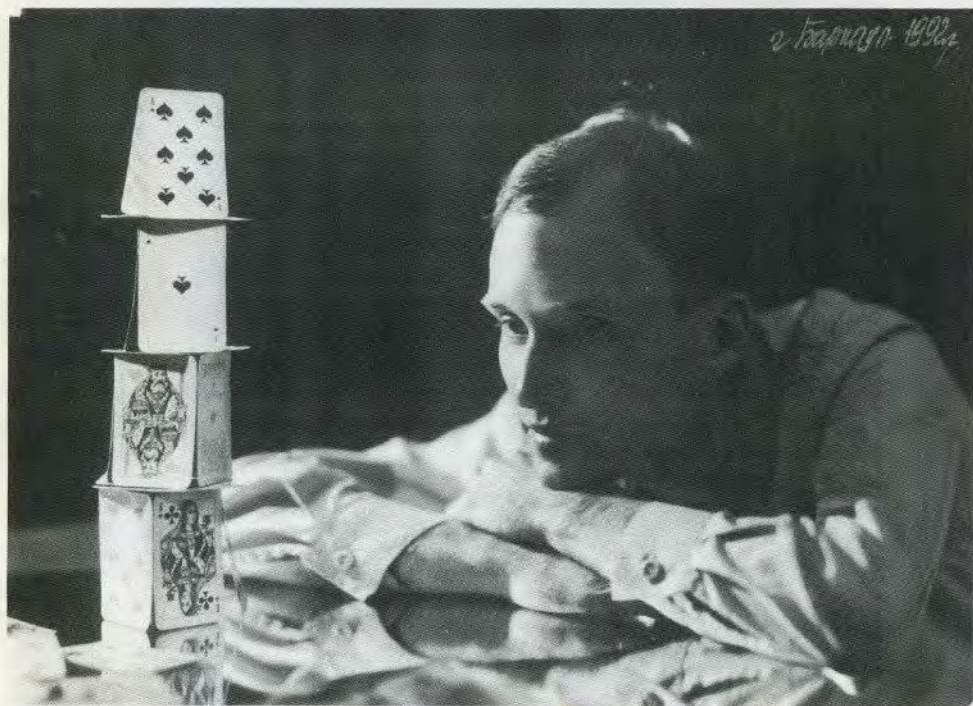


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NOT IRRESPONSIBLE— JUST DIDN'T STOP TO THINK BEFORE I WROTE

By Sharon Van Butsel

While I was trying to keep my head afloat during the chaos that immediately preceded Pride Week and Coronation, I received a phone call from an irate reader of the New Voice who took great affront at my description of South Omaha as "redneck". He said I had been "irresponsible" and he demanded a retraction. Unfortunately, he called at a time when I had no capacity for additional stress and used a word that pushes buttons immediately. Our discussion was heated and it was only after I had a chance to reflect on the situation, that I recognized there was some truth to the statements he had made.

I will not acknowledge that using the term "redneck" was irresponsible, but it was thoughtless. Obviously, there are very many tolerant, good, loving people living in South Omaha. Many were at the Triangle Bar the night that Sammi performed. Obviously, many gays and lesbians live in South Omaha. I know at least a dozen myself. The use of generalizations and stereotypes to describe an area or a people only perpetuates myths and prejudices. For that, I apologize.

I also apologize to the gentleman who called for not taking the time to just listen to his concerns. He had no way of knowing that I was immersed in preparations for one of the many campaign shows leading up to coronation as well as trying to complete the typing and typesetting for the next issue of the magazine. Nor did he have any way of knowing that I am a constant supporter of inclusivity in our language and our community. Nor did he have any way of knowing my personal battle against prejudice, including during the years that I lived in South Omaha.

Nor was it his responsibility to know those things. It is his responsibility to let his opinions be heard and I hope that he does respond to my invitation that he writes a letter to the editor that I can include in the next issue.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

By Sharon Van Butsel

I am writing this at the last minute—a result of the chaos that comes when your spouse decided to run for a position as Emperor of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. The election will be held this weekend so I write this without having any idea of the outcome, but the sentiments are true no matter what the outcome of the election.

I'm really proud of my spouse (Carla, aka Alrac of Sasnak). She's been a strong supporter of the Imperial Court since the first year that we were together. One of the first events we attended was Coronation VII, a glittering, glamorous affair that delighted my spouse from rural Kansas. She loved the head dresses worn by the visiting courts and the sequined gowns and the pomp and circumstance. She watched people going forward to receive plaques for their service to the Imperial Court during the year, and she leaned over to me and said, "Someday I'm going to be part of all that."

The opportunity came two years later when Deb was crowned Athena II and named Carla as her Lady Royale. Before the end of the year, Deb resigned and Carla assumed the title of Athena II. She became a member of the Board of Governors and quickly was named an officer, serving as vice-president, acting treasurer, and president at various times. But then the old desires surfaced and Carla decided to become a candidate—not for Athena, because she didn't want to represent just the women; not for Empress—she doesn't like wearing dresses well enough for that; but for Emperor—a position where she could represent both the men and the women in the community.

Carla's goals were well thought out and specific—she wanted to see ICON active in new areas and in all the bars; she wanted a Royal Family that truly represented all the community in gender, age, sexual orientation, talents—as diverse a Royal Family as she could put together; and, most of all, she wanted to have FUN!

Carla's real comic when she gets on stage and she has a creative mind that comes up with some delightfully unique approaches to life. As Emperor she hoped to be able to use her talents to widen the scope of ICON events and to make them all FUN! Her campaign reflected this commitment—she held functions at our home, at the Diamond, the Chesterfield, Gilligan's, and D.C.'s. She took part in the shows at the MAX and wore her campaign shirt proudly as she joined the Soul Food Sunday at the Run. For people that don't drink much, we certainly spent a lot of time in the bars! Oh, well, they're fun places to be. Carla continued her commitment to diversity and chose co-campaign managers, male and female, Scott Resek and JoJo Morrison. Carla also decided that she needed a male persona for her campaign so she created Alrac of Sasnak (Carla from Kansas spelled backwards, in case you hadn't realized that), self-proclaimed prince of the land south of Aksarben. We made costumes and developed a whole history for this persona. Actually it was a lot like the pretending we did as children when we would make up stories. And it was FUN!

The campaign was busy and, at times, too hectic. The competition was tough. Steve Koeller is an experienced campaigner and he chose strong people to help with his campaign. Tami and Phoenix were always present, even though they were running unopposed.

All of the candidates were looking a little tired by the time it was over.

And that's where we are in the story. It's only a little while until the election and coronation. I don't know if Carla will be elected or if Steve will be elected. However, the outcome is not really what is important. What is important is that Carla did what she wanted to do. She ran for Emperor of the Imperial Court. She publicly stated that she felt a woman could represent both the men and the women just as a man has represented both in the past. She created a delightful male persona and she had fun while she did it! Thanks to all of you for your support.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A message to the courts of the land:

Tina Tanner, the Absolute Twenty-Second Empress of San Francisco, was, in March, brutally attacked. She was stalked from behind and hit on the back of the head with baseball bats. Her skull was cracked open and she was in intensive surgery for over five hours. Since that time, she was in a coma and under medical care at the Kaiser Foundation Medical Facility in Redwood City, California. On April 20, Tina died from the injuries inflicted by this senseless violent assault.

On April 25th, a benefit entitled *Night of a Thousand Drags* was held in loving tribute to an Empress of epic proportions. This event featured an unsurpassed cast of the best drag performers in the City of San Francisco and beyond. Included were guest emcees and celebrity bartenders from every aspect of the community including the Chief of Police, the Mayor, Supervisors, and other politicians and celebrities. Pledges totaling \$12,000 were collected and donated to the Tina Tanner Relief Fund.

Unused funds were donated to a Gay/Lesbian Victims of Violent Crimes Fund in Tina Tanner's name. Since the April event, an additional \$4,000 has been collected for the fund, according to Steve Lindsay of Lily's (where the event was organized and held). Grants will be given out starting in the fall.

For those of you who wish to contribute to this fund and who wish to convey your regards to this tribute to Tina, please make checks payable to the Imperial Board of Trustees, c/o Lily's, #4 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

If you have further questions or comments please contact: Steven Rascher or Steve Lindsay, c/o Lily's. Thank you for your help.

Steven Rascher

YOU LET ME DOWN!

Dear New Voice,

I just wanted to express my disappointment with the Gay community, in general, for their lack of support for the Entertainer of the Year Pageant on May 17th. Unfortunately everyone will lose in the end, when Amanda decides to present her talent elsewhere, where more individuals will appreciate her efforts. We stand to lose one of the "best" entertainers Lincoln and Omaha has to

offer.

The feud between the Metro and the Max is utterly ridiculous and to think because of such a situation, people were boycotting the event, is really sad. Understandably, these events are not geared for everyone, but to suggest someone would never perform again in Omaha if they entered the contest, is undermining the efforts of Amanda, and the individuals who helped with the pageant.

It's sad, given the pressures placed upon the community, that we have to treat one another with so little respect.

Jeff Barnholdt

MAY THE FLEAS OF A THOUSAND CAMELS...

Dear New Voice,

I was going to write a scathing letter but, having had time to think about it, I've decided it isn't worth my trouble, time, and effort.

Suffice it to say that the 50s/60s night has come and gone. Those of us who were there made our own party and had a good time. As for those of you who didn't attend, don't complain that there's "nothing out there" for you. You had the opportunity and wasted it.

Quite frankly, it doesn't matter to me because, in addition to having my say about the 50s/60s night, this is my goodbye to Omaha. Indeed, it's my goodbye to Nebraska. I no longer have a reason to stay. It's now time to move on and make a better life for myself. I have no idea where I'm going... yet. Oh, I have it narrowed down... to five or six states (smile).

Those of you who didn't want to be around me but didn't have the guts to tell me to my face will be glad to see me go. Trust me, I won't miss you, either.

What I regret is leaving those who, for years, were acquaintances and became friends within the past year. I regret leaving the new friends I've made within the past year and I will sorely miss those who went through a lot of trials and tribulations with me and remained my friends. To all of you I wish God's Blessings. I love you all.

To whomever is left, all I can say is it's been real and, on occasion, it's been nice. But I can't say it's been real nice.

Carol

CANDLES IN CHURCH

by Marta

*Don't tell me I'm leasin'
Don't say that I'm strayin'
Sincere of everybody talkin'
About what's right what's wrong*

*Don't tell me I'm tough
That life is cruel
I better change my ways
Better look to the Bible*

*Whenever I get courage
I'm a teacher you see
If given the choice
I would still be free*

*Burned candles in church
For friends we all miss
We all hugged each other
Who's next on the list*

*My life is confusing
I try my best
I want to go play
But I'm stuck in the yard*

*Don't know what will happen
Been nothing left for me
I tell all the children
Don't get KFO*

*I know lots of churches
Sometimes cookies and tea
One day I'll be there
Burn a candle for me*

*Such beautiful candles
The light is so bright
I can't blame myself
For not doing right*

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FEATURES

PRIDE

by Scott L. Lowther

The night sky twinkles with stars and the air is thick, laced with the downtown aroma of coffee in the making. Young gays and lesbians all over Omaha make final reviews in the mirror before embarking on a fantasy evening under a different sky... a sky lit by an array of colored and twirling lights, reflected off billowy puffs of smoke which permeate the room. The scent of man-sweat, leather, and designer cologne titillates each patron's nostrils as s/he skillfully maneuvers into position for... the hunt.

Does this sound familiar? Whether we like it or not, this is the limited image many people, gay and straight alike, have of the gay community. We are thought of as a bunch of narcissistic, self-involved, well-dressed groupies who spend our time looking for Mr. Goodbar, or worse, cruising for sex in parks and public restrooms. They think when we're not busy fornicating ourselves into oblivion, we're shopping 'till we drop at the nearest mall.

Maybe we have to admit we've earned this stereotype. After all, stereotypes usually stem out of some connection with the truth, don't they? For example, how many gay publications don't include full-page color ads for sex in every form imaginable? How many city parks couldn't one, if so inclined, find men having sex with other men? Haven't we all heard couples explain that they don't go to the bars because they don't want to be exposed to "the meat market" mentality there?

It seems our community rewards us as individuals for being the youngest, best-looking, best-dressed, and best-built; however, there is little reward for behaviors which don't, somehow, relate to our ability to hunt down and capture the best-looking "hunk" at the bar on a Saturday night.

Consequently, many of us have responded to this community norm by purchasing designer clothing and colognes, the latest hairstyles, tanning packages, jewelry, sports cars, designer furniture, and the list goes on. We enact the self-fulfilling prophecy. We become experts at projecting an external image that is consistent with what we have learned will be rewarded.

O.K. What's wrong with that, you ask? Maybe nothing, but since each of us is on an individual journey through life, it's important we affirm ourselves in whatever ways make us each feel good about who we are. This is not to say that there isn't benefit in feeling good about how we look or how our homes look, but it's who we are that counts. Many individuals within the gay/lesbian community have long been concerned less with external appearances and more with spiritual or political gains. I'd like to encourage the entire community to take a look at the importance of these shifts in our values and beliefs because to avoid them may cause us to lose the battle we now wage for equality, acceptance, and understanding of our alternative lifestyles.

First, there is nothing wrong with individuals within our community enjoying the bar atmosphere. It is not intended that people be condemned for attempting to meet other in public parks, or for our purchases of nice clothing and home furnishings in shopping malls.

What is necessary, I think, is for our community to determine our collective focus for the future. We need to establish clear goals that work to our benefit instead of to our detriment. For example, one goal might be to reduce straight society's fear and hatred of gays. In order to accomplish this we might decide we need to show straights how similar we are and reduce their focus on our differences.

We might also decide we want to reward "socially acceptable" behavior within our community which does not bring our community to the negative attention of straight society. Things such as keeping our private parts out of the public's eye might go a long way toward improving our stereotypic image.

We might identify a need to provide recreational places for gay/lesbian couples who do not wish to interact within a "singles" environment at the bars every time they go out together. This service could demonstrate to straight society that gays/lesbians who are so inclined can and do maintain relationships for long periods.

Also, since gays/lesbians presumably earn the same incomes as their straight counterparts in their respective professions, yet many gays/lesbians do not have the same "familial" responsibilities straight men/women do, individuals and couples in our community enjoy a high degree of "disposable income." Perhaps, by channeling a greater percentage of this money into our own political actions groups, we would be empowered to continue to introduce pro-gay legislation, and to let current policy-makers and politicians know we are a powerful, organized minority that intends to be paid attention to.

Why do we need to develop clear and concise goals for our community? What do we care what straight society thinks of us?

We need to remember that gays/lesbians are a minority within a larger society comprised mostly of straight individuals. Most of us, either by choice or by necessity, live and interact within this straight society. Therefore, if we ever hope to achieve true acceptance, understanding, and equality, we need to emphasize our similarities... not our differences.

Who should determine our goals? How do we establish a plan for achieving them? Who's going to do it? What do we need?

It is important that our community's goals be determined by our own members. We have various groups already in place to assist in the implementation of our goals, once they're set. I believe each individual has a responsibility, though, to speak up and to get involved. We are our greatest resource and groups such as

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We recently celebrated GAY PRIDE WEEK. We have much to be proud of, both currently as well as historically. We have earned the right to enjoy the diversity our community already offers, but we need to continue to work toward the passing of legislation that affirms and protects us as a community. Nothing can replace feeling good about ourselves individually, but as a community, we need to work toward equality, and the place to start is by determining the values, beliefs, and stereotypes we want to project, encourage, and reward.



