activism in the former Soviet Union.

During the summer of 1991, Tom attended an international gay and lesbian conference in Moscow. Following the conference he worked with activists in Moscow, Latvia, and Estonia. During this time he trained them on computers supplied by the Human Rights Coalition, helped them publish a newspaper, organized press conferences, and met with officials from the Helsinki Commission, local health agencies, and numerous other groups.

Before the talk, Tom spoke with Sean Kershaw, Coordinator for Citizens for Equal Protection. The following is a transcription of that conversation.

### How did you become a part of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) conference?

I was originally interested in traveling to Asia to work with Gay and Lesbian groups there. When I contacted IGLHRC nothing was available in Asia, so they sent me an application for the 10-day conference in Russia. Since I was going to be out of school then and didn't have any plans, I told them that I could spend more time in Russia after the Conference. They agreed, knowing that there would still be work to do afterwards.

### How did the former Soviet government deal with the conference?

The government didn't really do anything to us the whole time we were there, even though they could have. There was a gay and lesbian conference in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, in 1990. It was organized by Swedes, but took place in the Soviet Union. It was not shut down, and had few problems with the government.

The most important factor that led us to believe that the government wouldn't do anything was that we were doing this in a time of such general chaos. We knew that the government was running out of money and having all sorts of problems. We doubted that the KGB would bother us or even know who we were.

### Did the KGB seem to have any interest in the conference?

I'm sure they followed us when we were there. The only problem we had was in Moscow. In front of the building where the conference took place, there was a big plaza. Approximately 300 Soviets took part in the conference, and over 25,000 tickets were sold for the Gay Lesbian Film Festival that ran concurrently with the conference. Consequently, because the hotel was small, lots of people were hanging out in the plaza.

On the second day that we were there, the government decided to pave the square. They roped off the entire area. Obviously, the government had decided that they didn't want gay and lesbian people hanging around outside. After several days of lying to us about the concrete not being dry yet, they gave up and let us use the square. Other than that, we didn't seem to have any official interference.

### What is the legal status of gays and lesbians in the former Soviet Union?

Under Article 121a of the Russian Penal Code, and parallel codes in the other Republics, male homosexuality is punishable by 3-5 years in prison. In some Republics, such as Latvia, it hasn't been used in many years. Several governments, such as Latvia and Russia, have indicated that the codes will be dropped. However, it is not certain in any of the republics that the codes will change. More commonly than being put in prison, men and women are locked up in psychiatric institutions where they are drugged and left to rot.

According to a recent poll in Moscow, a more cosmopolitan city than others in the Soviet Union, 30% or respondents thought gay people should be put to death, 30% thought they should be put in jail, 30% thought they should be put in psychiatric institutions. Only 10% thought they should be left alone. When the poll was repeated in a rural area, the percentage wanting death rose to about 80%. It is obviously a very bad situation.

### How are the activists there able to work with any degree of freedom?

They aren't. Even though they are able to publish a paper and take part in a few activities, they are continually monitored. The leading activist there spent time in a psychiatric hospital. His parents have ties to the KGB and have worked against him. He is repeatedly denied access to the government printing presses, which are the only ones available.

I'm not sure why the government lets people get away with some activities. For example, the conference was on national TV, and showed men kissing each other. They even showed a lesbian love scene from the movie *Desert Hearts* on TV, which they would never do in the U.S. A newspaper with a circulation of 40 million ran a story on PFLAG. The public is generally very aware of the issue. Many times the coverage in Russia is better than it is here. The government seems to have lost control of the media.

It is a very weird situation, they are undergoing deep and rapid change. The idea of *glasnost* is still in fashion, so ideas about homosexuality are changing. Several people on the St. Petersburg City Council are very pro-gay.

### What is the larger picture in Russia in which these laws and views take place?

It is absolutely impossible to understand the situation of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people without understanding the economic situation. For instance, not only are there no gay bars in Moscow, there are no bars at all. There are not cafes either. There is also a huge housing shortage. People generally live with their parents until they are married, and sometimes even after that. One

of my friends in Moscow lived with his mother and shared a room with his 82-year-old grandmother. Because there is such a shortage of meeting places, and a lack of privacy, it is very difficult to meet people or be alone with someone. Almost all socializing must occur through friendship networks, if you are lucky enough to know someone who has an apartment of their own.

### Do civil rights for gays and lesbians take a backseat in a country that has so few civil rights?

Sometimes, yes. During the Coup, a lot of the gays and lesbians were active in the pro-democratic movement. The leading Russian activist told me during the coup attempt that he wanted to be a democrat working for freedom, not a gay activist. There is a lot of ambivalence, sometimes people wanted to be identified as a gay democrat, and sometimes as just a democrat.

### What is the AIDS situation in Russia?

The social situation is definitely not conducive to safe sex, so many people have sex in parks and under conditions where they are less likely to practice safe sex. There is a fair amount of AIDS education taking place in the big cities. In Russia, condoms are available, but they are cheap and often break. There are also few water-based lubricants, which also contributes to this problem. It appears from research conducted in Moscow that only about 25% of gay men regularly use condoms.

### How did being in Russia change your outlook about life for gays and lesbians in the United States?

I definitely gained an appreciation for what we do have in America, where the gay and lesbian community is larger and more organized. However, the opposition in the United States is also more organized. The reality now is that there is no organized movement against gays and lesbians, like the Coalition for Family Values in the U.S. There aren't any William Dannemeyers [a Congressman known for his extreme homophobia] in Moscow, although many of the pro-nationalist groups are very anti-semitic and homophobic. If they gained more power, they could be dangerous.

There is no underestimating the difference that having enough food, access to a car, and one's own apartment makes in the ability of people to have the energy and time to do activism. Imagine trying to do gay activism in America if you couldn't get a room to have more than ten people in because of the overcrowding and housing shortage. We take that for granted here.

We have a lot to learn from the Soviets. For instance, the Russians place a high regard on the family and working together. I have a new appreciation for groups such as PFLAG and the general importance of coalition building. People in Russia have to cooperate in order to survive. America is much more individualistic and [we] tend to go at things on one's own, as opposed to working together.

Russia has not had its Stonewall yet. In many ways it is like being in America 30 or 40 years ago. It is helpful to know what life is like without



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any established gay movement, especially for the younger people in the U.S. that grew up after Stonewall.

One thing that Russians have that we could use is a vision or a dream. Because life is so bad over there, they have to have an alternative to reality; they have to be able to dream about having a place of their own, or being able to love who they want to love. They can't become complacent because they have so little. In America sometimes, we have made such advances that people become satisfied and accept their situation, losing the drive to change. I don't believe that we should lose that passion to have things become better.

Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP) works to enact laws that protect gays and lesbians from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations. CFEP also addresses legislation to confront hate crimes and violence against gays and lesbians. If you or anyone you know have been a victim of violence or discrimination, please contact CFEP by calling the ANGLE Information and Referral Line (402-558-5303), or writing to CFEP, Box 55548, Omaha, NE 68155-0548. Confidentiality is assured.

For more information of the International Gay/Lesbian Human Rights Commission or to learn about corresponding with a gay man or lesbian in Russia, write: IGLHRC, 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114 or call (415) 255-8680.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Tom of Finland

May 6, 1920 - Nov. 7, 1991

Tom of Finland, the best known homo-erotic artist of the twentieth century, died of an embolism-induced stroke in Helsinki on November 7, 1991.

In recent years, Tom of Finland drawings have been collected by such celebrities as Andy Warhol, Keith Haring, and Robert Mapplethorpe. The Cartoonists' Society of his home country elected him Cartoonist of the Year in February 1991.

The name "Tom of Finland" was born in 1957 when Bob Mizer, publisher of the popular muscle magazine *Physique Pictorial*, wanted to print drawings sent to him from Helsinki. The artist did not want his name used even 8,000 miles away, but Mizer figured that the artist's real name - Touko Laaksanen - would not play well with Americans anyway. Since Touko was already signing his work "Tom" when the Spring 1957 issue of *Physique Pictorial* appeared, the laughing lumberjack on the cover was credited to Tom of Finland, and the rest is Gay history.

The man Tom of Finland was born on May 6, 1920, in a semi-rural suburb of Turku, the ancient capital of Finland. He was already drawing comic strips by the age of four. After high school, he moved to Helsinki to study art, but World War II intervened and he spent five years in the uniform of a Finnish Army lieutenant. After the war, Tom supported himself by playing piano in res-

taurants and clubs at night and doing freelance advertising and window display by day. In spite of the unprecedented popularity of his erotic artwork, it would be 1973 before Tom was able to concentrate fully on what he always called his "dirty drawings", but once he did, Tom combined a near-photo-realistic attention to detail with his wildest sexual fantasies to produce a body of work that will probably never be surpassed.

Tom created literally thousands of his "Tom's Men", phenomenally muscular and masculine cops, sailors, motorcycle men, and loggers who play against every homosexual stereotype. Although his leathermen are the epitome of rough and rugged, they are never dangerous. With all his passion for the heaviest of sexual imagery, Tom strove to present positive role models in his art. In the last ten years, he added condoms and safe sex admonitions to his work. "I am not ashamed that I draw men having sex. I work hard to make sure they are proud men having happy sex!"

In 1986, Tom and his business partner Durk Dehner, formed the non-profit Tom of Finland Foundation because many of Tom's drawings had been destroyed by neglect or bigotry. The eventual goal is to have a museum of erotic art as a safe home for Tom and similar artists, Gay and otherwise. The Foundation and its members will continue to work toward that end. Anyone wishing to make a memorial gift contributing to such a museum may send it to the Tom of Finland Foundation, Box 26658, Los Angeles, CA 90026, USA or call 213-250-1685.

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## OUTWRITE '92

OutWrite '92, the National Lesbian and Gay Writers Conference will be held in Boston on March 20-22, 1992. This is the third annual gathering of lesbian and gay writers, editors, publishers, literary agents, booksellers, and readers.

"We're proud to host OutWrite in its first ever incarnation off the West Coast," said Michael Bronski, veteran gay writer and critic and member of the Boston-based OutWrite '92 Planning Committee. "We look forward to 2000 or more people to join us for a full weekend of discussion, schmoozing, networking, and socializing."

The conference will feature some 54 panels, workshops, roundtables, and discussions. More than 80 women and men will read from their work. Over 30 book publishers, booksellers, magazines and periodicals, and organizations are expected to exhibit at the conference.

OutWrite '92 will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers, a romantic grand dame of Boston hotels. Located in downtown Boston, the Park Plaza is easily accessible by subway. It is a wheelchair accessible, union hotel.

OutWrite '92 is co-sponsored by *Out/Look* magazine and *Gay Community News*. Registration: \$40 until Feb. 15; \$50 after Feb. 15 and at the door. Registrations can be mailed to OutWrite '92, 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114-2512. For more information about the conference, call (617) 695-0511.

## CRACKER BARREL SUES

Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc. has intensified its actions against the gay and lesbian community by suing activists who have protested the family-style eateries' anti-gay employment policy. The chain also moved to prevent gay and lesbian activists who own stock in the company from attending its annual shareholders' meeting.

On November 21, Cracker Barrel filed a suit seeking damages from organizers of non-violent protests in Georgia and Tennessee. Activists view the recent Cracker Barrel actions as an escalation of headline tactics against the gay and lesbian community.

In early 1991, Cracker Barrel fired at least nine gay and lesbian workers for violation of company policy which states it is inconsistent with the chain's "traditional American values... to employ individuals... whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values."

A statement claiming the policy was "a well-intentioned over reaction" was later released by Cracker Barrel. But after months of demonstrations at the restaurants none of the dismissed employees has been re-hired nor has any restitution been made.

Ivy Young, Director of the NGLTF Families Project, was one of the defendants named in the suit. Also named were Lynn Cothren, Larry Pelligrini, Joe and Goldie Criscuolo, Stan Mobley, Gerry Earwood, all of Queer Nation Atlanta; Donna Christy, Tennessee Cracker Barrel Boycott Coalition; the Cracker Barrel Protest Coalition; and "John and Jane Doe."

## GAY SEX MANUAL GOES TO PRESS, AT LAST

The first sex manual written for gay men in the age of AIDS is finally on the home stretch of its long journey into print.

*Gay Sex*, an illustrated manual by Jack Hart, was scheduled for release by Alyson Publications in October. But eighteen commercial book printers refused the job. A Canadian printer finally agreed to handle the project, but the layouts were seized by Canadian Customs, and still have not been returned.

"We've seen an increasing trend for printers to refuse explicit, but non-pornographic, gay material," said publisher Sasha Alyson. "It's been six years since a printer last refused a job from us. Now we've had trouble with two books in one season. *Gay Sex* was censored because of its illustrations, and our reprint of *Young, Gay and Proud!* was turned down by a printer because the text describes safe sex practices."

Alyson finally found a catalog printer who took the job. "They don't usually do books, so we've had a couple of delays as they learn some new things. We'll have to pay more, and the quality may suffer — we're not sure yet."

"The proponents of censorship never realize how self-defeating their actions can ultimately be," Alyson continued. "Yes, this is costing us money, but it's also generated quite a bit of publicity. Consequently we've raised our print order 50% above usual."

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There are many books on macrobiotic diets (particularly by Michio Kushi), and also diets in non-conventional medical publications (e.g., *East-West Journal* and *Vegetarian Times*); these diets have been said to be very helpful.

