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and the Dedication of MCC-Omaha's New Church Building

COME OUT for ANGLE's Skating Party

Take A Coming Out Step!!

THE FACE OF HATE IS SEEN IN COLORADO, OREGON, AND MAINE

By Sharon Van Butsel

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/Denver Office has provided us with copies of some of the literature being distributed in Colorado by a fundamentalist organization, Colorado for Family Values (CFV), based in Colorado Springs. This group is behind the state wide Initiative #2 which would constitutionally prohibit gays and lesbians from receiving anti-discrimination protection from any state or local government unit. Oregon faces the same battle with Referendum #9 on their ballot. Portland, Maine, is battling an attempt to repeal the anti-discrimination ordinance passed by their city council on May 11.

The "Religious Right" groups sponsoring these referendums are using hate campaigns which seem incomprehensible. So that you may understand the extent to which these groups will go, we are reprinting excerpts from literature being distributed in Colorado. These excerpts appear on page 13, along with an excellent editorial which appeared in the *Transformer*, the monthly newsletter of the River City Gender Alliance. Please take time to read these articles.

We encourage you to help Colorado, Oregon, and Portland, Maine, in their battles. Donations and letters of support may be sent to:

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MARVEL COMICS ARE MARVELOUS

By Sharon Van Butsel

For those of you who may take an interest in such things, I encourage you to look for a copy of the Marvel Comic, "The Incredible Hulk", December, 1991 issue. This issue (brought to my attention by my comic collecting grandson) features a story line in which a former friend and partner of the Hulk turns up with AIDS. The comic addresses the fears and stereotypes held by much of society, bringing the point home when the friend with AIDS is injured and bleeding, and some of the comic characters are afraid to help him for fear of getting blood on their hands. The Hulk comes through and rescues his old friend, but during the fight another friend with AIDS does die. The final frames of the comic carry a message that speaks highly of the authors and publishers of Marvel Comics.

Betty— "Um...How did Jim Wilson get exposed to AIDS?"

Hulk— "Who cares?"

Betty— "Aren't you, y'know...curious?"

Hulk— "Not really. If he had measles, it wouldn't matter where he got it. He's a friend who needed help. You do that for people you care about. That's why he was there for me when I needed him...and why Rick and I were there for him...and I'll always be there for you. No matter what."

GAY RIGHTS MESSAGE "MISSSENT TO CONAGRA"

In late August, *The New Voice*, received two submissions from Rodney Allen Bell, II, who has continued submitting articles even though imprisoned. These submissions were probably intended for the September issue because the envelope was postmarked August 11.

Rodney had handwritten gay rights messages on the outside of the envelope. On the back was a smiling face saying "One out of 4 families has a gay sibling!" On the front, beside the address, there was a hand-drawn pink triangle, the slogan "Silence = Death", and the statement "25 Million Gay People Will March on Washington in 1993."

Carefully stamped above all these slogans was the message, "MISSSENT TO CONAGRA."

It appears that Rodney has discovered a new way to make Corporate America aware of gay rights. Way to go, Rodney.

A PART OF THE NEW VOICE FALLS SILENT

This month the article from the Nebraska AIDS Project did not arrive until several days after deadline. This note of explanation was attached.

Carla & Sharon:

Sorry about the delay...Darrell Cole became gravely ill and passed away early Friday morning. I know he appreciated the space you folks allotted him to express the views he had re: living with AIDS.

*Sincerely,
Patrick & Judith*

Our voice has grown weaker with Darrell's passing. We were pleased to be able to let the community share in his strong determination and commitment to healthy living.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY OCTOBER 11

"We must destroy the myths once and for all... shatter them.

We must continue to speak out and most importantly...most importantly - every gay person must come out.

As difficult as it is,
you must tell your immediate family,
you must tell your relatives,
you must tell your friends, if indeed they are your friends,
you must tell your neighbors,
you must tell the people you work with,
you must tell the people in the stores you shop in...

Once they realize that you are indeed their children,
that we are indeed everywhere
every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed... once and for all.

And once you do, you will feel so much better."

-Harvey Milk

**REMEMBER!
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PRISONER SAYS THANKS

Dear N.V.N.,

First, I would like to say you have a wonderful publication. It is very inspiring to me. As an inmate and also as a proud gay male it recently has made me aware of the desire inside of me to support the gay/lesbian community. Especially since I am fairly young (18) and hardly ever realize that the gay/lesbian community has come a long way and needs even my support to further this. I never realized I could really love individuals who I did not know. I honestly have seen myself grow as I've continued to receive *The New Voice*.

To show this I've written a summary of my young but intelligent views concerning the beautiful world of homosexuality. This is not to put down the world of bisexuality because bisexuals also have a beautiful world; because it is THEIR world.

I also would greatly appreciate if you continue my free subscription to this highly informative magazine. I will continue to submit my views, poems, and stories. I may not be able to provide financial donations at this time, but you have my love, support, and a poem or two.

With Sincerity in My Heart,
Wesley Ziegler

Editor's Note: Thanks for the submissions and the kind letter- we'll run the poems and articles just as soon as space allows. Sharon VanButsel

A NEW SORT OF PARTY

Dear Editor:

In early August a group of us decided we would have an end of the summer bash. We all had a great summer and decided a celebration would be in order. As we sat down to plan our party we decided we would like it to be something more than a beer and food free-for-all - we would like to do something for those men and women in our community who may not be as fortunate as us. Spurred on by this enthusiasm, we decided to gather food for the Nebraska Aids project Food Bank. We okayed this idea with Don Flowers of N.A.P. On our invitation we invited people to bring donations for that cause. In addition, we had received a flier in the mail with quotations from the National Republican Convention regarding Aids, Gays and Lesbians. We had copies printed and had them available for our guests to take home. By the end of the evening on August 29th, we gathered 4 cardboard boxes of food, received a few cash donations, and educated a few people on the stances of some of our elected officials. We had hoped to combine fun and fellowship with community involvement and goodwill. We believe we accomplished our goal. We are not foolish enough to think that we made a huge improvement in the lives of PWA's or a difference in the political climate of the United States. However, with the turnout and participation we received at this one party, we are encouraged that if all gays and lesbians would incorporate this idea into their party plans, we could make a difference. We ask that all of you in the upcoming months, especially through the holiday seasons, request your guests bring donations for the cause of their choice. When we come together as a community and as a family, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,
Rick, Tim, Arch, Chas,
Jeff and Jeanette

CELEBRATE NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

Dear New Voice Editor and Readers,

On Sunday, October 11th, the Gay and Lesbian community of Nebraska has the chance to make our presence known in the straight community by supporting National Coming Out Day. ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) will be sponsoring two activities that we hope individuals, organizations, and businesses will help support.

The first event will be a community skating party on Saturday, October 10, from 5-7 pm. The party will be held at Skateland on 84th & F Streets and will be \$2.75 per person which includes admission and skates.

The second activity will be taking place during the months of September and October as ANGLE members collect donations at community events and businesses for an ad to appear in the *Omaha World Herald* on Sunday, October 11. ANGLE will be paying for ad space the same size as last year's ad (\$517.00), but we hope to double the ad space this year with your donations. A donation of \$51.70 would pay for one column, but all donations are welcome and appreciated. Every person who donates to the ad will have a chance to have their name printed on the ad. We hope to add your name, organization or business to that list of supporters of the Gay and Lesbian community of Nebraska. All donations need to be received by October 5, and sent to ANGLE, P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131.

ANGLE thanks you for your past support of our community and hope you will be part of National Coming Out Day here in Nebraska.

Sincerely,
ANGLE Chairperson
National Coming Out Day
Member at Large,
Brandon Shukus

GAY FARMBOYS PROJECT

To the Editor:

Childhood experiences of gay men who grew up on farms are a largely neglected part of gay culture. I am gathering material for a book based on this and would like to hear from gay men interested in talking about their experiences growing up in farming households. (If anonymity is desired, names and other key details can be changed.) This Gay Farmboys Project gives gay men of all ages and cultural backgrounds a chance to talk about their experiences and the ways in which farm upbringing influenced their lives - whether or not they are still involved in farming. For more information or to arrange for an interview, contact 608-231-3223 or P.O. Box 55165, Madison, WI 53705-8965.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VOTE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION!

Dear Editor,

The homosexual community can put a stop to the gut-wrenching, gay bashing displayed at the recent Republican Convention. The answer is surprisingly simple...vote this November in the presidential election.

There are 3 options for voting for President that can cover all gay persons. The first obvious choice is to vote for Democratic candidate Bill Clinton. For those whose family background and training will not allow Democratic voting, the second option is to vote for Ross Perot as a protest vote. It seems certain that Perot still will be on the ballot in all 50 states in November. Thirdly, one should vote, but not vote for any candidate for President. For those who take this position, it is important to go to the polls and vote other candidates so they are counted as a voter who leaves the presidential slot empty.

We have seen an increase in these last 12 years of murders, beatings, robberies, and harassment of gay persons because of a sanctioning gay bashing by religious and political leaders. This violence will accelerate if George Bush is elected on a platform advocating duplicitous, political premises that seek abolition and control of homosexual rights along with other Republican anti-human-rights positions. As a community, we are again faced with extreme danger; this time from those snarling faces on television who spouted time after time, "there is no place in the Republican party for homosexuals."

I was scoffed at and charged with using scare tactics and attempting to undermine our gay lifestyle when I first published, even before it had a name, warnings on AIDS in our community. I published the articles by Bobbi Campbell that raised the consciousness of our community and resulted in Bobbi being on the covers of *Time* and *Newsweek*. But in that case it took wholesale dying of homosexuals before our awareness transferred into constructive actions. Only recently have our actions resulted in a leveling off of HIV amongst gay men. Now, masquerading behind an angelic buzzword of 'family values', a political 'cultural warfare' theme that catapulted Hitler to power in Germany in 1933, was revived and acclaimed by Pat Buchanan in the major opening speech of the Republican Convention. This was followed by an unrepentant, unrelenting maliciousness and cruelty that dominated the Republican Party Platform and most of the Bush

approved speeches delivered by smiling, made-up, hair-sprayed, 'Fourth Reich' puppets.

Most true Republicans were eliminated from the program. When a life-long, honest Republican, Mary Fisher, spoke of her battle with AIDS, the orchestrated audience cheering stopped and the scowling disapproving faces of Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson were clearly seen on national television.

This time let us not wait for wholesale murder like the specter of pink triangles on men being marched into Hitler's death camps. Wake up. Stop the philosophical gay bashing that justifies such atrocities. It can happen again. Silence can mean death.

BUT, for those who liked Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, and America's prime bigot Anita Bryant...they will love the NEW Republicans of Falwell, Robertson, Buchanan, and America's prime hypocrite George Bush. George Bush is the Anita Bryant of American politics.

There is something we can do. We, the homosexual community of the United States, must present a unified front this time, in this presidential election. Then, it can take years before these reactionary bigots recover enough strength to again attempt the outrageous destruction of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for homosexuals.

W. E. Beardemph
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Beardemph is a Gay rights activist who now lives in Sonoma County, retired, who, in 1964 organized Society for Individual Rights (SIR). Projects include: gay dances, legal action against San Francisco resulting in homosexuals dancing in public being legal; first program of health checkups for VD in gay community; gay political activities including rallies, meetings and questioning of candidates; first gay community center, first gay theater, organized first psychiatrist statement, signed by Drs. Evelyn Hooker, Joel Forte, and Joe Adams, that homosexuality was NOT a psychiatric disease; National Homosexual Conference in 1966; in 1973 started *San Francisco Sentinel* newspaper, was first to investigate and publish warnings on AIDS before it had a name; organized Gay Freedom Parade and Celebration into largest in San Francisco; and much more.

SHOW AT MAX TO BENEFIT QUILT

RE: The Names Project AIDS QUILT DISPLAY Greetings,

The Names Project AIDS Quilt Display will soon be making its way to the Midwest. This will be the second time the quilt has been in Nebraska. This year the display will be considerably bigger than the display in Lincoln. Many community organizations will be sponsoring fund raising efforts to help with the cost of the quilt display. THE MAX will certainly be one of them.

THE MAX has prided itself on always being able to provide our local and state organizations with the facilities to produce successful fund raising Shows, Breakfasts, Tea Dances, Barbecues, and various other activities. We at THE MAX, would like to unite the ideas, talents and creative ideas of our community for one special night, Sunday, November 22. We hope that all organizations will unite to make this Nebraska's most successful fund raising show and make it possible for a substantial contribution to be made to The Names Project Quilt Display for Nebraska. We have set aside Thursday, October 8, for a meeting of the minds. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Everyone interested in helping is welcome. If you have questions, please contact me or our show director at THE MAX. We look forward to your help.

Sincerely,
Mr. Wayne Tietzort
General Manager, THE MAX



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GAY/LESBIAN TRIVIA

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- Name the famous "orange queen" turned homophobe.
 - Bette Davis, b. Beatrice Arthur, c. June Cleaver, d. Anita Bryant.
- What year did Senator Terry Carpenter propose a bill on Nebraska legislature to ban the teaching about homosexuality in schools?
 - 1922, b. 1965, c. 1970, d. 1973
- Who founded the UNL Gay Action Group and recently died of AIDS?
 - Gerard Keating-ASUN President, b. Chris Mumm, c. John Boy, d. Joe Creason
- What is the oldest gay bar in Nebraska?
 - The Beaver Crossing, b. The Cave, c. The Panic, d. The Diamond
- All of the following are gay/lesbian except:
 - Rock Hudson, b. Jim Nabors, c. Jason Priestly, d. Jerry Brown
- What gay bar opened in Kearney, Nebraska in 1983?
 - Beaver Dam, b. Closets Galore, c. Trader Jack's, d. El Punte
- What was AIDS first called?
 - Chronic Immune Deficiency Syndrome, b. Anathema Immuno Virus, c. Gay Related Immune Deficiency Syndrome, d. Small Boils on Shells
- What symbol did Gay men wear in Nazi concentration camps?
 - black triangle, b. purple lambda, c. green square, d. pink triangle.
- What is the name of the longest running gay/lesbian magazine in Nebraska?
 - The Nude Voice, b. The New Voice, c. Lambda Designs, d. The Gala Nebraskan
- In what country is homosexual marriage 100% legal?
 - USA, b. Holland, c. Russia, d. Poland

Answers: 1 (d); 2 (c); 3 (d); 4 (d); 5 (d), 6 (c); 7 (c), 8 (d), 9. (b), 10 (b)

MILITARY & POLICE CLUB DECLARES WAR ON BUSH

Editor,

Enclosed is a special mail-out to my club members around the country to encourage them to do all they can to vote Bush out of office. If you find this of merit, would you consider running it? And could I suggest the title "Military & Police Club Declares War"? Whether or not you can publish it, I'd like to also suggest that you do all you can in several editorials from now until Election Day to call our people to action to elect Clinton/Gore. You have a chance to help our community. We may not have this chance again. Each of us must do all we can to remove Bush from office. You can bring our people together as a strong united force for the first time ever.

Kindest Regards,

Daryl Hyatt
Founder Military & Police Club, Int.
P. O. B. 22806 Houston, TX 77227

NOW HEAR THIS!

DECLARATION OF WAR & BATTLE PLAN

You have seen the hate spreading from the Republican Convention. Our lives are on the line. I've lost over 30 long time dear friends; only one is left who is not HIV positive or near death now. How many have you lost? Are you fed up with it? Will you accept this call to action, this call to war?