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PRO-CHOICE AND I VOTE! (A Male Feminist Perspective) by Pat Phalen

Pro-Choice and Pro-Life are issues that create hot feelings. These issues cause physical abuse, property damage, and separation in families, between friends, and among co-workers. There really does not seem to be so much division between these factions with the contention that persons in the Pro-Choice side of the issue are merely asking to be respected for their opinions.

The "Choice/Life" issue has three main focuses for discussion. First, Religion. In the predominate Christian church, God allows for individuals to make choices; that is what "separates humans from animals." Proponents of Pro-Life wish to deny this God from working within those individuals looking at making the choice for termination of a pregnancy. A Pro-Choice contention is that if indeed God is unmerciful and if they make the "incorrect" choice, they are taking that responsibility upon themselves. Letting God work within the individual is something Pro-Lifers would restrict, thereby superseding the omnipotent power of God.

The second issue is the "Rose by any other name...". Simply put, an abortion is an abortion is an abortion. Many Pro-Lifers would permit abortion in the case of incest, rape, threat of life of either fetus or mother. Pro-Choice people may argue that, if abortion is permitted in one case, then no restriction should apply. This issue becomes muddled when abortions are available only to those who can convince a court and/or doctor to perform the surgery or have the economic means to remove any restrictions.

The third issue contains some aura of racism and sexism. Throughout history, laws have been made, without argument, by men and, predominantly by white men. In so doing, men have again imposed their will over women and, by definition, this is sexism. When white males prevent those of lower economic status from obtaining proper health care and education, and being that many women - and women of color - are economically disadvantaged, we have issues of levelism and racism. Laws must stop at our skin, our bodies. When the opportunity occurs for women to have control over their own bodies and minds, then this issue can be reasonable resolved.

The Pro-Lifers argue about the "taking of a life." No matter how small the numbers of terminations because of incest - et.al. - versus "convenience," if taking a life is permitted, it must be consistently permitted.

One life cannot be made more valuable than another life. The argument for life just doesn't seem to follow since many Pro-Lifers are also advocates of the death penalty. If "Abortion is Murder," then "The Death Penalty is Murder." How can one be more "okay" than the other? Taking a life is taking a life.

In my experience as an escort at one of Omaha's two clinics (which perform, among other services, abortions), I have come up against many different individuals, some from Operation Rescue, some "independents." When rocks are thrown, tear gas exploded, tacks thrown in driveways, and jeering, taunting remarks thrown, I truly become confused as to what Jesus Christ meant when He said, "Love your neighbor."

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SPEAKING AT AFFIRMATION DAY

by Deb Archer

On April 8, 1992, I did a very ordinary thing: I stood for 20 minutes and spoke to an intimate gathering of about 75 people, many of whom knew me. I had spoken before to much larger gatherings and even to downright hostile audiences. Heck, every semester I walk cold turkey into a room full of first-year college students. But the evening of April 8 was something completely different - for the first time in my life, I spoke publicly as a lesbian.

While I consider what I did to be "ordinary" - in the sense that I am a lesbian so it seems to me less than spectacular to actually speak as a lesbian - the experiences resulting from my speaking have been extraordinary. When I finished speaking, I felt tremendously powerful and free - I was out, completely out as who I am. I felt whole. There were hugs and congratulations and newspaper reporters. I walked home from campus, occasionally breaking into a skip-hop-dance kind of thing, hand-in-hand with my lover. She was proud of me, I was proud of all of us, and we beamed right back at the headlights coming down 17th Street.

The next day, there were more hugs and congratulations from my colleagues in the English department. People I barely knew stopped me in the hallway to tell me what a brave and important thing I'd done. I hadn't anticipated such attention, so it was a bit overwhelming and disconcerting. But I have to admit, I felt great.

Still, I was very nervous about going to teach, considering that my name was plastered all over the front page of the *Daily Nebraskan*. I smoked a quick pack of cigarettes, then walked into the classroom. "Well, I guess most of you have seen today's *DN*. If you have any questions or want to

talk about it, please feel free."

My students were amazing. They asked me why I decided to speak out, if there had been repercussions from my department, when did I realize I was homosexual, and so on. One student apologized to me and to the class because he thought he might have unwittingly made a homophobic remark a few weeks earlier. Finally, one student asked why I hadn't told the class at the beginning of the semester. I gave him many reasons but said the bottom line was my own internalized homophobia - my fear that students wouldn't like me if they "knew." This young man looked me straight in the eye and said, "Well,

that's just bullshit!" I gave him an "A." (Just kidding!) Other students were completely nonchalant - "Hey, I saw the *DN*; so you're a lesbian huh? Can we have class outside today?"

Overall, it was a 99.9% positive and rewarding experience. I subtract .1% for the handful of anonymous "nasty" phone calls I got after speaking. I don't think I've realized yet the full impact of breaking my own silence, but perhaps this is something I will never fully grasp. "Coming out," accepting myself and others, has been a progression for me - a progression which I'm still

in the midst of. I do know that it feels different to me now, walking around campus, walking around the city. Somehow it feels to me more my campus, more my city, than it did before.

EDITOR'S NOTE: On April 8, 1992, GLSA celebrated Affirmation Day on the UNL campus. Deb Archer spoke at this program. She is a graduate student and teaching assistant with the English Department at UNL. This is her account of that day and experiences that followed.

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HRCF ENDORSES BILL CLINTON

The Human Rights Campaign Fund announced its endorsement of Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton for President of the United States. It is the first time in the eleven year history of the group that it has chosen to endorse a candidate for President.

"Governor Clinton has made it clear that he will fight to end discrimination against lesbian and gay Americans and will push to secure funding for our health care concerns," notes Laura Altschul, co-chair of HRCF's board of directors. "After twelve years of ignorance, inaction, and indifference, the choice in 1992 is too important for our community to stand on the sidelines. Every lesbian and gay American has an important stake in removing George Bush from office and putting Bill Clinton into the White House."

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the campaign fund noted that Governor Clinton had been among the first candidates to answer a detailed questionnaire on lesbian and gay issues earlier this year. "On issues ranging from discrimination in the military to AIDS education, Bill Clinton is on the side of lesbian and gay Americans," McFeeley stated. "George Bush and Ross Perot offer us a future of more delay, more discrimination, and more death and denial. We need Bill Clinton because he represents a chance to secure real change for our country, our community, and our cause."

In the campaign's fund's presidential questionnaire, Governor Clinton stated clearly his position on several issues of vital importance to lesbians and gay men. Here are some of his responses:

Gay and lesbians in the military

"I believe patriotic Americans should have the right to serve the country as a member of the armed forces, without regard to sexual or affectational orientation."

Executive order ending discrimination in Federal employment

"I think it is imperative that the United States Government work actively to end discrimination against gays and lesbians. Discrimination in federal hiring or contracting is absolutely unacceptable to me, and would be banned by executive order in my administration."

Opposition to mandatory HIV testing

"While testing and early detection are a vital component in the fight against AIDS, I believe we must act vigilantly to protect the individual's right to privacy."

In addition to those responses, Clinton has pledged to wage "a real war on AIDS," including fully funding the Ryan White CARE Act and a program of education and prevention, research

and treatment. He has called for the full implementation of both Presidential Commission reports on AIDS, reports completely ignored by the Bush Administration. In addition, Clinton has called for the launching of a "Manhattan-type Project" to find a cure for AIDS, ending the bureaucratic red-tape preventing the release and development of AIDS drugs, and allowing federal money to be used for condom distribution and needle exchange programs.

"Governor Clinton supports expanding the definition of AIDS to enable the sick to obtain benefits and he will expand drug trials to include women and people of color," states Randy Klose, HRCF board co-chair. "These are issues that George Bush and Ross Perot have never addressed. Bill Clinton doesn't need an education on AIDS. He knows that the epidemic is spreading while our government ignores the pressing needs."

Bush's record and Perot's remarks indicate a lack of concern and understanding of what America is all about. They want to divide America into groups and factions, while Bill Clinton wants to bring us together as a nation," Laura Altschul said. "To quote Governor Clinton, 'we are all a part of the same community, and we'd better start behaving as if we are.'"

In a widely noted speech given in Los Angeles on May 18, 1992, Clinton told an overflow crowd of lesbian and gay supporters that they represented "a community of our nation's gifted people whom we have been willing to squander." Clinton thanked the lesbian and gay community "for your courage and your commitment and your service in the face of the terror of AIDS. When no one was offering a helping hand, and when it was dark and lonely, you did not withdraw, instead you reached out to others. And this whole nation has benefited already in ways most people cannot even imagine from the courage and commitment and the sense of community which you practice."

Bill Clinton FOR PRESIDENT

The campaign fund's decision to endorse a candidate for president marks a major event in the organization's development. For over a decade, the group has focused on lobbying Congress, contributing to Congressional and Senate candidates through its political action committee, and organizing in the grass roots. "The crucial decisions affecting the lives of lesbians and gay men during the next four years will be made by the President of the United States," Randy Klose says.

"We have the opportunity to help elect a man who is far and away the best candidate our community has ever had as a national party nominee," McFeeley notes. "Bill Clinton believes that lesbian and gay Americans are part of the mainstream of American life. More than any other major candidate in history, Bill Clinton has sought and earned the support of our community."

NATIONAL CONVENTION EVENTS SCHEDULE

Below is a running schedule of gay/lesbian and AIDS-related events planned to take place during and around the Democratic and Republican National Conventions this summer.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION July 13-16

Madison Square Garden
New York City

Monday, July 13:
Delegate Reception, sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). Evening. Details: (202) 628-4160.

Tuesday, July 14:
Massive AIDS march and rally sponsored by United for AIDS Action, a coalition of more than 70 organizations. (212) 337-1227.

Wednesday, July 15:
Presidential Nomination Roll Call. Evening. Madison Square Garden.

Thursday, July 16:
Nominee Acceptance Speech. Evening. Madison Square Garden.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION August 17-20

Houston Astrodome
Houston, Texas

Saturday, August 15:
ACT UP/Republican National Convention (RNC) reception and arrival. Possible fundraiser. Details to be announced (TBA). (816) 753-5930.

Sunday, August 16:
Pre-action rally for Monday's march sponsored by ACT UP/RNC. Details TBA. (816) 753-5930.

Anti-Hate Crimes action organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Details TBA. (202) 332-6483.

Monday, August 17:
AIDS Rally and March sponsored by ACT UP/RNC from Herman Park to Astrodome. 4:30pm. (816) 753-5930.

Delegate Reception sponsored by HRCF. Details TBA. (202) 638-4160.

Tuesday, August 18:
Military Discrimination Action organized by Queen Nation/Houston. Details TBA. (713) 527-8674.

"Target State Delegates" sponsored by ACT UP/RNC all day. (816) 753-5930.

Wednesday, August 19:
Domestic Partnership "Marry-In" sponsored by Queen Nation/Houston at noon. Details TBA. (713) 527-8674.

"Mothers' March" sponsored by United For AIDS Action. Details TBA. (212) 337-1127.
Presidential Nomination Roll Call at the Astrodome. Evening.

"Pick Your Enemy" organized by ACT UP/RNC all day. (816) 753-5930.

Thursday, August 20:
Bush Acceptance Speech at the Astrodome. Evening.

OTHER EVENTS:

"Come Out Voting," gay and lesbian voter registration drive with video public service announcements and other information, prior to the general election. Contact Steve Smith, (202) 462-8970 or HRCF, (202) 628-4160.

PEROT FAUX PAS

Possible presidential contender Ross Perot told ABC News' Barbara Walters on May 30 that he would not hire openly gay and lesbian people in his cabinet and doesn't think it's "realistic" for homosexuals to serve in the military.

"I don't want anyone there that will be a point of controversy with the American people... It will distract from the work to be done," said Perot about gay people. Regarding gay men and lesbians in the military; "I don't think that that's realistic."

Write Perot and tell him that lesbians and gay men are the American people, that the "controversy" is homophobia - not openly gay people - and demand that he oppose discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation. Also inform him that gay men and lesbians do serve in the military, and that he should oppose the U.S. military's anti-gay policy. Write: Ross Perot, H. Ross Perot Petition Committee, P.O. Box 517025, Dallas, TX, 75251-7025; phone 1-800-685-7777; fax 1-800-925-1300.

Urvasi Vaid, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force responded to comments made by Ross Perot to ABC News' 20/20 by saying, "Ross Perot's comments about gay people are extremely disturbing because they condone employment discrimination. It is outrageous that Perot is willing to sacrifice principle of equality and fair play for the sake of political expediency. His comments are frighteningly similar to those of extremists on the Right such as

Pat Buchanan. These politicians would deny gay and lesbian Americans equal opportunity under the law for no reason other than our sexual orientation.

"Perot is out of touch with the American mainstream. Polls show that the American people do not support discrimination based on sexual orientation. Most Americans believe the military policy should be eliminated. The consensus from conservatives like Newt Gingrich to the military's own consultants has been growing against this policy.

"Perot's comments are an insult to thousands of lesbian and gay public employees, veterans, and to all gay people in this country. We are alarmed at Perot's double standard. He would deny equal opportunity and fairness under the law to openly gay and lesbian people, but considers "what people do in their private lives is their business." The message from Perot - like the message from the extremist Right - is that gay people are acceptable as long as they remain invisible and in the closet.

"It is interesting to us that some of Perot's first public position statements should deal with gay and lesbian civil rights. With these statements, Perot reveals himself to be no different from the status quo. We call on Ross Perot to meet with gay and lesbian advocates, and to educate himself about the discrimination that he has made a political decision to condone."

OPENLY GAY CANDIDATES

Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt and a candidate for a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and Jerry Neal of Columbus, Ohio, running as a Republican for the Ohio Legislature, have received the recommendation of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

Jones and Neal join six other candidates from around the country receiving financial assistance. They include Massachusetts Congressman Gerry Studds (re-election); Tammy Baldwin, a Dane County (WI) Supervisor running for the Wisconsin Assembly; Tom Nolan, a California Congressional candidate and current San Mateo County Supervisor; the election bid of State Rep. Gail Shibley of Portland, OR; Republican challenger Jerry Keen's race for an adjacent seat in the Oregon Legislature; and State Rep. Glen Maxey's re-election campaign for the Texas Legislature.

Jones, who is HIV+, has been involved in gay and lesbian politics and AIDS activism for over 20 years. He is best known for his work with the NAMES Project, but his role in gay politics extends to the early 1970's and Harvey Milk's election as the first openly gay American elected to public office.

Neal is a progressive Republican who is pro-Choice. He is running to take advantage of redistricting in Ohio and hopes to tap into anti-incumbency sentiment. He holds aggressive positions on AIDS issues, while the incumbent has voted against gay and lesbian legislation and anti-discrimination protection for people with AIDS.

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NATIONAL NEWS

GAY CANDIDATE WINS 87% OF VOTE

Oregon State Representative Gail Shibley, the first and only openly lesbian member of the legislature, won the Democratic Party nomination with an overwhelming 87 percent margin over two primary opponents.

Targeted by the anti-gay Oregon Citizen's Alliance, Shibley said she was "stunned" by the strong turnout of voters and gratified by the level of support she received in the race to represent Oregon's 12th Legislative District. Shibley credited the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's members with helping her raise more than \$12,000 for her campaign and help educate voters and cement her positions on issues.