Regardless of your health status, please don't allow yourself the "luxury of a negative thought". Happiness and health to you all.

## MIDSHIPMAN'S EXPULSION UPHELD

Federal District Court Judge Oliver Gasch upheld the Defense Department policy banning openly gay, lesbian, and bisexual servicemembers from military service. In a case brought by Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, Gasch ruled that the anti-gay policy "rationally furthered state purposes", and denied relief to former Naval Midshipman Joseph Steffan. Gasch's opinion was unprecedented because it upheld the Department of Defense (DOD) policy on the grounds that it was a legitimate tool to prevent the spread of AIDS within the armed forces.

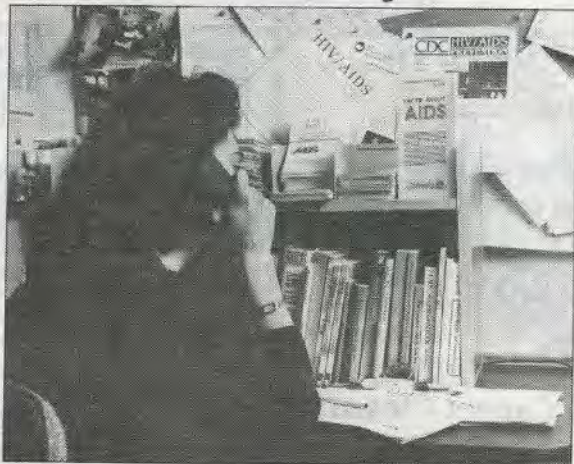
Joseph Steffan was forced to resign from the U.S. Naval Academy in May, 1987, a few weeks shy of graduation, after he disclosed his homosexuality to an academy chaplain. In December 1988, Steffan and Lambda filed suit challenging the policy. In the spring of 1991, during hearings on the lawsuit, Gasch referred to Steffan as a

"homo" three times. Attorneys for Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund plan to appeal the ruling.

"The surprise in this ruling is not Judge Gasch's prejudice — that was clear earlier this year. The shock here is the use of AIDS as a rationale to justify the military's anti-gay exclusion," said Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). "Even the Pentagon has never made this argument. Military policies on HIV and AIDS have nothing to do with the more than 48-year old ban. To rely on the former to bolster the latter is outrageous."

NGLTF has worked politically to overturn the policy since 1988 through its Military Freedom Project. In November of 1991, NGLTF secured the introduction of House and Senate Resolutions calling on the President to rescind the DOD policy. The Senate resolution, S. Res. 236, was introduced by Sen. Brock Adams (D-WA), and presently has 4 cosponsors. The House resolution, H. Res. 271, was introduced by Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), and has 39 cosponsors.

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## BLACK AND GAY

by Steve Jackson

In growing up, trying to find myself, I wanted someone to look to for answers, advice. Easier said than done. The gay men that I met had few things on their minds other than sex, and the adults in my life all represented authority figures. Homosexuality was not an acceptable topic, so you can only imagine what would have happened if I had said that I was gay.

Growing up black was nothing special to me, I was just me. I mean, what else did I know? I couldn't compare it with any other culture. I am proud to be black, don't misunderstand. And there were tons of positive black role models, just none that I knew of who were gay. Even after I realized that there were some successful, positive gay males, there was no way for me to contact them without sounding like some schizoid fan who had the hots for them or some juvenile kid trying to find out about sex. I wanted contact, I wanted to know if there was someone else who had to deal with the things that I was dealing with.

In my hometown of some 2,000 people, there were gays. One of these men molested me. I knew they were there, but they were looked down upon by the community, the church, and my family. How was I to approach one of these people and talk to them in earnest about the things I was feeling without outing myself? So I left home.

In the thirty years that I have lived, I have come across many situations where the color of my skin has made some difference in the way that I was treated. In South Carolina, sales clerks would follow me around the stores to see if I were stealing something. In the military, I heard one NCO tell an airman that all blacks did drugs. I knew people of all colors who would try to relate to me as if they were black, and "knew where I was coming from." These were the people who would give me the shirt off their backs because they thought it was cool to have a black friend. I've had old women cross the street or enter an elevator with me for God knows what reason. Finally, in the gay community, I have had people shun me as if I were a leper, and I've had some who have pursued me as if I were the only man in town. And I've had people in the church and bars here in Omaha completely ignore my presence.

This all may seem irrelevant, but it is here to prove a point. In asking the question, "Are you Black first or Gay first?", people try to force me into a decision. I have always been a proud person. I have always been friendly (or at least I think so). I am not violent, profane, or criminally inclined. I am me, a person just as every other individual on this earth. I have not asked for special privileges because of the color of my skin, nor do I expect any kind of compensation for the treatment of my forefathers. What I do want is the acknowledgement of the contributions of the numerous Black citizens throughout the world. I

want their recognition to be read in the history books, taught in all classes in our schools, and respected throughout society for their achievements and struggles.

We ask the same things of the numerous successful gay contributors of our society. What I want to ask of the gay community as a whole is this: Don't discriminate against other gay people. You yourself should have an idea of what it feels like to be slighted, regardless of who you are or what color you may be. I am proud to be a Black/African American. I am proud to be a Gay American. Why can't I be proud to just be an American? Join me in celebrating Black History Month. Help me celebrate being me.

### WHY BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

by Marshall Burnham

Yesterday in World Civilizations 1010 my professor introduced himself and his course and then asked the class why study history? We, the class paused, collected our thoughts, and answered. Our answers, as you may imagine, were both serious and comical; some were thought out and I fear others simply thrown out.

Three of those answers stuck in my mind as being particularly relevant to Black History Month and really should be of note to all Americans who have ever considered themselves in the minority. Those being (one): to learn from our mistakes; (two): to improve our quality of life; and (three): to prevent our own self-destruction.

Black History Month should be a time in which we Black Americans pause to look objectively into our history - the good, and particularly the bad. We must learn from our mistakes in order to improve upon our future. We must not continue to be divided as in our past and we must not look to anyone but ourselves as the catalyst for change.

In order to improve our quality of life, it is important - in fact, imperative - that we see our movement as a never ending struggle for betterment. A struggle that must be executed in earnest, one that is to be groomed, polished, and maintained lest it falter.

If we self-destruct, we have no one to blame but ourselves. I believe that Black Americans have come far - in fact far enough that it is time for ourselves, as a community to pick up the pieces to become our own best friends, to reduce black on black crime, and to make our subculture constructive as opposed to destructive.

History does not belong only to Black Americans, nor for that matter only Americans, but to all mankind and if we are to continue on a healthy path we must keep a watch on our history, consume it, and use it for our future.

### FIGHTING PREJUDICE IN THE GAY COMMUNITY

by Blake

*Oppression: to weigh heavily on the mind or spirit; to keep down by the cruel or unjust use of authority.*

Oppression has many forms: racism, heterosexism/homophobia, sexism, ageism, ableism, classism, etc., etc. Oppression is so pervasive in our society that our "isms" have become almost a joke.

We in the gay and lesbian community, by virtue of our sexuality, understand some form of oppression, however it does not make us experts on other forms. We are not immune to being prejudice.

Each individual in our society, no matter how "politically correct" they are, is guilty of prejudice. Not only against the "other", but also against themselves. Just as a gay or lesbian person is innately homophobic, so is a woman sexist and a person of color racist. Prejudice and oppression are the "social diseases" of our society.

What we must strive to do if we want to end oppression, is not to claim to be free of prejudice, but to go beyond it.

The first step is to be aware of how our own prejudices manifest themselves:

"I have lots of friends that are black, but I would never go out with one of them."

"I'd like lesbians better if they just dressed more like women."

"Oh, we don't need a signer at the conference, I'm sure no deaf people will be there."

"The tickets are \$75.<sup>00</sup> at the door, surely everyone can afford that."

We must listen to ourselves; to our jokes, our automatic responses, the way we interact with people who are different. To identify the problem is the first step to solving it.

To end oppression seems like a nearly impossible task and one which many of us feel is not needed or worth the cost. However, it costs each of us so much more to continue as we are.

How many deaths from AIDS would have been prevented if the stigma of homophobia were not attached to the disease? How many brilliant minds have been wasted from a lack of schooling or opportunity due to the racism so intricate to our society? How many women who would have been great leaders instead used their talents to run households because there was nothing else for them?

We in the gay and lesbian community must understand that it is in our best interest to end the oppression of all. We cannot hope to gain acceptance of the society at large if we allow ourselves and the rest of society to continue to be prejudiced. If society shuns a person for their color or sex, it will certainly shun a person for sexual orientation.

Our mission is to speak out against oppression in whatever form we see it in. We must build the bridges which will overcome the walls set up by blind prejudice so that each of us can live a full and rewarding life.



## HEALING HERBS AND THE HEALTH FOOD GOURMET

by Darrel Cole

Recently, the Gay Community has become aware of health foods and their relationship to AIDS. Folks are beginning to use the macrobiotic diet of Japan to improve their health and to ward off immune deficiency problems. Health foods are nothing new in American life, corporate food-stuffs have been unhealthy for a hundred years and herbalists have been warning people and complaining ever since. The last uprising of health food awareness was during the Hippie movement thirty years ago. It was called vegetarianism then and the food tasted a bit weird but it was health giving to several million of us.

Let's begin our adventure in gourmet cooking with thyme, either common thyme (which is somewhat preferred) or mother-of-thyme, also called creeping thyme. The name of these plants and the name of the thymus gland are not accidentally the same: the herb is good for immunity. It has a long history of use—several thousand years. Caution: do not eat more than an ounce a day; but an ounce is a lot of thyme to stuff in your face.

An ounce of dried thyme steeped in very hot water, not boiling, is a treatment for bronchitis, laryngitis, lung ailments, diarrhea, fungus (like *Candida albicans*), and a tincture is even used for getting rid of crab lice! I put a half ounce of thyme in a half pint jar, add honey, stir for a few days, and eat a spoonful a day to strengthen the immune system. It is delicious and it works. Eat it for a month and be surprised.

As a fresh food, chop it up and add it to sprouts and salad. A few sprigs will do. Eat it fresh daily, a sprig or two is enough.

Put some sprigs in your salad vinegar. Most herbal salad dressings have thyme in them. Put some extra in the bottle.

Fresh thyme is best. It is about ten times better than dried. This is true of all herbs. I suggest growing an herbal window-box and eating fresh herbs daily. Common thyme is very difficult to grow but Mother-of-thyme is easy and grows rapidly in almost any soil. Mother-of-thyme is better than common thyme for AIDS plus *Candida*.

Put thyme in stir fries or baked beans or a fancy sauce. Add it and other herbs at the last minute before serving to get the best "bouquet" (smell), flavor, and medical effect.

Fresh basil dresses up any salad. A couple of chopped leaves will turn any raw vegetable salad into deliciousness. Chop it with other herbs and sprinkle it on sprouts, cucumbers, tomatoes, raw zucchini, and whatever else. Add it to stir fries, beans, tabouli, guacamole, and anything except desert.

Basil is used for many ailments: indigestion, fevers, colds, flus, constipation, and "nerves". I would advise it for recovery from pneumocystis. Albert Leung adds irregular menstruation, skin sores (KST), and insect bites. If you make your own hot rolls out of whole rye and whole wheat flours, adding chopped basil for flavor will blow you away and amaze your guests. Oregano, thyme, marjoram, and caraway seeds also make hot rolls incredible.

Basil is a bushy plant and grows very well in rich potting soil. Fertilize it regularly and eat the

flowers first. Eating the flowers is like eating soursop and it makes the plant grow bushy. It likes to be damp in the pot.

Marjoram and oregano are not much used in medicine any more although they seem to have been popular a couple thousand years ago. Sweet marjoram is still occasionally used as a poultice and liniment to improve circulation. This suggestion and my experience tells me that it is good for liver problems like *Candida albicans* and hepatitis recovery. I like it most in scrambled eggs but its flavor is good on any salad and in any cooked dish. Added to hot rolls it is singular. Added to boiled rice it is delicious.

Oregano is a stomach herb and should be cooked. This makes it great for flavoring soups, sauces, breads, rolls, and stir fries. When making stir fries, add the fresh leaves to the oil when you start, then add onions and peppers and sauté them together. Or make a soufflé with one teaspoon of chopped fresh oregano sautéed lightly in the oil. The flavor is epicurean (be sure to use organic eggs).

Hot red pepper is a fantastic cleaner of the lymphatic system. No one with lymphadenopathy can afford to be snooty about cayenne. I eat lots of it.

Cayenne and other hot peppers are much used for colds, flus, bronchitis, diarrhea, parasites, and anything wrong with the nose, lungs, skin, lymphatic system and large intestine. Used in larger doses it is great for high blood pressure and stress. In large doses it will help you keep cool in the heat by promoting sweating. Cayenne is a common ingredient in curry and keeps the Hindu cool in that climate. Mexicans make their food hot for the same reason.

Coriander is another herb which has many medicinal uses. I don't use it in a particularly medicinal fashion but I do like it and put it in food a lot, especially in salsa (Salsa is hot pepper, tomato, onion, vinegar, and maybe garlic. It is not good for *Candida* at all). Chop the fresh coriander and add it to the salsa. M-m-m delicious on corn chips. According to Albert Leung it has 1,500 years of herbal history in China for aiding digestion, breaking up mucus in the lungs, cleaning the lymph, intestinal parasites/dysentery, and hemorrhoids. That covers a lot of bases. It would undoubtedly be good for KS also.