For over a year Bush did not even say the words AIDS. Elizabeth Taylor doubts he can even spell it and Lord knows Quayle can't. Bush didn't even mention AIDS in his acceptance speech - we can't afford anymore of his "kinder, gentler nation". Did you notice that Barbara did have on a red ribbon for awhile on the last night of the convention, but then took it off before she joined George on stage at the closing. Why?

This is going to be a nasty campaign. Bush will likely start a military conflict somewhere to win back support before Election Day. He will attack Clinton for seeking our support. He will disguise his hate primarily under the term "Family values". Well, we can show him our "FAMILY VALUES" by sticking together as a family to throw this monster out!

We are 10% (a very conservative estimate) of the population. Add to that our parents, at least one sibling, one loving aunt, uncle, or grandparent, and one dear hetero friend and "OUR FAMILY" approaches 50% of the population. Sure, our relatives may not know about us, but we can still talk to them and convince them that this country needs CLINTON/GORE now. We can get them to vote our way and show George and Danny what "Family values" really mean. "We are Family" and "our backs are against the wall". "United we stand, divided we fall." Twist arms, call in favors, call our "FAMILY" together! This is war! George will get many votes that really aren't "For" him but are "anti-gay votes" against us. This war has gone on far too long and we have been losing this war, (150,000 Dead, and rapidly rising). This figure, already alarming, will double rapidly if we don't unite and vote Bush out of Office. This is our chance to gain our legitimate rights for our community. WE CAN WIN THIS ONE!

BATTLE PLAN

- Register to vote and do so. Get others to register. If you need to vote by absentee ballot, be sure to do so. For hospitalized friends, get an absentee ballot or take them to vote, same for friends who are sick at home.
- Get out the vote. Call or write all family members and straight and gay friends to vote for Clinton/Gore. Do this now and again a few days before election. I told my family they can either vote for Clinton as I need them to, or else we are no longer family. Get tough if you need to.
- Volunteer at Clinton Headquarters every spare minute you can.
- Contribute financially if you can - Bush has a huge war chest.
- Display Clinton/Gore bumperstickers, yard signs, buttons, etc.
- Copy and pass out this Declaration of War and Battle Plan to friends and get gay businesses in your area to post it if possible.
- After Election Day, join the Republican party and clean it up! We must root out the religious, racist, homophobic, bigots who have taken over.
- I challenge each of you to see just how many votes you can round up for each lost friend who is no longer with us to fight and vote now.
- UNITY = POWER
- GO VOTE FOR CLINTON/GORE
VOTE AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!
- Disregard the polls before Election Day as they can change very quickly. If Clinton is picked to win or hopelessly behind, go out and vote for him anyway.



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FEATURES

1993 INTERNATIONAL MR. DRUMMER ASKS: "DO YOU HAVE THE SOCIAL DISEASE HOMOPHOBIA?"

by Carla

Imagine my shock when I walked through the UNO Student Union and saw these words printed on an 4' x 8' banner hung between the stairs by the south entrance—the entrance where all the on-campus students enter and exit the building to go to the bookstore, the Caboose, the Maverick Room, etc.

Stunned by those words in 12 inch bold red letters, I momentarily forgot my own homophobia and stopped to read the rest of the banner: "Do You Have The Social Disease Homophobia? Come Get The Cure. SPO Presents Emerson Briney Wednesday, Sept. 2, 11:30 a.m."

Now, I've been to SPO luncheon programs before and I wondered if Emerson really knew what he was getting into. Sometimes the speakers find themselves with a room of 100 to 200 standing listeners—sometimes they are attentive and other times they are argumentative. Then there are the times when speakers find themselves in a room with nine people who are really more concerned with eating their lunch and reading the *Gateway*. I knew that either way, I wanted to be there so that Emerson would look out and see at least one friendly and supportive face in the audience.

As it turned out, Emerson appeared that day in a gray suit and tie, quite a contrast from the last time I'd seen him at DC's in his leather—wonder how many stereotypes the suit and tie killed?

He began his presentation to the 45-50 gathered eating their lunches by defining some of the terms he'd deal with: *heterosexual, homosexual, community, homophobia*. Then he asked the audience to fill out a knowledge and belief inventory regarding homosexuality. He followed that with a brief review of the myths: 1) Homosexuals recruit, 2) Homosexuality is contagious, 3) Homosexuality is a lifestyle, 4) Homosexuality is a sickness and a sin, etc. Then he asked the audience to participate in a visualization exercise which created a world where heterosexuality was not accepted.

Later he talked about the current movement within the gay and lesbian community for Equal Rights and Equal Protection. He stressed that gays and lesbians don't want special rights. They just want the rights they see others have.

During a question/answer time, a freshman braved his way to the microphone to ask if the audience thought it was okay for gays and lesbians

to make public displays of their affection. I nearly crawled under the table when a group of women sitting a table away from me began cheering and shouting, "Yeah! All right! Go for it! You bet!"

Needless to say, my fears that Emerson would need a friendly face in the audience were then totally dissolved. However, I was thrilled to hear Emerson's response once the cheering died down. He said that he didn't care whether a couple was heterosexual or homosexual, some public displays of affection are inappropriate—period. I liked that reaction because it emphasized his earlier point: We don't want special rights—we want equal rights!

I left UNO that day proud to be gay and proud that our community has individuals who are willing to face an unknown audience and say I'm gay—individuals who will challenge the greater community that we live in—individuals who will say over a microphone, "I'm a

homosexual."

October 11 is National Coming Out Day, but I'm glad that "coming out" isn't limited to a single day. I'm glad that every day we see more and more people "coming out." Omahans have an opportunity to "come out" in mass at UNO October 11 from 2 til 6 p.m. at CFEP's Street Fair in Elmwood Park, which is just south of the UNO campus.

Emerson, thank you for "coming out" to UNO. As you said in your opening remarks to those gathered that day, "You may say that you don't know anyone who is homosexual, but the reality is that they just may not have 'come out' to you as a gay or lesbian." Everyone knows gays and lesbians. We're everywhere, we just haven't all "come out."

Emerson Briney is the newly crowned International Mr. Drummer. He is a co-leader of the Nebraska contingent for the 1993 March on Washington and a member of Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP).

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FEELINGS OF A TRANSGENDERIST PART 3

by Cheryl W.

At age 11, I started carrying the *World Herald*. I spent quite a little of my earnings on women's clothing. I loved to dress up and feel the sensuous silky textures against my skin and fantasize about being a girl. I was particularly fond of silky slips, panties, and night gowns. I would wear them to bed and dream about being that girl I longed to be. I would occasionally wear a pair of panties under my "boy" clothes around the house, especially if I had to do housework.

Masturbation granted temporary respite from the tension and frustration of wanting to be a girl. I longed to talk to and share secrets with girls. Masturbation felt so good, but not the guilt afterward. I felt so worthless that I didn't have the nerve to approach those girls I longed to be with.

As early as age 11, I was interested in impressing the girls. When the other boys started to join the Boy Scouts, I noticed right away that the girls looked at those uniforms. I joined the troop at my grade school. My neighborhood was made up of lower socio-economical families. Many of the fathers were on some sort of macho trip expecting their sons to be the toughest brawlers around. The scout master, though, was quite a guy. I was impressed with his knowledge of the woods and nature in general. He was enthusiastic, and I was motivated. I raced through the first three ranks and was on my way to achieving the eagle badge when the bottom fell out of the troop.

The scout master and treasurer started a business and had taken down payments and spent the money on things other than the materials to build garages. They went to the pen. After dad jerked me out of that troop and took me to the troop at church, I learned about a scandal that had taken place at one of our camp outs. The scandal scared me read bad. It seems some of the older scouts forced the son of the assistant scout master to perform oral sex with them. I knew nothing about it at the time, all I knew was that Joe and his family moved. To this day I am uncomfortable around groups of men with whom I am not familiar. I suppose that event is the main reason.

Scouting at the church troop was different. The guys were out for fun and were a more clean cut group. I stayed in scouting till I was 14. I don't think the uniform made a pinch of difference in my social status. I was still invisible to the girls, and couldn't bring myself to approach them.

As a teenager I probably was dull at best. My friends were all boys, but I couldn't talk to them about my inner feelings. I longed to be with the girls, but was too shy and confused. I prayed to be "okay" like everyone else. I even had crushes on some of the girls. In the eighth grade Linda was my first crush. She never had any idea that I even looked at her. I couldn't bring myself to talk to her or any of the girls. She was tall, (I have always liked tall girls), brunette, and had a

pretty face. This was the scary part, she was a symbol of the girl I longed to be. Half of the time I spent hoping for a miracle to transform me into the princess, and the other, wishing I could straighten out and fall in love with one.

I did most of the things the guys did at that time. Going to the pool to look at the girls was great fun. While they were lusting after the girls, I was wishing I could have the long hair, makeup and clothes. My favorites had pretty faces, nice legs, and good taste in clothes. Mini-skirts were in and I loved them. When the boys were working out, I was a minimal participant in that activity. Today I'm grateful that I didn't develop into some kind of Jack Lalane. It's hard enough to find tall girl clothes the way I am.

At age 14, my parents thought I was ready for the world of work. My dad asked a friend if I could be of use in his cabinet shop. That summer I worked at Custom Cabinets at the corner of 40th and Lake St. I was ready to get a car. I loved work. I started on the end of a broom and in 2 years time was working in the finishing booth, and even the facing department. Of course, I spent lots of time sanding. The guys all seemed to like me and were willing to teach me the trade. I was willing to learn and didn't even complain about the undesirable jobs. I was rich too. The first summer is saved \$500 while earning 75¢ / hour. They would work me up to 12 hours per day

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and Saturdays. The only problem was I lost the end of my childhood. I was surrounded by adults and I grew to act like one. I loved the work and still love construction work today. What I do today will still be here for generations to see.

An important lesson I gained from work was that I could focus on work and put my worries and troubles on hold. I can focus total attention to a problem or situation if it is a challenge. At work, gender was not an issue. I was just a hard worker.

Shortly after I turned 16, mom and dad let me buy a car. I had to pay for the insurance, gas, etc., but I would have that symbol of my growing independence. Dad helped me find a gold 1957 Olds convertible to my liking. This opened up the door to girls. I started to date a girl in the neighborhood, Patty. I had a crush on her like you wouldn't believe. She had it all, pretty face, legs, and great taste in clothes. I was ready to marry her and settle down to a "normal" life. I prayed that I would be okay and straighten out. A year later as senior in high school, she broke up with me. I was crushed. I didn't speak to her again till I was a junior in college. I had the same problem with her that I had with all girls. I couldn't communicate because I felt so much guilt about my feeling. How do you tell a girl that you want to be a girl, too, to be pretty and wear and do the things other girls did. I always hoped I could straighten out if the right girl came along.

**WATCH FOR TRANSGENDERIST
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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST IN HOMOSEXUALITY

by Wes Ziegler

As I sit and ponder about life, I say the words: beauty and the beast, softly to myself. And each time I repeat these words I think of the beauty in a lovely homosexual and the beast in the taboo homosexuality term that determinedly follows.

Homosexuality is a creation of beauty all in itself. Two men (or women) passionately making love in a way that only exists in their own little world. Like a black rose that's determined to rise higher and stand out above all others in a gathered garden of red roses. Homosexuality... where two men (or women) are desperately determined to express the way they feel mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and physically about one another despite what the world thinks.

No matter how many times I repeatedly try to understand I cannot see what is so beastly in an act of homosexuality. What is more perplexing to me is: how can an individual dislike someone else solely because of their beliefs and actions when the individual never felt or acted in the same way.

What's so hard to accept, respect, and try to

understand about one man (or woman) being deeply and intimately in love with another? Why can't homosexuality be accepted as a natural existence when there's proof that existed in the past and it exists in the present and will continue to exist in the future?

Accept something that knowingly exists, but instead people accept all types of phenomena that are at least far-fetched. Could the world really be divided into 3 types of races of peoples? Homosexuals, heterosexuals, and bisexuals instead of the commonly known races of today.

To go deeper in thought—what do people see in me that I don't see in myself? Could the devil really be inside me and that's what makes me commit the sin of homosexuality, that's disliked so much? Or could it be that the devil is the oppressor of homosexuality. In which he's trying to stop me from being what God intended me to be—a human being that's free to use my own will to make my own choices.

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A VIEW OF THE MICHIGAN WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

by Wally

There was something for everyone at this year's Michigan Women's Festival. Music, dancing, political activism, arts and crafts, and workshops galore. Networking, socializing, good natured play between women wanting women—these were all part of the experience.

We were greeted by an unflappable staff woman, sporting a beard (her very own) and a dress. She welcomed us 'home,' happy to repeat to an endless lines of cars, the steps involved in getting from temporary parking to our campsites.

Looking back, this year seemed relatively quiet. There were no low flying planes distributing leaflets accusing discriminating against the Differently Pleasured. There were no transsexuals agreeing, after talking with staff, that this was not the place for them, and being given a ticket to fly back home. I spoke to no one at the Festival who was dissatisfied. The showers were warm, the food plentiful and the socialization stimulating.

Seventeen years experience; careful selection of positive staff people; willingness by staff and administrators to dialogue with anyone, firmness about who was in authority, efficient yet open rumor control; an emergence of needed structures—the Womb for first aid, the Oasis, for emotional support, the Saints for respite from plentiful, if sometimes too simple vegetarian diet—all made this festival a vibrant experience. Every form of embodied wombyhood was there. Warm days you see them 'topless', and sometimes

'bottomless'. It was an exciting, freeing, vulnerable, trusting and connecting experience.

The only mar was that two women attending the festival were run down and critically injured. The driver and occupants of the van that hit them were men. Witnesses said the men had been drinking. Rumor control, already in place, served to inform, and sooth the crowd while giving staff space and time to draw up an appropriate response.

The Differently Pleasured provided experiences for participants, voyeurs, and curiosity seekers. Cold nights put a damper on activities, but I saw people playing with the shadow side of sexuality and pain, humiliation, domination, control and terror. Were they making these associations harmless by experiencing them in a safe context? Were they trying to find feeling in bodies numbed by abuse? Had they forged an association among sex, sacrifice, seduction, spirituality, or whatever? Linda Sanford said that we forget that power feels good. Were they simply getting the good feeling being the master in the master slave model on which many social structures are based? Most of the time, I like to participate, except when the differently pleased are concerned. There I'm happy to be an observer.

My desire for participation wasn't met by listening to music every evening, so I explored nature trails, read, write, or exercised. The amplified music carried everywhere, so it was hard to sleep. When the music stopped, dancing,

or poetry reading continued to the wee hours of the morning. This was a magical time, if you could keep up with it, or a boring time if you were out of it.

You've probably guessed why I camped in the Over 50's area. Yes, I'm over 50 and I camped there because it was near everything. Last year they had so many in the Over 40's campsite, they made the cutoff over 50 this year. Guess what? They had more people than last year. We were 66th in line, one of the early birds. I innocently pitched my tent close to the shower and toilets and the activities. By evening tent city had sprung up around me. Crowded is not the word. When I got up to go to the toilets, I thought I was having a rebirthing experience. Next year I'm camping in Bread and Roses, the chem free area. There's a little elbow room there.

The workshops were the highlight of the festival for me. Although, I did make off like a bandit in the barter tent. It was funny everyone else bartered there felt the same way. I sampled Yoga, the Sisterhood of the Owl, Inner Healing, and yes, Sex Magic. I hated to miss self-defense, drumming, cultural awareness and ascension. Putting in a couple of workshops, cramped my workshoping style, but even work in Michigan somehow seemed worth doing.