Shibley faces a tough November election against a Republican challenger. She expects opposition from the OCA to increase, as members of the group have already made her sexual orientation a campaign issue, saying she is an inappropriate role model for children.

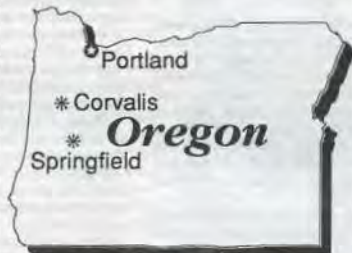
TOWN MANDATES ANTI-GAY DISCRIMINATION

A city in Oregon recently became possibly the first town in U.S. history to mandate discrimination against gay men and lesbians. On May 19, citizens of Springfield, Oregon, supported an initiative that outlaws civil rights for gay men and lesbians and bans gay pride events on public property by a vote of 5,693 to 4,540.

Meanwhile, in Corvallis, Oregon, voters resoundingly rejected an identical measure in a 4,486 to 8,048 vote.

The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), a right wing organization, spearheaded both ballot measures, as well as two statewide anti-gay initiatives coming up in the November general election.

"The battle being waged in Oregon is critical



"initiative... outlaws civil rights for gay men and lesbians and bans gay pride events on public property"

The measure amends the Springfield city charter to prohibit the city from passing or enforcing any law "that recognizes any categorical

provisions such as 'sexual orientation,' 'sexual preference,' and similar phrases... nor shall the city of Springfield, its agencies, departments, bureaus, properties, or monies be used to promote, encourage, or facilitate homosexuality..."

to the gay and lesbian community nationwide," said Robin Kane, NGLTF public information manager. "The right wing will be energized by its win in Springfield. And if successful in its statewide initiatives on the November ballot, the Far Right will spread its hateful measures beyond Oregon's boundaries. Who knows which state will be the next target?"

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GALA CHORUSES

NATIONAL NEWS

ROMANOVSKY DEBUTS FIRST SOLO ALBUM

Fresh Fruit Records is proud to announce the release of *Hopeful Romantic*, the debut solo album by Ron Romanovsky. *Hopeful Romantic* was produced by Bay Area singer/producer Teresa Trull and contains 12 original songs written by Romanovsky from 1979 to the present.

Best described as "a romantic album with moments of comic relief," *Hopeful Romantic* runs the gamut from pop tunes such as *The Telephone Company Loves Me* a (long-distance love song) to the eccentric and hilarious *I Like to Polka*, and from the dark and introspective *Battle Scars* to the comic folk-swing sound of *Sacrifices*. Also included are two gorgeous collaborations with John Bucchino and Tom Wilson Weinberg.

True to his previous songwriting and performing work in the duo Romanovsky & Phillips, the music is primarily upbeat and covers a wide variety of musical styles woven together with some of Ron's best vocals ever. This time out, Ron also ventures into new territory with the Gerschwin-

esque movie-music of *A Measure of Sadness*, the rock-and-roll riffs of *The Perfect Crime*, and the seductive cabaret-blues of *Baby Take Advantage of Me*. There are also tender ballads such as *When I Hear A Love Song* and *A Song In My Heart*.

Hopeful Romantic is a very personal album — "a celebration of men loving men," said Ron. "This album could be subtitled 'Romanovsky-Lite,' because it contains about 80 percent less politics than most of my work with Paul Phillips. Most people know me as a Gay songwriter. Here, I'm a songwriter who happens to be Gay."

Hopeful Romantic is available on compact disc and cassette at better record and bookstores. It can also be ordered directly from Fresh Fruit Records, 369 Montezuma, #209, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, or by calling 1-800-47-FRUIT (1-800-473-7848).

CATALOG TARGETS GAY COMMUNITY

In late April, Shocking Gray Corp. started delivering 1 million Summer/Pride Catalogs to gay and lesbian households across the United States, four times the amount the company initially mailed for its premier holiday issue. "We received thousands of calls requesting catalogs, so our mailing naturally increased. We are striving to reach every gay household in the country," says Cynthia Censalis, Chief Operations Officer.

Shocking Gray is the first mainstream retail catalog company to overtly target the gay/lesbian community nationwide. In this latest issue are lifestyle photos depicting gays and lesbians in normal situations tinged with humor, including shots with characters such as a lesbian police officer and an Air Force Captain. "We wanted to present non-stereotypical images to show that gays and lesbians exist and thrive where society thinks they should not," says Michelle Friesenhahn Wilby, Chief Marketing Officer.

The 16 page full color catalog contains many new items including a hot new line of T-Shirt designs, promotional merchandise for Unity '94 - The Gay Olympics, Universal/ Spada's ever-popular Freedom Rings, and an expanded variety of merchandise in a moderate price range. In selecting products for inclusion, Shocking Gray Corp. has placed a strong emphasis on quality, uniqueness, value, and appeal to the gay market. Most of Shocking Gray's suppliers are gay/lesbian, and all have pledged to donate a percentage of revenue generated from catalog sales to various gay/lesbian non-profit groups.

While the primary market is the gay and lesbian community, Shocking Gray Corp. welcomes all consumers interested in purchasing its unique merchandise and joining them in affirming and strengthening a positive image of the gay and lesbian community.

To receive a free copy of the Shocking Gray Summer/Pride Catalog write to: Shocking Gray, c/o Mailing List Manager, 1216 East Euclid, San Antonio, TX 78121-4159, or call 1-800-788-4729.

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NATIONAL NEWS

MILITARY BILL

A new bill that would overturn the 50-year-old Department of Defense's policy that prohibits lesbians, gay men and bisexuals from serving in the military has been introduced into the U.S. Congress. The "Military Freedom Act," introduced by Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-CO) on May 19, would "prohibit discrimination by the armed forces on the basis of sexual orientation."

The Military Freedom Act, H.R. 5208, is the result of months of work by the Military Freedom Initiative, a coalition of gay and lesbian, women's, and other groups working to overturn DOD Directive 1334.12, which states that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

The bill currently has 44 cosponsors in the House. Lawmakers are looking for a main sponsor in the Senate. "We have waited patiently for the courts to overturn this ban," said Rep. Schroeder at a press conference to announce the bill. "We have appealed to the President and to the Secretary of Defense. Those pleas have all gone unanswered. Now Congress must take it upon itself to change the policy."

NGLTF urges gay men and lesbians to pressure their Congressional Representatives to sign onto the Military Freedom Act, HR 5208. If you do not know the name and address of your legislator, contact the House Information office, (202) 225-3121. To obtain copies of the bill, H.R. 5208, send a self-addressed label with your request to: House Document Room, H2-B18, House Building Annex II, Washington, D.C. 20515.

To obtain copies of the NGLTF *Let Gay & Lesbian People Serve* petition to President Bush, contact Martin Hiraga, NGLTF, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, (202)332-6483.

YOUTH ACCESS

Youth Networks addresses the difficulty meeting and communicating between young gays.

For many young people, schools, youth clubs, and work place become key locations for finding relationships. In contrast, young gay people find these places highly alienating.

Youth Networks has compiled *Pen Pal Services*, a list of services for corresponding with other young gays locally and internationally. For those interested in receiving a copy, you must send a first class, stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope along with a signed statement declaring you are 25 years of age or younger.

All others who want a copy, including any organization or those people not meeting the requirements, should send a check or money order for \$1 made payable to *Youth Networks*. Send all correspondence to: Youth Networks, Dept. P, 2215 Market St. #479, San Francisco, CA 94114-1612.

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NATIONAL NEWS

PFLAG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 11th annual Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) international convention, titled "Love in Action—Joy in Diversity," will be held in Seattle over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-7, announced Kyle Dietrich, Seattle chapter president.

The event, designed to bring together 350 participants from around world, is open to anyone. Registration fee is \$150 per person before August 1 and \$165 after the date.

Conference co-chairs Frankie and Jack Bookey of Bellevue, WA expect a sellout crowd to attend the meeting, scheduled at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Seattle. Convention speakers include nationally known sociologist Pepper Schwartz, Ph.D., co-author of the best-selling *American Couples*.

In addition to keynote addresses and workshops on a variety of timely topics, planners have scheduled a number of conference-related events including an excursion to Mt. Rainier and a cruise on Puget Sound.

For more information on the PFLAG convention, or to obtain a registration packet, contact Ardyce Fish, 7736 - 14th S.W., Seattle, WA 98106, telephone (206) 763-4575.

INTEGRITY WELCOMES EPISCOPAL HEAD

For the first time in the approximately twenty-year history of lesbian/gay Christian caucuses, the head of a major denomination will travel to one such caucus' convention. The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church will attend the convention of Integrity, the lesbian/gay justice ministry of the Episcopal Church, in Houston, July 9-12, 1992. Bishop Browning will preach and celebrate the Eucharist at the opening service on Friday evening and will lead an open forum. Also featured at the convention will be the Rev. Warner Traynham, Rector of St. John's Church, Los Angeles and one of the outstanding African American preachers of the Episcopal Church.

This will be Integrity's 14th national convention in its 18 year history, and the first held in Province 7 of the Episcopal Church (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, and the western parts of Louisiana and Missouri), traditionally the part of the Episcopal Church which has been least hospitable to Integrity.

Bishop Browning, a Texas native, had served, respectively, as Bishop of Okinawa (1968-71), the American churches in Europe (1971-47), and Hawaii (1976-86) before being elected Presiding Bishop in 1985.

Integrity was founded in rural Georgia in 1974 by Dr. Louie Crew. Dr. Crew, now a professor at Rutgers University, will be a featured speaker at the convention. The "Louie Crew Award" for outstanding service to Integrity

will be presented at the convention.

Integrity, with over fifty chapters throughout the United States and non-affiliated chapters in Canada and Australia, is by far the largest les/gay caucus relative to the size of its denomination and is second to Dignity, the Roman Catholic caucus, in absolute membership numbers.

WE ARE HERE

San Francisco—*WE ARE HERE* is a resource guide and newspaper distributed by Youth Networks, a dedicated group of unpaid volunteers. *WE ARE HERE* increases awareness of minority issues, offers support and affirmation as community resource, celebrates diversity within our communities. *WE ARE HERE* provides a voice for young queers throughout North America.

This publication breaks the existing constraints of local and regional publications to join together many communities as well as commemorate the Queer Youth Movement since Stonewall.

Anyone interested in this debut publication should enclose \$5.00, which covers shipping and handling expenses. Contact: *WE ARE HERE*, 2215 Market Street, #479, San Francisco, CA 94114-1612. Bookstores and bulk rates may inquire.

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AIDS: ANOTHER OPINION

In 1983, Dr. Robert Strecker M.D., Ph.D., a prominent doctor of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology in Los Angeles, and his brother, the late Theodore Strecker, a lawyer, discovered that the AIDS virus was produced in a laboratory run by the government of the United States of America.

That year, Dr. Strecker and his brother were preparing a proposal for a health maintenance organization for the Security Pacific Bank of California. In the course of this study, they ran across some interesting statements about viruses, manmade viruses, and viruses designed to induce cancer in humans as part of research. After exploring this literature, they came to some startling conclusions.

Their findings encouraged the Streckers to spend five years researching the information, leading to the production of a video tape, *The Strecker Memorandum*, and a documented information package, *The Bio-Attack Alert*. These documents were sent to every governor in the U.S., President Reagan, Vice-President Bush, the FBI, CIA, NSA, and members of Congress. There were a total of three replies from three governors.

Dr. Strecker's research indicates that the National Cancer Institute in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), made the AIDS virus in their laboratories in Fort Detrick, Maryland (now NCI). They combined two deadly animal retroviruses, bovine leukemia virus and sheep visna virus, and injected them into human tissue cultures. The resultant strain was the AIDS virus, the first human retrovirus known to man and now believed to be 100% fatal to those infected.

The creation of the AIDS virus by the WHO was not just a scientific exercise that got out of hand. It was a successful attempt to create a killer virus which was then used in a successful experiment in Africa. So successful in fact, that most of central Africa may be wiped out, 75 million dead within a 3 to 5 year period.

It was not an accident. It was deliberate. In the Federation Proceedings of the U.S. in 1972, WHO said: "In the relation to the immune response a number of useful experimental approaches can be visualized." They suggested that an effective way to do this would be to put their new killer virus (AIDS) into a vaccination program, sit back and observe the results. "This would be particularly informative in sibships," they said. That is, give the AIDS virus to brothers and sisters and see if they die, who dies first, and of what, just like using rats in a laboratory.

They used smallpox vaccine for their vehicle and the geographical sites chosen in 1972 were Uganda and other African states, Haiti, Brazil, and Japan. The present or recent past of AIDS epidemiology coincides with these geographical areas.

The final piece of the puzzle is how AIDS devastated the homosexual population in the United States. It wasn't from smallpox vaccination as in Africa because we don't do that anymore. There is no smallpox in the United States and so vaccination was discontinued.

Although some AIDS has been brought to the U.S. from Haiti by homosexuals, it would not be enough to explain the explosion of AIDS that occurred simultaneously with the African and Haitian epidemics.

The AIDS virus didn't exist in the U.S. before 1978. You can check back in any hospital and no stored blood samples can be found anywhere that exhibit the AIDS virus before that date.

What happened in 1978 and beyond to cause AIDS to burst upon the scene and devastate the homosexual segment of our population? It was the introduction of the Hepatitis B vaccine which exhibits the exact epidemiology of AIDS.

In 1978, the Hepatitis B vaccine program used on gay men was initiated in a New York blood bank and completed in 1979. Within ten years the men injected with the vaccine would be dead or dying from AIDS.

In 1980, the program was extended to other cities across America. That same year, the first AIDS case was reported in San Francisco. Eight years following, a large proportion of the San Francisco gay community were infected, dead, or dying of AIDS.

These incidences are not isolated. This is not the first time virologists have brought us disaster. SV-40 virus from monkey cell cultures contaminated polio cultures. Most people in their 40's are now carrying this virus through contaminated polio inoculations given in the early 1960's. It is known to cause brain cancer which explains the increase in this disease that we have seen in the past ten years.

There have also been over 300 open-air biological experiments by the Department of Defense on American cities, such as the spraying of San Francisco bay with bacteria, the spraying of Minneapolis-St. Paul with a chemical agent, the spraying of subway people in New York City with another bacterium, the painting of boxes with *Aspergillus pseudogalactus*, an agent that would supposedly infect Blacks more than Whites and then tracing it to see, if, in fact, more Blacks got infected than Whites.

Virtually all media has refused to air this information.

What can we do? The first thing that should be done is close down all laboratories in this country that are dealing with these deadly retroviruses.

How can we do this? Become involved. Research for yourself. Check all references listed at the end of this article. Ask questions. Educate a friend. Copy this article and circulate it. Always remember, "in unity there is strength," and in unity we can force the government to reveal the truth about this grave situation.

Everything in this article has been documented as fact. For detailed accounts, more information, and further references, please visit the library and check all references below. This information is not being freely released by our government, and if you read these books and articles, you will find out why. As Dr. Robert Strecker puts it, "if you created AIDS, would you tell anybody about it?"

Books

Clouds of Secrecy, by Leonard Nicole.
The Killing Winds, by Gene McDermott.

Articles

London Times, May 11, 1987, front page.
Omnis magazine, March 1986, p. 106.

For more information, contact: The Strecker Group, 1216 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90017.