The fresh herb is also called cilantro and is available in Mexican markets by the bunch. Sometimes it is called Chinese parsley too. Historical writers say it can be overused with some disadvantage so eat it every other day or twice a week.

French tarragon is a favorite herb of mine which I feel has some very good medicinal values. Mrs. Grieve mentions it only briefly and none of the other herbalists mention it at all. However, my own experience is that it is very good for the spleen and blood and would probably work well to stir the appetite and help with KS. It is very tasty and goes well with the other herbs that are mentioned here; it provides a "balance" in flavors.

Sometimes French tarragon is difficult to grow but it might do well in potting soil; just put several sprigs in the pot and keep them wet until they start to grow well. Thereafter keep the pot a bit dry.

Good French Tarragon has a distinct anise-coriander flavor when fresh and green. It goes well in omelets, salad dressings, guacamole, and even

some fancy desserts and fruit compotes (Russian tarragon has no anise taste and is useless).

Kudzu powder, which is definitely macrobiotic and can only be bought in good health food stores, is used to make sauces, puddings, and as a binder to replace eggs in cakes. Kudzu makes skin soft and beautiful and is highly recommended for KS by Chinese herbalists.

You will be tomorrow what you eat today. Love yourself in a special way by treating your wonderful body to healthful and healing foods. More next month.

*Darrel Cole, Omaha activist for Gay & Lesbian issues, student of Religious Science International and a person living with AIDS who is active as a public educator for AIDS concerns.*

## PREVENTION OF SECONDARY INFECTION

by James Phalen, M.D.

AIDS and, to a lesser extent, ARC are diseases of the CD-4 (helper) lymphocytes which are the cells that allow the body to resist infections. As the CD-4 cell levels fall, the body becomes more susceptible to infections of all kinds, but particularly fungus, T.B. and viral types. Many articles list ways to avoid secondary infections, but a few practical ways will be mentioned here.

Conventional medical advice stresses prevention by immunization and by limited environmental control.

**VACCINATION:** If you are HIV+, consider early vaccination for influenza.

**GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASE:** Avoid uncooked foods or make sure that they have been washed thoroughly. Also avoid sauces made with uncooked ingredients.

### SYSTEMATIC DISEASES:

A. Cats can be a vector for several parasitic diseases, but chances for any infection can be diminished by:

1. Keep the cats indoors.
2. Wash your hands frequently.
3. Make sure that the cat's food is cooked or use commercially prepared food.

B. Avoid reptiles, especially turtles which also can be vector for parasites.

C. Change tooth brushes often, especially if you're getting over an infection, as the tooth brush can be a reservoir of disease.

Non-conventional medical wisdom suggest that you can increase the efficiency of your immune systems by foods and by mind control. There are many ways which are purported to increase the effectiveness of your immune system. There are substances and methods applicable regardless of your health status.

**Garlic:** Deodorized garlic and garlic with parsley is available in any health food store. Both have been praised as stimulants to the immune system. Regular garlic is just as good (as long as you don't have too many friends).

**Onion:** A day without onions is like a day without sunshine. Onions also help the immune system.

**Cabbage** (and members of the same family): Some unknown component seems to protect against colon cancer and perhaps other malignancies.

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# AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

\*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

AIDS Educ Project, UNL G/L Resource Cntr, Rm 342, Neb Union, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644

American Red Cross,  
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997  
3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 (402) 341-2723

Community Prescription Service, AIDS Info,  
medicine, supplies by mail., 1-800-677-4323

Douglas County Health Department,  
1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-6875

Grand Island/Hall Co. Health Dept,  
105 E. 1st, Grand Island (308) 381-5175

HAIRCARES, Hairdressers helping PWA's,  
1-800-HAIRCARES, Omaha: Judy 333-3329

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept 2200 St Mary  
Lincoln 68502, 471-8065 Testing, counseling

Neb AIDS Educ/Training Center, AIDS  
education to health care professionals, UNMC,  
600 S 42 Omaha 68198, (402) 559-6681

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,  
Omaha 68105, 342-4233 or (statewide) (800)  
782-AIDS [2437] AIDS Hotline, HIV testing,  
practical support, counseling, AIDS awareness.

Neb Dept of Health, 3423 2nd Ave, Kearney  
68847, Call Sharon (308) 234-8709

NE Dept of Health, Craft St. Office Bldg, 200  
So. Silber, NorthPlatte 69101 (308) 535-8133

Neb Regional Hemophilia Center, UNMC,  
600 S. 42, Omaha (402) 559-4227.

People of Color Consortium Against AIDS  
2226 Leavenworth, Omaha (402) 341-8471

ScottsBluff Co Health Dept, County Admin  
Bldg, Gering, NE 69341 (308) 635-3866

Veterans Admin Medical Center, 42 & Wool-  
worth, Omaha 346-8800: Dean Pierce, x 4119

Viral Syndrome Clinic, Univ of NE Medical  
Center, 600 S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6202

## LEGAL

Mowbray, Chapin, & Walker, P.C., 201 N.  
8th, Ste 242, Lincoln 68508 476-3882: Jim

Neb Bar Assoc, 635 S 14, Lincoln, 475-7091

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, Box 81455,  
Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091

## PASTORAL CARE

AIDS Interfaith Network, 100 N 62, Omaha  
Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery) 7pm,  
Service: 2nd Mon, St Cecelias 40th & Webster

AIDS Interfaith Network, 215 Centennial  
Mall So., Rm 411, Lincoln 68508, 474-3017,  
Services: 7pm, 4th Mon, St Marks, 14th & R

## HIV TESTING\*

\*We urge you to inquire about anonymity  
& confidentiality before testing.

Charles Drew Health Center,  
2201 N. 30, Omaha 68111 (402) 453-1433

Douglas County Health Department,  
1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-6875

Equilibria Medical Center, 544 S. 24,  
Omaha, 68102 Call (402) 345-2252

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept, 2200 St  
Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 (402) 471-8065  
Alternate test site available 2nd Tuesday

Grand Island-Hall Co Health Dept, 105 East  
1st St, Grand Island, Mary (308) 381-5175

Native American Community Developmt  
Corp, 2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-8471

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,  
Omaha 342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437]

Nebraska Association of Farm Workers,  
4939 S. 24, Omaha, 68107 (402) 734-4100

Nemaha County Health Department,  
1824 N. Auburn, 68305 (402) 274-4549

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

AIDS/HIV Support Group, Fridays at 7pm in  
Omaha, spiritual atmosphere HIV challenged,  
family, others. Call 345-4747 before 10pm

Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support  
Group, Meets 3rd Tuesday, (308) 381-5175

HIV Anonymous, "Living in Hope" 12 step  
recovery group for at risk/HIV challenged.  
Sunday, 4pm, Lincoln General, Prairie Rm,  
Lower Level, 2300 S. 16th Street, Lincoln.  
Write: Box 67185, Lincoln, 68506

Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group,  
1st Tues at 6:30pm, 3rd Tues at 7:30pm.  
(308) 234-6500 or Sharon (308) 234-8709

Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,  
Omaha, Individual counseling, support groups  
in confidential locations. (402) 342-4233

North Platte Area Support Group,  
Call: (308) 535-8133

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays-Lincoln  
(P-FLAG) AIDS Support Group, Box 4374,  
Lincoln 68504 Wednesdays at 7pm,  
AIDS info/support line (402) 475-2437

Western Nebraska HIV/AIDS Support  
Group, Scottsbluff, Call (308) 635-3606



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THE LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.  
(402) 471 - 8065

FOR OTHER TESTING SITES. CALL:

DOUGLAS COUNTY	402 444-6875
GRAND ISLAND/HALL COUNTY	308 381-5175
NEMAHA COUNTY	402 274-4549
NORTHPLATTE	308 535-8133
SCOTTSBLUFF	308 635-3866
KEARNEY	308 234-8709



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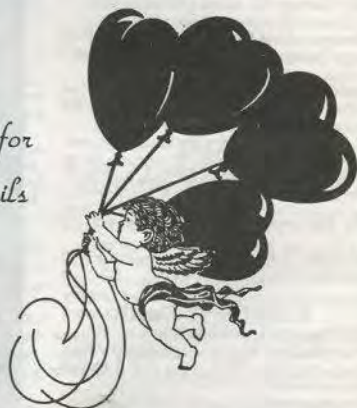
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# REGIONAL NEWS

## KAREN THOMPSON AWARDED GUARDIANSHIP

Sharon Kowalski Not Home Yet

In a landmark decision, Karen Thompson, was named guardian of her spouse, Sharon Kowalski, on December 17 when the Minnesota Court of Appeals overturned the decision of District Court Judge Robert Campbell which had awarded guardianship to Karen Tomberlin, a friend of the Kowalski family. December 17 marked the 12th anniversary of the day that Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski exchanged rings in a ceremony of commitment.

It was nearly four years after that ceremony that Sharon Kowalski, a physical education instructor, was severely injured in a car accident. At the time of the accident on November 13, 1983, Sharon's parents were not aware of the relationship between their daughter and Karen Thompson, with whom Sharon had lived for four years. Sharon's father, Donald Kowalski, refused to admit that his daughter had been involved in a lesbian relationship and obtained a court order which prohibited Karen and Sharon from seeing each other for over three years.

## DES MOINES HAS G/L NEWSPAPER

The Gay and Lesbian Resource Center has transformed their newsletter into a tabloid newspaper covering the state of Iowa. The first issue of the new *GLRC Report* appeared in December 1991.

The larger page size and the support of advertisers gives room for more detailed coverage of news affecting Iowa gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. For example, the December issue carried detailed stories on the state Board of Health recommendations on anonymous HIV testing, the controversy surrounding the showing of the film *Taxi zum Klo* to a University of Iowa German class, the on-again off-again concert date for the Des Moines Men's Chorus at Wartburg College, a review of the film *My Own Private Idaho*, a front page picture of the Names Quilt display in Ames, and a report into the investigation of the murder in Minneapolis of former Des Moines resident Joel Larson.

The Resource Center asks a \$15 donation to mail the newspaper out of state. Iowa residents may ask to be placed on the mailing list at no charge. For subscriptions or to inquire about advertising, write to: GLRC, 4211 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312; or call (515) 279-2110.

## SOUTHWEST IOWA SUPPORT GROUP FORMS

A support group for lesbians, bisexuals, and gay men living in Southwest Iowa has recently formed. Interested persons may write to: Sylvia Manchester, Box 209, Creston, IA 50801. Please indicate your address or phone number. A group organizer will contact you as soon as possible.

WCC News

## CONDOMS AT KIRKWOOD

Restrooms at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids are now equipped with condom machines. Acting on student requests and fears of spreading hepatitis and AIDS, officials at the Iowa school said they want to encourage safer sexual activities.

Access Line

Those three years of separation changed Karen Thompson's life as surely as the accident changed Sharon's. In her battle to be reunited with her spouse, Karen became an activist fighting for the rights of gay and lesbian as well as disabled persons. Karen was able to convince the courts that Sharon's needs were being ignored and that she was needlessly warehoused in a nursing home. More court battles followed and finally, in 1990, Donald Kowalski relinquished guardianship of his daughter.

With the guardianship issue settled, the way is now open for Sharon Kowalski to return home but in an interview given to Cynthia Scott, Karen Thompson stated that Sharon would continue residing in the Trevilia Nursing Home until they could decide on the next move. "Part of me wants to take her home right now. But I don't want to move Sharon home until I'm absolutely sure it can work and I've had a chance to understand all the options available and explain them to Sharon," Thompson said.

## IOWA TEACHERS FORM SUPPORT GROUP

Monthly social gatherings are now available for gays, lesbians, and bisexuals who work in school settings. Iowa's Gay/Lesbian Educators (IGLE) meets on a weekend evening in the Des Moines area and welcomes visitors from throughout the state.

The group provides confidential social activities and support for those who work with youth in schools or other settings. Meetings include a social hour with refreshments followed by discussions of plans for the group on issues important to individuals.

Support is offered to teachers, administrators, librarians, guidance counselors, child care providers and anyone who works with young people in a school setting.

For more information on IGLE, contact the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 4211 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312; (515) 279-2110.

Currently, Des Moines Public Schools is the only system in Iowa to protect students and staff from discrimination based on sexual orientation. City ordinances are also in place for Iowa City and Ames, while the University of Iowa, Iowa State, and Grinnell College also protect gays, lesbians, and bisexuals from discrimination.

Access Line

## YOUTH CONFERENCES IN DES MOINES

The last weekend of February will mark the 1992 youth conference for Iowa to be held in Des Moines February 28, 29 and March 1.

"A Matter of Justice and Compassion: Serving Gay and Lesbian Youth III" will take place February 28 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines in downtown Des Moines, IA.

The Iowa Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian College Conference will take place February 29 and March 1 at Drake University in Des Moines, IA. 400 college students from the Midwest are expected.

For information on either event, contact the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 4211 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, 50312; (515) 277-1454.

## PRAYERS FOR PEACE AT ST. CECELIA'S

By RJ

There was good weather and a good turnout for an interfaith "Prayer Assembly for Peace" held at St. Cecilia's Cathedral on Sunday, Jan. 5. Roger Bergman, Director of New Covenant Justice and Peace Center, served as moderator. "Songs of Praise and Peace" were sung by Nola Jeanpierre of New Life Presbyterian Church. This is a fine singing group, and among their renditions were, "Down by the Riverside" and "America".