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THOUGHTS ON NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

By Scott L. Lowther

On October 11, 1992, gays, lesbians, and bisexuals who survive the traumatic process of "coming out" to family, friends, and co-workers will celebrate **NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY**. Affirming those who have "come out" not only lends support to individuals as they grow from this experience, but it has the added benefit of increasing les-bi-gay visibility within society.

In this presidential election year rhetoric such as "family values" is proscribed for Americans by President Bush and the Republican Party. I am comforted that the Democratic Party's Presidential candidate, Bill Clinton, has brought the issue of equal civil rights for homosexuals into this campaign. It is incomprehensible to me that the gay community could have become this visible without the courage of individuals, past and present, to come out; being honest with themselves as well as others.

I believe one reason gays, lesbians, and bisexuals have been ignored in our struggle for equity in civil rights, inclusion in hate crimes ordinances, and exclusion in criminal statutes such as sodomy laws, is because our community remains "in the closet," rendering us all by invisible. Our government does not even have accurate statistics on how many of us there are!

While other minority groups have moved forward in their struggle toward a reduction (and, hopefully, an eventual elimination) in

discrimination, homosexuals continue in our oppression. We are overtly condemned by religious leaders, society, even the President of the United States. Is it any wonder many in our community have chosen to remain in the closet or, if "out", are apathetic regarding gay politics.

Perhaps it would be easier if our numbers were put into a different perspective. Instead of being brainwashed into believing we are alone, unusual or odd, maybe it would be of comfort to know just how prevalent we are within society.

As a result of the Kinsey study, it is fairly well accepted that gays, lesbians, and bisexuals account for approximately 10% of the population. This means there are approximately 25,000,000 people in this country who are homosexual.

16,000,000 people live in mobile homes. When that number is compared with 25,000,000 gays, lesbians, and bisexuals the Census Bureau doesn't tabulate, it puts our community's presence into a more real perspective.

The next time you're driving down the interstate, pass some of the time by counting every 10 cars. Statistically, 1 out of every 10 of those drivers is lesbian, gay, or bisexual. If you don't travel the interstate often, count 1 in 10 at any concert, sporting event, or as you walk down the corridors of your high school, college, or mall. What do you think about our community's visibility now?

If we consider the local situation in Omaha, Nebraska, we frequently hear "There aren't very many homosexuals in Omaha." given that there are approximately 400,000 people living in the Omaha metropolitan area, and given that 10% of these people are gay, lesbian, or bisexual, we should expect to find approximately 40,000 les-bi-gays right here at home. If this figure is true, "Where are they?" you ask.

They're living quiet, respectable lives as doctors, lawyers, teachers, hairdressers, truck drivers, telemarketers, probation officers, clerks, accountants, executives, managers, and a myriad of other positions, just like everybody else.

The difference is that everybody else is counted and, therefore, has some measure of political clout with which to assert their right to equal treatment under the law. Many in our community have become so accustomed to a life filled with covert and overt oppression that they choose to take the path of least resistance. They prefer not to do or say anything that they think will draw attention to themselves.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY is an opportunity to visualize an end to discrimination, whether aimed at gender, race, age, marital status, physical ability, sexual orientation, or any other label. It is a time to decide the part you will play in making this positive change.

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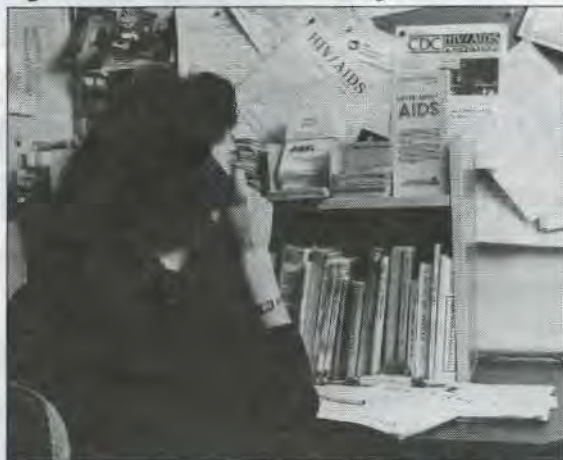
In addition to his campaign work, Liebman founded and nurtured conservative organizations including Americans for Constitutional Action, Committee for Freedom for All People, World Anti-Communist League, and Young Americans for Freedom. According to John Gregory Dunne, it's this "lunatic fringe"—the ones that dominated

the American Right before the birth of the modern movement—that, today, had Liebman worried. Liebman calls them "bigots: anti-Semites, anti-Catholics, the KKK, rednecks, Know Nothings, a sorry lot of public hucksters and religious medicine men." His concern about them has compelled him to tell his own story in *Coming Out Conservative*.

Why come out so publicly to his fellow conservatives and his closest friend? According to Liebman: "I have been appalled to read in newsletters by conservative leaders that George Bush, by inviting a gay leader to a White House ceremony, is caving in to 'the homosexual lobby'...I was outraged to see a spokesman for one of the more prominent conservative foundations quoted saying that the cost of treating AIDS patients 'could be the greatest impetus for euthanasia we've ever seen.'...None of this seems to me to be the purpose of the cause I joined, along with you, 35 years ago.

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"If we don't protect our families, who will?"

Over 250 lesbians and gay men and their children gathered in Indianapolis, Indiana for the 13th Annual Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI).

Workshops for parents covered a wide range of topics, such as dealing with teenagers, creating families, racism and political activism. In addition, there were separate conferences for children (age six through twelve), youth (ages thirteen and older), and their partners/lovers of lesbian and gay parents.

For the second consecutive year, the conference featured an open and frank discussion between parents and children. The subject, selected by the young people, was "safer sex" — how and when parents should talk with their children about this important and potential life-saving issue.

Reacting to the need felt by many lesbian and gay families to reclaim the rites and rituals of their heritage faiths, Tom Fisher and Scott Davenport of Washington, DC had their six-week-old son, Fritz, baptized during a moving interfaith service on Sunday morning.

The GLPCI Board of Directors presented to the conference attendees a platform paper on families to be distributed at both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions this summer. Copies of this paper, "Family and the Next President," are available from GLPCI.

During the conference there was a great deal

of discussion about the specific attacks on lesbian and gay parents in recent weeks by Vice President Dan Quayle and President George Bush. Over the weekend, pages of signatures were collected on an open letter to President Bush, responding to his remark that gay and lesbian parents aren't "normal". A copy of this letter follows.

After the conference concluded on Sunday afternoon, the newly-elected GLPCI Executive Board held a press conference to denounce the attacks on the families formed by lesbians and gay men. "We never once heard either (President Bush or Vice President Quayle) say, 'to be a good parent, the most important ingredient is love,'" GLPCI President John Sheets said. "We never once heard them say, 'spend time with your children...play with them...educate them to be proud of themselves.'"

When a reporter asked if anyone in the audience was willing to be interviewed, the entire crowd that had stayed on for the press conference raised their hands. When asked about this new openness on the part of so many parents, Sheets replied, "Lesbian and gay parents have always been concerned parents. Now that our families are under attack, our natural impulse is to protect our children. Even though many parents are afraid to come out, if we don't protect our families, who will?"

The 14th Annual GLPCI conference will be held on July 2-4, 1993 in Orlando, Florida.

The Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition

Bibliography on Gays and Lesbians and their families (\$5.00). It contains up-to-date listings of books, videos, and articles in both popular magazines and scientific journals.

An annotated bibliography of *Books for Children with Gay and Lesbian Parents* has over 70 titles of picture books geared for kids from birth to age 10. Please send a stamped, self-addressed, business size envelope with \$1.00.

GLPCI's quarterly newsletter, *Network*, is free to lesbian mothers or gay fathers. All mailing information is kept strictly confidential and will never be released to any organization.

Contact GLPCI for more information, including information on local chapters in your area. Write GLPCI, P.O. Box 50360, Washington, DC 20091; or phone (202)-583-8029.

See the open letter to President Bush on page twelve.

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OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

Dear President Bush,

In a June 25, 1992 *New York Times* interview, you said, "I can't accept as normal life-style people of the same sex being parents. I'm very sorry. I don't accept that as normal."

We're sorry too. Your comments prove that you don't know who we are—and you don't know the harm that your statements are causing lesbian and gay parents and our children.

President Bush, this is who we are:

Andre Jacinto of Thousand Oaks, California is a gay father of Katie, twelve, and Matthew, ten-and-a-half. Andre's kids have lived with their mother since the divorce five years ago, but talk to Dad every other day and see him at least once a week. Katie and Matthew stay at Andre's house every other weekend. Both kids know that their dad is gay and understand what that means. "We've raised our kids to accept people as individuals," says Andre, "and not to judge them by color of their skin, or their religion, or who they sleep with."

But like all dotting fathers, Andre would rather brag about his wonderful children. "Matthew played first base for his Little League team and they finished the season in second place," Andre says. "All those hours playing catch and working on his hitting really paid off." Katie just graduated from her elementary school, but Andre is worried about next year when she'll attend a junior high school overrun by drugs and gangs. "That is what parenting is all about," he continues, "spending time with my kids, and seeing that they have the opportunity for a bright future."

Six-year-old Evan lives with his two moms, Valerie and Diane, in New York City. Diane, a physician, and Valerie, a psychologist, have lived together the last fourteen years. In 1985, they decided to have a child and Valerie became pregnant by doctor insemination. Last year, the couple filed for a "co-parent adoption," asking the Court to legally recognize their mutual status as Evan's parents.

The Court found the adoption in Evan's "best interest," and the judge's summary was particularly eloquent: "Today a child who receives proper nutrition, adequate schooling, and supportive sustaining shelter is among the fortunate, whatever the source. A child who also receives the love and nurture of even a single parent can be counted among the blessed. Here this Court finds a child who has all of the above benefits and two adults dedicated to his welfare, secure in their loving partnership, and determined to raise him to the very best of their considerable

abilities. There is no reason in law, logic or social philosophy to obstruct such a favorable situation."

Melissa, a forty-something nurse in a major midwestern city, lives with Sarah, her lover of the past four years. Rounding out the household is Melissa's daughter, Jessica, who works in the dental field since completing college. But Melissa and Jessica haven't always been together. When Jessica was five, Melissa came to realize that she was a lesbian and filed for divorce. Her husband's attorney told Melissa to give up custody of Jessica or she would never see her again. Overwhelmed and underfunded, Melissa agreed. For eight years, she saw Jessica every other weekend. But then her ex-husband remarried and Jessica went to live with an aunt and uncle in an abusive household. They worked to ruin Jessica's relationship with her mother and for five years, all of Melissa's attempts to reach out to her daughter were rebuffed.

"What kept me going," says Melissa, "was the knowledge that someday she was going to grow up and make her own decisions. We were taught in nursing school that the most important formative years in a child's life are from birth to age three. At least we had that—she was loved, and she knew she was loved." When Jessica was 18, she again contacted her mother and the two have picked up the pieces of their relationship and their lives. "Today Jessica is as supportive of me as any kid can be of a parent," Melissa says. "There are times when she's wanted to fight dragons when people at work say the wrong things about gay people. I'm very proud of her."

Jeffrey Menzer and Eric Rosenthal, a couple for the last seven years, live in Washington, D.C. Less than one month ago, their three-year-old son, Joshua, died of complications associated with AIDS. Eric befriended the boy, who was infected at birth, then he volunteered for Project CHAMP as a buddy for children with HIV/AIDS. As Joshua's mother became more ill, the couple took an increasingly active role in the child's care. After her death, Jeffrey and Eric legally became Joshua's foster parents.

Joshua loved school, his friends, dogs, buses, guitars, playing on swings, *Sesame Street*, and dancing to Madonna. "He really became the center of our lives during the time we had him," says Eric. "We knew that he would die, but we felt it was our job to give him the best life he could have. Everyone should have the chance to reach his or her potential—That's what we tried to give Joshua."

We've told you the story of just four

American families. It is estimated that there are over four million lesbian mothers and gay fathers in the United States, raising eight to ten million children ("ABA Annual Meeting Provides Forum for Family Law Experts," 13 *Fam. L. Rep.* (Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., Washington, DC), pages 1512-1513 (August 25, 1987)).

President Bush, you and Vice President Quayle have been talking about the need to strengthen the American family—and we agree. To strengthen the family, we need a serious discussion about the issues that make a difference in our lives: the economy, affordable health care, child care, an education system that works for all children, and non-discrimination in our legal system—to name just a few. We need to educate the public to accept the diversity that exists in our country.

What we don't need is more rhetoric about "family values" and what is "normal," which only panders to the fears of the ill-informed and the intolerant. Gay and lesbian parents don't pose a threat to the American family—we are the American family.

We too care about family values—telling the truth, working hard, doing homework, and being good neighbors and good citizens. We are concerned about teaching our kids to share their toys, whether or not they watch too much television, keeping them away from drugs and alcohol, and how to pay for a college education.

We don't want our kids teased on the playground because of who we are—and we cringed when we hear your recent statements. Labeling same sex partners as "not normal" only serves to reinforce hate and homophobia. Instead of strengthening the family, your comments do exactly the opposite, and hurt real people in the bargain.

Like it or not, the American family has evolved. Very few families of today fit the 50s model of the breadwinning father, the stay-at-home mother and 2.2 kids. Today's family is about individuals who love and care for one another, whatever their biological connections, marital status or sexual orientation.

Perhaps next time a reporter asks your opinion of lesbian and gay parents, you'll remember our slogan—LOVE MAKES A FAMILY!

Sincerely,

The Parents and Children of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International
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FIGHT THE RIGHT WING: '92 ACTION PLAN

Tell the Republicans that hate is not a family value and demand that they stop their attacks on the gay and lesbian community. Write to James Baker, Chief of Staff and Bush-Quayle Campaign '92 Director, White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20500. Also write directly to the Republican Party to protest the party platform on gay and AIDS-related issues. Write RNC Chairman Rich Bond, RNC, 310 First St., S.E., Washington, DC 20003, (202)863-8000.

Encourage Democratic candidate Bill Clinton not to back down on his support for gay and lesbian rights in the face of gay-baiting negative campaigning by the RNC. Write Clinton for President, 112 W. 3rd St., Little Rock, AR 72201. Also write directly to the Democratic Party. Write DNC Chairman Ron Brown, DNC, 430 S. Capitol St., S.E., Washington, DC 20003, (202) 863-8000.

NGLTF has produced a "Fight the Right '92 Action Kit" with materials you may use to combat the Far Right "family values" rhetoric and other distortions. Included in the kit: voter registration information, action ideas and contacts, media advocacy tips, background fact sheets, press clips, opinion pieces, and more. For a copy of the kit, write Robin Kane, Public Information Manager, NGLTF Policy Institute, 1734 14th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

FEATURES: THE FACE OF HATE

SALEM REVISITED

by Krystyn M. Dean, Ph.D.

from *The Transformer*

Everyone is familiar with the popular terror flicks: *ALIENS*, *FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH*, *PSYCHO*, et al. They have a common theme in that they are steeped in horror and sequels continue to return. It is strange how life imitates art or vice-versa. Now there is a very real terror re-emerging from the shadows, a terror that contains all the ingredients for a first rate horror movie. The difference is that this is no movie; this is for real.

Born in pre-history, this insidious defiler of humanity has recurred over the centuries and has been known by many names. The inquisition, the Salem witch hunts, Nazism, Ku Klux Klan, McCarthyism, and now the Religious Right. Armed with reams of misinformation, capitalizing on ignorance, and the suave reassurance of their "direct line to GOD." The New Right is attacking the rights of Gays and Lesbians. Utilizing the tactics of Eugene McCarthy and Roy Cohn, they are spewing lies and half truths in an attempt to strike fear into the hearts of Americans. By distortion and innuendo, the Religious Right seeks to disenfranchise an entire segment of our society. The Religious Right has refined the techniques of Nazism and developed their resources of hate and vitriol. Now the "goon squads" are upon us and we didn't even see them awakening.