LIVING PENS

Living Pens was organized to provide pen pal friends for HIV+ARCAIDS individuals across the U.S. who are in search of a steady, understanding ear for their concerns.

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There are no age, sex, or sexual orientation limitations to Honor Roll Membership. Pals are provided under the same guidelines. Living Pens is supervised by the Washington County (Arkansas) AIDS Task Force, though not directly affiliated with that organization.

Living Pens Pals are NOT therapists. Pals are to provide true friendship; get involved personally. Pals provide positive attitudes whenever possible through understanding, respect, acceptance, and dedication.

Pals are strictly volunteer. This service is offered FREE OF CHARGE. No membership fees are required. Postage is the individual responsibility of each Pal and each Honor Roll Member for their letters only.

Interested HIV+ARCAIDS individuals may contact the group at: Living Pens, 1906 South 13th Street, Apt. #3, Rogers, AR 72756.

CONGRESSIONAL AIDS FORUM

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley gave the keynote address at an unprecedented congressional forum on Capitol Hill in June that examined the international economic, social, and foreign policy impacts of the explosive spread of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The June Congressional Forum on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic was sponsored by the Congressional Task Force on International HIV/AIDS, co-chaired by Congressman Jim McDermott, (D-WA), and the Human Rights Project, Inc., a non-profit organization.

"The World Health Organization (WHO) predicts that by the year 2000, there will be 10 million people with AIDS in the world and an additional 40 million HIV+ people worldwide," said Rep. McDermott.

More than 40 presenters from five continents discussed studies and firsthand experiences in combating the spread of HIV/AIDS including: WHO representatives, World Bank economists, public health specialists, vaccine and drug researchers, and people in the U.S. and abroad who run community-based HIV/AIDS prevention and care programs.

AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

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Nebr AIDS Educ./Training Center, UNMC,
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Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,
Omaha 68105, 342-4233 or (statewide) (800)
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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.

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Lincoln 68501, (402) 476-8091.

PASTORAL CARE

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AIDS Interfaith Network, 215 Centennial
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Services: 7pm, 4th Mon, St Marks, 14th & R.

HIV TESTING*

* We urge you to inquire about anonymity
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Grand Island-Hall County Health Dept.,
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Mary: (308) 381-5175.

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Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept., 2200 St
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Native American Community Development
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. 24th, Omaha, 68107. (402) 734-4100.

Nebraska Department of Health, Norfolk
Regional Center, Administration Building #16,
(402) 370-3395.

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

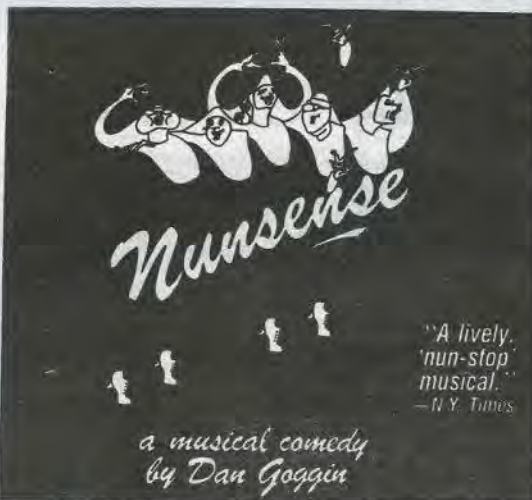
Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243.

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.



Admissions \$5.00

For Ticket information call:
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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF OMAHA
819 SOUTH 22ND STREET
July 24th 8 p.m.

Proceeds to benefit the Nebraska
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Memorial Quilt Display

Directed by Thomas Bertino
Produced by Empty S Productions

THE MAX
1417 Jackson
July 25th & 26th 2 p.m.

CENTER STAGE THEATRE
30th & Q

July 31st & August 1st 8:00 p.m.
August 2nd 2:00 p.m.



INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER

Mr. San Francisco Leather, Lenny Broberg, led a field of 53 other contestants to capture the 1992 International Mr. Leather title over the Memorial Day Weekend in Chicago. Mr. Broberg is 35 years old, the assistant director of catering for the Pan Pacific Hotel in San Francisco, and holds the additional title of Mr. San Francisco Eagle Leather 1992. He was sponsored by the San Francisco Eagle, and becomes the fourteenth leatherman to have earned the International Mr. Leather title.

Second Place went to Erik Witmeyer, a 37 year old attorney from Los Angeles, who was sponsored by the Gauntlet II. Third Place was captured by Mr. Boston Leather, A.J. Steigenberger, a 27 year old consultant sponsored by the Riders Motorcycle Club of Boston.

The record number of contestants this year was surpassed only by a record number of spectators, as 2,000 leather men and women filled the historic Aragon Ballroom to watch the competition. As if the men weren't enough, entertainment for the event included Megatone Recording Artists, Jo Carol, Linda Imperial, and Jeanie Tracy. Additional performances were made by the cast of Dirty Dreams of a Clean Cut Kid, Physical Evidence, and the hilarious She-Devils.

The 1992 contest had been dedicated to the memory of International

Mr. Leather co-founder and Chief Judge, Dom Orejudos, and all others who have died of AIDS. As the artist Etienne, Mr. Orejudos' was known throughout the world for his distinctive leather fantasy art. In addition to that notoriety, Dom was an accomplished ballet choreographer whose works have earned a number of awards. In his memory, Ms. Peggy Powell, Dom's original dance partner, returned to the stage to perform the Pas de Deux from *The Charioteer*. Mr. Orejudos wrote, choreographed, and danced *The Charioteer* in 1968 to inaugurate the first color broadcast of WTTW, Chicago's PBS television station. Joining Ms. Powell to recreate this dance was Curtis Londo.

Judges for the 1992 competition included Chief Judge, Thom Dombkowski, co-founder of Chicago House; Mr. Marcus Hernandez, columnist for the *Bay Area Reporter*; "D" Cannon, International Mr. Leather 1991; Anthony DeBlase, editor emeritus *Drummer Magazine*; Chuck Higgins, co-chair National Leather Association; George Cameron, co-founder and vice president Vancouver Activists of S/M; and Bob Graves, co-owner Parliament House and Full Moon Saloon in Orlando, Florida. The alternative judge was Bill Miranda Salzman, Mr. National Leather Association 1991-92.

VAID LEAVING NGLTF

After nearly eight years of involvement at the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the NGLTF Policy Institute, Executive Director Urvashi Vaid announced she will leave the staff in December 1992. Vaid will take a sabbatical in 1993, during which she plans to study, travel to India, write and live in Boston and Provincetown, Mass. Vaid will continue to be involved in the gay and lesbian movement as a strategist and political leader.

HUMAN SEXUALITY FACT SHEET

Q. Why is the phrase "sexual preference" inaccurate and misleading?

A. Because heterosexuals have not consciously chosen to love, or stated a "preference" for loving, members of the opposite sex; they just feel it, and always have. No conscious, free-will "decision" is made to be heterosexual. "Orientation" is a more accurate word than "preference."

Further, heterosexuals are not oriented toward just "having sex" with members of the opposite gender; they have feelings of caring, affection, and love for them... and sexual activity is a reflection of those feelings to the same degree as it is a reflection of sexual attraction. "Love" is a more illuminating word than "sexual."

Q. Is heterosexuality unnatural?

A. No. Eight or nine out of ten children are either born heterosexual or become heterosexual within the first few years of life for reasons of nature that are not yet clearly understood.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, July 2

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business Mtg
Room 342, Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm.

SATURDAY, July 4

"Fourth of July Picnic", 12-5pm, Sponsored by
Imperial Court of Nebraska, Progressive Park,
Just South of Council Bluffs, Admission \$7.
Please, no pets.

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights,
First Saturday Event, "Game Night", 7-10pm,
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln

SUNDAY, July 5

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha,
Final Worship Service at 420 S. 24, 10:20 a.m.,

New Voice Steering Committee, 1pm.
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th, All are welcome

Lutherans Concerned, 7 - 8:30pm, Kountze
Memorial Lutheran Church Lounge, 2650
Farnam, Omaha, 345-4080 or 453-7137.

Afternoon Tea Dance, Benefit for March on
Washington, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

"Fresh Fish IV", Favorites from Closet Ball '92
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30p.m.

MONDAY, July 6

"Spaghetti Fest" Benefit for Siouland Gay &
Lesbian Coalition, \$3.50/all you can eat, 3
Cheers, 414 20th St., Sioux City, IA

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

Bi-PALS, (BiSexual People, Alternate Life
Styles), Open to all sexes, Meet at the
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln. 7:30pm

TUESDAY, July 7

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, 6:30pm
Call for Info: (308)234-6500.

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

THURSDAY, July 9

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, location to
be announced, Call ANGLE for Info, 558-5303

FRIDAY, July 10

Deadline for articles, art work, advertising
for the August issue of *The New Voice*

SATURDAY, July 11

P-FLAG Youth Support Group for gay,
lesbian, and youth questioning sexuality, ages
13 to 21. Omaha, 291-6781

D.C.'s 1st Anniversary Party, Check at Bar for
details, D.C.'s, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

SUNDAY, July 12

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha,
First Worship Service at 819 S. 22, 10:20 a.m.,

Celebrate MCC's New Church Home With a
Brunch Hosted by A.N.G.L.E., 11:30a.m.,
Proceeds benefit 1992 PRIDE and related
activities, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha,
291-6781, 2pm, Picnic in Hanscom Park

Open Auditions for Bent, 7pm, 1219 S. 13 St,
Equal consideration regardless of experience,
need 7-10 men, ages 18-65. Actors assist in set
changes, set-up, striking, Bring photo/ resume,
Call Roger 453-6982 or De 553-0950

SUNDAY, July 12

Celebrate Our Pride with a Stone Lodge Picnic,
Noon-9pm, Stone State Park, Sioux City, Iowa

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha,
"Celebrate Our Diversity", Song Service at
new church home at 819 S. 22nd, 7:00pm

Miss Gay Nebraska America Pageant,
Features Miss Gay Nebraska America Jennifer
Jett and Miss Gay America, Tiffany Bonet, The
MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

MONDAY, July 13

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

Open Auditions for Bent, 7pm, 1219 S. 13,
Equal consideration regardless of experience,
Need 7-10 men, ages 18-65. Actors assist in set
changes, set-up, striking, Bring photo/
resume, Call Roger 453-6982 or De 553-0950

TUESDAY, July 14

Free & Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster
County Public Health Department, 5 - 7 p.m.
The Panic, 18th & N Streets, Lincoln

THURSDAY, July 16

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business Mtg,
Rm 342, Nebraska Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

SATURDAY, July 18

River City Gender Alliance, For Cross Dress
community. All welcome. No sexual
encounters, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

SUNDAY, July 19

Omaha Men (OMEN), 3pm. Usually Gilligans
Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha 68103

Parents-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal
2304 2nd Ave. Call (308) 237-3870 or
(308) 995-5490, 3pm

Lincoln's Post Pride Picnic, Sponsored by
UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association &
Resource Center, 4pm, Van Dorn Park, 9th &
Van Dorn Streets, Lincoln

"Christmas in July" Skag Drag and Comedy
Show, Benefit for March on Washington and
River City Mixed Chorus, 9pm,
D.C.'s, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

David Burrill, Adult Entertainment Star,
at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

TUESDAY, July 21

DC'93 Nebraska Contingency Planning
Meeting, 7:30p.m., Omaha, call for location:
451-7987

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, 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

THURSDAY, July 23

"Miss Parallel Galaxy" Pageant at The Panic,
18th & N, Lincoln Entry Fee \$10, Entries must
be received by midnight July 22.

Aunt Mike's Underwear Night 8, on the Patio
at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

FRIDAY, July 24

Nonsense, Premier Performance, 8 p.m.
Benefit for Nebraska QUILT Display,
Admission \$5, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

SATURDAY, July 25

Nonsense, Benefit for Nebraska QUILT
Display, Admission \$5, 2 p.m.,
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

P-FLAG Youth Support Group for gay,
lesbian, and youth questioning sexuality, ages
13 to 21. Omaha, 291-6781

SUNDAY, July 26

Nonsense, Benefit for Nebraska QUILT
Display, Admission \$5, 2 p.m.,
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

Afternoon Tea Dance & Fashion Show, Benefit
for '93 March on Washington,
D.C.'s, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

Bonnie Bitch Returns with an all new show at
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

MONDAY, July 27

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

TUESDAY, July 28

P-FLAG-Lincoln Chapter, 7pm, Small Group
Sessions including "Under 21" and Program:
"Other Gay/Lesbian Support", Unitarian
Church, 6300 'A', 435-4688,

QUEER NATION Omaha Monthly Meeting,
8:30pm Call for information 451-7987

FRIDAY, July 31

Nonsense, Benefit for Nebraska QUILT
Display, 345-8948 for Admission \$5, 8pm,
The Center Stage, 30th & "Q", Omaha

SATURDAY, August 1

River City Mixed Chorus Garage Sale, 1315
South 52nd, To donate items call 455-6199

Nonsense, Benefit for Nebraska QUILT
Display, 345-8948 for Admission \$5, 8pm,
The Center Stage, 30th & "Q", Omaha

SUNDAY, August 2

Nonsense, Benefit for Nebraska QUILT
Display, 345-8948 for Tickets \$5 each, 8pm,
The Center Stage, 30th & "Q", Omaha

"Investiture of the Royal Families to Reign XII
of the Imperial Court of Nebraska", 9:30pm.,
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

LOCAL NEWS

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Worship 10:20am, 345-2563
Begin July 12 Services at 819 S. 22

Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers, 10am Running/Walk Club, Various Locations

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Meeting 12noon (308)234-8610.

River City Mixed Bowling, Sky Lanes, Omaha, *Begin Again in August*

MONDAY

Alternate Test Site, Nebr AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha, 7-10pm

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsal, Omaha, *On Vacation for Summer*

TUESDAY

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

SHOUT Support/Discussion Group, *Unable to verify SHOUT meeting*

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th, 345-2563
After July 12 meet at 819 S. 22nd

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Lambda Plush Overeaters Anonymous Group, 7:30pm, Family and Friends Building, 3040 North 102nd, Omaha

SHOUT Support/Discussion Group, *Unable to verify SHOUT meetings*

Lesbian Disc Group Lincoln, Womens Resource Center, 14 & R, 7:30pm

THURSDAY

Alternate Test Site, Nebr AIDS Project 3624 Leavenworth Omaha 7-10pm

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Assoc, 8pm During School Year, Lincoln

FRIDAY

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Open Mtg, 1st Plymouth Congregational, 20th & "D", 438-5214

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

SATURDAY

Womens Support Group, 11am, MCC-Omaha, 345-2563

After July 12 at 819 S. 22nd

Kearney Alcoholics Anonymous Group, Open Mtg 12noon, (308)236-8610.

AFFIRMATION HOSTS FAREWELL FOR REV. KROSS

by RJ

Two of Affirmation's members opened their home for a fond farewell for Rev. Jan Kross, senior pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha for many years. Rev. Kross has accepted a full-time ministerial position with MCC of Greater Kansas City doing counseling work and assigned duties as designated by senior pastor Rev. John Barbone.