The opening address was given by Rev. Phil Barrett, pastor of Benson Presbyterian Church. Rabbi Paul Drazen, Beth El Synagogue, read "No Religion is an Island" with the response given by the audience. Alam Lodhi, Imam of Islamic Center of Omaha, gave a reading from the Qu'ran (Koran) which just shows how closely we all are united under the one God, Creator of all. Though we may worship God in many diverse ways, though we may use different names for God, though we may use different phrasology in our worship, there still is only One God, Creator of us all, and we, all of us, are God's children.

Pam Frankenfield of the Baha'i Faith of Bellevue addressed the audience as well on peace among all. Rev. Vincent Mainelli, Pastor of St. Cecilia's, also addressed the audience on Peace, Good will among all. Nola Jeanpierre closed the services with a musical finale that stirred the soul.

Coffee and camaraderie were held in the Lay Apostolate Center and many took advantage of this offer. But, as Russ and I sat at a table talking with a friend of ours from Dignity, it was openly demonstrated by another party at the table, though this person wore glasses, this person could not see. This person was a very biased person who thought their "way" was the only way to God. Yes, though a Jew, a Catholic, and a multi-faceted Christian could set down at a table in a friendly camaraderie, we who could and have worshipped in each other's "Houses of Worship", still there are those who have eyes but are blind, ears that hear but are deaf, minds that reason but cannot reason, minds that are clogged with prejudice and bias, so stifled that person cannot see the rich, full diversity of all God's children. Yes, Gloria, there is still a long, long way to travel.

The next assembly for "Prayers for Peace" will be at First Lutheran Church, 542 South 31 Street, on Wednesday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. Won't you join in for the "Prayers for Peace".

## PRIDE INSTITUTE

The Pride Institute in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, has long been recognized as the pioneer in the field of chemical dependency treatment for lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals. The Pride Institute is committed to providing quality chemical dependency treatment as clients find healing from cultural victimization, regain personal power, and come to recognize the interconnection between chemical dependency and AIDS, sexual compulsivity, and coming out issues. The institute works closely with third party payors to provide high quality treatment that is cost effective.

If you or someone you love needs help and treatment regarding chemical dependency, call the Pride Institute, (612) 934-7554 or 1-800-54PRIDE.



# LOCAL NEWS

## THE NAMES PROJECT AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT By Kathy England

Each month between now and December 1992 I would like to share a little information with you about the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt that serves as a unique memorial to and celebration of many who have died of AIDS. Using the book, *The QUILT*, by Cindy Ruskin, we will try to answer some of the questions that surround what has been described as the largest on-going arts project in America (and now the world) such as When did it start? What is the purpose? Who can contribute? Where is it displayed and stored? How can I become involved? We'll explore some of the special stories and features that have become so much a part of this work.

On November 27th, 1985, Cleve Jones, a San Francisco activist, joined thousands of people at the annual candlelight march commemorating the murders of Mayor George Moscone and Harvey Milk, the first openly gay city supervisor. Mourners taped pieces of cardboard with the names of family, friends and co-workers that had died of AIDS to the walls of San Francisco's oldest federal building. As the wind and rain tore at the display, people continued to stand reading the names. Cleve later related that this image left such an impression that he knew there had to be some way to create a monument of memorial that would help people remember and celebrate those who had been lost. The idea of taking individual experiences and bringing them together "to make

something of strength and beauty" took the form of a quilt. Following an old American tradition of sharing or telling a story through art, a few friends gathered to make the first of what was to become thousands of 3 foot by 6 foot panels, each designed and created for a friend, partner, or family member.

In June of 1987, forty panels were hung from the mayor's balcony at City Hall during San Francisco's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day parade. Word of the project was spread across the country and the first national display was planned for the Lesbian and Gay Rights March in Washington, D.C. in October 1987. As the project grew, an empty store front in the Castro, San Francisco's main gay neighborhood, became home to the "shoestring operation". Donations of materials including glue, sequins, and other assorted fabrics, sewing machines, time and "back rubs, hugs, and money", began pouring in. By the September deadline, over 1,920 panels had arrived and been prepared for shipment to Washington. Over 3,000 panels had arrived by October and "they haven't stopped since". Today, because of the enormity of the mission, the operation is a blend of paid and volunteer staff. Experienced and first time stitchers work to piece together individual panels (directions in an upcoming article) to make the 12' by 12' blocks that are carefully cataloged and prepared for display. An estimated 10,000 panels were expected

during the second display on the Mall in Washington in 1988. Because of its continuing size, the staff had believed that it might never again be shown in its entirety following the 1989 display. After two years of national and international displays with as few as one or two panels and as many as several thousand, the Quilt will return to Washington, D.C. this fall with an estimated 20,000 panels. 56 of those were presented to the Project during the 1990 display in Lincoln. Why has the staff chosen this time and way to refocus on the mission of the Quilt? We will explore the purpose of the NAMES Project next month.

Want to know more about this special project? You may want to check out a copy of *The Quilt* by Cindy Ruskin by Pocket Books (Simon and Schuster, Inc.) copyright 1988. Or you can join the Quilt task force (a special working committee of the Nebraska AIDS Project) that is now forming to plan activities leading up to a display in Omaha in December 1992. There are many jobs to be done from PR, spreading the word about the Quilt and its focus on awareness and direct services to PWAs and families, fundraising, panel making, and.....the list goes on. If you were unable to make the organizational meeting in January (as an individual or as a representative of a group that would like to be involved), please call us for information and suggestions on how you can join us. The time is short and the tasks are many. We welcome your interest, energy, ideas, and support. (The NAP Memorial Quilt Committee, 291-6781, 2912 Lynnwood Drive, Omaha, NE 68123.)

## KEARNEY NEWS

As I write this column it is January 9th and COLD in Kearney. The winter weather, so far here, had been good. We were enjoying temps in the 40's and rain instead of snow, but early today it changed. Snow/ice and a windchill that only a polar bear could appreciate hit Kearney. BRRRRR!

The mixed winter weather also reflects how the Empty Closet is going. As I reported last month, the E.C. one year celebration was great fun. This was a climax to LOTS of hard work building something in Kearney (and the tri-cities) that I don't believe has ever been done on this scale.

**Statistics:**  
 Money taken in for the year \$2,671.23  
 Money spent out \$2,657.08  
 Balance \$14.15

Total number of computer hours used for newsletter, info packets, correspondence, etc. \$1,238

Number of people attending support group \$92  
 discussion nights (limited to those needing support or willing to give support).

Numbers of incoming phone calls for year \$1,128  
 Number of outgoing calls \$1,440  
 (Does not include prank/harassment or hang ups)

9 issues of the E.C. newsletter were published for the year. This represents some 4,300 copies sent out or placed in "family" bars.

Numerous social functions were sponsored by the Empty Closet alone or with the help of the

former Affairs Bar in Grand Island and the good folks in Grand Island, Hastings, and Kearney. Overall, several hundred people took part in these socials.

We adopted a 4 mile stretch of Interstate 80 to keep clean as a part of the statewide "Adopt a Highway" program.

We did 11 major speaking functions (some on radio and t.v.) and several smaller ones, too.

We have also worked with the tri-city AIDS Coalition, State Health Department, and Red Cross in educating not only the gay community but all. We have run an HIV/AIDS support group in Kearney.

All and all it had been a banner year!

Just as the weather turned cold.....the group has a new challenge. If we are to continue to reach people in this part of the state we will need the support of others. We do not anticipate great big sums of money being needed to finance another years operation. Since one of the main expenses, the newsletter, will now be handled by a separate group down here, we project a total cost of only about \$1,500! (There are no salaries involved.) Immediate help from those that can help is being sought. If you can send a check now or make a pledge for the year we will be grateful.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BARBIE AWARDS RECOGNIZE YEAR'S BEST

Jennifer Jett walked away with "Entertainer of the Year" as Stella Dallas and High Heat Productions presented the First Barbie Awards for performers in the Omaha community on December 29 at The MAX.

Candidates for the Awards were selected by a panel of judges and the winners were selected by popular vote. Hostess for the evening was Stella Dallas, joined by emcees Lafayette, Katrina Kane, and Kymber Leigh. The superb set was created by Mr. Tom Cech. Special Barbie Awards were given to Don Randolph (Don Flowers) for his lifetime achievement in the gay/lesbian community and to Carla Petersen and Sharon Van Busele for their community service during the past year.

Winners are:

### Best Performances,

Popular Selection: Jennifer Jett  
Live Performance: R.C. Mixed Chorus  
Rock Selection: Gloria Revelle  
Skag Drag: Scott Rezac  
Male Performance: Rodney  
Ballad: Phoebe Tate  
Country: Jennifer Jett & Gloria Revelle as "The Judds"

R&B-Soul: Dorian Drake  
Comedy: Gloria Revelle  
Group Performance: Gloria Revelle in "Hairspray" Dorian Drake

Disc: Dorian Drake  
Most Versatile Entertainer: Dorian Drake  
Best Character Impersonation: Amanda Foxx as "Cher"

Most Creative Costuming: Jennifer Jett  
Best Show—Non-Drag: "Fantasy '91"

Produced by Dustin Logan & Bob Ewing

Best Benefit Show: "Fantasy '91"  
Emcee of the Year: Gloria Revelle

Most Improved Entertainer: Roxie  
Best Use of Choreography: Kymber Leigh

Best Transformation Male to Female: Mae  
Most Original/Unique: Jennifer Jett  
Favorite Out of Town: Laura Grey

Newcomer of the Year: Kymber Leigh  
Best Show: Miss Gay Nebraska/America

Outstanding Backstage Support: Muffy Rosenberg  
Community Service Lifetime: Sharon & Carla  
Achievement: Don Randolph  
Entertainer of the Year: Jennifer Jett

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### P-FLAG DISPLAY AT FAMILY FAIR AT BURKE HIGH

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) will be one of the groups taking part in the Family Fair to be held on February 4 at Burke High School, 12200 Burke Boulevard. The keynote speaker for the evening will be Ben Vereen, star of *Roots*, TV and Broadway Actor, Lecturer, and Entertainer, speaking on "Building Better Families". The Family Fair is part of the familyness series sponsored by Omaha Public Schools and the Omaha Council of PTA/PTSA.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

The Nebraska AIDS Project and Omaha AIDS Interfaith Network sponsored a guest speaker at Kountze Lutheran Church on December 1, World AIDS Day. Diane Bennett is an epidemiologist who currently works for the Center for Disease Control. She formerly worked in the global AIDS Program run by the World Health Organization. Diane brought a world perspective of HIV and AIDS which proved very enlightening to all that attended. A panel of Omaha AIDS Professionals and three persons with AIDS addressed an open forum at Bellevue College. Fortunately, there were many questions from the audience and a good amount of local media coverage. On a final note, the American Red Cross AIDS Coalition hosted a green ribbon cutting ceremony at the Civic Center, at which Mayor Morgan made a proclamation announcing National AIDS Awareness Day. It is our hope that this day continued to raise Nebraskan's awareness and sensitivity to the AIDS issue.

Thanks to NAP's many contributors, our clients reaped a bountiful Christmas once again. Toys for Tots which brought in monies that purchased toys and gifts for children with HIV challenged parents across the state of Nebraska was hosted at the MAX by the Imperial Court of Nebraska. Additional gifts were gathered in Central Nebraska by a youth group sponsored by Cindy Mindt. Two NAP board members also brightened the holiday as well. One member was thoughtful enough to choose a single parent family with two small children for which to personally purchase their gifts. Likewise, our other board member came forth with money and gift

certificates which were used to purchase presents for additional clients and children. Stockings were also made by a group of wonderful elves and distributed by NAP volunteers to clients before Christmas. A group of University of Nebraska Medical Center nurses donated money and brought cheer to two NAP clients and their four children. As the NAP caseload has risen over 57% over the past year, so did the number of our Christmas donors and the support of our volunteers. We hope you all realize how much our clientele appreciates your thoughtfulness.

One special thank you goes to the Imperial court of Nebraska for donating a decorated Christmas tree to a client, who would otherwise have gone without. With the permission of that client, we would like to share the letter that was brought to the NAP staff. A similar letter was written specifically to ICON.

*My thanks and good wishes to all the NAP staff, facilitators, service providers, and fellow volunteers who have helped to bring me out of the "closet" and back into the living.*

*For some of us, the diagnosis of being HIV+ is enough to make us become hermits; afraid to get close to someone for fear of getting rejected.*

*After being involved with NAP since May '91, I have found that many of my friends and acquaintances are also in the "same boat" as I.*

*In the support groups I have found a new sense of well-being coupled with the thought so Hope, Faith, and Acceptance.*

*Through the speaking engagement program that NAP has, I have found an outlet to let others*

*learn that AIDS can happen to anyone, regardless of sexual preference; educating the general public as to how's and why's of this illness.*

*A very special thank you to the caseworkers; Judith and Patrick, for without you, I would still be sitting home alone, afraid to venture into the world.*

*As 1992 gets underway, I hope and pray that everyone at NAP has the opportunity to get what they need during the new year, and to quote a 60's song: You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you get what you need.*

*Peace, Hope, and Love in 1992.*

Jeff  
PWA

### NAP Case Management Census December, 1991

Open Cases as of 12/1/91	165
New Cases	15
Clients deceased	5
Clients moved from state (case closed)	6
Open Cases as of 12/31/91	169

### Client Services Provided in December, 1991

Advocacy	206
Transportation	164
Shopping, Cooking, Etc.	111

If you know someone who is HIV+ or has AIDS, feel free to refer them to NAP. If you would like to volunteer, call the Nebraska AIDS Project for an application.