After Pat Robertson failed so miserably in the 1988 primary, he and his minions went to work. They build a very sophisticated political machine. That machine has slowly taken over the Republican party. The Robertson faction now controls twenty per cent of the convention delegates and have an eye on 1996. Make no mistake about this threat, it is serious, it is well financed, and it has absolutely no moral scruples. Although The Religious Right advances under the banner of GOD, these people are hate mongers who choose to use GOD as a shield. As Torquemada tortured and killed in the name of GOD. As the Salem judges murdered and maimed in the name of GOD. And as the White supremacists beat, murdered, and raped in the name of GOD. The Religious Right intends to overwhelm, regardless of the cost, in the name of GOD. Like Freddy Kruger, the horror keeps

returning. They are the same down through the ages, they only change the name and they always act in the name of GOD.

Why has the Gay and Lesbian community been targeted? Because they are vulnerable, because ignorance makes people fear what they don't understand. And because they are only the FIRST STEP! What of people of color, how about atheists or Muslims or Jews, are they next? Those with opposing viewpoints will constitute a threat. Writers and artists who do not create that which is acceptable to the Religious Right, constitute a threat. And those who march to a different drum will certainly be dealt with firmly. Every one of us is a member of a minority group of some kind, so "ask not for whom the bell tolls...." Even arch conservative William F. Buckley commented, in his editorial of September 11, that the measure 9 referendum on the Oregon ballot should be defeated.

This is not about GOD, this is not about right versus wrong, this is about POWER and CONTROL, and GOD is simply a tool utilized by those who would dictate. The easiest way for the Religious Right to neutralize those who might generate resistance is to disenfranchise them. Take away their ability to work, remove their ability to be heard, and eventually deny them the right to vote. These are the things that the "Religious Right" use "moral majority" will strive to achieve, and they will stop at nothing to attain their goal. Please remember, the "moral majority" of His day hung JESUS CHRIST on a cross and murdered him.

—Note from the Editor of the Transformer

The freedom we all want in self expression can be taken away if we don't work for it. There is nothing given. Each liberty has to not only be won, but it must also be jealously guarded. Sometimes the price of guardianship is involvement in the process. In the last national election, is 5% of those citizens who were not resident to vote had done so, then the current resident of the White House might be different.

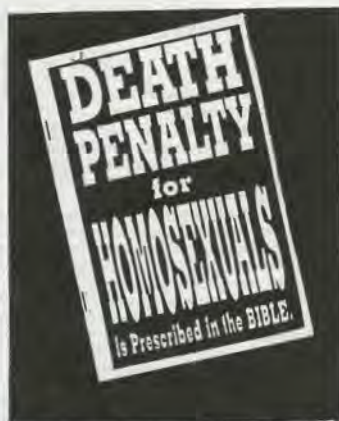
RIGHT WING TESTS NEW STRATEGY

Both Oregon and Colorado are the target of a new Far Right organizing tactic: anti-gay constitutional initiatives. The Oregon Citizens Alliance and Colorado for Family Values each have spearheaded campaigns in their respective states to amend the state constitutions and ban civil rights laws that include protection based on sexual orientation. Oregon's language goes a step further and mandates that the public school system teach children that homosexuality is an abnormal behavior that must be avoided.

If passed in November, these initiatives could mean that books that are positive or neutral about homosexuality would be removed from public libraries; gay organizations could not use or rent public spaces for events or meetings; gay professionals may not be able to receive licenses from the state; and the state, individual citizens

and organizations would be free to actively and openly discriminate against gay and lesbian people. The threat of these initiatives does not stop at the borders of Oregon and Colorado — any town or state could be next.

Gay and lesbian activists around the country must be as involved as Right wings groups. Send funds and organizational statements of support to No On 9 (formerly the Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon), P.O. Box 3343, Portland, OR 97208, (503)232-4501; Equal Protection Campaign, P.O. Box 300476, Denver, CO 80203, (303)839-5540. Also, send letters to the editor of major newspapers in each of the states, expressing your concern as a potential tourist and visitor. *Portland Oregonian*, 1320 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201; *Denver Post*, 1560 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM: DEATH PENALTY FOR HOMOSEXUALS is Prescribed in the Bible

By Pastor Peter J. Peters,
April 1992

"INTOLERANCE, DISCRIMINATION, and LAW are three words that go together."

"Because Leviticus 20:13 is an existing Law of our Creator, the God of the Bible, then it's a fact of life the DEATH will be the judgment for violating that Law. It becomes then just a matter of who and how many are going to die."

"Regardless of what causes people to choose this life style, applied Bible Law will stop it and cure it once and for all."

"Now the historical record shows, forty years ago, the family values in America would never allow homosexuals to have free speech, free assembly, safety, etc., and thus, the homosexual was afraid to come out of the closet. Now lukewarm Judeo-Christians consider it family values to allow them to do so. Such values are not Bible values."

"The fact that the death penalty exists among us in the form of disease, serial murders, childless and grandchildless families (which brings the death of a family name or lineage) due to homosexuality, shows that Leviticus 20:13 is a Law. It's just a matter of who and how many are going to die."

"...If once in America, our forefathers enforced God's Law on homosexuality... then we, today, can and should have god's Law concerning Homosexuality (and its judgment of the death penalty). All it would take is Christians with half the guts and zeal the homosexuals have in spreading their life style, to start, state by state, (as the homosexuals have done) in getting such legislated."

"After all, the Bible says not only is the homosexual worthy of the death penalty, but also those who give approval of it."

ELECTION 92

REPUBLICANS ATTACK GAY RIGHTS

by Jeannine Guttman and James Cox

HOUSTON - With signs that said "Family Rights Forever - 'Gay' Rights Never!" Republicans began attacking what they see as a vulnerability for Bill Clinton: his support for gay rights.

But gay Republicans and gay rights supporters said that was a "tragic mistake" that caters to homophobia.

President Bush's Texas campaign chairman Jim Oberweiser said the GOP campaign will target Clinton's "acceptance of the legislative agenda of the gay and lesbian community."

And Pat Buchanan reminded convention delegates the Democrats let a "militant leader of the homosexual rights movement... rise at that convention and exult." Bill Clinton and Al Gore represent the most pro-lesbian and pro-gay ticket in history. "And so they do."

Clinton, unlike Bush, would overturn the military ban on homosexuals. Clinton has appeared at a gay fund-raiser, while Bush has said he doesn't think the "gay lifestyle" is normal or the moral equivalent of "traditional families."

That upset gay Republicans: "We have replaced the communists as the No. 1 menace to all that they pronounce is good and traditional in American life," said Marvin Liebman, a GOP fund-raiser, who is gay.

"To be gay, conservative and Republican is not a contradiction. I am proud to be all three, although less proud this year to be Republican, I must say."

But Robert Cunningham, a delegate from Springfield, Va., said: "Sex is a very private thing. People who practice their sex in private and keep their mouth shut about it are fine. People who flaunt it are repulsive."

And Kristine Jenkins, a delegate from North Pole, Alaska, held up one of the "Gay Rights

Never!" signs because "I believe in family values. I don't believe gays deserve special rights. I empathize with them. I think 90% have been sexually abused as children and that's why they're gay."

Rep. Bill Green, R-N.Y., called the anti-gay plank in the GOP platform "a tragic mistake" for the party.

Clinton, he said, "is going for that center vote. If the Republican party will compete only for the far-right votes... we are abandoning the election."

Urvashi Vaid of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force dated the GOP's "homophobia" to a February meeting when gay leaders asked Robert Moshbacher, Bush's campaign chairman, not to engage in gay-bashing.

"The very fact of the meeting unleashed a backlash against Moshbacher," Vaid said. "The far right met with President Bush and demanded that he prove his commitment to 'traditional family values.'"

Outside the Astrodome, riot police confronted 500 AIDS activists who burned flags and hurled bottles. Six were arrested.

Where parties stand on gay rights
How the parties' platforms compare on gay rights:

REPUBLICANS: "We oppose efforts by the Democratic Party to include sexual preference as a protected minority receiving preferential status under civil rights statutes at the federal, state and local level."

DEMOCRATS: "Democrats will continue to lead the fight to ensure that no Americans suffer discrimination or deprivation of rights on the basis of... sexual orientation or other characteristics irrelevant to ability."

-USA TODAY

BARBARA BUSH SUPPORTS GAY FAMILY VALUES

First Lady Barbara Bush delivered a major "traditional family values" speech at the Republican National Convention August 19, which Republican activists hailed as "Family Values Day." While "traditional family values" is often used as a short-hand phrase by conservatives to indicate opposition to gay and lesbian civil rights, Mrs. Bush has in fact expressed support for gay rights and "compassion for all gay Americans and their families."

In 1990, Paulette Goodman, the national president of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, requested in a letter that Mrs. Bush "speak kind words to some 24 million gay Americans and their families, to help heal the wounds, and to keep these families in loving relationships." In her May 10, 1990 response, Mrs. Bush wrote: "Thank you so much for your

letter and for sharing your work with the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc. You sound like a caring parent and a compassionate citizen. I firmly believe that we cannot tolerate discrimination against any individuals or groups in our country. Such treatment always brings with it pain and perpetuates hate and intolerance. I appreciate so much your sharing the information about your organization and your encouraging me to help change attitudes. Your words speak eloquently of your love for your child and your compassion for all gay Americans and their families."

Right wing activists within the Republican Party assailed Mrs. Bush at the time for writing the letter, criticizing her for supporting gay and lesbian civil rights.

VOTE SMART

DETAILS ON CANDIDATES

By John Wildermuth
The San Francisco Chronicle

Information about every candidate for elective federal office or a state governorship is just a toll-free telephone call away, thanks to the efforts of Project Vote Smart.

"We've been getting tens of thousands of calls since we opened in March," said Rence Harber, a spokeswoman for the nonpartisan project. "We have 25 lines for (800) calls now, and will be expanding."

Run from a basement office on Oregon State University Campus in Corvallis, the project offers candidate biographies, campaign contributions, voting records, performance evaluations by a variety of special-interest groups and telephone numbers and addresses for campaign offices.

Project Vote Smart is run by the Center for National Independence in Politics, whose motto is "Democracy Through Education."

Project Vote Smart operates two telephone numbers, from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The toll-free line, 1-800-786-6885, goes to a live operator who can answer questions about candidates and their positions.

There is a \$3.00 charge for calling 1-900-786-6885, which will provide mailed printouts of the political information.

-Omaha World Herald

ACT UP WORRIED ABOUT GORE

The AIDS and gay rights activist group ACT UP/ Presidential Project, expressed concern over Democratic presidential candidate Gov. Bill Clinton's choice of Senator Al Gore (D-Tenn.), to be his vice presidential running mate.

The activists note Gore is not a co-sponsor of S. 574, the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill which would outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations. Gore also voted for a Sen. Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) amendment that restricted public schools from using materials that "promote homosexuality or state that homosexuality is normal, natural or healthy."

Additionally, Gore, who ran for president in 1988, is not a co-sponsor of S. 236, the Department of Defense Resolution calling on the Pentagon to allow "all Americans who meet the criteria for service in the Armed Forces, regardless of sexual orientation... an equal opportunity to serve in the defense of our country."

Mike Petrelis, a spokesman for ACT UP, said his group is worried about Gore being on the Democratic ticket. "Al Gore appears to be a moderate Southern Democrat, but we believe he is conservative to the core when it comes to full equality for gays and lesbians. If Gore wants our votes, he must first endorse the federal gay rights bill and the Department of Defense resolution. We view support for the bills, or lack thereof, as a moral litmus test, and thus far, Gore fails it miserably," said Petrelis.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GAY PARTNERS PENSION RIGHTS IN ONTARIO

by Larry M. Greenberg

Toronto - Gay and lesbian partners in Ontario will become eligible for full employee pension benefits under a ruling by the province's human rights commission.

The move is believed to be the first of its kind in the U.S. or Canada and is expected to have far-reaching implications in both nations. The ruling, which apparently will apply to public and private employees in Ontario, is expected to influence legislation and company benefits policies in other Canadian provinces.

Meanwhile, U.S. gay and lesbian activists say Ontario's action could add momentum to a movement by a small but growing number of local governments and companies that have recognized the rights of live-in partners of the same sex.

The extension of pension benefits comes about through a change in the provincial law that defines marriage as between members of the opposite sex. Ontario previously had offered medical and dental benefits to partners of gay and lesbian employees, but this was done as a matter of policy, not law.

But a special panel of the Ontario human rights commission found that the restrictive definition of marriage violated the province's human rights code and ordered the government to provide equivalent survivor pension benefits to same-sex couples. The government has 30 days

to appeal the ruling.

"The decision represents a strong recognition and affirmation of gay and lesbian spousal rights. It is a significant step toward achieving full equality for gays and lesbians in this province," said Catherine Frazee, who heads the human rights commission.

More than half of the pension plans in Canada are registered in Ontario, the country's biggest province, and therefore, could be directly affected by the legislation, said Dan McCaw, president of William M. Mercer, Ltd., a benefits consulting firm in Toronto. Mr. McCaw estimated the new rules would add at the most 1% to private companies benefits costs.

Charles Black, vice president, insurance operations, at the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association, an industry body, said too many questions remain unanswered about the practical effects of the ruling to assess the impact on the pension industry.

Dan White, a consultant with Mercer in Los Angeles, said he doesn't know of any U.S. pension plans that have extended full benefits to gay and lesbian couples. He said U.S. pension plans do allow retirement benefits to be shared by any person the employee chooses. However, the benefits generally cannot be left to a gay or lesbian partner if the employee dies before reaching retirement age.

Robert Bray, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, a lobbying group, called the Ontario action "heartwarming," coming at a time when gay and lesbian activists find themselves on the defensive and the political emphasis on "family values."

"It gives a shot of momentum to the domestic-partner movement," Mr. Bray said. So far, 11 U.S. states, along with 28 private-sector companies and organizations, have some local or statewide extension of benefits for couples of the same sex," he said.

Securing such rights is "cutting-edge stuff. Any development in this area, especially in a place as close as Ontario, is going to have a ripple effect on legislation or ordinances being considered in this country," Mr. Bray said.

The Ontario government estimates that 700 of its 74,000 employees will take advantage of the new pension arrangements, adding roughly another \$840 million to the province's expenses.

However, the cost could be three or four times this amount if the Canadian government doesn't agree to broaden the definition of marriage contained in the federal income tax act, which is needed to qualify the new pension plans for tax-deferred status. Ontario said it plans to throw its weight behind a labor union's legal challenge to this federal statute.

-The Wall Street Journal

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CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE NOV. 13

The fifth annual Creating Change Conference of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is slated this year for November 13 through 15 in Los Angeles. Creating Change is the country's largest skills-building conference for gay and lesbian political activists and organizations, attracting over 1,000 participants last year.

The opening address will be given jointly by John Preston and Margaret Cerullo. Preston was co-founder of the first gay and lesbian community center in the U.S. and former editor of *The Advocate*. Cerullo is a professor at Hampshire College in Massachusetts, and has helped establish gay and lesbian studies programs.