It was a beautiful evening to have an outside gathering. Despite the threat of rain, and even a few stray raindrops at first, the storm held off. The power of prayer really works! It just went to show what a faithful servant Rev. Kross has been to the big person upstairs! The host furnished a grill and everyone brought something to grill. Other dishes were brought by the well wishers as well. One dish well received was cauliflower with a special sauce over it. This was the first time I had coleslaw with chopped broccoli, and it was good! It seems in my old age I'm getting a taste for cauliflower, as well as broccoli. Just so long as it's raw! Spaghetti, macaroni salad, there was plenty for everyone, and then some.

For those of us who are really going to miss Rev. Jan, K.C. is not that far down the road. It's a good incentive to visit MCC Greater Kansas City. There is also a MCC Johnson County in Kansas. I've never been to that one, so I can't tell you much about it. At Greater K.C. MCC, the senior pastor is a former priest in the Roman Catholic Church. And is he good! Rev. Barbone is a real neat person and fun to meet. The current congregation numbers around 250 souls. They outgrew their former church and had to move to larger quarters. This church is a fairly modern one and was formerly a Christian Church. Now they are rapidly outgrowing this church!

K.C. is a fun town to visit! Though the downtown area is gone now—just a memory. The bars are all in the out areas now. Downtown

Y is closed. Where the Cabaret stood, kattywampus across the street from the Y is now a vacant lot. AIDS has killed the Kansas City baths, which used to be across the street from the bus station. But there is still a lot to do in K.C. More new bars have sprung up. The old Arabian Nights, also known as The Tent, is still there. I believe the old Cabaret still lives too, but now it's on Main, just south of the Plaza. I spent more than one New Year's Eve in the Cabaret. The famous (or infamous, depending how one looks at it) Jewel Box is no more. Wendy's Hamburgers now occupies that spot. The Plaza, yes the Plaza is a must to visit though the famous Putsch's Coffee House is gone. Westport—one must see Westport. K.C.'s version of the Old Market. There are malls to go through. I understand the Kansas City Zoo is one of the nation's finest. There is Independence to the East to visit. Harry Truman's home is there as well as his presidential library. Then there's Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun. So there is plenty to do and see in K.C. And be sure to ask where Memorial Park is. It's a great place to see the local sights! Yes, it is an enjoyable evening. A great time for just kibitzing, reminiscing about the "good old days." The passing of an era. Though I don't wish to portray Rev. Jan as ready for the rocking chair. After all she's younger than I am. But then again, who isn't!

God be with you in your new venture, Rev. Jan. Omaha's loss will be KC's gain. There comes a time in everyone's life, though when new horizons must be sought out and gained. To quote the Preacher, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."

May the grace of God be with you always, Rev. Jan. And when the time comes that comes to all, may you be in heaven a good ten hours before Don Diablo knows you've departed.

BAVAARD COMMENTS ON TAMARRA

As a Lesbian, I prefer women over anything, but I am also a drag hag. My heart always goes flutter over a really pretty queen, and this time, ba da bing! I had a crush. The name was Tamara and act was wonderful! This queen was the color of a melted Hershey's Kiss: spunky, flirtatious, seductive and talented. She could dance to rival Miss Jackson and her sync and movements must have been inspired by Patti Labelle. I think I proposed before the second act. O.K., I was infatuated. Since I was so spellbound, I decided to go find out what Tamara was really like. When I interviewed him the next day, I wasn't really disappointed, just a little shocked. And my crush was crushed. Tamara, aka Arthur Pierson, was as different from her character as night and day.

Arthur was quiet during the interview, although he did have a good sense of humor. "Well," I thought to myself, "if I crushed out on him last night, maybe he'll be interesting today." I found that he was Pierson, currently a Denver Native, had never been to Lincoln before simply because he was never invited. Too bad, because he's been performing since age 17 in movies and television, as well as in drag shows. "It started with an Indian queen that said I had a pretty face," said Pierson, "before that, I gave no thought to doing drag." Pierson has a strong musical background and in fact sang in the church choir. I bet he was a little peppier than the rest of the group.

From Pierson's first job in 1979 doing drag at 20 bucks a night, he's been perfecting his act enough to be part of the regular night life in Denver. Flip Wilson, Labelle and Nat Cole have been big influences. Although Pierson has lots of talent in drag, his real plans are to be married, start a business, get a cat, and be Miss America. Not Miss Gay American, but Miss America.

No matter what the future holds in store for Pierson, he'll always perform. The only time he didn't was when his mother passed away. "When my mother died, I lost it. I got into drugs and got dirty, and just lost it. It was performing that pulled me out of it. Shakespeare, film, theatre, drag, anything like that is wonderful for boosting your spirits." I met Arthus Pierson right after the King riots took place. I asked him how he felt and how it affected him. "It's not just blacks that aren't protected. Gays, Lesbians, and other women are also discriminated against. I understand what the protestors felt, but I think the violence was uncalled for. The police are there to serve and protect. They beat a man up. I don't care what he said to them. They beat him up, it was on tape and they got off. That was wrong."

By the end of the interview, I was convinced that even though it was Tamara that was the girl of my dreams, Arthur Pierson was pretty neat, too. Come back now, ya hear?

LOCAL NEWS

MUFFY ROSENBERG IS NEBRASKA ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

May 17 was a night of strange contrasts. Nebraska's First Annual Entertainer of the Year Pageant was a well staged, well organized affair featuring Tasha Kohl, National Entertainer of the Year. Amanda Foxx and Viktoria Towne were at their best as they performed for the audience. The elite panel of judges included Kathleen Coashe, Mrs. Nebraska America. However, there was only one entry and only a handful of people to watch the show.

The word spread that this was the last night for the Metro as a gay bar. Jay was there, decked out in full drag in a brilliantly colored sequined dress, but his jaw was tense and he was visibly frustrated as he spoke of the lack of the support from the community. Jesse was busy with his duties as emcee, but the sparkle was missing. All in all, it was an evening of bittersweet emotion.

Despite all of this, and despite being the only contestant, Muffy went all out as she sought the title of Nebraska Entertainer of the Year. She appeared in a glamorous gown and then came back to do a delightful Lucille Ball skit. While there was never any question of the outcome, Muffy's presentation and performances did truly earn her title of Nebraska Entertainer of the Year.

As was expected, Tasha Kohl was the hit of the evening as she presented a spectrum of characters that ranged from glamour to klutzy high school prom queen to a passionate presentation of "Dreams."

A salute to Amanda Foxx for both her performances and her production of the event.

ANGLE SEEKS 1993 PRIDE WEEK COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

As part of A.N.G.L.E.'s continuing efforts to improve our community's celebration of pride, we are beginning the planning process earlier every year. Even though the 1992 Pride Week has just recently finished, we are already looking for a person to chair the 1993 Pride Week Committee. If you want to know more about the position and its responsibilities or would like to receive an application for the position, please call A.N.G.L.E.'s Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 and leave your name and mailing address and specify that you would like to receive the application package. We need your help to make Pride Week 1993 the best ever. Please take the time to apply today!

ARBOR MOON

The Arbor Moon Bookstore is in the business of providing you with alternatives. The Arbor Moon has one of the largest selections of Lesbian, Gay, Nonsexist Children's Books, Recovery, Self-Help, Natural Healing, Feminist Spirituality, Ecology, Multicultural, Black, Latino, and Native American books in the Midwest.

Need a book or button? Contact Wally Martin anytime, or visit the Arbor Moon on Saturday afternoons from 1 - 4 p.m. The Arbor Moon is located in the Gathering Place, 1448 "E" Street, in Lincoln.

The Arbor Moon will be closed August 10th through the 17th for inventory and vacation. Wally wishes all of you a wonderful summer.



THE MAX NEWS

By Gloria Revella

Well, I promised you a terrific summer of fun and entertainment. June was great, but July gets better. M.O.W., or The March On Washington - Nebraska Chapter, will host a TEA DANCE on Sunday, July 5. We hear more information is coming, but so far it sounds like the perfect party to end your holiday weekend. This is an important project so please help support it.

The month's entertainment schedule starts off when I gather together all of those queens you saw at Closet Ball, throw in a couple you haven't seen before, shove 'em on stage and call it Fresh Fish 4. All of the new "girls" are working their little Lee Press-ons down to the adhesive to bring you a terrific show—from new girls to the cream of the crop.

Aunt Mike is at it again. Underwear Night 8 will again be featured on the patio on Thursday, July 23. If this year's party is anything like last summer's, watch out!

If you've ever wondered what happens at Underwear Night or if you were curious about what goes on behind the covered doors—there is only one way to find out. Strip down men and party with the guys.

ANGLE will be bringing you another one of their scrumptious brunches July 12. Um! Um! They promise it will be a taster's treat!

That night, Sunday, July 12, THE MAX will host the Miss Gay Nebraska America Pageant. The contest will feature M.G.N.A. Jennifer Jett and Miss Gay America, Tiffany Bonet. Steve Lucart, the pageant owner, promises that this year's contest will be one of his best.

David Burrill, Adult Entertainment Star will be at THE MAX on Sunday, July 19. You've seen him on the cover and inside all the hottest gay magazines. David sings, dances and most importantly, he takes off his clothes for all to see. David has a record that is moving up the dance charts and The Max D.J.'s feature it nightly. I know you'll make David feel right at home in Omaha.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt will return to the Midwest in December and to help sponsor this emotional tribute, THE MAX will sponsor two benefit performances of NUNSENSE. Live and on stage—this all male company will perform two matinees on Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26, at 2:00 p.m.

The laughs won't stop with NUNSENSE—Bonnie Bitch returns that Sunday night at 10:00 p.m. with an all new show. Bonnie is a legend in Omaha and at THE MAX.

If you've never seen her, mark this date down, and if you have seen her, I know you'll want to see her again.

Is that enough? If it isn't, we always have our weekly specials and our terrific Fiesta Thursday party every week.

If you think this month's lineup is hot—just wait for the surprise I have for you in August!

MISS PARALLEL GALAXY

By Bavaard

Miss Parallel Galaxy... no, it's not the prettiest girl at last year's astrology convention, it's the newest "beauty" pageant to hit Lincoln. And, yes, it's out of this world!

Miss Parallel Galaxy takes off at the Panic (18th & N in Lincoln), July 23 at 9:30 p.m. (contestants need to be in the bar by 8).

Kelly Sheridan, contest coordinator and creator, added a new twist to M.P.G. by making it co-ed. For the first time in Lincoln, women are able to compete in drag. "I hear a lot of women," said Sheridan, "complaining that there is no outlet for competition. Now there is."

Not only is the contest open to women, it's also open to a lot of creativity. The contest is divided into four parts: swim wear, evening wear, an on stage question and answer section, and talent. Contestants are encouraged to be as crazy and unique as possible.

Guests appearing in the show include Freida Lac, Charming Roos, and emcee Jennifer Jett. Judges are secret and will be announced as the show starts.

Although M.P.G. is not a benefit show, all proceeds except for the ten dollar entry fee will go to the Nebraska AIDS Project. The collected entry fees go to the first place performers to do with as they wish.

Anyone interested in entering the M.P.G. contest can get an entry blank at the Panic or by writing Kelly Sheridan at 912 So. 17th, Apt. A3, Lincoln, NE 68508. Entry applications must be turned in by midnight, July 22.

Good luck, and may the most outrageous person win!

LOCAL NEWS

LINCOLN NON-PROFIT CORPORATION FORMED: "LINK-ON" TO PROVIDE HOME HEALTH SERVICES FOR PWA'S, HIV+, GAYS, LESBIANS

By Bavaard

Around September of this year a whole new concept in health care is coming to Lincoln.

It's called Link-On, a new proposal in home health care designed for Gay and Lesbians and persons with AIDS/HIV.

Right now the operation is still in the planning stage, with the board of directors meeting this month to discuss funding employees and pending legal matters.

Link-On's founder, Rick Swaink, thought of the idea when he realized that even in Lincoln, health care for HIV patients is lacking.

"I feel that lots of people are in hospitals that don't need to be," said Swaink.

"But they can't be at home because there is no one to adequately care for them. The government has not dictated funds to specifically care for people with AIDS, and until they do, it's up to us

to do it."

Another aspect that makes Link-On unique is that Swaink and his board of directors are willing to pay for the schooling of anyone interested in participating in the program who is not yet certified, in exchange for a signed two year work contract.

The program will be run according to state guidelines, complete with directors of medicine and nursing.

Although it will solicit gay and lesbian employees, Link-On will not discriminate based on sexuality who it hires, or who it serves.

Link-On is a non-profit organization which will be funded by benefit shows and private donations. A sub-committee has been formed specifically for fund raising.

Hopefully Link-On will be a stepping stone

for a state hospice catering to clients with HIV/AIDS which is planned to begin operation in four years. Swaink feels there is a definite need for both operations. "Sometimes a client will want to remain at home, and should if it's possible, but if not, I'd like to set up a hospice that is a home away from home see the client can come. I'd also like to implement a training program for lovers and families of clients that would teach them how to take care of their loved one."

Persons wishing to become involved in Link-On either as medical staff or as a board member (preferably with a medical, clerical, or public relations background) or even those wishing to make a donation can write to: Link-On, c/o Rick Swaink, 1728 So. 14th #4, Lincoln, NE 68502 or call (402) 435-0574.

VICTORY PRESENT IN LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY

Some Welcome Gays/Lesbians

Hallelujah! There are friends among the mainstream faithful! At the recent Nebraska Synod Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran church in America (ELCA), a resolution asking the Synod to extend an affirmation of welcome to gays and lesbians was defeated by a 304 to 350 margin. Yes, it was defeated, but victories are present in the effort. Seven pastors, two lay delegates, and two concerned visitors worked to find nearly 50% of the entire assembly supportive of the resolution. It is a victory to turn nine votes into 300. How many fish fed the multitudes? Other victories were also enjoyed. Namely, the sound defeat of a counter resolution that sought to memorialize myths and abominate in sin gay and lesbian lifestyles. The final victory comes as a result of these actions. Dialog has begun and we are invigorated to try again. This was a first attempt! Although the Synod did not adopt the affirmation as a whole, three congregations in Omaha have adopted the affirmation. They are Kountze Memorial Lutheran, First Lutheran, and Augustana Lutheran.

On a related note: Remember, Lutherans Concerned meet the first Sunday of every month at Kountze Memorial Lutheran at 7:00 p.m.

AUDITION NOTICE

Open auditions will be held for Martin Sherman's BENT, Sunday and Monday, July 12 and 13 at 7:00 p.m. at 1219 South 13th Street. All those auditioning will receive equal consideration regardless of experience. Seven to ten men between the ages of 18 and 65 are needed. Actors will be required to assist in set changes, as well as set-up and striking. BENT, a powerful play depicting persecution of homosexuals in Nazi Germany during World War II, will be performed as a benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre. Commitment, interest, desire, and availability will be factors in the casting. Willingness to work, to risk and to meet the artistic challenges that BENT offers, will be of utmost importance. Actors are requested to bring a photo and resume if available. For additional information call Roger Reeves at 453-6982 or De Moreland at 553-0950.



When We No Longer Touch: A Cycle of Songs for Survival is the new recording by the Dallas-based Turtle Creek Chorale. Dedicated to chorus members who have died from AIDS, royalties from the CD and cassette will be donated to the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR). The recording may be ordered from the Chorale at (214) 526-3214.

LOCAL NEWS

MCC-O NEWS

By Carla

This is it! The day has finally arrived. July 1, we take possession of our new church home! Wow!