### PRIDE PLANS UNDERWAY

Pride Week Planners are at their drawing boards and creative juices are flowing. We have already had two committee meetings and the subcommittees organizing the individual events which make up Pride Week are working hard and need your help.

The national theme of this year's Pride Week in Pride = Power. Please join in our effort to demonstrate what a proud, strong, and powerful community we are. Your positive ideas are very instrumental in achieving new gay and lesbian endeavors such as the wonderful event that will take place on the Friday evening which "kicks off" Pride Weekend, The Imperial Court of Nebraska, the River City Mixed Chorus, and A.N.G.L.E., Inc. will come together under one roof in a joint venture for the first time in order to offer our community an opportunity to experience a feeling of unity which will brand our hearts forever. This one eventful evening alone will send out a message that we are a united people and that we intend to achieve our goals.

If you are interested in helping to plan Pride Week events, please contact me immediately by calling the A.N.G.L.E., Inc. Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 or writing to our P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131, and providing us with a means of contacting you.

Dan A. Buck  
Pride Week Committee Chairperson

### RCMC PROM '92

By Rich Ketter

If you are among those who often feel that there is never anything to do, then you should know that there will be a Prom on February 29, 1992. The Prom will be the River City Mixed Chorus Benefit for this year. Even more, the Prom will be a lot of fun.

The Prom will give us all a chance to attend that special night again, or maybe you missed it the first time. (For many of us it has been too long to remember.) Whatever the case may be, this time you can go with the someone you really want to be dancing and romancing with.

The Prom will start at 8:00 p.m. and will feature a D.J. playing music of the 40's through the 70's. Between dances you can have your picture taken to memorialize this fantastic evening.

Reservations will need to be made in advance. A phone line has been set up to take your information. Simply call 346-7646, or ask any chorus member. A donation of \$5.00 is asked of each person who will be attending alone and \$8.00 for every couple.

This benefit is just one of the ways that the chorus raises funds for the operating expenses. The chorus must rely on the community in order that music can be purchased, flyers can be mailed, honoraria can be given to the directors, and concerts can be performed. This is just one more fun and exciting way to give support.

### ARBOR MOON NEW HOURS

Arbor Moon Alternative Book Store, the areas leading bookstore for books on women's and multicultural issues, is now open Monday through Friday over the noon hour (12 - 1pm), Wednesday evenings from 7 - 9pm, and Saturdays from 1 - 4pm. Thursday evening, Arbor Moon displays at The Precinct, 226 South 9th, in Lincoln. Arbor Moon is located in the Gathering Place.

### PRIDE WEEK LOGO CONTEST FINAL MONTH

Midnight Saturday, February 29, is the deadline for artists or "near artists" to submit entries for the Pride Week 1992 Logo Contest sponsored by ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors). The winning logo will be used for a variety of Pride Week items including stationery, T-shirts, buttons, posters, perhaps even a New Voice cover.

The contest is open to all. The submitter of the winning logo will receive a T-shirt bearing the selected logo, two tickets to the Pride Week Awards Dinner and a year's subscription to *The New Voice*.

Entries submitted should be no larger than 5" x 7" with the submitter's name on the back (not front). Two colors are allowed; foreground color and background color. Entries should consider the 1992 Pride Week theme PRIDE = POWER. Entries may be submitted to any ANGLE member or mailed to ANGLE, Box 31375, Omaha, 68131. An individual may submit any number of entries. The winning logo will be chosen at the general ANGLE meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, at the UNO Religious Center, 101 North Happy Hollow. All entries become the property of ANGLE, Inc.

ANGLE has been the primary organizer and sponsor of Omaha's Pride Week for several years, coordinating a variety of activities including an awards dinner, parade, rally with speaker, and provided the specialized T-shirts and buttons bearing the year's logo. Persons wishing to help in any way may contact ANGLE through the Gay/Lesbian Information Line, 558-5303.



# LOCAL NEWS



Felice Whitney



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The Imperial Court of Nebraska is proud to announce the overwhelming success of their annual Toys for Tots Show. Grand Czarina Gloria Revelle put together an outstanding show for that night. Entertaining the crowd was a variety of performers including the following: Empress XI Mae, Rodney, Mr. MAX—the little fir tree, Empress IX Felice Whitney, Lady Royale Kymm, Athena III Tami—a flocked tree, Gloria Revelle—the shortest AND the tallest tree in the show, Dick Brown—the red-nose reindeer, Sammi Bennett, Kymber Leigh, the River City Mixed Chorus—to name a few. We extend a hearty thank you to each of the entertainers. Not only did they share their talents, but they, too, pay the cover charge, and they give up their tips to support the show. Thank you!

Thanks, too, goes out to all of the individuals and businesses who so generously supported the show. Especially we thank the MAX for allowing us to put on the show and donating a part of the door along with those other bar owners who supported us with their presence: Cindy of the Diamond and Charlie and Dan of D.C.s. Patrons of The Chesterfield collected toys and brought those to the show. They served to help adorn the tree that Royal family members bought, decorated, and then contributed to a PWA after the show. The Metro made its presence in the community known with a \$250 donation to the event. Thanks to each of you!

Here's a look at the financial picture:

INCOME:	
Door	\$454.00
Donations & Tips	+\$985.00
TOTAL	=\$1439.00
EXPENSES: Set, Flyers, Etc.	-\$ 75.00
TOTAL PROFITS	\$1364.00

From those profits \$50 was sent to ABC Quilts in Ogallala, which makes quilts and sends them all over the country for AIDS and CRACK babies. Toys and necessities such as diapers, socks, baby wipes, etc. in the amount of \$265.65 were donated to the Children's Crisis Center on behalf of the Gay/Lesbian community. Finally \$822.48 was spent on toys and Christmas food baskets for the families of 25 children of PWAs.

For those of you handy with a calculator, you can see that we had \$225.87 left over. A committee has been formed to determine how to best allocate that money so that it will go to benefit kids. A decision on that will probably be made in the February meeting. We invite you to join us Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at The MAX as we make that decision.

Thanks again for all your support! We'll see you March 8 at The MAX for Black Night: An Explosion of Fantasies!



# LOCAL NEWS

## NVN RECOGNIZES SECRETARY

The Toys for Tots Show gave the *New Voice of Nebraska* a fitting opportunity to recognize Carla Petersen for her contributions while serving on the Steering Committee. During his number, Dick Brown, treasurer of NVN, dressed as Rudolph, presented Petersen, who was dressed as Santa, with a plaque recognizing her for her "creative" contributions.

Petersen joined the NVN Steering Committee two years ago and served as secretary during her two year term. Although she has opted not to renew her position on the Steering Committee, she remains an active member of the NVN staff, writing articles (such as this one!), typing, and doing layout.

Yes, due to this vacancy and others that have existed almost forever, NVN is interested in increasing the size of its Steering Committee. If you have an interest in participating in producing the Midwest's best gay and lesbian magazine, join us Sunday, Feb. 9 at 1:00 p.m. at 420 S. 24th St. (MCC-O) for the monthly Steering Committee meeting.

## GOLDSMITH AWARDS GIVEN

At their monthly Prayer and Healing Service, held on January 13 in the Nebraska Chapel of St. Cecelia's Cathedral, the AIDS Interfaith Network of Omaha presented the Jonathan C. Goldsmith, M.D. Care Giver's Award to 7 individuals and organizations who have demonstrated exceptional care and concern for those living with HIV or AIDS. The recipients of the awards are Nick Behrens, John Coe, Harry Naasz, Rev. Michael Tan Creti, Dr. Michael Thorfinson, the Heartland Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Mercy Care Center. Congratulations to these individuals and organizations for their dedicated efforts.

## LOVE EQUALS TALENTS

By Sammi Bennett

Love in the air of Omaha. Join me in a night of seduction and love with the many talents of Omaha, newcomers and established performers. Let's get together on Saturday night, February 8, at the Triangle Bar, (Polk & Railroad Ave).

I, Sammi Bennett, will be hosting a Valentine Show, "The Sweetheart Girls," which will be featuring many of your favorite performers such as Margo Monroe, Vanessa Andersen, Amanda Foxx, and many others.

The Triangle Bar supports the gay community, so let's get together and show them we support everyone!

Those of you who missed "The Toys for Tots" show back in December are now regretting it. So, grab your loved one, and a bottle of wine to join us in a salute to our past and present loved ones in a show stopper of talents, at 10 o'clock p.m. on February 8.

Congrats to the new Miss Max! from Omaha's Hottest Redhead of the 90's

Sammi Bennett

## ATTENTION ARTISTS

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- 2) The copy must be clean for reproduction.
- 3) It would help if the original were in black and white with any color specifications attached on a separate piece of paper.
- 4) It must be submitted by March 15, 1992, to the address below or given directly to Amy Marie Meek.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RIVER CITY BOWLING NEWS

As of the 17th week of bowling, it was still "The Battle of the Bars" as DC's and Gilligan's were numbers 1 and 2 in the standings, but this month DC's is in first place with 79 wins compared to second place Gilligan's 73 wins. Gilligan's 2 was just one game behind with 72 games won.

The men's high game for the year was still held by Bud D. of the Centerfolds with a 269. Darwin B. of "Y" Knot DC's has second high game with 268, moving ahead of Tony O. of Consistently Inconsistent who has third high game with a 256. Darwin B. holds the men's high series with a 701 and had the league's high men's average with a 199.1. Dan C. has the second high men's series with a 676 and the second high men's average with a 189.9. Dan W. has the third high men's series with a 644. Ken W. has the third high men's average with a 189.8.

The high women's game is still held by Marcia K. of Consistently Inconsistent with a 215, who has the third high women's series with a 487 and the second high women's average with a 146.4. Elyse M. of Gilligan's #2 has the second high women's game with a 214, the high women's series with a 529, and the high women's average with a 162.7. Cheryl C. has the second high women's series with a 491, and the third high women's average with a 140.8.

The high team game (including handicap) and high team series are held by Gilligan's with an 807 game and a 2279 series. Gilligan's also holds the second high game with a 791. 6 Balls

and a Old Bag has third high team game with a 785. The second high team series is held by 3+1 with a 2215 and the third high team series is held by Gilligan's #2 with a 2177.

The high scores for the week were Darwin B. with a 268 game (98 pins over his average) and a 686 series, and Lori M. with a 172 game and a 477 series. Duane S. had an outstanding week as he bowled 112 pins over his average.

The complete standing after 14 weeks of bowling are as follows:

	Won	Lost
1. DC's	62	29
2. Gilligan's	62	29
3. Gilligan's #2	59	32
4. 6 Balls & a Old Bag	57	34
5. "Y" Knot DC's	51.5	39.5
6. Running Rebels	55	36
7. Real Men	56	35
8. Ernie's Book Store	46	45
9. The Golden Girls	44.5	46.5
10. The MAX	42	49
11. D.I.D.I.T.'s	52	39
12. Metro Mixers	48	43
13. DC's Too	41	50
14. Ex Lover	35	56
15. Three Men & Little Lady	42	49
16. Consistently Inconsistent	34	57
17. Centerfolds	33	58
18. Yosemite Sam's	31	60
19. Diamond D.J.'s	31	60
20. 3+1	28	63

## PHONE LINE HELPS ANOTHER 167 CALLERS

During the fourth quarter of 1991 (October, November, and December), the Gay/Lesbian Information Line, sponsored by A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) received 427 phone calls. Over half (260) were hang-ups, pranks, or hate calls. Of the remaining 167 calls, the largest group of callers (57) were asking for information on local organizations and activities. 26 callers were looking for information on bars, clubs, or other places to meet people. 11 callers were looking for counselors or support groups. 3 callers were reporting discrimination or hate crimes. 2 callers were seeking legal help and 3 callers were looking for help with school papers or projects. 38 calls could not be returned. In most cases when a call could not be returned it was because of incorrect phone numbers or people who were not comfortable leaving their phone number on the voice mail service. In all cases ANGLE volunteers try at least three times to return phone calls before logging it as a call that cannot be returned.

## MR./ MS LEATHER NE - 1992

To join the best of NE's leather community in competing for the titles of Mr. and Ms Leather NE, contact any member of T.W.O. or look for applications in your favorite drinking establishment. The contest, sponsored by Two Wheelers of Omaha, M.C., will be held at the Diamond Bar March 1. Seating for the contest will begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## LADIES OF THE EVENING

By Cheri Loofe-Bavaard

Since the beginning of recorded gay history, life has been decorated with fops, femmes, and drag queens. They've entertained the masses, raised a whole lot of money for every good cause you can think of and stood up for our rights at more places than Stonewall.

Well, boys, thanks for all you've done but share the stage now, please. There's a new act in town — women.

There have been several individual cases of women wearing a drag queen's crown, even some co-ed operations. A group in San Francisco called the Mermens is quite famous for tromping around and singing Ethel Merman tunes.