The second plenary, "Voices of Leadership: Visions of Our Future," is a panel featuring: Phill Wilson, founder of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum; Valli Kanuba, deputy director for programs at Heirick-Martin Institute; Angukcuq (Richard La Fortune), co-founder of American Indian Gays and Lesbians in Minneapolis; and from San Antonio, Texas, Odilia Mendez, board member of the national Latina/o Lesbian & Gay Organization. Paul Monette, author of *Borrowed Time and Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story* will deliver the closing address.

Creating Change will feature over 80 workshops addressing the critical issues facing the gay and lesbian community. Some specific workshops include: "Fascism in America"; "The Impact of Election '92: The War on Gay and Lesbian Art, Queer Sex—Blurring Boundaries, and Grief, Anger and the Politics of AIDS. Special focus tracks include: Fundraising, Direct Action, Skills Building for Activists of Color, International Gay & Lesbian Organizing, and Arts and Culture.

Like last year, there will be three all-day organizing institutes held prior to the Creating Change Conference. The Campus Institute will be for student activists. The Diversity Training Institute will help activists build effective coalitions and create and strengthen multi-cultural organizations.

Limited scholarship assistance is offered to low-income activists who wish to attend Creating Change '92. For more information about the conference or for a scholarship application, contact Catherine Cater, Conference Coordinator, NGLTF, 1734 14th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009-4309, (202) 332-6483.

WANTED FOR DC '93 PERFORMERS AND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Performers interested in performing at the April 25, 1993 March on Washington rally need to submit their promo kits by October 10, 1992. All promotional kits will be reviewed by rally co-producers Robin Tyler and Michelle Crone. Decisions will be made ASAP after the deadline. Materials and tapes should be mailed to: Michelle Crone, 486 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12201 or to Robin Tyler Productions, 15842 Chase St., North Hills, CA 91343 or faxed to 818-893-1593.

Volunteer sign language interpreters are needed for the rally and other March on Washington events. Interpreters who want to help the march by signing at the rally should contact Michelle Crone ASAP (518) 463-1051.

UFMCC OFFERS CHAPLAINS TO US MILITARY

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church (UFMCC) has asked the Pentagon to allow its ministers to serve as military chaplains.

UFMCC has asked the U.S. Defense Department to recognize UFMCC as a religious body that may endorse its clergy to become military chaplains. Rev. Dusty Pruitt, pastor of MCC Long Beach, CA, will be UFMCC's first applicant endorsed for appointment as a chaplain. If accepted, Rev. Pruitt will serve as a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves. She has sued the Army for discharging her in 1986 after she said publicly that she is a lesbian.

"We're here to serve notice to the military that we're entering a new phase of our fight," said Rev. Elder Troy Perry, UFMCC founder and moderator, said at a press conference in Dallas.

If the Pentagon refuses to assign UFMCC chaplains, Rev. Perry said the denomination will call upon several attorneys who have offered their services for free. "We are prepared to take it to the Supreme Court if necessary," he said.

In addition, UFMCC called upon the Defense Department to reverse its policy excluding gay and lesbian personnel from the U.S. armed forces.

"We confront this unjust policy as a matter of religious freedom," Rev. Elder Don Eastman said. "We see homosexuality as a natural variation within God's created order. It is part of the diversity to be accepted within our pluralistic society."

-Keeping in Touch

LESBIAN MOTHER WINS CUSTODY OF SON

A Travis County, Texas jury trial ended with a lesbian mother being awarded custody of her two and one-half year old son, who, she says, will continue to live with her and her domestic partner, an Austin policeman.

The jury of nine women and three men voted the mother custody of the child in a 10-2 vote, with two of the women jurors casting the dissenting votes.

The lawsuit was filed by a man once believed to be the child's biological father. According to testimony of the child's mother, the man brought suit and insisted on a jury trial hoping that lesbian issues would inflame a jury enough to award him custody even though he was not the father's biological father.

However, the mother's attorney, Linda Farin of Austin, Tex., explained that homophobic bias among jurors was essentially eliminated by her co-counsel, Austin attorney Diane Henson. Doing a nontraditional voir dire of prospective jurors, Henson elicited the jurors' responses through the use of an informal public opinion poll about current issues. Approximately one-third of the jurors were eliminated due to responses that indicated "homophobic" tendencies before they even knew what the case was about.

While the mother was awarded custody of her child and the man is not required to pay child support, the jury did grant the man visitation rights because of his longstanding relationship with the child. In addition, the lesbian mother's attorney's fees will be paid by the man.

LAVENDER LAW III

The National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA) is pleased to announce that the Lavender Law III, the bi-annual conference dedicated to lesbian, gay and AIDS legal issues will be held in Chicago, Illinois on October 23-25, 1992. Dedicated to educating lawyers, legal workers and law students in areas of concern to the lesbian and gay community, the conference typically attracts over 600 people from around the country.

The Lavender Law III Conference will begin on Friday, October 23, 1992 with AIDS Law Day and Family Law Day, with a keynote speaker and reception. On Saturday and on Sunday there will be speakers, seminars and roundtables. Sunday afternoon the NLGLA membership will hold their caucuses and regional meetings.

The conference site is the Mart Plaza Hotel, one of the city's newest hotels, with an indoor heated pool, exercise room and access to the jogging and walking paths along Lake Michigan. Lavender Law III plans to be a "family affair" with entertainment for both children and adults.

The NLGLA is the only national bar association focused on the rights of lesbians and gay men and on the welfare of lesbian and gay legal professionals. For further information, contact: NLGLA, Lavender Law III, P.O. Box 77130 National Capitol Station, Washington D. C. 20013, or leave your name and address at (202)389-1061.

FRENCH POLICE ATTACK DEMONSTRATORS

The International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) protested at the Mexican Embassy in Paris against the brutal murders of 5 gay activists in Mexico City. French riot police (CRS) injured 9 people who were protesting outside the Mexican Embassy in the rue de Longchamp.

The 5 gay men, including leading gay and AIDS activist Dr. Francisco Estrada Valle of the organization Ave de Mexico, were tied to chairs, stabbed and strangled. Their bodies were discovered in two apartments on Tuesday, July 14 by the police.

Following the announcement of this news the ILGA decided to protest outside the Mexican Embassy. After the first demonstrators arrived, riot police blocked the street and refused entrance to other protesters. While a delegation of 4 ILGA members from Mexico and Peru were speaking to the Mexican Ambassador, 1200 riot police surrounded the 200 protesters and carried out a brutal charge, injuring 9 people.

ILGA is a world-wide federation of 300 lesbian and gay organizations from 50 countries in all continents.

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Alternate test site at Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tues

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Corp,** 2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-8471

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

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

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Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery) 7pm,
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medicine, supplies by mail., 1-800-677-4323

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1201 S. 42, Omaha 68105 (402) 444-6875

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Center, 4600 Valley, 483-
1872

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NIEMALS WIEDER (NEVER AGAIN)

"Niemals Wieder" (Never Again). Are these words, shouted in anger, just words? Or do we really understand their meaning?

During the Nazi regime of Europe, homosexuals were the first of many groups to be sent to the first concentration camps, such as Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Due to paragraph 175, which made sodomy illegal, and was later expanded to include all homosexual acts, up to 15,000 people were imprisoned and/or exterminated. All this was done with the blessings of the judicial system, and the blind eyes of Europe and North America. Not only that, but for more than twenty years after the war, we were subject to re-imprisonment just because of our sexual orientation. (*Hidden From History*, pg. 373 and 375)

Today the persecution and extermination continues. Although the methods have changed, the "final solution" remains as a specter, lurking behind the mask of AIDS.

For more than fifteen years now, the world has sat back and watched us die, never offering to help because, "It's not our problem."



Well, it is "our" problem. It has affected everyone on this planet in one way or another. HIV now infects a new person every 3 1/2 minutes. It took 9 years for the first 100,000 U.S. residents to die of AIDS, and it is estimated that it will take just over 5 years for the second 100,000 to die. (NVN Aug 92)

Why was nothing done at the onset of this horror, that is making the Black Plague of the middle ages look like a mild case of the sniffles? Why is nothing still being done?

I am too young to remember the original pink triangles, but I can see their ghosts crying for justice in the face of every HIV/AIDS patient I care for.

The world must wake up, we must remember before it is too late.

-The Source

"TAKE THE NEXT STEP" WALK-A-THON WILL BENEFIT NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

On Sunday, October 18, people from all over the metropolitan area will join together to support AIDS care and education in Nebraska. In a 10-kilometer walk through scenic Fairacres, Memorial Park, and Dundee neighborhoods, walkers will share in the fun of taking the next step...together.

Honorary co-chairs for the event are Dr. Mark Horton, Director Nebraska Department of Health, and Margaret Bumann, Reporter for KETV Channel 7.

Both walkers and volunteers may sign up sponsors by asking friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to pledge as much as they can per mile or per volunteer hour. Sponsors should be asked to pay at the same time they make their pledge. All checks should be made payable to NAP Walk-a-thon.

For every \$5 of pledge money you raise, you will receive one chance to win valuable prizes—gift certificates, merchandise, and more! Raise \$75 or more and receive a free Walk-a-thon T-shirt! Bring pledge sheets, donations, and enthusiasm to the Omaha Community Playhouse on October 18.

You may also register the day of the event by making a donation of \$15 to join the Walk-a-thon. You also will receive 3 chances to win prizes! You must be present to win! A grand prize will be awarded to the person who raises the most money.

Late registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., followed by an aerobic warm-up time. Opening ceremonies will be at 8:45 a.m. and the Walk-a-thon will begin at 9:00 a.m. The prize drawings and closing ceremonies will be at 11:00 a.m. We will walk rain or shine!

If you are unable to attend, mail your pledge sheets and/or donations to NAP, 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha, NE 68105 by November 1, 1992.

For more information, please contact the Nebraska AIDS Project at (402) 342-4233.

BIKERS PEDALED NAP'S MESSAGE

from NAP NEWS

Ever wonder what happened to the two young women who rode their bicycles from Omaha to San Francisco in a fund-raiser we called BRAIDS (Bicycle Ride for AIDS)? So did we, until one of the cyclists, Cheryl Jenneret, came back to Omaha this summer.

Seems she and Terri Peleska found California so inviting that they settled in San Diego. Cheryl left San Diego this summer to explore new paths, but Terri remains.

Cheryl tells us that she and Terri made it to San Francisco, safe and sound, in a mere five weeks. They averaged 75 miles per day.

Our thanks to Cheryl and Terri, who raised \$600 for NAP and talked to people across the country about AIDS and NAP.

QUILT RETURNS TO DC OCTOBER 9 - 11

In the early dawn hours of October 9, 1992, five years after the first 1,920 panels of the Quilt were displayed at the *March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights*, the AIDS Memorial quilt will be displayed - in its entirety - at the steps of our nation's capitol.

But instead of 26,000 Americans to remember there will be close to 200,000. And instead of 1,920 panels, there will be over 20,000.

Indeed, the enormity of the first display will be dwarfed by a display in October that will be 10 times as large - illustrating, as no statistics can, the enormous toll that AIDS has cost in human lives.

Why bring the entire Quilt back to Washington? Because the Quilt can, and must, play a vital role in bringing national attention to an epidemic that is increasingly treated by the media and our government as "old news."

When the NAMES Project was founded in the summer of 1987, one of the most important goals was...to illustrate the enormity of the epidemic by showing the humanity behind the statistics.

This was done constantly over the past four years through over 600 displays of the Quilt in schools, convention centers, museums, airports, government buildings and churches.

And at each of these displays the Quilt has worked in its unique way to educate visitors about the realities of AIDS and motivate individuals to take positive action in their communities, and along the way, raised over \$1,000,000 for hundreds of AIDS organizations around the country.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: NUNSENSE

Those who missed the July and August performances of *Nonsense* produced by Empty S Productions will have another chance to see this delightful show.

Five shows are scheduled for mid-October starting Thursday, Oct. 15 running through Sunday, Oct. 18. Showtime Thursday through Saturday will be 8:00 p.m. Sunday two performances are scheduled: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. All performances will be at the Circle Theatre. Tickets are \$10 each, and as before, the proceeds will go towards bring the NAMES Project Quilt to Omaha in December. You can reserve tickets by calling (402) 291-6781.

Let's hear it for the resurrection of the Nuns!

NEBRASKA QUILT DISPLAY OPEN MEETING

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt—Nebraska Display is approaching rapidly. To finish up preparations, there will be a general meeting, open to the public, to discuss the details of the display (times, activities, special needs such as signers, hosts for Friday, participation in the ceremonies by community groups, etc.), and the staffing needs for the workshops as well as the three days of the display.

Please plan to attend this meeting to be held October 21, 7:00 p.m., at 1st Central Congregational Church at 36 & Hamey. For more information, call the Quilt Display Committee at (402) 291-6781.

But few can argue that the most dramatic and visible displays have been the three displays of the entire Quilt on the mall in Washington D.C. The Quilt's dramatic year-to-year growth served as a national reminder of the growing toll that AIDS had taken - and for each of us, a personal memorial to those we have lost.

The decision to cease these enormous displays was based on a grim reality best illustrated by the displays themselves - that the Quilt had simply become too large.

Yet, the question asked is "will we ever go back to Washington?" It is a question that has weighed more heavily in the past year as we have seen the epidemic slip off the front pages - and as the statistics continue to grow.

We all recognize the Quilt as a unique visual symbol - a symbol that eloquently illustrates the fact that AIDS is not a disease of statistics but of human lives. We also realized that the AIDS epidemic has not gone away and that the need for action is more urgent now than ever. But how can this message be heard?

For an increasing number of our friends, panel makers and supporters, the answer is clear - bring the entire Quilt once again to Washington, D.C. and make this display an unforgettable historic event which will -

Memorialize...those we have lost.
Offer hope...to those who are living.
Honor...those who have made a difference, and

Motivate...those who have yet to join the fight against AIDS.

WORLD AIDS DAY- DECEMBER 1, 1992

The fourth annual World AIDS Day will be observed on December 1st of this year.

The theme of this year's World AIDS Day - *Community Commitment* - is designed to emphasize the pivotal role communities can and must play in taking up the global AIDS challenge.

As in past years, the NAMES Project has made available a simple Quilt display package to facilitate inclusion of the Quilt in World AIDS Day observances in a variety of facilities. Past sponsors of World AIDS Day Quilt displays have included museums, art galleries, hospitals, businesses and religious institutions. In 1991, over 60 communities across the U.S. incorporated a Quilt display in their activities.

BRIEFLY NOTED-ONE LIFE TO LIVE

The Quilt was prominently featured in a segment of the ABC soap opera *One Life to Live* in early fall. The story line follows the responses of family and community members to a character's illness and death from AIDS. The story line culminated with a Quilt display in the community.

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LOCAL NEWS

RED RIBBONS ALSO USED AS SYMBOL OF DRUG FREE AMERICA

When you see a red ribbon, remember it has at least two meanings.

For the last several months, OMEN (Omaha Men) have had displays of red ribbons at all the Omaha bars and at most events. The ribbons signify AIDS Awareness and the money collected is donated for AIDS related causes. However, red ribbons are also used in October in a national campaign for the creation of a DRUG FREE AMERICA. The Red Ribbon campaign originated when Federal Agent Enrique Camerena was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. The Red Ribbon became the symbol to eliminate the demand for drugs. The Heartland Youth Initiative is sponsoring the Omaha Metropolitan Area's participation in the Fifth National Red Ribbon Campaign. The RED RIBBON symbolizes a commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle...no use of any illegal drug and no illegal use of a legal drug. The campaign runs from October 16-26, 1992. This year's theme is "The Way to Be, Drug Free." For more information, contact PRIDE-Omaha, Inc., 3534 S. 108, Omaha, NE 68144 (402) 397-3309.