Oh, yeah, we've got some work to do to make it seem really like home to us, but we'll get some of that done between now and our first service there July 12, and the rest we will work at over the next few months. We invite you to join us as we celebrate this joyful day!

Service will begin at 10:20 a.m. Following service we will gather at The MAX to celebrate our move at a brunch sponsored by A.N.G.L.E. The community is invited to join us!

A.N.G.L.E. will be flipping pancakes and working hard to fill us up with ham and scrambled eggs, fresh fruit and baked goodies. Only \$5 for all you can eat!

That evening about 7 p.m. we will break in the new church with a Song Service. Everyone is invited to join us for either or both services.

The first Sunday in July we will be conducting a Closing Service in the Morning Worship Service at the 420 S. 24th St. church.

Friends and members are invited to join us as we say goodbye to a building that has served us so well the past 10 years. We thank God for blessing us with that home.

Between the first and the tenth of July, we will be busy cleaning, painting, packing, moving, and unpacking as we switch sites.

Anyone with a truck, a strong back, a willing

heart—is welcome to join us.

Volunteers are even needed to stand by and cheer us on! Call the Church Office at 345-2563 to offer your services.

Starting in July we will have evening services only the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Watch for more details regarding these services.

June was a busy month. Over 80 people came out for the Family Picnic we sponsored to start the Pride Week Festivities. Everyone enjoyed the balloon toss and the three-legged race.

Then besides working on the float for the Pride Parade and participating in the Recognition Dinner and Coronation, in June MCC'ers were busy putting their SHOVE teams together—Yes, I said TEAMS! Last year we had two—hopefully we'll have three this year!

Still there was time for Rev. Howard to teach a Sexuality Studies class as a part of the UFMCC Mid-Central District Education program.

Congregation members met and continued the work on incising the hymnals.

We invite you to join us for worship any Sunday.

Morning Worship begins at 10:20 a.m. and Evening Worship (2nd and 4th Sundays only) begins at 7:00 p.m.

But check your calendar before you join us: we'll only meet at 420 S. 24th July 5. After that you'll find us at 819 S. 22nd St.

Til next month, see you in church!

DYKE APPEAL ON LICENSE

ST. LOUIS—For just shy of ten years, Lisa Wagaman has adorned her car with license plates which read DYKE.

Now the state of Missouri has suddenly discovered the wording on the plates and has told Wagaman that she must give them up because the word DYKE is unacceptable.

This isn't the first time Wagaman has gone to battle over the plates. When she first requested them in 1982, she was initially refused.

She concocted a story about being of Dutch ancestry and that her grandmother's name was Dyke. Did the state really feel that her grandmother's name was obscene?

The state gave in.

It now appears they may again. Wagaman conferred with a lawyer who reviewed state license plate regulations.

Those regulations clearly state that the criteria for denial is if the wording describes sexual or excretory functions.

Wagaman has told the state that she wants to keep her plates. So far, she hasn't heard back and hopes the matter is over.

"I've had these plates for years and they're like a part of me," she told the *NEWS-TELEGRAPH*.

"Friends tell me they have enjoyed seeing my plates around town. It would be like the state taking away a piece of myself if I have to give them up."

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LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

The Candlelight Memorial Service was held at St. Cecilia's Cathedral on May 9. Sponsors included the AIDS Interfaith Network Omaha/Lincoln, Nebraska AIDS Project, and the Lincoln-Lancaster County AIDS Task Force. The memorial is part of an International observance in conjunction with Mobilization Against AIDS. The names of 211 persons were proclaimed among the gathering of family and friends. The service reminds all of us that there is still much work to be done regarding prevention and service to those who are afflicted with AIDS. Many thanks to all those who worked in preparing for the memorial and to the volunteers who carried candles for persons whose family or friends could not attend.

NAP was pleased to hear that the United Way approved a proposal for the funding of a volunteer coordinator. This is a very welcomed position, as it will give the NAP case managers more time to concentrate on direct client services, and the new coordinator can focus on volunteer program development, and an increase in organization of existing programs. Next month we hope to introduce our new NAP employee. A special thanks to Rodney Shuey who acted as volunteer-volunteer coordinator for the past 2 months. The family of long time NAP volunteer Sandy

Mathews threw a surprise 30th anniversary for her and husband Bill at the Mathews home on Saturday, May 30th. In lieu of gifts, donations were requested, and a nice donation was awarded to NAP. Congratulations and thank you to the Mathews family.

NAP has recently joined the membership of SPAAT (Southern Panhandle AIDS Awareness Team). The group has formed to provide AIDS education and information to Sidney and the surrounding area. The members include health care workers, counselors, and others who are interested in heightening AIDS awareness.

NAP Case Management Census for May

Open Cases as of May 1, 1992	184
New Cases	8
Clients Deceased	3
Closed	1
End Total as of May 31, 1992	188
Client Services provided in May, 1992	
Advocacy	194
Transportation	164
Shopping, Cooking, Sitting, etc.	135

If you know someone who is HIV+ or has AIDS, feel free to refer them to the Nebraska AIDS Project. If you would like to volunteer, call NAP for an application: 800-782-2437.

NEWS FLASH!! NUNSENSE ARRIVES IN OMAHA ON JULY 24TH Late Breaking News from Reverend Mother Mary Regina

Dear People of the Omaha Area,

Last month I wrote to you to advise you that there was a group of very talented individuals who would be impersonating nuns from our order known simply as "The Little Sisters of Hoboken." Sister Robert Anne of our order has informed me that the performances of the musical comedy, Nunsense, are fundraising events for the Nebraska AIDS Project in their effort to bring the Names Project/AIDS Memorial Quilt to Omaha this December. Additionally, Sisters Hubert and Leo wish to remind you that the cast includes Bill Bohannon, Bill Burch, Steven Nichols, Timothy Renner, and Michael Taylor-Stewart — fine singers and actors one and all. Nunsense is directed by Thomas Bertino. The musical director is Garrett McDonald-Burton, and the choreography is a joint effort between Lisa Clute and Bill Bohannon. Laura England will be the stage manager.

Now, Sister Mary Annette informs me that the performances are scheduled for the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street on July 24th at 8:00 p.m., The MAX, 1417 Jackson, July 25th and 26th at 2:00 p.m., and The Center Stage Theatre, 30th & "Q" Streets, July 31st and August 1st at 8:00 p.m. and August 2nd at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available by calling Empty S Productions at 345-8948.

Sister Julia tells me that she has heard them rehearsing, and it brought tears to her eyes (of course, she was peeling onions at the time). The Monsignor has said he plans to attend and encourages everyone to attend this once in a lifetime spectacle. I certainly hope to see you all there!

Respectfully Yours,
Reverend Mother Mary Regina
The Little Sisters of Hoboken Convent
Hoboken, New Jersey

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who purchased and wore the AIDS Awareness Ribbons at the Omaha Drummer Contest at D.C.'s on May 15th. The gesture of outpouring in money by those in attendance was inspiring.

Omaha Men will continue to have these ribbons available in our local pubs on a donation basis. The monies are going to our organizations dealing with AIDS and AIDS Awareness.

We need to let the American people know that we are aware of what is happening and making ourselves aware.

If you still have a red AIDS Awareness Ribbon, wear it. If not, pick one up. Any-one who watched any of the national awards shows this year saw them worn by all.

Again, thank you.

Denny D.
President, Omaha Men

LOCAL NEWS

OUT FOR LAUGHS GAY COMEDY PILOT SHOWN AT THE MAX

"Is Your TV Acting Queer?" was the question of the evening as the MAX presented tapes of the pilot for a gay/lesbian comedy series being considered by the Fox Network.

"Out for Laughs" is a fast paced collection of short skits reminiscent of "Saturday Night Live". It is the brainchild of nationally-known comedian, Shan Carr.

It features 10 Bay Area gay and lesbian comedians who offer satiric scrutiny of everything from a 1950's diner-dykes musical, to the critically funny news team from station WHAT.

The high point of the show was its first segment which presented the answer to the question "How do you become a homosexual?" — basic training at "Camp Camp" where they train "The Few, The Proud, The 10%."

Other segments included the latest news from station WHAT, a look at the way that words for the male gender have infiltrated our vocabulary (aMEN, MANDate, MENStruation), and a segment on the endearing Pet Names that lesbians use for their sweethearts.

The low point (at least for me) was a strange segment called "Space Twins."

All in all, the show used the standard comedy methods of exaggeration, stereotyping, and parody to produce 40 minutes of uneven but enjoyable comedy.

However, it was these very same comedy techniques that caused the most negative comments.

Several people have commented that the show did not present a positive image of gays and lesbians but instead used negative stereotypes.

I would agree that negative stereotypes were used, as were exaggerated mannerisms, but these are the very fabric of comedy.

It is my opinion that it may be only when we are honestly self confident and comfortable with ourselves that we are able to laugh at ourselves.

Our thanks to the staff and owners of the MAX for bringing this pilot to the Omaha Community. I found it to be an enjoyable hour, sharing laughs with friends.

For more information on "Out For Laughs" or to make donations to help defray the expense of producing this pilot, please contact Out for Laughs, Box 31860, San Francisco, California 94131-0860, or call (415) 826-8339.

PFLAG TO PICNIC

What a special way to start PRIDE WEEK 1992! Family picnic with MCC and the Interfaith Service with some of our parents hosting the reception in the fellowship hall. Parents and Friends are stepping out of their closets, too, and are taking a more visible role, not only in the gay community but in the community as a whole.

National PFLAG produced and distributed a public service announcement through its chapters. All three TV stations here agreed to show it (we have yet to see records of how often and when) but we have established some contacts and plan to continue other activities that will let people know that we are "alive and well" in the Heartland. In August, a new information line and support network will be put in place for families living with AIDS. More news about this later, but for now, we know that we in Omaha will be involved in some way with this new outreach. Our goal is keeping families together.

Our July meeting on Sunday the 12th will be an old fashioned family picnic. Pack your picnic basket, your sun screen and bat and ball, and plan to join us in Hanscom Park. This is a time to meet other family members, relax and share some good food and fun. We will have a brief business meeting for electing the board of directors (we need three volunteers to fill the rotating chairs!) for the coming year. You don't have to be a parent of a gay or lesbian child to serve. Please call the PFLAG information line for any last minute changes of site and time (due to possible weather interference) and details about the duties of a board member. See you on the 12th at 2 p.m.

CHORUS NOTES

by David Brady

By the time this issue of the *New Voice* hits the stands, the Chorus will be in Denver performing at GALA Festival IV. It should be a great week. We'll tell you more when we return.

The annual Chorus Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, August 1 at 1315 S. 52nd St. Please call 455-6199 if you have any items you would like to donate.

The Chorus held its annual corporation meeting in May and elected four members to the Board of Directors. All begin their terms this month. Congratulations to Roger Bennett (returning board member), Harry J. DiLise, Pamela J., and Mary W.

Outgoing board members are Stan Brown, Michael Rice, and myself.

See you all when we get back from GALA!

IT'S SHOVE TIME AGAIN

Here it is, July already and no information about Summer SHOVE '92. Not to worry... Summer SHOVE (Six Hours Of Volleyball Excitement) '92 is just around the corner and promises to be bigger and better than last year!

This year's sand volleyball extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th from 10 a.m. (note the earlier start time) until 5 p.m. We will once again be at Racquetball of Omaha at 68th & Grover Streets.

Like years past, we will once again be raising money and having fun. Proceeds from this event will benefit the American Red Cross HIV/AIDS Network, which will in turn benefit the Nebraska AIDS Quilt Project fund. There are no trophies for the team with the most wins. There are no Olympic try-outs for the team with the most wins. BUT, for the team that raises the most money, there is a prize. And for the persons who raise the most money, there are prizes. Plus, as always, there will be free food and drink.

Instead of charging a team entry fee, we ask each individual to collect a minimum or \$25 in pledges in order to play that day. Each player that raises the minimum will receive a souvenir T-shirt and opportunities to win other great gifts, so a team of 6 players raising their minimum will be donating \$200. Last year's team winner raised over \$900!!! Something to compete against!!!

This year's goal is to raise \$3600. Can I count on your help? To participate in Summer SHOVE '92, write to Bob Power, American Red Cross, 3838 Dewey, Omaha, NE 68105.

UPDATE: CONCERNING EDITORIAL AND HRCF BOYCOTT ON UNITED WAY

On May 19, 1992, the Gay and Lesbian Coalition's steering committee met and voted to back the boycott of the United Way. We, as members of the steering committee, are asking all our readers to consider backing this boycott until either the Boy Scouts of America drops its ban against gay and lesbian youth, or the United Way enforces its anti-discrimination policy by withholding funds from the Boy Scouts of America.

You can get involved; you can help support equality among our gay and lesbian youth; you can be a part of the system that shows united power for what is RIGHT. Remember your own youth when you were trying to build your own self-esteem against a negative society? Please let us know if you will join this call for the boycott. As usual all names from letters that we receive are held in strict confidence.

GIL COALITION NEWSLETTER

SIoux CITY CELEBRATES PRIDE IN JULY

The Sioux City area Pride Celebration began in June but extends well into the month of July and include a spaghetti fest held on July 6 at the 3 Cheers in Sioux City. Proceeds will benefit the newly formed Siouxland Gay & Lesbian Coalition. 3 Cheers is also hosting a play on July 5, a slave auction on July 5, pool tournament finals on July 7, a county fair on July 8, a dart tournament on July 9, country night on July 10, and a variety show on July 11. July 12 the community comes together for a Stone Lodge Picnic, noon to 9pm, at Stone State Park in Sioux City.

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NAMES PROJECT AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT--NEBRASKA DISPLAY

By Kathy England

For the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display Committee, the Fourth of July came a little early. We are celebrating the official announcement of Omaha as a display site for a large portion of the International NAMES QUILT in December and the wonderful support that we are experiencing from all over our community.

Following the June 10th press conference to introduce the honorary advisory board and the host committee chairpersons, NAP and the QUILT Display Committee sponsored an open forum on June 17th.

For many, this was the first opportunity to get more details about the work that is yet to be done before the December 4th, 5th, and 6th display. Each committee shared their goals and plans for the coming months, and talked with folks about how they might be a part of a specific project such as Outreach, Educational Seminars for clergy/pastoral care workers, healthcare providers, youth and counselors, Panel making, Fundraising events, Media and Publicity, Ceremonies, Volunteer recruitment and coordination, and Logistics.

Volunteers are needed in all of these areas for both long term planning and one time events. Being a member of one committee or helping with one special activity will not keep a volunteer from serving in another area that may interest them.

For instance, you might choose to help with a fundraiser such as selling pins and T-shirts at

the ICON July 4th picnic or assist with one of the performances of Nunsense being presented later this month at the MAX or at MCC.

You might also want to speak to a small group of folks visiting on the QUILT on December 4th (our informal education day) and be a part of the volunteer team on the 5th and 6th (open to the public days).

Whatever you like to do, we can find a place for you as the next five months hurry by. If you have no preference as to what committee or area you would most like to help, call us and we will be happy to suggest a variety of things that you and your friends and/or group (such as church, school, business or professional organization, etc.) can do to become involved.

The World Health Organization and other groups are predicting that by the year 2000 (that's not so very far away!) over 120 million people in this country will be infected with HIV. I cannot even imagine that number! One in every four families will have someone infected. Sure brings it close to home! Every home in our community will feel the impact in some way.

The QUILT is a unique memorial that helps people take the overwhelming and sterile numbers of this pandemic and bring them into a very real focus of lives.