Of the few women's "drag" troupes in the Midwest, one of the best known is right her in Lincoln.

They are "The Ladies of the Evening" and they do often perform at night, but, no, they're not hookers. The Ladies have been around for a little over two years now and in that time they've developed from just a drag troupe with a twist, into a really very talented group.

According to Beth Muehling, the director and founder of the group, the Ladies are trained and work with more of a theatre mentality, than drag.

The numbers they do are parodies, usually skits. It's very rare that they do a song like the song writer intended.

One of my personal favorites is "Almost Paradise". Only, the Ladies do "Almost Pair Of Dice". Two cute little dice people attached to a huge mirror hung in the middle of the stage bounce around and sync the song.

"My goal of doing this," says Beth Muehling, director of the group, "is making at least one person come away from a show thinking or seeing something different. If I can change at least one person's point of view, it's worth it."

Muehling's theory of "think-changing" seems to work. The emphasis of the shows is put on entertainment and not on teaching, but some of

the morales still sink in to the audience.

The group's acts come in every flavor you could want. They portray little children, the elderly, businessmen, and delinquents; all in a matter of a few costume changes and even fewer minutes.

One of the positive things about the "Ladies" is that they do not limit their performances to the gay community. The thirteen all-lesbians-but-one troupe is quick to remember where they got their start, but stresses that art can be art for everyone, regardless of your sexuality. Which is good, because everyone should be exposed to the quick wit and satire that they bring to the stage.

And the "Ladies" are for everyone. They make it a point to perform in accessible buildings and include an American Sign Language interpreter in all of their shows.

The women's goal is to make the "Ladies", if not a household word, at least a neighborhood phrase. "I can see us in Vegas," says Muehling, "playing night after night. God! We could be so good!" Muehling's right hand woman and business mind of the troupe, Micki, agreed, but added that although there is potential to make it big, not everyone may want to. "We've got over a dozen people in this group. They are all very talented, but not all of them want to be on stage for the rest of their life."

Whether or not the "Ladies" make a lifetime commitment to the stage, they are sure worth seeing if you've got the chance. The group performs in all of Nebraska's surrounding states as well as in Lincoln and Omaha. Most recently they played for a general audience at the Lincoln Hilton and for the Lincoln General Hospital Independence Center Alumni Dinner as well as pitching in at a benefit show to benefit a local woman with AIDS.

I got to see them at the Hilton and let me tell you, they were wonderful! They made me laugh and they made me cry. Well.....I didn't cry, but I did laugh a lot. Go see the "Ladies of the Evening". You won't regret it.

## QUEER NATION-NEBRASKA FORMING IN OMAHA

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QUEER NATION is a political action group formed to promote gay, lesbian, and bisexual visibility and work for human rights.

But, wait, you say, Nebraska doesn't need QUEER NATION, we're doing just fine.

OH, REALLY?

Did you know you can be fired for being queer in this state? Did you know you can be evicted from your apartment, denied a loan, and otherwise hassled and hounded just for being gay and you can't do anything about it?

IS THAT TRUE? YES! IS THAT RIGHT? NO!

What are we going to do about it? You guessed it, the first step is to become visible and that's what QUEER NATION is all about.

As long as the community at large is left to believe there aren't any queers in this state, they can feel justified in denying us our civil rights. And they aren't going to know we're here unless

we tell them. Being visible is a scary concept, but before you throw this magazine down in disgust, let me tell you ways QUEER NATION can remind those silly straight people that we are here.

How about SHOPPING? I bet you never thought your favorite past time could be political, did you? Of course it is, if you go to Westroads in a group of 20 and everyone is holding hands and wearing QUEER NATION t-shirts.

Here's an idea for those of you who want to be a little less obnoxious: have a letter writing party. You'd be amazed how effective it is to write to businesses, radio stations, or even government bodies and remind them that we won't put up with homophobia.

For the more artistic among us, QUEER NATION has also been known to post queer-positive banners and spray paint slogans like "DYKES AND FAGS ARE PEOPLE, TOO" on sidewalks and other places. Of course, this may be illegal and you may not want to do it, but.....

QUEER NATION NEBRASKA is open to all people regardless of sexual orientation, race, creed, national origin, abilities, religion, or gender. If you are at all interested, or even just curious, please write to the following address or

## NEWS FROM THE MAX

By Gloria Revelle

The MAX is still the only place in the Midwest to give Gay Men and Women a choice. Whether you kick up your heels to the best in Country Music with Ed Murray in STOSH'S SALOON or party with Mike & Eddie B. in the disco, you'll always find some place quiet to go and get to know that special someone a little better. Come see the difference.

I'd like to welcome our new Miss Max 8 to our little family. This year's contest really showed why we're the best in the Midwest. Congratulations to Dorian on her year as Miss MAX 7. Dorian is one of the finest entertainers anywhere and we had a great year working together. Watch the New Voice and the MAX lobby for the first show featuring our new Diva. Thanks to the Miss MAX Alumni and Tom Cech for all their help in making this year's contest such a success.

February 2 you'll find great food and great entertainment at the MAX. We're helping Omaha's Metropolitan Community Church celebrate it's 18th Anniversary. There will be a pizza party and show all for \$5. All the proceeds will go to the MCC-O building fund.

Sunday, February 9, the MAX is giving Omaha a pre-Valentine's Day Gift to really put a heart on you. Welcome back, California Men. Four of southern California's hottest men who grace the pages of *Exercise for Men* and *Playgirl* will be taking it off only for the men of the MAX.

She captured Omaha with her illusion of Lena Horne at Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A. in December, and on Sunday, February 16, she returns. Victoria Wells, Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A. will be here with some of the finest performers from Kansas City. Don't miss this terrific show.

Omaha loves 'em so I'm bringing them back. Sunday, February 23, it's Gloria's Midwest Men. Omaha's local boys never looked so good. Johnny, Angel, Robofox, Easy Lover, and Wild Thing will all be there. There's something for everyone at the place for everybody. THE MAX!

call to get information about the first meeting and what actions are planned. Come on, take astep for all of us. YOU can make the world a better place for yourself and your queer sisters and brothers. Join QUEER NATION TODAY! It won't cost you a thing and you might even enjoy it!

Write to:

QUEER NATION (or Q.N. if you're shy)  
P.O. Box 34463  
Omaha, NE 68134-0463

Or call: Blake at (402) 451-7987.

## LOVE

by Billy Joe

There are two kinds of love.  
Love from the mind  
And Love from the heart,  
Love for another person  
and Love of God,  
Love of parent for child  
and Love of child for parent,  
Love of family and God.



# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA

By Carla

This is it! The big weekend has arrived! Get on your bib, your dancin' shoes, and join us at The MAX! We're celebrating our 18th Anniversary as a chartered church in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC for short)!

Saturday night the board of directors is treating the congregation to a thank you dinner at the church, but Sunday night we'll take the celebration out into the community. The evening (Sun., Feb. 2, that is) starts at 6:00 p.m. at The MAX with pizza. A \$5.00 admission will get you pizza from 6-8, dancing (with music for everyone!) from 7-9, and the show of shows at 9:30. If you're strictly a show person, well, come at the usual time, and you'll be charged the usual \$3 admission. Proceeds from the evening will go into the Building Fund.

YES! I've been assured the currently building contract will be paid off by then. I expect to see a mortgage burning one evening. And—thanks to special Christmas donations by the congregation, it looks like we'll still have a balance of \$17,000 to continue our building fund drive.

Our fundraising committee has put together a \$200 cash raffle that will take place that night. And they promise me there are some other "unmentionable in 'proper company'" prizes! So you've got more than one chance to become a winner. If you haven't got your tickets, I'll just

bet there'll be a few left that we can sell you at the show. For those of you on the conservative side, we'll have door prizes. We want everyone to go home feeling like a winner.

MCC-O thanks the community for all of their support in 1991 and in the 17 years prior. We are thankful for you and your generous contributions over the years. We hope you will come and celebrate with us Feb. 2.

Joining us this weekend for the celebration is the Mid-Central District's District Coordinator, Rev. Bonnie Daniel. She will speak during the Morning Worship Service on Feb. 2. We invite you to join us at 10:20 a.m. at 420 S. 24th St. for that special anniversary service.

While in Omaha, Rev. Daniel will be looking at potential host hotels for the 1993 Mid-Central District Conference of UFMCC. This conference, which draws clergy and lay representatives from eight states, is held annually over Memorial Day weekend.

Omaha MCCers are beginning to make plans now to attend the 1992 conference in Billings, Montana.

January saw MCC-O packed during the Morning Worship Services. Seventy-eight crowded the sanctuary January 12. Winter always seems to be a time of growth for us. I wonder what February will hold!

Membership class, scheduled for mid-January, attracted six. The addition of these into

membership will bring our total to 90. Wow!

Don't forget the Gay/Lesbian Support Group that meets each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. or the Lesbian Support Group that meets Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. Both groups invite newcomers to join them any time.

As for me, well, I'll be seeing you in church. Please join us any Sunday at 10:20 a.m. or 7:00

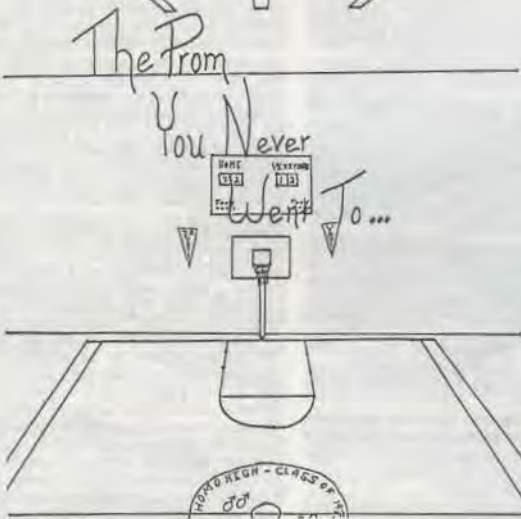
## HEARTSONG SINGERS COMING TO MCC-O

The gospel music ministry of Heartsong will fill the sanctuary at MCC-Omaha as this group of four talented young men present a gospel concert at 7:30pm on February 11.

Heartsong was organized in 1987 and entered the music ministry full time in 1990, believing that God called them individually and collectively to travel and share principles of Jesus Christ in word and song. Heartsong employs a variety of musical styles, from traditional Southern Gospel to Contemporary Christian, to share the good news. Heartsong was one of the groups appearing at the General Conference of the United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches held in Phoenix last summer.

The concert is free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken. Tapes of Heartsong's music will also be available.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ICON HONORS PAST PRESIDENT

By Carla

The Imperial Court of Nebraska voted in its December meeting to recognize Don Randolph for his service (as president) to ICON and the gay and lesbian community. Formal recognition of Randolph took place during the annual Toys for Tots Show, December 22 at The MAX.

Carla Petersen, then president of ICON, read a letter ICON had received from a community member who told how Randolph's commitment had helped that individual. With the entire Board of Governors present on stage, JoJo Morrison—Mother to All Athenas—presented Don a plaque which reads as follows:

"The Imperial Court of Nebraska recognizes Don Randolph for his contributions to the Gay/Lesbian community of Nebraska and Iowa and names him President Emeritus with all honors and privileges. December 1991."

JoJo and Don

## NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

By Phoenix Fallentino, Princess Royale XI

### Greetings and Happy Valentine's Day!

Some of our Board members and monarchs and Royal Family members just returned from coronation festivities in Houston, Texas. The southern hospitality shown to our court will not be forgotten. A great time was had by all and congratulations to the new Monarchs of the Lone Star Court of Houston. We are looking forward to seeing Houston at our coronation in June.

At our January meeting the Board of Governors accepted and approved two new Board members. Congratulations and welcome to Michael Gaffney and Jerry McGinnis. They will serve until January of 1994.

Thank-you to everyone who attended Toys for Tots at the end of December. The show was very successful. (See story page 19.)

When the need arises for the less fortunate, you, the Gay/Lesbian community never let us down and always show up in force to support our causes. ICON appreciates you!

The Board accepted the resignation of Board member Ronn Morris who has moved. We thank him for serving and best wishes in the future.

ICON extends congratulations to the newly crowned Miss Max and a thank-you to Miss Max 7, Dorian Drake, on her successful year representing the MAX.

Speaking of pageants, all you hunks out there who desire to throw on a gown, shave the facial hair, and pump up some wig hair: ICON's annual Closet Ball will be coming up in April. Our reigning Closet Ball Queen, Kymber Leigh, promises that this year's Closet Ball will be one-of-a-kind that you don't want to miss. Watch for further details and dates.

Another exciting ICON function coming up will be Black Night: an Explosion of Fantasies, March 8, 9:30pm at the MAX. Duane promises this to be a night of fantasy and magic. All the performers will be doing a fantasy of choice: Western, Leather, Comedy... Last I heard, Mac, Gloria Revelle, and Jennifer Jett were considering a triple fantasy involving pineapple syrup, toothpicks, a horseshoe, and cherry flavored lipstick. So we'll see all of you March 8. Duane also promises some true hunks doing their fantasy. Don't be late!

Plans are all in place and final for Coronation '92, "A Night of Animation", to be held June 19-21, 1992, at the Airport Ramada Inn. This is also Gay Pride Week and ANGLE and River City Mixed Chorus have activities planned with us. This promises to be a weekend not to be missed. ICON has a block of rooms so make your reservations early. Inform the Ramada Inn you're with ICON for a discount! Let's all be proud of who we are and show everyone Nebraska is the place where "the good life begins!"