NEWS FROM ICON

by Carla

Throw off that Halloween costume and grab a bag of canned goods and head for The MAX. Sunday, November 1, is the Food for Thought Show! Proceeds from the show will be used to provide Thanksgiving baskets for PWA's and food for the MCC-O Food Pantry. Food for Thought is being planned and hosted by our Monarchs: Phoenix, Tami, and Steve. We'll have turkeys to be raffled and an evening full of surprises. Join us at 9:30 p.m. at The MAX. You'll be glad you did.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! You were just great! ICON thanks each and everyone of you for all that you did to make the Labor Day fund raisers such a success! We're not able yet to give you a final tally on the profits, but I can tell you at least a little: MCC-O raised \$200 in their bake sale, ANGLE raised over \$225 at the Food Booth, the small raffles brought in over \$600, the auctioned items brought in over \$125. That's \$1,150 at least that we'll be splitting between the Nebraska AIDS Project and the American Cancer Society. The cash prizes went to John S. Dean M., and TV. Congratulations to all of you!

Til next month, see you in court!

OCTOBER PANIC

October at the Panic, 200 S. 18, in Lincoln, will be an exciting time, start to finish. The fun begins with drink specials all week long, and with the 3 Penny Revue on Friday Nights from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. For a 3 cent cover charge you will be treated to live Theater, Music, and Drag. On October 4, Country Nite at the Panic features country singer Linda Mackey. October 22 brings comedian and puppeteer Jerry Halliday to the stage at the Panic. Then, on October 25, it's the 9th annual Beauty and the Beast Pageant. For details on the pageant, contact the Panic. The month draws to a screaming halt with "Nightmare on N Street", the Panic's super Halloween Bash. For the best there is, join the crowd at the Panic!

SIoux CITY

"NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR" AWARD

Blackjack, a Garth Brooks impersonator at 3 Cheers, was voted Newcomer of the Year at the 1992 Lipsies Award Night in Sioux City on Saturday, August 29, hosted by Princess Celeste. *The Progress Tribune* also received an award for community service.

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"Street Fair"

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Please join us in an effort to blend all segments of society into one which accepts and celebrates the diversity of all people.

Join us in celebrating humanity!

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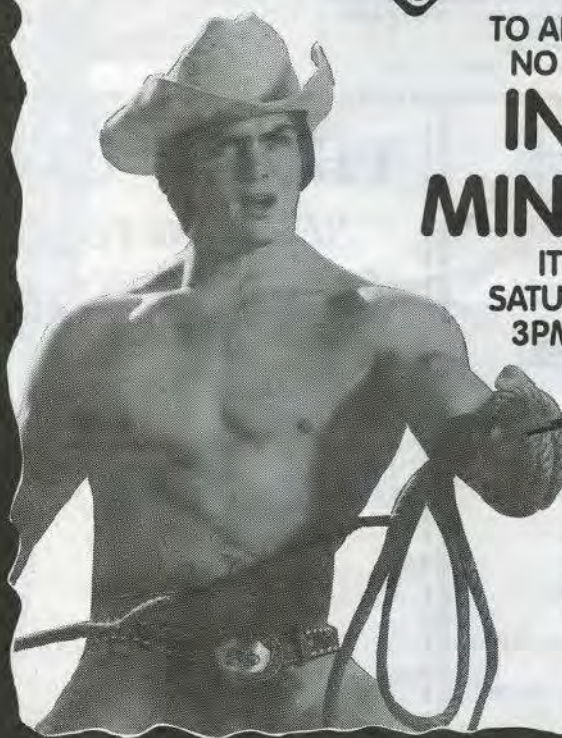
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CHEER FOR DC's**

**They'll need your support
and a lot of luck!**

LOCAL NEWS

REAL MEGAMIX SHOW

Those of you who attended the ICON picnics for the Fourth of July and Labor Day are already familiar with the talents of Andre Makell who, as Andy Melvin's Frantic Mix, provided the music for the picnics. Billing himself as The Real Megamix Show, Andre arrives with a truck full of sound equipment, sound boards, set up equipment, records and compact discs. His music covers the time span from the 40's to the present day, though he seems at his best with hard driving rock, blues, and disco.

Andre is gentle person, who has a ready smile and a willingness to sort through hundreds of records to find just the number that you wanted. A tip of the hat to Andre, who donated his time and talent for the Fourth of July Picnic and to Tami, Athena IV, and her Royal Family who chipped in to meet Andre's expenses for the Labor Day Picnic.

If you'd like more information on The Real Megamix Show, contact Andre Makell at 455-9591.

DC'S HOSTS PIG ROAST

October events at DC's include a Pig Roast on October 4 from 5-9pm. Proceeds from this event will go to the Ice Bowl Regional Bowling Tournament planned for the weekend of February 14, 15, 16. On Halloween DC's will celebrate by hosting a costume party. As always, for the best in Country and Leather, come to DC's.

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

It's fall and the bowlers have returned to the Sky Lanes at the Center. 21 teams are competing for trophies, prize money and glory in this year's league.

At the end of the second week of bowling, familiar names are emerging but they are being joined by some newcomers in the battle for high score. Darwyn Buechler has made a clean sweep of men's high scratch game (244), series (673), and average (224.3). Norma Nelson holds all three titles among the women with a high scratch game of 207, a 497 series, and an average of 165.6. Other high scorers are Rick Fancy with a 207 game, Bob Andresen with a 203, Jim Vajrt with a 557 series and a 185.6 average, and Les Erickson with a 546 series and an average of 182. E. Mueller is showing her high scoring ways again with a high game of 165, a 466 series, and an average of 155.3. Lisa Broadway is among the high scorers with a 171 game, as is Donna Hoden with a 427 series and a 142.3 average.

The high handicap games are held by City Lickers with a 776, Eight Balls with a 744, and Gilligans Pub 2 with a 686. The high team series are held by Eight Balls with a 2044, City Lickers with a 2033, and Gilligans Pub 2 with a 1992.

Full League Standings are as follows:

	Won	7	Lost	0
1. Running Rebels	7	0		
2. Gilligan's 1	7	0		
3. Eight Balls	5	2		
4. Ernie's Bookstore	5	2		

5. Enterprise Rent a Car	5	2
6. Stosh's Saloon	5	2
7. Church Ladies	5	2
8. Stosh's Saloon Outlaws	5	2
9. Delivery Boys	5	2
10. 3 Guys & a Babe	5	2
11. Gilligans Pub 2	4	3
12. City Lickers	3	4
13. DC's	2	5
14. Jokers	2	5
15. Team 6	2	5
16. Maximum Force One	2	5
17. Lincoln Whores	2	5
18. Gay Caballeros	2	5
19. Wild Boys	2	5
20. D.C. Babes	2	5
21. Dorothy's Friends	0	7
22. Vancany	0	7

MR DC'S LEATHER/ MR DC'S WESTERN Contest October 18

DC's will host the third annual Mr. DC's Leather and Mr. DC's Western contests on October 18 at 9 p.m.

Entries are due at DC's with the \$25 entry fee no later than October 11. More complete information is available at DC's, 1019 S. 10.

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Fri., October 23 at 8:00 pm
Sat., October 24 at 8:00 pm
Sun., October 25 at 7:30 pm

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October 9th. Dirty Dance Contest 11p.m.

October 11th. Tasha DeVore 10p.m. \$3.
" I'm Coming Out "

October 14th. Dart Tournament 7p.m.
\$5.00 ENTRY FEE. WINNER TAKE ALL!

October 18th. Singles Pool
Tournament 5p.m.
\$5.00 ENTRY FEE. WINNER TAKE ALL!

October 25th. Brunch 10a.m.-2p.m.
\$6.95 per person

October 31st. Halloween Costume
Contest 12 mid.

1st. \$50.-2nd. \$35.-3rd. \$25.
Best New Drag \$50.

CELEBRATE "NATIONAL COMING OUT" AT CLUB 2001.
OPENING SATURDAY & SUNDAY NOW AT 2:P.M.

LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

The third annual benefit for Nebraska PWA Emergency Relief Fund was held Sunday, August 9, at the MAX. Wayne Tietzert, General Manager of the MAX, Don Flowers, Velvet, and Gloria Revelle hosted this most important benefit. Special thank you's are in order for all of the male and female impersonators who gave of their time and talent to perform for this worthy cause. This show featured some of Omaha's brightest and biggest talents. Again thank you to the hosts, the performers, and to all who were involved. NAP staff and clients greatly appreciate your support and the support of the gay and lesbian community.

Bob Power and the American Red Cross have done it again with their Six Hours Of Volleyball Excitement—SHOVE 92. This year's sand volleyball gala was held Saturday, August 15, from 10am to 5pm at Racquetball of Omaha. Unfortunately, (once again), the NAP team OVER IT, did not make it to the winner's court, but those who played had a wonderful time. Thank you to Bob, teams that played, and all the wonderful sponsors. Thanks to you the goal of \$3600 was surpassed and makes next year's goal even more challenging.

Barbara Hansen of Kearney has been hired as a Case Manager/Care Coordinator through the Nebraska AIDS Project. NAP submitted a proposal to the State Health Department and was granted the monies through money allocated to the state by Ryan White Title II funding. Barbara will be focusing on establishing health care

providers for the Kearney, Hastings, and Grand Island areas. She will be obtaining a list of doctors, dentists, therapists, etc., who are willing to provide services to persons with HIV and AIDS. In addition to those responsibilities she will also provide Case Management to persons in central Nebraska who are living with HIV or AIDS. We are very pleased to add Barbara to the Nebraska AIDS Project Staff and to further expand and solidify our services across the state of Nebraska. Barbara's office is located in Kearney at the office of the State Department of Health. She can be reached at (308) 234-8183. The counties she will be serving are: Adams, Buffalo, Clay, Hall, Hamilton, Howard, Kearney, Merrick, and Sherman.

NAP Case Management Census August, 1992	
Open Cases as of 8/1/92	195
New Cases	16
Clients Deceased	6
Cases Closed	11
End Total as of 8/31/92	194
Client Services Provided in August, 1992	
Advocacy	208
Transportation	131
Shopping, Cooking, Sitting, Etc	120

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 Audrey for an application: 800-782-2437

OMAHA GAY/LESBIAN STUDENT GROUP ACTIVE

The Gay and Lesbian Student Organization (GLSO) has reorganized and will begin meeting on a regular basis in October. The group is open to all students of all ages. GLSO will meet the first and third Sundays of each month during the school year. Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Downtown Grounds Coffee House at 1117 Jackson, Omaha, NE 68102.

For more information on GLSO, please write to the group at:
GLSO
Box 8171
Omaha, NE 68108

NEW MEN'S CHORUS FORMS IN DES MOINES

from *GLB AMES NEWSLETTER*
Marvin Mason of Des Moines has announced the formation of the Central Iowa Men's chorus. Drake University music and voice instructor, Jeffrey Jones is the director.

The chorus plans to have three concerts per year, featuring traditional choral music.

Anyone interested in singing in the chorus or supporting its activities financially may call Marvin at (515) 244-6615 or write to Central Iowa's Men's Chorus, 2500 Pleasant St., Des Moines, IA 50312.

Be a Patron of the Quilt

You can be a part of bringing the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to Omaha Dec. 4-6. By sponsoring the cost of Quilt blocks, walkways, security or an hour of rent for Omaha Civic Auditorium, individuals and groups can help defray much of the cost.

Costs needed to be covered:

- 650 feet of tubing to hang blocks, at \$5 for 100 feet
- 2,300 feet of walkway, at \$10.50 for 50 feet
- 133 blocks, at \$26.28 each
- Security, at \$35 a night
- 3 days of rent, at \$41.67 an hour

Yes, I'd like to be a Patron of the Quilt.

I'd like to sponsor:

_____ block(s) at \$ _____

_____ feet of walkway at \$ _____

_____ hour(s) of Arena rent at \$ _____

_____ feet of tubing at \$ _____

_____ night(s) of security, at \$ _____

I'd like to make a donation: \$ _____

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Make checks payable to NAP Quilt Display. Send to: Quilt Patrons, 3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, Neb. 68105 **DUE BY OCT. 25**

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LOCAL NEWS

OCTOBER AT THE MAX

By Gloria Revelle

One of the biggest nights at The MAX is Halloween Night and this year you're in luck. It falls on a Saturday! It's the biggest Halloween Party in the Midwest and this year we're adding after hours until 4 a.m. Start getting your costume together because we always have the best prizes.

She's not just heavy, brother, she's on the line to help raise money. She's Velvet and she's raising money for A.N.G.L.E.'s Gay and Lesbian Phone Line. On Sunday, October 4, she'll be hosting the Phone Line Show which will also feature Roxie, Melissa, Shanna, Gloria, Rollerina Wanda, Tangerine, and special guest, Teal Ashton, from Manhattan, Kansas. It sounds terrific!

The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will again be in Nebraska this winter. The MAX will host it's biggest benefit show. Any groups or organizations interested in being part of the show are asked to attend an organizational meeting at The MAX on Thursday, October 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Dietra Snow is on her way to compete in the Miss Gay America Finals in Dallas, Texas. But, before she goes, help send her on her way by attending her show on Sunday, October 11. Dietra is one of the Midwest's finest performers and we're sure she'll do Nebraska proud in Dallas. The MAX extends good luck wishes to Sammi Bennett, the first runner up to Dietra. Sammi and Dietra will make a great team. Go get 'em!

It's the fourth annual Miss Gay Omaha Contest on Sunday, October 18. Past Miss Gay Omaha's, Phoebe Tate and Jennifer Lett, are the promoters of this year's contest. Who'll be next? Be at the MAX and find out.

The MAX always brings the best, brightest, and biggest stars. Direct from Las Vegas, it is Jerry Halliday, puppeteer and comedian. Don't miss this one of a kind entertainer. The show will feature caricatures of your favorite Hollywood legends. It all begins at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 25.

It's back. Underwear Night 10 will be on Thursday, October 22. They just keep getting bigger and better — the parties, that is. Who'll be doing what to whom and where? Put on your best briefs and find out.

Happy Hour is the best time of the day. It's even more exciting at the MAX with Steve and his daily specials. Don't forget our weekly Fiesta on Thursdays. Fiesta Thursdays features \$1.00 Margaritas, Corona Specials, Tequila Sunrises, Carver Shots, and, beginning at 9:00 p.m., all the Chips and Salsa you can wash down.

It's always better when you take it to The MAX!!

CITIZENS FOR EQUAL PROTECTION CELEBRATE WITH A STREET FAIR

CITIZENS FOR EQUAL PROTECTION, a task force for the civil rights of lesbians and gays, is sponsoring a "Street Fair" in celebration of **NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY** on Sunday, October 11, 1992 at Elmwood Park from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. There will be **Music, Food, Games, Booths, and Speakers.**

Please join us in an effort to blend all segments of society into one which accepts and celebrates the diversity of all people. Join us in celebrating humanity!!

INTRODUCING

JAMIE ANDERSON

by Winsome Productions

Jamie Anderson will perform in Lincoln October 24. Anderson came out in 1976 and is wonderfully open in song. An evening of Anderson's music is an antidote for an accumulation of day to day homophobia. As the *Women's Press* in San Luis Obispo says, "Jamie sings proudly of her lesbian nature and uses humor, wit, and tenderness to get her point across."

As a performer Anderson is described as funny and warm; a good musician who can hold her audience with her ability to be personable. Her voice is described as a wonderful, colorful alto, clear and sweet, but strong.