A few months ago I had the privilege to see a performance of *Heartstrings*, a national touring company that presents information and emotions

surrounding AIDS in a theatrical setting. In one sketch, a woman came upon a group of parents who were picketing outside a school in protest against the "sex education" curriculum recently introduced in their education system. She grabbed the bullhorn from a leader of the protesting "mob" and shared her feelings about the new growth and development materials: "I may not be able to stop anyone from dying of AIDS, but I certainly can keep our kids from dying of IGNORANCE!"

That declaration brought the house to its feet and the sound of the cheering and applause was nearly deafening. We may not yet be able to stop this equal-opportunity virus, but we can love and support those who are living with it and we can help people change behaviors so they are not at risk of getting it. We can, and we must make a difference in our community. Won't you join us? Please call the QUILT Committee at 291-6781 or NAP at 342-4233.

LINCOLN TO ESTABLISH RESOURCE CENTER

Plans are afoot to establish a nonprofit Resource Center to serve the Lincoln area alternative community. Anyone who wants to be on the Board, to help put out mailings, to set the agenda, and do whatever else needs to be done, please contact Wally Martin at 489-4634.

HOTEL ROOMS FOR DC MARCH

The Kansas City office for the 1993 March on Washington (MOW) has blocked 400 hotel rooms in the heart of DC's Gay district—Dupont Circle. More than a million people are expected to attend the march, slated for April 25, 1993. DC has only 34,027 hotel rooms, according to Jerry Hagerty, a Kansas representative on the national steering committee. By blocking so many rooms, rates have been held to \$77 per night for a two-room suite. For those who cannot afford airfare, MOW-K.C. plans to charter buses for a round-trip price of approximately \$100 per person. A \$50 deposit is required to guarantee a room and reservations for travel or lodging can be booked through Prestige Travel, a member of the International Gay Travel Agency association. Call them at 913/599-3700 (ask for Susan). For more information on MOW-K.C., call the Kansas City office at 816/374-5807.

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K.C. STAR OBITS LIST UNMARRIED "COMPANIONS"

Unmarried companions are now being included as survivors in the *Kansas City Star's* news obituaries. The new policy was the result of meetings between the *Star* and leaders of two Gay and Lesbian Organizations, the Human Rights Project and Friends of Justice. Under the old policy, only married partners were listed in news obituaries, which are published free of charge. According to Caitlin Hendel, of the *Star's* style committee, the policy of inclusion will apply to heterosexual and homosexual couples, and will be in effect for a three month trial period. At that time the policy will be reviewed. A letter announcing the change in policy has been sent to area funeral home directors, who are usually responsible for providing such information to the paper. Information is confirmed with a family member.

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THE KHAKI CLOSET

Citizen Soldier has published *The Khaki Closet: What you need to know about the US Military if you're Gay, Lesbian, bisexual or have tested "positive" on the HIV Test*, a pocket-sized handbook for those in the U.S. armed forces or those considering enlistment.

Single copies of the handbook are \$.75, 10 or more copies are \$.50. Postage is \$.50 for a single copy or \$1.99 total for more than one copy. Send orders to: Citizen Soldier, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

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HEALTHCARE HOTLINE

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- Dial Western Union (1-800-641-1818). Ask for Hotline No. 9247.
- Give the operator your telephone number, full name, address and zip code.
- Ask the operator to send our presorted Western Union letters to your Senators and Representative.

The \$8.00 cost of your Hotline messages will show up on your telephone bill as a telegram charge. Or charge to Visa or Master Card.

This Healthcare Hotline campaign is sponsored by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and the D.C. Domestic Partnership Coalition. For more information call NGLTF, (202) 332-6483.

LOCAL NEWS

YOUTH TALKLINE UPDATE

Looking for a way to serve the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual youth in Lincoln?

Why not consider joining the dedicated staff of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth Talkline?

The talkline is open every Friday and Saturday evening from 7:00 p.m. until midnight and serves youth ages 13-23.

Thus far we have received calls from UNL and NWU students, high school students, young working people and international students.

Our purpose is to offer support, a listening ear, safe sex and AIDS information, provide referrals and community resources.

After completing a 21 hour training program each volunteer agrees to take one weekend shift every 5-6 weeks.

Sound interesting? Want more information? Call 435-1441 (Lincoln) and leave your name and number and we will get back to you.

We are planning to do the next training session soon. Please think about being a part of this service to the young people of our community. IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

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K.U. PRIDE CELEBRATED

LAWRENCE, KS—Nearly a hundred supporters marched for Gay and Lesbian pride April 11, despite cold and wet weather.

A picnic was held after the parade, and a dance that night capped a week-long celebration that included prominent speakers from across the country.

Gay and Lesbian awareness week in Lawrence was organized by Gay and Lesbian Services of Kansas (GLSOK), one of the nation's oldest Gay and Lesbian organizations.

About 40 people took part in a kiss-in on the University of Kansas campus April 9.

Gays and Lesbians were encouraged to "wear blue jeans if you're Gay" April 7.

And K.U. students and their supporters joined with other campuses across the country to protest against the ROTC's anti-Gay and Lesbian policy.

K.U. has a policy of banning discrimination based on sexual orientation, but the university still allows ROTC to recruit on campus.

"The administration is hopelessly heterosexist," said Don Knutson, a K.U. graduate.

Virginia Uribe, founder of Project 10, a dropout prevention program for Gay and Lesbian high school youth in Los Angeles, said teachers and school administrators have a responsibility to provide support for Gay and Lesbian students.

Uribe denounced the harassment and threats of violence directed toward Gay and Lesbian students. "Everyone is entitled to dignity and respect," she said.

THE LESBIAN AND GAY TELEGRAPH INDEPENDENCE, MO PRINTER REFUSES JOB FOR GAY PAPER

An Independence printer is no longer willing to print the GAZETTE, a weekly Gay and Lesbian publication, because of pressure from fundamentalist Christians, according to publisher David Ray. THE INDEPENDENCE EXAMINER has printed the GAZETTE since it began publishing in March. GAZETTE editor Davina Anne Gabriel call the decision "a blatant act of censorship."

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NEW GAY/LESBIAN/BI GROUP FORMS IN OUTSTATE NEBRASKA

By Morris M.

Hi to all the gays and lesbians of Nebraska. We'd like to welcome YOU to a new organization that is in the forming stages in outstate Nebraska.

The name of the organization is Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska a.k.a. GLAGN.

It all started with a few people who wanted a democratic voice or vote on the running of the Empty Closet a.k.a. SHOUT Support Group meetings and activities.

After a talk with Tom G., head facilitator of SHOUT, an organizational meeting was held. An interim board was set up and wrote a constitution with a mission herein as follows:

"We, the gays and lesbians of greater Nebraska, hold deeply in our hearts the concept that all people deserve civil liberties without regard to race, ethnic background, religion, age, marital status, and sexual orientation. It is our mission to assist in providing a healthier environment for gays and lesbians in greater Nebraska."

Membership is offered to all gays, lesbians, and bisexuals who are eighteen (18) years and older.

GLAGN is still formulating its ways of assisting in providing that healthier environment.

What suggestions can you give that would help you to be a part of an organization like that?

Write with your questions, concerns of how we can assist you.

Please put that mind to work not only with the idea but specify how it can be accomplished.

If you would like to be a member of GLAGN, then take a moment to sit down and write with a SASE to the GLAGN Board of Directors, PO Box 1546, Kearney, NE 68848.

As I sit writing this down, I encourage YOU to get involved in some way like voting in elections.

Let's get started by helping each other find solutions to our common problems, attending education, support groups, funding the AIDS projects, etc.

Thanks to ALL the bars
for their support of PRIDE
activities throughout the year!

SIouxLAND COALITION

For the past few months a small group of men and women have been meeting to form a Gay and Lesbian coalition for the Sioux City area.

Know as the design committee for the Siouxland Gay & Lesbian Coalition, this group has donated time and money in an effort to initiate fund raising activities and to draft a model constitution and by-laws.

Jeff Farber, co-chair of the design committee, said that membership will be open to anyone in the Gay and Lesbian community of the Siouxland area. The coalition's purpose will be to promote unity within the Gay and Lesbian community and to provide various services for its members.

DOORWAYS GRANT

ST. LOUIS—Doorways, an interfaith agency which provides housing for persons with AIDS, announced at a press conference on April 15, that it has received a grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$2,928,900. The grant will be used, explained Lynne Cooper, executive director, for the construction of two ten unit buildings. The buildings will contain a total of 4 two-bedroom apartments and 16 one-bedroom apartments.

Construction will begin this year at an unnamed site, with completion sometime next year.

Cooper said that the site is still being negotiated but would be in the central corridor of the city.

\$1.5 million of the grant will be used to provide rent assistance for those using the housing. This marks the first grant by HUD to a St. Louis group.

Requirements for use of the facilities are that an individual must be HIV symptomatic, have an income of less than \$650 per month and have a need for housing.

At the news conference, held at the Catholic diocesan headquarters, Rabbi Robert Jacobs said, "This moment is truly historic. We are seeing both government and religion at their best. This represents aggressive attention to community anguish."

"This will be a real challenge for our staff," Cooper told the NEWS-TELEGRAPH, "but it sure is going to make the case managers happy."

Doorways was founded in 1988 and since that time has assisted over 600 clients in dealing with housing needs.

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LOCAL NEWS

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE: A DIFFERENT WORLD

By Sharon Van Butsel

Last winter, when Tom Boellstorf spoke here in Omaha on his experiences working with gays and lesbians in Russia, I responded to a request for Americans to be Pen Pals with gays and lesbians living in various parts of what had been the Soviet Union. I carefully sent off my request, and received in return the name and address of Valery Shestakov. I worded my first letter carefully, not only because I did not know how open my new pen pal was able to be, but also because I was not sure if Valery was a male or female name. My first response from my pen pal was a lovely Easter Card, followed by the letter which I have reprinted below. Valery also enclosed the hauntingly beautiful photo which appears on the cover of this month's magazine. On the back of the photo Valery had written "A picture of I and my house."

If you would like to join the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission Pen Pal Project, write to them at 540 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

A LETTER FROM VALERY

Dear Sharon!

Thank you very much for your letter. I would be happy if our corresponding continued.

You are right, the standards of living in Russia and in America are hardly or impossible to compare with one another. The problems in countries differ, but feelings only are the same and international.

I'm wondering to know about life, problems and feelings of American people which these problems arouse.

My hobby is white magic. Your letter was very good and contained much positive energy. I can identify the character of human being using letter written by hand.

Did you received my congratulation of Easter? Our post service works very bad. Some letters loose.

I'm very glad that you and Carla live together. I would like to do unisexual family with a man, but my intention is still not carrying out. Our laws are to strait-laced and living conditions are appalling. I live in Barnaul. Barnaul is a town in Siberia (700,000 people), it is a capital of Altay.

I work in Institute of water & Ecology problems and investigate lake's plankton. My work associated with expeditions to beautiful lakes in mountain Altay. I can forget about my gay's problems not for long in this place.

My family consist of me, my sister (16 y.o.), and my mother (56 y.o.) My forefathers were Russian peasants and gypsies.

My token in scales and my character tally this token.

Will tell about yourself, about your problems, about Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, about Carla, about your magazine (please, send me a copy of the magazine.) (I can send some interesting magazines to you.)

I think we have much to tell each other. I hope our correspondence will continue. I'll wait your answer.

Please, excuse me for grammer mistakes. (My English is limited.)

Good-by!

Yours,

Valery Shestakov

INTERFAITH AIDS PRAYER SERVICE GIVEN SPECIAL JEWISH MEANING

by RJ

The Interfaith AIDS Prayer Service, tonight, was given a special meaning for Jewish PWA's. As well, it gave those present Christians a chance to not only see how their Jewish cousins worship, but also to take an active part in worshipping with them.

Cantor, Karen Webber-Gilat, from Temple Israel, led the services, assisted by Rev. Nancy Brink, from Northside, and Brother William Woeger. Gretchen Tuttle, also from Temple Israel, gave a reading from Jeremiah 17:7-14.

Cantor Webber-Gilat accompanied the singing with her guitar. She is a very gifted musician. She first sang the songs through, to give the Christians a chance to see how the Hebrew songs were sung and how the Hebrew words were pronounced.

Though the turnout was light, many missed an excellent evening. Hopefully more services will be held along Jewish religious lines.

The ritual, Magim Chayim, The Waters of Life, were observed. Many went forward for the ritual washing of hands. Brother Woeger and Rev. Nancy gave the healing prayers for those who wished the laying on of hands and prayer. Cantor Webber-Gilat softly sang *Sim Shalom*, a song of peace.

With the closing prayer the song of blessing, *May You Be Blessed* was sung through, once in Hebrew and once in English.

A real neat service, you should have been there.

Coming up, so mark your calendars July 10, which is on a Friday evening, at 7:30, Sabbath Services will be held at Temple Israel. Keynote speaker will be Kip Weiner, a PWA.

July 13 will be the next Interfaith AIDS Prayer Service. Join us there that evening and lend your power of prayer to the group. The more praying, the greater the power. And for those who have died from AIDS, those PWA's still struggling for life, show them you DO care with your presence and your prayers.

LINCOLN'S POST PRIDE PICNIC

The UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association & Resource Center is sponsoring a Post Pride Week picnic Sunday, July 19, at Van Dom Park, located at 9th & Van Dom Street in Lincoln.

The picnic will start at 4:00 with a potluck dinner. Cups, ice, and napkins will be provided, and pop will be sold to raise money for our organization.