The Board accepted the resignation of Don Randolph as our Archbishop. ICON will be searching for a new Archbishop, announcement to be made later.

ICON extends best wishes to MCC-O on their 18th anniversary, February 2. MCC-O plans a celebration February 2 beginning at 6pm at the MAX. ICON will be there to show our support and we hope to see all of you there, too.

On January 11, Phoenix Fallentino, Princess Royale XI, Gloria Revelle, Grand Czarina XI, and past Empress Velvet all participated in the Miss Three Cheers Pageant in Sioux City, Iowa. Thanks to Gary and the staff of Three Cheers for involving ICON. Congratulations to the new Miss Three Cheers. ICON looks forward to working with the "Sioux City Gang." We appreciate your support and we always feel lots of love and support at the Three Cheers.

ICON still is accepting applications for Board Members. If you have a desire to get involved in the community and make a difference, pick up an application or attend our meetings, the first Monday of the month, 6:30pm at the MAX. Hope to see you!

February 22, 1992 marks the 20th anniversary of the Court System. Congratulations to our Founding Mother Court, the Crystal Prism Court of San Francisco.

And don't forget to send your sweetheart roses on Valentine's Day, February 14! And if I happen to be your sweetheart, I'll even settle for white carnations tipped in red!!!!

Happy Valentine's Day!

See all of you at the upcoming events, and don't forget Coronation '92!

## P-FLAG NEWS

By Kathy England

February is traditionally a month of Valentines, romance, and sharing. For a parent or friend who has just become aware that their child, co-worker, or acquaintance is gay, there may be a whole new set of emotions. One may wonder how (pardon the pun) straight a shot Cupid may have delivered.

Five years ago, I couldn't bear the thought of a Valentine card or remembrance, a few short months before, our son had "come out" to us during his first college holiday break. My whole world seemed to be upside down. I knew our son had not changed and that we loved him, but I didn't know or understand what his announcement meant except that I was (As Scott later described me) devastated. A whole wave of emotions swept over me, including fear (the world would not treat him kindly), bewilderment, denial (it's just a "phase"), guilt (what had I done to cause this?), and pain from grieving the "loss of the son and dreams and hopes" that I once knew.

As I gradually put pieces of my life back together and began to read and learn about homosexuality, I came to understand that this was neither a choice for him or the result of anything that we as parents had done or not done. Scott is the child of God that had been loaned to us to love and hold for a while, just like his sister. Had I been aware of and called the P-FLAG help line then, known about P-FLAG, a support group for families and friends of lesbians and gays, and read some of the books and articles that are loaned through the P-FLAG library, I might have been able to live through that February with far more smiles than tears, with more warmth and love than pain.

P-FLAG is a national federation of chapters and groups of parents and friends who come together to share their experiences, support one another through the variety of emotions and stages of one's growth, and celebrate the lives of all our children as we know and love them. We talk together at monthly meetings, (January's discussion with Wes Perry, a medical social worker, was about AIDS and the impact on families); work with others in the community to help them understand who we and our families are and what we need for everyone to live productive, protected and healthy lives; staff a phone information line to assist people with information and an open, listening heart; provide a support group and safe place for youth in our community; and work within the gay community to help ourselves and others as we grow together. Know anyone who might like to join us? Anyone we can send a special caring Valentine to? Anyone who may need a hug and someone to talk to this Valentine's Day? Let us know if you or someone you know might need a P-FLAG Valentine this year.

Come to the next P-FLAG meeting, February 9th (second Sunday of the month), at First Methodist Church at 70th and Cass at 2pm. The Rev. and Mrs. Lowen Kruse, a very special couple in our community, will be talking with us about "Biblical Issues in Human Sexuality", which will include our attitudes about homosexuality and heterosexuality. This will be an open discussion of faith and our religious beliefs. Parents, friends, family members and guests are always welcome. For further information about meetings or other activities, please call the P-FLAG Information Line at 291-6781.



# LOCAL NEWS

## LINCOLN QUESTION: TO DRAG OR NOT TO DRAG

By Cheri Loofe-Bavaard

To Drag or not to Drag? That seems to be the big question at the Precinct here in Lincoln. The question was asked for the first time at a "white" party that was held in August of last year to benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project. A few men in the community wanted to attend the function in drag, to represent and to support that aspect of persons with AIDS. They were not allowed to attend the function. Shortly after, the Precinct started a "club" night on Thursdays. The club night was intended to provide an alternative to the Panic for Lincoln's gay community, but again, drag queens can't come in.

Bar manager Jody Luth says it's nothing personal, just a matter of policy. "It's just a dress code we decided on. We're the only straight club with a gay night, and the dress code is more for the protection of our customers than anything else. Plus, you really have to look like your i.d. when you enter a bar."

Maybe. Maybe not. Regardless of the reasons, a lot of Lincoln's gay community is hot about the issue. One argument is that drag is an integral part of gay history. Not only men but women, also, have cross-dressed for convenience, safety, gender identification, and entertainment. Drag queens and lesbians threw the first stones at Stonewall. And, whenever a cause needs money, a drag show is one of the best fund raisers you can find.

So, then, if a bar is going to have a gay night, why can't all members of the gay community, including drag queens, be allowed to participate?

Luth says it's a matter of protection. "In this location, on such a busy street, we feel if people are seen coming in in normal dress, there will be less of a chance for bashing."

But is someone who is driving down the street going to be able to tell if a woman walking into a bar is really a woman? and who in their right mind is going to beat someone up right next to the police station?

Recently, in connection with all the hubbub, members of the direct action group, Queer Nation, staged a Precinct protest in the bar itself. Sporting stickers that said, "Fassion Police Gone Bad At Precinct", and "The Precinct Kicks People Out Who Are Out", two women in male drag complete with banana-genitalia danced provocatively on the dance floor. They were asked to leave.

Some worry that the protests and complaints will cause the Precinct to withdraw club night from the roster, but Luth disagrees and doesn't see it as that big of an issue. She was willing to take a second look at the dress code by letting the 600 members of club night vote for themselves at a special election sometime in January.

Regardless of the outcome, the dress code needs revision. As stated now, the dress code says "Proper attire required". There are a lot of definitions for proper, and in some cases, drag may even be one of them.

The Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16th, will be the site of the Second Annual Chili Feed hosted by A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors) on February 16th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The chili will range from mild, spicy, to HOT and spicy (as those of us who tasted Marshall's chili last year can attest). A donation

## CHORUS NOTES

By David Brady

Our winter concert has come and gone, and it was a lot of fun. Our sincere thanks to all of you who attended. Your presence helped make this concert a great success.

The Chorus and its directors, John Bennett and Jonathan Cole, have already begun preparation for the Spring Pride Concert and for our trip to the GALA Festival in Denver next July. GALA is the Gay And Lesbian Association of choruses, with over 100 member choruses in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia. The festival is held every three years and brings together as many of the choruses as can attend.

Mark your calendars now for our Pride Concert, Saturday, May 23. Come give us a send off to GALA. We're very excited about representing Omaha, and we appreciate all the support that you, our audience, gives us. Congratulations to Peri Andree, who was elected to the Chorus board of directors in November.

## FRONTRUNNERS/WALKERS

Scooter's Point of View

Rosebud tells me it's very rare I have something worth saying, but I would like to tell everyone how much I have enjoyed watching the club grow and hope that 1992 will bring new growth and new friendship. We started 1991 with 34 members and ended with 67...a great year! It's always nice to see current and new members every week at our walks and runs. As you may know, our goal is to increase club membership to 100 members during 1992. We need your help to do this. Please feel welcome to share your ideas at one of our club functions or at one of the monthly meetings.

So much happened during 1991; Memorial Day weekend in Kansas City, a club weekend in St. Joseph, our first Anniversary party, camping, Labor Day weekend with other mid-western Frontrunners/walkers, and finally, our Holiday party. Your individual contributions to these events is what being a member is all about — thank you to those who helped make these events (& others) successes!

In 1992, I would like to see more improvements in the club. Some ideas currently in progress are: guest speakers at our monthly business meetings, giving talks on motivation, sports fitness, nutrition, and other related topics; and annual membership drive, including special runs/walks and other activities aimed at drawing new members to the club.

Don't let those chilly Wednesday nights scare you off. The club still meets and has some of its most invigorating runs/walks on these cooler evenings. Attendance has been low in recent weeks but let's try and pick up the tempo during these "easy to get out of shape" winter months.

Just remember to dress appropriately (wear several layers of loose clothing) and you'll still enjoy yourself even in sub-freezing conditions.

is requested of \$3.00 per bowl or \$5.00 for all you care to eat. Proceeds go to fund 1992 Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Activities and National Coming Out Day Activities. We encourage you to attend as this is an excellent opportunity to not only support Pride Week but to become familiar with A.N.G.L.E. and offer your suggestions.

## 93 MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Where will you be on April 25, 1993?

An historic event for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual and Supportive straight people with take place on that date in Washington, D.C.

On the weekend of April 25th, 1993, a proposed 2 million people will converge on our capital city for a march on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights.

The last march on Washington for Gay and Lesbian rights, entitled "For Love and For Life" was in 1987. With the participation of 650,000 people, it was the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of our country. It also was a life changing event for many people. It spawned many now famous organizations like ACTUP and QUEER NATION. That march helped push the Gay Lesbian civil rights movement to new heights.

The march in 1993 can only be better.

Here's how you can be involved:

This march relies on grassroots organizing. No giant committee will do it all for us. Each state will be involved in each step of the planning. Nebraska will be sending a representative to each scheduled meeting of the national march committee. Meetings will be scheduled for input and organizing here in Omaha, around the state, and also around the 4-state midwest region (Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri).

The DC93 committee needs you. Your input and abilities are vital for a successful march. Please write to the following address or call the number below for more information on the march and meetings coming up.

Write to: DC93

Box 34463

Omaha, NE 68134-0463

Or call: Amy Marie Meek at (402) 451-7987.

You can be a part of history by joining the DC93 Nebraska committee today.

## LES-BI-GAY-LA '92

The LES-BI-GAY-LA '92, a benefit dance extravaganza will be held Friday, February 28, at the Iowa Memorial Union, in Iowa City. This event is jointly sponsored by the University of Iowa Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Staff and Faculty Association, the Womens Resource and Action Center, and the Iowa Center for AIDS Resources and Education (ICARE). All proceeds from this event will go to ICARE. For more information contact The Steering Committee, Box 2989, Iowa City, IA 52244, (319) 338-2135.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**SATURDAY, February 1**  
Gay/Lesbian Coalition 1st Saturday Event,  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7-10pm

**SUNDAY, February 2**  
Two Wheelers of Omaha M. C. (TWO)  
12 noon, Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16, Omaha

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 6:30pm  
Omaha, Call for location: 558-8121

Celebrate MCC's 18th Birthday Party/Show,  
Pizza 6-8pm, Dance 7-9pm, Show 9:30pm,  
\$5 Pizzas & Dance, \$3 cover after 8pm  
All at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

**MONDAY, February 3**  
Imperial Court of NE Board of Governors Mtg  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 6:30pm.

BiPALS (Bisexual People / Alternative Life  
Styles) Support Group, Open to all sexes,  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

**TUESDAY, February 4**  
Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, 6:30pm  
Call for info: (308)234-6500.

A.N.G.L.E. Meeting, UNO Religious Center,  
101 North Happy Hollow, Omaha, 7pm.

**THURSDAY, February 6**  
Gay/Lesbian Resource Cntr Business Meeting  
Room 342, Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm.