In 1991 Anderson showed up among Hot Wire readers' choices: favorite new performer, current album *Closer to Home* and current song *The Wedding Song*. Anderson released a third album, *Center of Balance*, this spring which includes an ensemble sing "No closet for me..."

Anderson's music is varied and ranges across topical songs, *Sleeping on Sidewalks at Central and Thomas...*, satire, *Why Do These Straight Girls Look So Bitch to Me?*; and love songs, *The Strength I Fell in Love with Is the Strength That Helps Me Grow*.

On October 25, Anderson will offer a workshop on women's humor titled "Women Who Laugh Too Much and the Women Who Love Them." Workshop arrangements will be announced at the concert or you may call 435-3100 for information.

Anderson's concert will be October 24 at the Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, at 8:00 p.m. Concert admission is \$5, \$6, \$7 — pay as you are able. Proceeds will go to the performer and the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center.

MCC-O NEWS: CHURCH DEDICATION IS OCT. 25

by Carla

You are invited to join us as we celebrate the dedication of our new building the weekend of October 23-25. The founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, Rev. Elder Troy Perry will be with us to join in the celebration. Call the church office for details regarding the dedication celebration or check the ad on page 18.

October promises to be a busy month for us as we prepare for the dedication; however, several other activities are on tap for the friends and members of MCC-O as well. We begin a study of intercessory prayer the second Thursday of the month. This will run for six Thursdays. On Fridays Rev. Howard will be finishing a membership class that began in September. Regular attendance has jumped from 65 to 96 in the Morning Worship Service since our move from the building at 420 S. 24th.

Mid-October a mini-conference is being held here, sponsored by our District Laity Committee. The conference is the third in a series of three focusing on "Family Building." Registration information is available in the Church Office for interested individuals.

We invite each of you in the community to join us for these and any other MCC-O activities and services. Until next month, that's it from my pew. See you in church!

THE ARBOR MOON

By Wally

The Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore is now open Mondays and Wednesdays from 12 to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Several new things are emerging. Eleven people attended planning for a nonprofit women's resource center. Now three are meeting to apply for nonprofit tax status for a center to serve all Lincoln wombyn. This is a first step to establish a wombyn's space. With nonprofit status, we hope to add a newsletter, recovery and resource center, political activism, entertainment, and a women's endowment association. There's talk of establishing at least one night a month for wombyn's coffeehouse night. Watch for notices of time and place or give Wally a call at (402) 489-4634. For great fall reading, check out The Arbor Moon • Located in The Gathering Place, 1448 "E" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

CHORUS NOTES

by David Brady

The River City Mixed Chorus started rehearsing for its ninth season with 47 singing members — an increase of about ten over last year's chorus! Coming off the wonderful experience we had at GALA IV and with so many new singing members, we're very excited about this concert season. We hope to see many of you at our first concert, January 16. John Bennett has returned as director of RCMC. This is John's second year with the Chorus, and he has great talent to share with us and with you. Welcome back, John! The Omaha community will see a chorus that continues to grow in size and musical ability. This is going to be a great year! We're looking forward to performing for you.

GILLIGAN'S PLACES SECOND IN ST. LOUIS

The 1992 Gilligan's Bowling Team walked away with all the glory in the St. Louis Classic Invitational Bowling Tournament as they took second place in the Team competition and team member, Gloria, took first place in the Women's Scratch Game competition. Winners were:

- Gloria - 1st - High Women's Scratch Game
- 2nd - Team
- 5th - Doubles
- 7th - All Events
- Elyse - 2nd - Team
- 5th - Doubles
- 26th - All Events
- Rich - 2nd - Team
- 27th - All Events
- Scott - 2nd Team

SIoux CITY--3 CHEERS

During October, 3 Cheers will present the First Annual Black & White Extravaganza entitled "Puttin' On The Ritz". This Gay-la evening of fun, friends, fantastic talent (including a one-act comedy), and a King and Queen Coronation. Also in October, Miss 3 Cheers, Aramis, will travel to compete in the Miss Gay Iowa-America Pageant. The staff of 3 Cheers wish her the best of luck. Also during October, the Wednesday night drink special features pitchers of Beer or Pop for \$2.00 from 9-10pm and for \$2.50 from 10-11pm.

LOCAL NEWS

ALL'S FAIR

Six years ago during the gay pride festival, a play named *Stright to the Point* premiered at the UNO theater. Two months later, it was re-staged for two weekends at The MAX. Now, another play by the same author, Gary Eilts, and filled with similar characters is premiering at the Grande Olde Player's new theater at 2339 N. 90th St. in Omaha.

The show opens October 16 and continuing for two weekends: Friday and Saturday show time is 8:00 p.m., Sunday show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for opening night and \$8 for all other performances. The show runs through October 25.

This new story centers around the Abogar Dance Theater, Inc. who has inherited an old theater on the condition they raise the money to remodel it. The day before the Grand Opening, all manner of strange happenings seem to be working against the dance company.

A raging comedy, *All's Fair* is also a story about gay people, both real and imagined.

All's Fair features the talents of The Abogar Dance Theater founded and choreographed by Michael Micek II and several Omaha area performers! Call 397-5262 or 558-9449 for tickets and further information.

The Abogar Dance Theatre, Inc., (ADT) is an Omaha-based nonprofit organization with a voluntary Board of Directors. The main focus of the group is to enhance and advocate education concerning and the performance of the art of dance in Omaha and the surrounding areas. ADT is designed to create dance events that include and support area choreographers and dancers. Fund raisers and rehearsals are on-going for this promising production. If you are interested in ADT, write or call for more information: The Abogar Dance Theatre, Inc., 6324 Blondo St., Omaha, NE 68104, (402) 558-9449.

ICE BOWL '93

This past month has been a busy one for all of us on the Ice Bowl Tournament Committee. We have been holding fundraisers at The MAX, DC's, Sky Lanes, and The Run. As of this writing, we have \$2,454.50 towards our goal of \$10,000. We have a long road ahead of us.

October fundraisers will include a pig roast October 4 at DC's from 4-9. October 18, we will hold a Beer Bust with food at The Run from 7-9. Also to be held in late October (date to be announced) will be a Karaoke Contest at Gilligan's.

As of this date, we have given away four free entries with the recipients from Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Louis, and Houston.

Our October meetings are as follows:

Fundraising:	Oct. 6	DC's	7pm
	Oct. 13	Diamond	7 pm
	Oct. 20	The MAX	7 pm
	Oct. 27	Gilligan's	7pm
General:	Oct. 4	The MAX	5:30
	Oct. 18	DC's	6 pm

In November, we have some fun things planned to raise funds, so be on the lookout for future announcements. Also remember to show up Sunday's at 3:00 p.m. for bowling at Sky Lanes. Come and cheer your favorite team on.

Until next month!

KATE CLINTON APPEARS IN OMAHA

Kate Clinton began performing her political comedy in 1981, the same year as Ronald Reagan. This disparate duo brought about a deregulation of comedy in the United States! Like Reagan, she has built her success on breaking the rules. Her fast paced, cutting edge performance skewers political egos and shreds taboos.

Clinton, always an authority on Bush, sees comedy as a bawdy politic. The laughter she evokes is less a machine gun staccato outburst and more a rolling, building laughter of fading fears and connections made. It's hard to be dominatrix in a kinder, gentler nation, so her comedy is more stand-with that stand-up. Clinton draws on her recovering catholic roots, years of high school English teaching, and calls her brand of satire and humor "serious stuff."

Clinton has emerged as a national force in comedy outside those traditional male-dominated bastions that club comedy—the comedy clubs. Her humor is a rollicking reminder of the other side of things, a witty yes in the land of no. From her beginnings in small coffeehouses and gay clubs, Kate today routinely sells out concert halls

and clubs throughout the country. In 1990 she performed before 100,000 from the Majestic Theatre, Boston of the World Theatre, St. Paul; from the Back Stage, Seattle to the Center Stage, Atlanta; from the Bottom Line in NYC to the Great American Music Hall, San Francisco.

Kate has led grizzled comedy critics from major dailies to call her a political satirist whose "insight and irreverence know no limit", "wit travels at the speed of light", "monologue takes the audience laughing to the point of exhaustion". She is "razorsharp", "celebratory" and "outrageously earthy."

Kate Clinton marks her tenth year of performing professionally with a national tour of over forty cities celebrating the release of a brand new fourth album, aptly titled *Babes in Joyland!* Join her on tour and disc as she gallops through the Joyland Theme park; rubbernecking on the Planet of the Geys, getting scared straight in a Gender DeTox, and flailing away at a Mom Pinata in Familyland.

Kate Clinton will appear at Joselyn Art Museum on October 30th. Tickets available at New Realities.

NATIONAL PFLAG CONVENTION REPORT

By Neva Cozine

This is how the *Seattle Gay News* reported the 11th International Conference of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays: "Mothers. Fathers. Children. Husbands. Wives. They're all convening in Seattle this week to discuss how natural and lovable we are from Sept. 4-7. Now there's an antidote to the Republican Convention."

It was a great antidote! Seeing all the dedicated and loving parents and friends was inspiring, and provided many resources and ideas to take home and use. There were workshops and speakers on homophobia, legislative action, spirituality, and many other topics.

A memorable event, for me was the Interfaith Service. The Seattle Gay and Lesbian Chorus sang, and different speakers provided inspiration. A woman spoke about how she was Catholic and how she was also lesbian. Standing before us, she said she truly felt at home with us—for the first time, she could be who she really was and not hide.

A workshop speaker was Rep. Cal Anderson, the only openly gay legislator in Washington State. He talked about ways to impact the political process and stressed that writing the individual letter to legislators telling your story and asking for a response was an effective way of lobbying legislators. He also talked about how his being open prevented those against gay and lesbian rights from stereotyping gays and lesbians.

Especially notable at the convention were the parents from Oregon. They impressed on us how we are in a struggle for the lives of our children. They were determined that the constitutional amendment on the Oregon ballot not be passed—this amendment would require that every state agency at all levels of government in Oregon play an active role in setting a standard for Oregon's youth that says homosexuality is abnormal, unnatural, and perverse. This includes libraries, public broadcasting, and public facilities, among other things. Although many believe this amendment would be declared unconstitutional,

it would take years and much litigation, and the door would be opened for right wing groups to introduce this legislation in other states.

The last months before the elections are crucial. To insure funding so our side is heard, please send donations to: No on 9, Box 3343, Portland, OR 97208-3343.

Colorado is facing similar legislation to help the fight in Colorado, send donations to: EPOC, 1245 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80218.

Another aspect of the PFLAG conference was the process of strategic planning which is now going on for the organization. As growth occurs, changes need to be made. An example of this growth is the new PFLAG helpline (1-800-4FAMILY). The national headquarters expected about 6,000 calls per month. Last month there were 26,000 calls! Money for a new phone system (about \$15,000) was raised at the conference from donations from parents.

As part of the strategic planning, a new mission statement was proposed. It is:

"Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons, their families, and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy, and respectful of human beings."

This statement shows the continuing commitment of PFLAG to gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals. Quite a contrast to the Republican Convention. I don't know what the theme of the Republican Convention was—I'm not sure I want to know. But this year's PFLAG convention lived up to its theme: **LOVE IN ACTION; JOY IN DIVERSITY.**

LOCAL NEWS

CHILI COOKOFF PLANNED BY UNO G/L STUDENT GROUP

Sunday, October 18, 12:30 p.m., the MCC-O Social Hall will be the site of a fundraising Chili Cookoff sponsored by the newly reorganized G/L Student Organization at UNO. Entries in the Cookoff are being solicited from community organizations. Following their judging, the entries will be for sale. Here's an opportunity for the community to support a new and important group, and for those who haven't yet had an opportunity to see MCC-O's new building, here's your chance. MCC-O is located at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha. Entrance to the social hall is through the front doors and then down the stairs on the right or you can enter through the door on the southwest corner of the building. Get out those chili recipes and start cookin'.

DC-TV AT THE MAX

The Max was the setting for a very different type of show, August 30th. The DC'93 people got together to produce their own twisted version of cable TV. There were many channels to choose from including TNN (the Transvestite National Network) to VH-1 (Video Homo-1).

The show was hosted by Blake who, dressed in Amy's bear paw slippers and robe, sat lazily in front of the tube and flipped channels. The audience was treated to music videos from such local stars as Brandon and Inga, Sammi, Felice, Dietra, Tasha, Jennifer Jett, and Monica. They even managed to throw in the ever popular game show "Truth or Torture." Emperor Steve was certainly surprised when the whip was turned on him for missing that final round question. Makeup tips were presented on a mock Sally Jesse Raphael show where Inga got her share of "suggestions."

DC-TV owes a large thank you to Athena IV and her royal family for their help in passing out flyers, and participating in the show. Without the help of Athena's Royal Family there wouldn't have been a DC-TV show.

Intermixed with the festivities, some of today's more serious topics were discussed on GNN (of course, Gay News Network.) Politics are key with these DC'93 people, and let it all be known at the show. The highlights of the news programs were an interview with Amy and a great debate between Pat Phalen, representing the OCA, and Emerson Briney.

DC'93 would like to take this time to thank all of the performers, the audience, and most of all The Max for all of their help for our fall fundraiser. See you all at our January show where we will be giving away a trip for two to the march!! See a DC'93 rep for details!

1993 GAY/LESBIAN FAMILY CALENDARS

The 1993 Open "Days Together—A Celebration of Gay and Lesbian Families" Calendar, featuring the photography of Geoff Manasse, is available through the River City Mixed Chorus. The calendar contains professional black-and-white photos of gay and lesbian couples with their other family members.

The cost is \$12. \$2 of each sale will be donated to The Nebraska AIDS Project. Calendars can be purchased from any Chorus member or you can call Richard at 341-1371 or Harry at 345-7169.

A postage and handling fee of \$1.50 will be added to all mail orders.

MEATPACKERS & BABES TAKE TO THE STAGE AT THE MAX IN FOOLISH FOLLIES

It's Monday Night, Labor Day, 1992 at The MAX. The lights dim, the music starts, and the spotlight catches the entrance of a "vision" in red. This time it is not the famous red dress—it's red tights and red baby dolls topped by a red beard as Don Flowers prances across the stage to Madonna's *Like a Virgin*. Yes, it's Labor Day and the Foolish Follies are underway.

There were differences this year—only two of the Meatpackers (Don and Michael) and two of the Babes Behind Bars (Scott and Tracy) took to the stage. The Packettes were there, but only Sharon performed. Carla was kept from the stage by recurrent back problems. However, the Foolish Follies were complete thanks to the efforts of several good friends, such as Roxy who put aside her glamour and joined the Babes in their production numbers. Mac, Dietra, and Jennifer were there to help, as they always are when their talents are needed. They were joined by a relative newcomer, Kathy, who took to the stage with high energy dance routines.

However, the sentimental favorites of the evening were probably two of the MAX's own. Rusty took to the stage, sporting a wonderful full red beard to perform *Knock Three Times and It's Not Unusual*. Screams, squeals, and giggles were heard when "Wanda" took to the stage, with full wig, full mustache, short can skirt, and roller skated her way into the audience's heart. We have it on good authority (none other than Wayne, general manager of the MAX) that Wanda once taught free style roller skating in Council Bluffs and has won at least two awards.

"Foolish Follies" raised \$1573 for the P.W.A. Emergency Assistance Fund. This fund allows the Nebraska AIDS Project to provide direct assistance to Persons With AIDS who have emergency financial needs not covered by other programs.