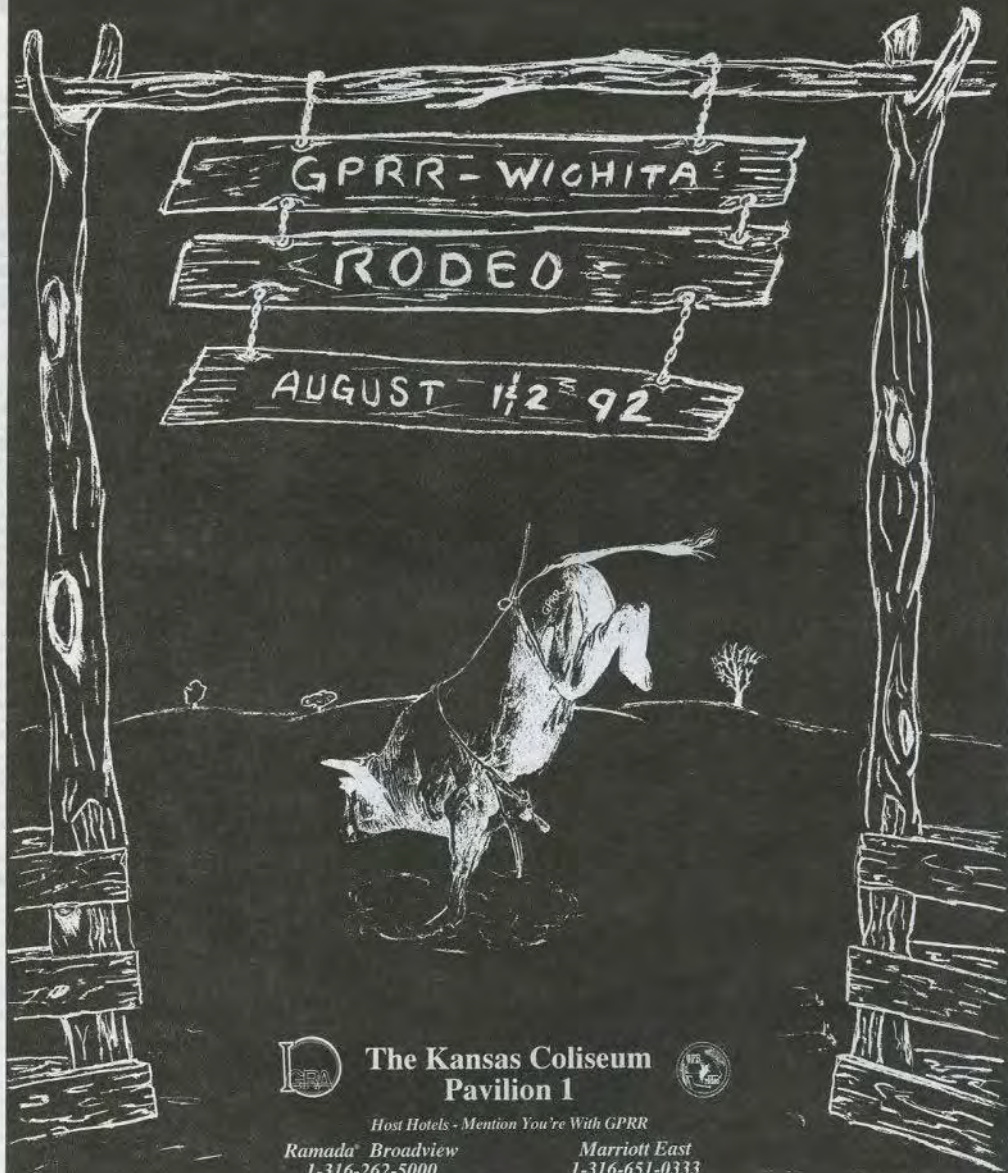
The tentative schedule of events following the picnic is games, contests, and an opportunity for any interested groups to display and give out information from 6:00 until 9:00 with an indoor dance starting around 9:00.

Bring your friends and family and help us make this a fun time for everyone!

If you have any questions or want to have a booth/display space in the shelter we've reserved, contact our office at 472-5644, Room 342, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, NE 68588-0455.

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LOCAL NEWS

GIVING NEW MEANING TO WORKING OUT WITH WEIGHTS

It was a Valentine's Day to remember for a Wichita man who spent more than 12 hours with a 7 1/2-pound barbell weight stuck on his erect penis. Fire department officials Friday were reluctant to talk about the incident for fear of embarrassing the man, and refused to release his name. A department report said the man showed up at St. Francis Regional Medical Center about 5 P.M. Feb. 14 "distressed and desperate." The man told hospital workers he had decided that early that morning to see if he would fit into the center of a barbell weight. He did, initially, but when he became erect, the man could not remove his penis.

A doctor worked with the man for more than an hour, eventually calling for a fire department rescue squad and a medical officer. They arrived, and according to the incident reports, decided to try using bolt cutters to remove the weight. They succeeded in cutting a large chunk of the cast-iron weight away, but could not get through a center retaining ring to free the man. The firefighters had decided to get a heavier cutting tool to finish the job, but the physician intervened. Instead, a urologist made an incision, allowing the man's penis to drain and go limp. The weight was then removed. The man was released from the hospital a short time later, and has not been heard from since.

BRUNCH SET FOR JULY 12 AT THE MAX!

A.N.G.L.E. is excited to be bringing you another spectacular brunch at The MAX. Mark those calendars now! July 12 is an excellent day to join MCC-O as they worship for the first time in their new church building at 819 S. 22nd St. (services begin at 10:20 a.m.) and then head on down to The MAX; we'll have everything ready for you.

Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m. Among the taste-teasers promised are homemade goodies, fresh fruit, coffee cake, and, of course, all the pancakes, scrambled eggs, and ham you can eat! And, of course, we have the best bargain in town: All you can eat only \$5.

What a great way to spend those hot summer Sunday afternoons - brunching at The MAX where you can enjoy the company of your friends and support the local Pride Activities! Join us as we celebrate with MCC-O! There'll be goodies enough for everyone!

ICE BOWL SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 20-21, 1993

Bowlers and interested supporters met early and again late in June to begin organizing an Omaha Bowling Tournament set for President's weekend early in 1993. The prize fund is estimated to be \$10,000. Director of the event is Daryl Karisson. He is assisted by co-director Dan Cooper, secretary Roberta Jensen, and treasurer Charlie Wade. Housing, banquet, and fund raising committees were established. Interested bowlers and volunteers for any of the committees can contact Daryl at 323-2453 or Dan at 328-9145. Contact either for the time and place of the next meeting. Watch the NEW VOICE for news of upcoming fund raisers and meetings.

NATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE

The impact of age, gender, race and sexual orientation on the delivery of health care will be discussed by Lesbian and Gay care providers at the 14th National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and the 10th Annual AIDS/HIV Forum July 8-12, to be held at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton and Towers.

Sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and the George Washington University Medical Center, the conference offers a host of institutes, more than 220 workshops, round-table discussions and plenary sessions.

For conference information, write NLGHF Registration, Office of CME/GWUMC, 2300 K St. N.W., Washington, DC 20037, or call 202/994-4285.

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AN EDITORIAL COMMENT by Kryss Dean

In this age of violence and distrust between law enforcement agencies and minority groups of all kinds, one would think that any opportunity to bridge the gap of misunderstanding would be eagerly accepted by all those involved. I found, to my dismay, that is not the case. My initial call was to the Omaha City Police Department. I didn't catch the name of the officer who answered the phone, but I did understand him when he said Omaha Police Department. I made my request, i.e. that I was looking for someone from the police department to attend one of our meetings and talk to us about the perceptions and policies concerning cross-dressers and transgenderists. The reply was a derisive snort and a hang up.

I then used my head and checked for the public relations department and talked to another officer who advised me that they didn't work on Saturdays. I could sense the attitude of disinterest. I finally left word for Chief Skinner, and believe it or not, he returned my call, but after hearing what I had to say, simply told me that we shouldn't break any laws???. Chief Skinner then went on to suggest that I talk to someone in the district attorney's office. My calls were not returned. At the Nebraska State Police Headquarters, the officer in charge of public relations advised me to write a letter and someone would get back to me (and the check is in the mail). Simply put, no one wanted to give us the time of day.

I realize that, as a group, we are unlikely to create, or even participate in, a riot. Civil disobedience is not our bent. Nor are we likely to demonstrate on the courthouse steps, attack truck drivers, or even record dirty words to corrupt the morals of children and adults.

We are, however, concerned citizens who care enough about our community to reach out in an attempt to promote understanding and show our support and respect for the law enforcement agencies of our area. It is a shame that a sincere overture on the part of any group, no matter how small, could be so summarily dismissed.

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LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM THE COURT

by Carla

Grab that suntan lotion, your favorite tank top and shorts, and come on out to Progressive Park and celebrate the 4th with us! Mother Nature has promised us a fantastic day (she's been trying to get back into our good graces ever since she went 'nuts' on us Memorial Day -- you remember that don't you -- the Polar Bear Picnic!). Well, July 4 is the day to make up for that fiasco!

There'll be all the beer and pop you can drink for \$7. The Park will have their food stand. To keep you entertained, we've hung on to the goodies we need to hold the Gay Games: the drag race, the three-legged race, the sack race, and, of course, there will be volleyball. Progressive Park now has two sand volleyball pits. I can guarantee they'll be busy.

The Committee displaying the NAMES Project Quilt will be at the picnic with merchandise of all sorts to sell: buttons, pins, sweatshirts, books, etc. Every thin penny they raise before the display, goes to bring in the quilt and the excess is used right here in this community to assist those who are HIV+ or those who go to NAP for testing.

One word of caution though... the South Omaha Bridge is closed. Check our ad for directions or pick up a flyer in the bars... or stop by Gilligan's and catch the bus. They'll be leaving for the Park every 1/2 hour from noon until 5:00 p.m.

By now, Coronation is old news, but as I am typing this, it is still big news! Wow! What a night! Actually I should be saying "WHAT A WEEKEND!" Friday night's dinner, concert, and show were really something! Have you ever seen so many out-of-town courts in Omaha at one time! And the guy with the beaded dresses-- wouldn't you just "kill" for one of them (I even heard a lesbian or two say they were out of sight!).

Saturday night was a smashing success as in town and out of town folk gathered to honor and thank the monarchs of reign XI: Gerald, Tami, and Steve. *A Night of Animation* was truly an animated night for the whole community.

Then came the brunch and time to tear down everything that made Saturday night so special; the weekend didn't end then. ICON and the courts visiting us made their mark on Omaha as they walked and rode in the 1992 Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade. Then it was off to The MAX for the Victory Show... time to celebrate the end of several months work... time to get a look at the monarchs who will serve the community during the next 12 months. Of course, you all know who they are now, but as I'm typing this, well, the votes haven't even been cast. Nonetheless, ICON says, "Congrats to the new monarchs!"

With Coronation behind us and the July 4 Picnic about to be history, you're probably wondering what the Imperial Court will be up to next, right? Well, that's simple. During July, the new monarchs will get their royal families selected and approved. Then in August -- August 2 to be exact -- they'll be presented to the community and receive their titles. Watch for signs advertising Investiture. In July we'll also say "Goodbye" to Duane Schomer, who has been our treasurer for the past couple years! Thanks Duane for all your time and energy! We'll miss you! Of course, we will also begin working on our plans for the final picnic of the summer -- Labor Day! As always we will try to outdo all the previous functions.

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

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The Wimmitt'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

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A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors), Box 31375, Omaha, 68131, (402) 558-5303, Organization for 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. Meet 1st Thursday, Call ANGLE Info Line, 558-5303.

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

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Gay/Lesbian Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th, 345-2563. Tuesdays 7:30pm. After July 12, Meet 819 South 22nd.

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Lutherans Concerned, 1st Sunday 7pm, Kountze Mem Lutheran Church Lounge, 2650 Farnam, Omaha, Call 345-4080 or 453-7137.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Mailing Address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103 Beginning July 12, Services held at 819 S1 22, Omaha, NE, Sunday Worship Services: 10:20am

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Omaha Players Club (OPC), PO Box 34463 Omaha, NE 68134, (402) 451-7987, (402) 342-3512. Leather/SM education and play group. Men's & women's group. Call for info.

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

Overeaters Anonymous Lambda Plush Grp, Wednesdays at 7:30pm, *Family and Friends* Building, 3040 N. 102, Omaha

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

Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, (402) 733-1360: Cleve. Meets last Saturday January-October, 2nd Saturday in December. No November meeting

River City Mixed Bowling League, For info 346-4110 [Scout] 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 Kinshp, Inc, Meetings, information, support for Lesbians & Gays (402) 451-5631 or 1-800-4-GAY-SDA.

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Women's Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th, 345-2563. Meets Saturdays 11am After July 12, meet at 819 S. 22nd.

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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 Meek (402) 451-7987.

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) Send SASE to: Bord of Directors, PO Box 1546, Kearney, NE 68848

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

Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects, 610 "J", Lincoln, 475-5161, D. Hoffman, Case Mgr O/P chemical dependency, Sliding Fee Scale

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Monthly magazine for the Lesbian and Gay community. Deadline is 10th of the month for following month. Subscriptions \$19/year.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG)

*4011 19th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St Luke's Episcopal. Call (308) 237-3870.

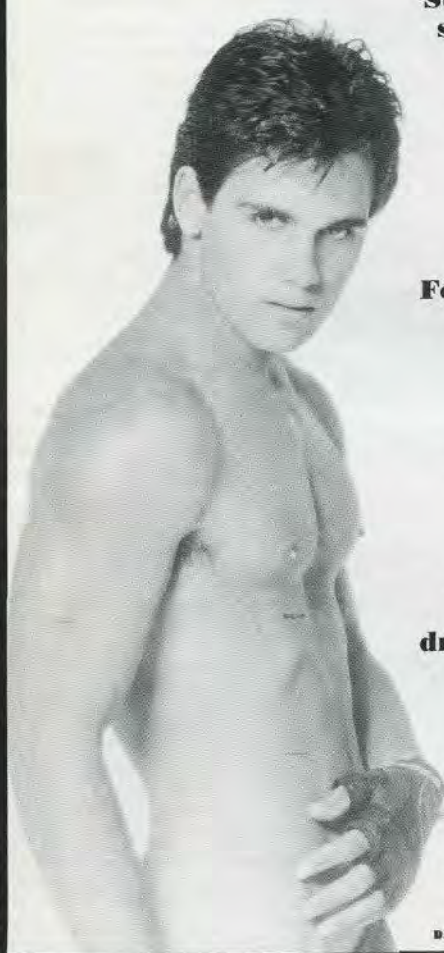
*Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 435-4688. Meets 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St., Groups for family of people with HIV, and Gay/Lesbian Youth Group meet same time & place.

*2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, 291-6781. Meets 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m., 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.

SHOUT Gay & Lesbian Support Group-- UNABLE TO VERIFY THAT SHOUT IS CURRENTLY ACTIVE--

We're the HOT Spot in July We're THE MAX



July, 5

**Sunday afternoon, Nebraska M.O.W.
sponsors a Tea Dance on the patio
& at 10 p.m., Gloria Revelle
presents, Fresh Fish 4
Omaha's newest entertainers
take to the stage**

July, 12

**The Miss Gay Nebraska
America Pageant
Featuring, M.G.N.A. '91 Jennifer Jett
and Miss Gay America, Tiffany
Bonet**

July, 19

**David Burrill,
He Sings, He Dances, He Strips
He's Hot!**

July, 23

**Aunt Mike's Underwear Night 3
On the Patio, under the stars,
drops your drawers and have a ball!**

July, 25 & 26

**Live, at THE MAX, NUNSENSE
a benefit for The Quilt Project
2 p.m. Matinee, Sat. & Sun.
On Sunday at 10 p.m.
The Bitch is Back!
Bonnie Bitch returns with an all
new show**

David Burrill



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**JULY 4th WEEKEND
SPECIAL DRINK PRICES
- ALL WEEKEND -**



**JULY 11th - SATURDAY
DC's 1st ANNIVERSARY PARTY
DON'T MISS IT!**



**JULY 19th - SUNDAY
XMAS IN JULY SKAG DRAG SHOW
-plus Special Guests**

Benefits March On Washington '93
For Gay Rights



**JULY 26th - SUNDAY
AFTERNOON TEA DANCE & FASHION SHOW**

Fashions to be auctioned off after show

Benefits Omaha's 1st Gay Bowling
Tournament in February '93

NEW SUMMER HOURS
Mon-Fri 3pm - 1am
Sat/Sun Noon - 1am

NIGHTLY SPECIALS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Gay oriented Movies starting 8 p.m. & 10 p.m.	Beer Bust and Happy Hour	Draws (12 oz.) 75¢	Jagermeister \$1.25 shot	TrueCowboy Cocksuckers \$1.25	Bacardi \$1.25	Beer Bust Noon - 3 p.m. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Schnapps Shots 75¢	All Night Long	Schnapps Shots 75¢	Cactus Juice 50¢ shot	Jack Daniels \$1.25	Canadian Mist \$1.25	Bloody Mary Eye Openers \$1.25

H A P P Y H O U R 3 P . M . to 8 P . M .