**SATURDAY, February 8**  
P-FLAG Youth Support Grp g/l/b youth 13-21.  
1st Meth, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 291-6781, 4pm

"Sweetheart Girls" host: Sammi Bennett, 10pm  
Triangle Bar, Polk & Railroad Ave, Omaha,

**SUNDAY, February 9**  
New Voice Steering Committee, 1pm,  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th St, All are welcome

Omaha Men (OMEN) meeting, 1:30pm.  
Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha 68103

Parents-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha  
"Bible Issues in Human Sexuality" 291-6781  
1st Methodist, West Entrance, 7020 Cass, 2pm

"California Men" perform at 9:30pm at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha,

**MONDAY, February 10**  
AIDS Interfaith Prayer/Healing Service, 7pm  
St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, 701 N. 40, Omaha

**TUESDAY, February 11**  
"Heartsong" Gospel Concert, 7:30pm  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24, 345-2563

**WEDNESDAY, February 12**  
Lesbian, Gay, Multicultural Book Discussion,  
Arbor Moon, 1448 E, Lincoln, 489-4634 7pm

**THURSDAY, February 13**  
Womyns Video Showing, Arbor Moon 1448 E,  
Lincoln, 7pm, For information: 489-4634

**FRIDAY, February 14**  
Valentine's Day

**SATURDAY, February 15**  
River City Gender Alliance, For Cross Dress  
comm. All orientations. No sexual encounters,  
Write: Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

**SUNDAY, February 16**  
Chili Feed, Sponsored by ANGLE, Funds Pride  
Week/NCOD, Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16, 5-8pm,  
Omaha, Donation \$3/Bowl, \$5/All Can Eat

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 6:30pm  
Omaha, Call for location: 293-7862

Parents-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal  
2304 2nd Ave, Call (308) 237-3870, 3pm

Victoria Wells, Miss Gay Nebraska USA at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

**TUESDAY, February 18**  
Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, 7:30pm  
Call for info: (308)234-6500.

Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group  
Call for time, location: (308) 381-5175

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights Board Mtg,  
St. Marks, 13th & R, Lincoln, 7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, February 19**  
"Prayers for Peace", First Lutheran Church,  
542 South 31 St., Omaha, 7pm

**THURSDAY, February 20**  
Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business Mtg,  
Room 342, Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

**SATURDAY, February 22**  
P-FLAG Youth Support Grp g/l/b youth 13-21.  
1st Meth, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 291-6781, 4pm

**SUNDAY, February 23**  
Gloria's Midwest Males perform at 9:30pm  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

**MONDAY, February 24**  
Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Network Service,  
St. Marks, UNL Campus, 13th & R, 7pm

**TUESDAY, February 25**  
Parents-Friends of Lesbians/Gays, (P-FLAG)  
Cornhusker Chptr, 7pm, Program: "Religion",  
Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', 435-4688,  
Lincoln, Youth session at same time

**FRIDAY, February 28 - Sunday, March 1**  
Names Project Memorial Quilt, Ahearn Field  
house, Kansas State Univ, Manhattan, KS

**FRIDAY, February 28**  
LES-BI-GAY-LA, Dance Memorial Union,  
Iowa U, Iowa City, IA Benefit for Iowa Center  
AIDS Resource/Educ (ICARE) (319) 338-2135

"A Matter of Justice/Compassion" G/L Youth  
Conference, Des Moines, IA, For info call:  
Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (515) 277-1454

**SATURDAY, February 29**  
Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian College Conference,  
Drake Univ, Des Moines, IA, (515) 277-1454.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns,  
Call for location: Cleve 733-1360

**SATURDAY, February 29**  
"The Prom", D.J. music of 40's-70's, 8:00pm,  
Tickets \$5 each \$8/couple, Info call 346-7646  
Benefit for River City Mixed Chorus.

**SUNDAY, March 1**  
Mr./Ms Leather Nebr Contest, \$3 at door, 9pm  
Sponsor: Two Wheelers of Omaha, Diamond  
Bar, 712 S. 16, Applications at local bars

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**SUNDAY**  
Metropolitan Community Church, 420 S. 24,  
Omaha, 345-2563. Worship 10:20am, 7pm

Omaha Frontrunners 10am., Various Locations

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous for Gay/  
Lesbian, Open Meeting 12noon (308)234-6500

River City Mixed Bowling, Sky Lanes,  
The Center, 42 & Center, Omaha, 3pm

**MONDAY**  
Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project  
3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, 7-10pm

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsal 7:15pm  
Low Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N 40, Omaha

**TUESDAY**  
"Out In The 90's" Gay Broadcast News  
Service, Cable Channel 14, Lincoln, 7pm

Empty Closet Support/Discussion Group, 7pm  
Kearney meetings (308) 234-6500

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30pm,  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th St., 345-2563  
No Meeting February 11th

**WEDNESDAY**  
Omaha Frontrunner/Walkers, 6:30pm,  
Ford Birthsite, 32nd & Woolworth, Omaha

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7pm  
Call AIDS Information Line: 475-2437

Empty Closet Support Group, Meet Grand  
Island/Hastings alternating (308) 234-6500

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 7:30pm  
14 & R, Nebr Union, Women Resource Center

Overeaters Anonymous, Lambda Plush Group,  
Family & Friends Building, 3622 N. 90,  
Omaha, 341-7716/978-8777, 7:30pm

**THURSDAY**  
Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project  
3624 Leavenworth Omaha 7-10pm

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association, 8pm  
CornerStone, 640 North 16th St, Lincoln

**FRIDAY**  
AIDS/HIV Support Group, 7pm, Omaha  
Call 345-2563 for location and information

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous 8:15pm  
Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha 345-9916

**SATURDAY**  
Womens Support Group, 11am  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th St., 345-2563



## LINCOLN

Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln 68502. For hours, etc. call Wally at 476-7389 or 489-4634.

BIPALS (Bisexual People / Alternative Life Styles), P.O. Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501 Meets 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone, (upstairs) 640 N 16th. All sexes welcome.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous  
Call 438-5214 for information.

Gay Mens Support Group, Counseling Center, 1234 Admin Bldg, UNL, Lincoln 68508. 472-3461. Confidential support for gay men

Lesbian Support Group, Womens Resource Center, Room 117, Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588. 472-2597, weekly discussion group.

Lincoln Legion of Lesbians, 624 N. 25, 68509 Feminist collective, newsletter, support

Nebraska Bookstore, 14th & R Streets, Lincoln, Alternative Lifestyle Section carries The Advocate

Nebraska Scholarship Fund for G/L Students, Box 30681, Lincoln, 68503. 477-1664. Non-profitscholarship fund with NU Foundation.

New Directions Center, 476-2802. Short term counseling/support coming out, relationships

New Freedom G/L info/support. 466-4627

Open Door Ministry (402) 423-8070. Orthodox spiritual counseling. No charge.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG). See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Southeast Comm College G/L Student Assoc, Bx 30681 Lincoln 68503, 477-1664/477-9216 Student, G/L, education, social, political

University Bookstore, 14th & R Streets, Lincoln, Gay Studies Section carries Books on G/L Life.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association, Rm 342 Neb Union, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644. Social/support for G/L Students, meets Thursdays 8pm

UNL Gay/Lesbian Alumni/ae Assoc, Inc., P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, 68503, 477-1664. Social, education, political network for UNL Gay/Lesbian alumni/ae, faculty, staff, & students.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, Rm 342 Neb Union, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644 Social activities, info & referrals, support.

The Wimm'n's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo.

Womens Journal Advocate, P.O. Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501 Feminist Monthly Newspaper.

Youth Talkline (402) 473-7932, Friday & Saturday 7pm-Midnite. Emotional support, referrals, and AIDS info for callers Age 23 and under. Project of Coalition for G/L Civil Rights

## OMAHA

Affirmation, 556-7701 Methodist G/L Issues

Alcoholics Anonymous, Live & Let Live, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha Open Meeting 8:15pm, Friday 345-9916

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors), Box 31375, 68131. Networking, consciousness raising, and PRIDE activities.

Citizens For Equal Protection, P.O. Box 55548, Omaha, 68155-0548. Legislative action group working for Human Rights ordinance.

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc of Gays, Lesbians, Resource group US WEST. Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on Mall, 8th Flr, 68102.

Frontrunners/walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 Running/Walking Club (Send SASE for info)

Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line, A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., 558-5303

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th, 345-2563. Tuesdays 7:30pm.

HAIR CARES, Nat'l Foundation hair-dressers helping other hairdressers living with AIDS. 1-800-HAIRCARES Omaha, Judy 333-3329

Metropolitan Club, Box 31331, Omaha 68131 Social alternative to bar scene. Promotes positive perspective within our community.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC-O) Mail: Box 3173, Omaha 68103. Services: 420 S. 24th, Omaha, NE. Sunday worship: 10:20am, 7pm. 345-2563.

Mishpachot Chavirim, Social/support group for Jewish Gays/Lesbians, 551-0510: Gary.

Omaha Meatpackers, Leather/Levi Club with focus on AIDS fundraising. Call: 455-6876

Omaha Men OMEN, Box 3706 Omaha 68103 Men interested in masculinity /masculine image Meets 2nd Sunday

OLIS (Our Love Is Special), Box 11335, Omaha 68111 Support/social grp for women of all colors

Overeaters Anonymous, Lambda Plush Group, Wednesdays, 7:30pm Family & Friends, 3622 N 90th, Omaha, 341-7716 or 978-8777.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG). See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, 733-1360: Cleve. Meets last Saturday January-October, 2nd Saturday December, No Nov mtg

River City Mixed Bowling League, For info 346-4110 [Scott] or 551-0322 [Charley]. Sundays Aug-May, 3pm. Sky Lanes, 42 & Center, Omaha

River City Gender Alliance, P.O. Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502 For all who enjoy cross-gender community. All orientations welcome. No sexual encounters. Meets monthly.

River City Mixed Chorus, P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267. 558-9900. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc. Meetings, information, support for Lesbians & Gays (402) 451-5631 or 1-800-4-GAY-SDA.

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club, Box 3216, Omaha, 68103. Meets 1st Sunday, 12noon, Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16th

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, Box 134, UNO, Omaha 68182. Steve: 558-8121

Women's Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th, 345-2563. Meets Saturdays 11am

Youth Support Group, sponsored by Parents & Friends of Lesbians/Gays. For gay, lesbian, bisexual youth ages 13 to 21. Meets 2nd & 4th Saturdays. For info: call 291-6781.

## STATEWIDE

AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power-Nebr, Box 30681, Lincoln 68503 477-1664. Statewide militant org. for AIDS improvements, fight homophobia/discrimination. Rodney A. Bell II

Alcoholics Anonymous, Grand Island, Open Meeting 12noon Sundays, (308)234-6500.

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy group lobbies for G/L civil rights, has newsletter, socials. Business Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, St Marks, 13 & R; 1st Saturday Social Event, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7-10pm

DC in '93, Box 34463, Omaha 68134-0463, Org for Nebraska Contingency in 1993 March on Washington. Amy Marie Meck (402) 451-7987.

Empty Closet Gay/Lesbian Support Group Box 2381, Kearney 68848 (308) 234-6500 Meet Tuesdays in Kearney; Meets Wednesdays in Grandisland, Hastings alternating

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68102 Social org for advancement of gay society, Business Meeting 1st Monday

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Monthly magazine for the L/G community.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG) \*4011 19th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St Luke's Episcopal. Call Bob or Reenie Baker (308) 237-3870.

\*Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 435-4688. Meets 4th Tues., 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St. Group for family of people with HIV, and G/L Youth Group same time & place.

\*2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, 291-6781. Meets 2nd Sunday at 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass Street.

Queer Nation, Box 34463, Omaha, NE 68134-0463, Grassroots militant organization working to increase visibility of Gay/Lesbian community. Contact Blake: (402) 451-7987.



# CLASSIFIEDS

""...tired of bars, a tall, slender, and attractive GWM wishes to meet slender, effeminate GWM ages 20-30 for friendship or possibly more. Reply with phone number to: MM, 2730 South 123rd Court, Suite 185, Omaha, NE 68144.

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Make sure that's all you find. Use a latex condom every time. DCHD at 444-6875.

### LONELY?

Looking for a friend/lover? We can help. Call Infinity, a matching service for gay men and women. 1-800-334-2366. Leave name/address. We send application.

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Judith M. Gibson, M.A. (402) 477-6985

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GWM, 19, responsible and ambitious. I am wanting to be a houseboy to clean, cook, and be a friend to mature individual: M.C., 2319 S. 21st St. #3, Omaha, NE 68108

### TO MY "CAPTAIN"

It's been wonderful sailing with you the last 3 1/2 years. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love, Tenille (SB)

Anxiously awaiting your call, Peter! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Lee, Dick, Pat, & Terry

### FOR THE GIRLS ON MY FAMILY,

Much love and appreciation, For all your help and support!! To My Valentines.

Love Ya Always, Tami

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From Eyes That Excite Me

To A Smile That Sends Me

I'm Glad You're With Me

I Love You. Here's To Today!!

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### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

## Bars & Restaurants

### Des Moines

Blazing Saddle 416 E 5th St.,  
(515) 246-1299  
The Brass Garden 112 SE 4th St.,  
(515) 243-3965  
Club 504 508 Clifton Ave.,  
(515) 288-8508  
The D & M 424 E Locust St.,  
(515) 243-9629

### Omaha

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys,  
342-1244  
DC's 1019 S. 10th, 344-3103  
The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595  
Downtowner 619 S. 16th, 341-0751  
Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth,  
449-9147  
The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110  
Metro 1516 Jones, 342-2202  
The Run 1715 Leavenworth,  
449-8703

### Lincoln

Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764

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California Male*

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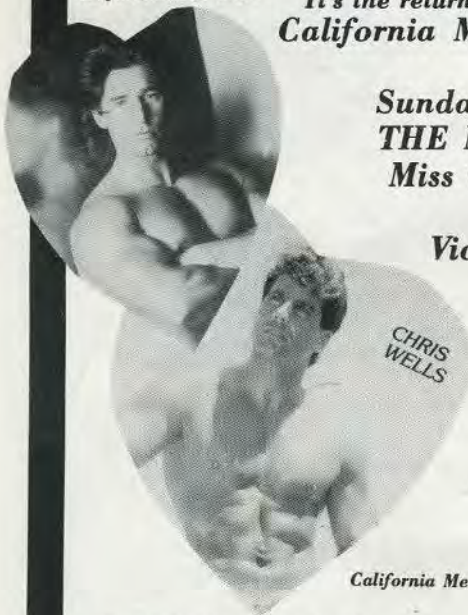
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# *Happy Valentine's Day*

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The Metro Will Be Heading South To Kansas City  
Wednesday, February 5th

Friday & Saturday, February 7th & 8th  
Register To Win Dinner For Two

**At The French Café**

(Drawing Thursday, February 13th, 10:30pm)  
Must Be Present To Win

Wednesday, February 12th  
Official Wednesday Opening

\$1.<sup>99</sup> Well Drinks Guest DJ

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