OMAHA PLAYER'S CLUB

There is a new club in town, and they mean business. Their business entails education. The Omaha Player's Club is looking for people that are interested in learning more about the S/M, leather, fetish lifestyle. Emerson Briney and Amy Marie Meek have formed this organization after seeing a need in the area for information. Planned events include monthly meetings, workshops, demonstrations, play parties, and two annual larger functions. Anyone is welcome to attend our workshops and meetings. There are no play requirements, so don't be scared that you will be "made to do things." The most important lesson to be learned from this club is "SAFE, SANE, AND CONSENSUAL play." Please note that you must be of legal age to attend any of the aforementioned activities. For more info, call Amy at 451-9987, or Emerson at 342-3512.

CLUB 2001 IS THE PLACE TO BE IN OCTOBER

By Sheza Mann

Gary, Tim, Larry, and Bill would like to thank all who participated and came out in support during Club 2001's Grand Opening. Your participation made it a success. During Labor Day Weekend (Sunday the 6th) Club 2001 had a Beer Bust and Sloppy Joe Feed with \$2.00 donations. This event was well attended and \$20.00 was raised for the Nebraska AIDS Project and turned in at the Labor Day Festivities in Omaha on Monday the 7th. During the day at Club 2001, a football game broke out with the following players, Gene, Chris, Bonni, Lisa, Ralynn, Darline, Pam, Julie, Lori, Tammi, and Annie. Bubbles was the team's cheer leader, and Gary was in charge of first aid. The girls playing the game would like to see some guys join in at the next event. They promise not to mess your hair. One thing is certain, fun is had by all at Club 2001. Now on to up and coming events.

Yes, starting in October, Club 2001 is the place to be! On Fridays we will be serving free hors-d'oeuvres with the cocktail hour from 5-8. On the 4th, at 11pm you can get wet when we hook up to ole' hose for the Wet T-Shirt and Jockey Short contest. On the 9th, get down and close at 11pm for the Dirty Dance Contest in the Disco. October 11th come see Tasha DeVore break out of the closet in *I'm Coming Out* along with special guests at 10pm. On the 14th, for all you dart fans, we will be having a Dart Tournament starting at 7pm. \$5.00 entry fee, with WINNER TAKES ALL. No, we didn't forget you guys who like to shoot pool, cause on the 18th it's Singles Pool Tournament starting at 5pm. \$5.00 entry, with WINNER TAKES ALL. October 25th, starting at 10am and running till 2pm, we'll be serving Brunch for \$6.95 per person with all you can eat. And to close out the month, come out, come out, where ever you are, for the Halloween Costume Contest. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be given away when judging takes place at 12 midnight.

Dance in the Disco Thursday through Saturday to the hottest sounds in the Mid-west starting at 9pm.

On Sundays come out for a Flash From the Past, and dance in the Disco to classics from the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's. Pop, Rock, Country, Jazz, Blues, and Big Band at 9pm. It's a night of swing at Club 2001.

Don't forget every Tuesday is Country night with dance lessons at 9pm.

Come out early for the daily drink specials running all week long and for you football fans, come out and watch the game. We'll be having touchdown specials and will open early for these events.

KEARNEY HIV SUPPORT GROUP NOT ACTIVE

The Kearney area HIV/AIDS Support Group is not actively meeting on a regular schedule at the present time. Interested persons should call Sharon at 308-234-8709 to establish need. She also has information on meetings in surrounding areas.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, October 1

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 558-5303

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

SATURDAY, October 3

Coalition 1st Sat Event, "Lesbian/Gay History" 7-10pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln

SUNDAY, October 4

Ice Bowl Invitational Tourney, General Mtg, 5:30pm, The MAX 1417 Jackson, Omaha

"Pig Roast" Benefit for Ice Bowl Tournament, DC's, 1019 S. 10th, Omaha, 5-9pm

Gay/Lesbian Student Org, Box 8171, Omaha, NE 68108 7pm, Downtown Grounds Coffee House, 1117 Jackson, Omaha All are welcome!

"Country Nite" featuring Country singer, Linda Mackey, The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln

Lutherans Concerned, 7pm, Kountze Memorial 2650 Farnam, Omaha, 345-4080 or 453-7137

"Wet Tee Shirt and Jockey Short Contest" at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Rd, Lincoln, 11pm

Velvet Hosts "Phone Line Benefit Show", 9:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha

MONDAY, October 5

Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Directors, 6:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha

Bi-PALS, (BiSexual People, Alternate Life Styles), 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

TUESDAY, October 6

Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament, Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

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

THURSDAY, October 8

PFLAG-Omaha, 291-6781, 2pm, First Methodist Church, 6900 Cass, West Entrance

Bible Study, "Intercessory Prayer", MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7-9pm, 345-2563

Planning Mtg for Nov 22 Benefit for Quilt Display, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

FRIDAY, October 9

"Dirty Dance Contest" in the Disco at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln, 11pm

SATURDAY, October 10

Deadline for November New Voice

ANGLE NCO "Skating Party", Skateland, 84 & F, Omaha, 7-9pm, \$2.75 per person

Sammi Bennett Performs at Triangle Bar, Polk & Railroad Av, Omaha, 10pm

SUNDAY, October 11

**NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY—
CHECK THE LIVING SECTION OF THE
OMAHA WORLD HERALD**

"STREET FAIR", Elmwood Park, Omaha, 2-6pm, Sponsor: Citizens For Equal Protection, Music, food, booths, speakers, games

New Voice Steering Committee, 1pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, All are welcome

MCC-Omaha, Evening Worship, 819 S 22

Tasha DeVore "I'm Coming Out" at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln, 10pm

"Send Dietra to Miss Gay America" Show at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

MONDAY, October 12

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

TUESDAY, October 13

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

Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament, Fundraising Mtg, 7pm, The Diamond, 712 S. 16, Omaha

WEDNESDAY, October 14

Dart Tournament, 7pm, \$5 entry, Winner Take All, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley, Lincoln

THURSDAY, October 15

Nonsense, Circle Theater, Omaha, 8pm, Benefit Nebr Quilt Display, \$10, 291-6781

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

Bible Study, "Intercessory Prayer", MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7-9pm, 345-2563

FRIDAY, October 16

All's Fair by Gary Ellis, Presented by Abogar Dance Theater, Grande Old Player's Theater, 2339 N. 90, Omaha, 8pm, \$10 opening-night, Call 397-5262 or 558-9449.

Nonsense, Circle Theater, Omaha, 8pm, Benefit Nebr Quilt Display, \$10, 291-6781

SATURDAY, October 17

MCC District Laity Conference, Call for information, MCC-Omaha, 345-2563

All's Fair, Grande Old Player's Thr, 2339 N. 90, Omaha, 8pm, \$8, 397-5262 or 558-9449

River City Gender Alliance, Annual Meeting and Banquet, For Trans-gender and Crossdress community. All welcome. No sexual encounters. Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

Nonsense, Circle Theater, Omaha, 8pm, Benefit Nebr Quilt Display, \$10, 291-6781

SUNDAY, October 18

Chili Cook-Off, Gay/Lesbian Stud Org, \$3.50 All you can eat. MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St.

Omaha Men (OMEN), 3pm, Usually Gilligan's Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha 68103

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

Gay/Lesbian Student Org, 7pm, Downtown Grounds Coffee Hse, 1117 Jackson, Omaha

Nonsense, Circle Theater, Omaha, 8pm, Benefit Nebr Quilt Display, \$10, 291-6781

All's Fair Grande Old Player's Theater, 2339 N. 90, Omaha, 7:30pm, 397-5262 or 558-9449

Mr. DC's Leather — Mr. DC's Western Contests, 9pm, DC's, 1019 S. 10th, Omaha, \$25 Entry Fee, Entries due by October 11

Beer Bust, 7-9pm, Benefit for Ice Bowl Tourney, The Run, 17 & Leavenworth, Omaha

Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament, General Meeting, 7pm, DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

Singles Pool Tourney, 5pm, \$5 entry, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Rd, Lincoln

1993 "Miss Gay Omaha Pageant" at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

All Iowa AIDS Benefit, Des Moines, IA

TUESDAY, October 20

Ice Bowl Invitational Tournament, Fundraising Mtg, 7pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

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

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

WEDNESDAY, October 21

DC'93 Nebraska Contingency, 7:30p.m., 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, Omaha, 451-7987

Quilt Display, Open Mtg, 7pm, 1st Central Congregational, 36th & Harney, Omaha

THURSDAY, October 22

"Women Make Movies at 20", Week long film festival of movies by and about women, Ross Theater, Sheldon Art Gallery, 12 & R, Lincoln

Bible Study, "Intercessory Prayer", MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7-9pm, 345-2563

"Jerry Halliday," Puppeteer and comedian at The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln

"Underwear Night 10", The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

FRIDAY, October 23

All's Fair Grande Old Player's Theater, 2339 N. 90, Omaha, 8pm, \$8, 397-5262 or 558-9449

"Women Make Movies at 20", Ross Theater, Sheldon Art Gallery, 12 & R Street, Lincoln

SATURDAY, October 24

UFMCC Founder Rev. Elder Troy Perry, Speaks at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

Jamie Anderson Concert, Unitarian Church, Lincoln, Benefit for Abused Women

"Women Make Movies at 20", Ross Theater, Sheldon Art Gallery, 12 & R Street, Lincoln

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All's Fair Grande Old Player's Theater, 2339 N. 90, Omaha, 8pm, \$8, 397-5262 or 558-9449

SUNDAY, October 25

MCC-O Dedication of New Church Building, Featuring MCC Founder Rev. Elder Troy Perry, 10:20am, 819 S. 22, Omaha, 345-2563

"Women Make Movies at 20", Ross Theater, Sheldon Art Gallery, 12 & R Street, Lincoln

MCC-Omaha Eve Worship, 7pm, 819 S. 22

All's Fair Grande Old Player's Theater, 2339 N. 90, Omaha, 7:30pm, \$8, 558-9449

Sunday Brunch, 10am - 2pm, \$6.95, all you can eat, Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley, Lincoln

"Jerry Halliday," Puppeteer and comedian, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

9th Annual "Beauty & the Beast" Pageant, The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln

MONDAY, October 26

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

"Women Make Movies at 20", Ross Theater, Sheldon Art Gallery, 12 & R Street, Lincoln

TUESDAY, October 27

"Women Make Movies at 20", Lincoln

Ice Bowl Invitational Tourney, Fundraising, 7pm, Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth, Omaha

Lincoln PFLAG, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', Sharing session & Program "Voting Our Concerns", Separate youth grp, 435-4688

WEDNESDAY, October 28

"Women Make Movies at 20", Lincoln

THURSDAY, October 29

"Women Make Movies at 20", Lincoln

FRIDAY, October 30

Kate Clinton, Joselyn Art Gallery, Omaha

"Women Make Movies at 20", Lincoln

SATURDAY, October 31

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, call for info: Cleve, 733-1360

"Women Make Movies at 20", Lincoln

Halloween Party, MCC-Omaha, 7-10pm

"Nightmare on N Street", The Panic, Lincoln

Halloween Costume Party, DC's, Omaha

Halloween Costume Party, Club 2001, Lincoln

Halloween at the MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, After Hours Dancing 1-4am

Sunday, November 1

ICON's "Food for Thought", Benefit for MCC Food Pantry and to provide Holiday Baskets for PWA's, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha
819 S. 22, 345-2563, Worship 10:20am

Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers, 10am.
Running/Walking Club, Various Locations

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

MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, Lowe
Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40, Omaha

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

TUESDAY

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

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30pm,
MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 345-2563

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Lambda Push Overeaters Anon, 7:30pm,
Family & Friends, 3040 N. 102, Omaha

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 7:30pm
14 & R, Nebr Union, Women Resourc Ctr

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for
callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm,
Plymouth Congregational, 20th & D, 438-
5214

Omaha Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics
Anonymous, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran
Church, 303 S. 41, 345-9916
AI-Anon Meets Same Time, Same Place

"3 Penny Revue" Live Theater, Music,
Drag, 8-10pm, The Panic, 200 S. 18,
Lincoln

SATURDAY

Womens Support Group, 11am, MCC-
Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563

Alcoholics Anonymous, Kearney, Open
Meeting 12noon Saturdays, (308)236-8610.

P-FLAG Youth Group, age 13- 21, gay,
lesbian, those questioning sexuality,
Omaha, 291-6781

Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12m, Support/Info for
callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

Bars & Restaurants

Des Moines (A.C. 515)

Blazing Saddle 416 E 5th St.,
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The Brass Garden 112 SE 4th St.,
243-3965

Club 508 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508

The D & M 424 E Locust St.,
243-9629

Omaha (A.C. 402)

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342-1244

DC's 1019 S. 10th, 344-3103

The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595

Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth,
449-9147

The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110

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Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Mtg Friday, 8pm, 1st Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214

Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln 68502. Open Saturday 1-4pm., Call Wally at 476-7389 or 489-4634.

BIPALS (Bisexual People / Alternative Life Styles), Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501, 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone, (upstairs) 640 N 16th

Gay Mens Support Grp, Counseling Ctr, 1234 Admin Bld, UNL, 68508, 472-3461. Confidential

Lesbian Support Group, Womens Resource Ctr, Rm 117, Neb Union, UNL, 68588, 472-2597

Lincoln Legion of Lesbians, Box 84245, 68501-4245 Feminist collective, newsletter, support

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

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

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

Star City Lines, Box 21903, Lincoln, NE 68502, (402) 483-5251, Leather club, Educational

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

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

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

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

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

YWCA Counseling & Education Department, 476-2802, Information and Referral.

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Alcoholics Anonymous, Live & Let Live Grp, Pella Luth 303 S. 41., Omaha, Open 8:15pm, Friday, 345-9916 **Al-Anon Meets** Also

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors) Box 31375, Omaha 68131, 558-5303, Networking, Coming Out & PRIDE activities.

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

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians. Resource group of US'WEST. For more information: Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha 68102.

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

Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line. A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 558-5303

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization (GLSO), Box 8171, Omaha, NE 68108. Meet 1st & 3rd Sundays, 7 p.m., Downtown Grounds Coffee House, 1117 Jackson, Omaha. All are welcome!

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Tuesdays 7:30pm.

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

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

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Mailing Address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103 Services held at 819 S. 22 St., Omaha, NE Worship Services at 10:20am

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

Omaha Men OMEN, Box 3706 Omaha 68103 Men interested in masculinity /masculine image Meets 3rd Sunday, 3pm, Usually at Gilligan's

Omaha Players Club (OPC), PO Box 34463 Omaha, Ne 68134, (402) 451-7987, (402) 342-3512. Leather/SM education and play group. This is a men's and women's group. Call for more information.

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, President - E. Mueller (1) 466-1789, V.P. - Cheryl Christensen 346-7699, Treasurer - Mike Shearer 346-4110. Bowling Sunday, 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, 453-8884. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people

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

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club, Box 3216, Omaha, 68103. Not active

Women of the Plains, PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124, Dedicated to womens culture in Omaha

Women's Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Meets Saturdays 11am

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Coalition for Gay /Lesbian Civil Rights, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy, lobby for G/L civil rights, newsletter, socials. Bus Mtg, 3rd Tues, 7:30pm, St Marks, 13 & R; 1st Sat 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, For info send self-addressed, stamped envelope to: GLAGN, 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, (402) 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr. O/P chemical dependency treatment while affirming sexuality. Sliding Fee Scale

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

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG) *Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St. Luke's Episcopal. Call (308) 382-0752 or (308) 995-5490. Direct correspondence to: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

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

*2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, 291-6781. Meets 2nd Thursday at 7 p.m., 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass Street.



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