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Our Turn

View and opinions by **The New Voice** staff.

Editor's Notes

-Sharon V. (556-9907)

This month's issue of *The New Voice* combines two basic themes. The first is our political responsibility. We've included reports on the positions expressed by the various candidates and a report by a gay Republican. We strongly encourage every reader to register and vote in the primary elections on May 10. Since the candidates for the general election are weeded out by the process of the primary elections, you may not have a chance to vote for your favorite candidates in the fall unless you support them now.

The second feature is a variation on "Coming Out" which speaks to those of us who didn't figure out our sexuality until we were well past puberty.

You'll also find articles on religion and a light-hearted response to "An Open Letter to Kansas" which appeared in the February issue of *The New Voice*. There are reports from local organizations and preliminary plans for Pride Week.

We at *The New Voice* share the grief experienced so frequently within our community these days and offer you the chance to remember those you care about. The June issue will include a memorial page for those who have died of AIDS. You'll find instructions for submitting names for the June memorial page immediately following the moving article entitled "AIDS in the Midlands."

As you read through this issue, remember that we need your input. If you really like something we've done, let us know about it. If there's something you don't like, let us know.

Let Us Hear From You

We'd like to hear more from the readers of *The New Voice*. Your letters, comments, and articles are welcome. Please take a minute and let us know how we're doing. We'll publish your comments (positive and negative) and try to respond to them.

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- July - How's the *New Voice* Doing?
- August - Health Issues
- September - What Happened Last Summer

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Features

Yes, Virginia, There are Gay Republicans

by Tom W.

"I AM GAY AND I AM A REPUBLICAN!". That may sound like a contradiction in terms to you, but not to me.

Quoted in *The Advocate*, Tom Drake, treasurer of the Chicago Area Republican Gay Organization (CARGO), said he believes that the percentage of gays who are Republicans is about equal to the percentage of heterosexuals who are Republicans. "We're out there," he said. "It's just that gay Republicans have been less visible than gay Democrats."

The gay Republican is a major part of the gay/lesbian community. I have seen this throughout the Midwest. Previously less visible, we are beginning to take a more active role. Some believe that the catalyst is the AIDS epidemic.

"Many gay Republicans are financially successful and therefore have not felt oppressed or the need to fight for gay civil rights," said Drake. "But AIDS doesn't discriminate economically and is a problem for all gays."

Marty Keller, chairman of the United Republican Clubs of California, said it is only natural that gay Republicans should become politically active later than gay Democrats. "Gay Democrats who were in their 20's after Stonewall became active immediately, as is the nature of Democrats," he observed.

Republicans, on the other hand, typically try to make money in their 20s and 30s and don't become politically active until their 40s, Keller said. Therefore, "we're just beginning to see the first wave of post-Stonewall gay Republican activists."

for as long as I can remember, most of the ideals of the GOP have matched my own. Overall, the Republican Party matches my philosophy more closely than does the Democrat party. I use the words "most" and "more closely" because that is the key to my party affiliation.

Gay Republicans are not likely to be right-wing conservatives. We tend to be moderate to conservative on economic issues and moderate to liberal on social issues.

It's not easy being a gay Republican.

During March, I attended my county Republican convention as a delegate from my precinct. This was the first such convention I have attended. Two platform planks were presented that upset me very much - you might say that I was 'irrigated.'

The first, called for, among other things, the quarantine of persons with AIDS. The second stated opposition to any consideration of gay rights.

I attempted to move for the removal of these planks from the platform. However, I was not given my chance to speak. I was ruled out of order because the motion was not in writing and countersigned by four other delegates.

It would be easy to abandon the Republican Party after an experience like that, however, as I stated earlier, I believe more in GOP policies overall than those of the Democrats, so, I will not give up. Instead, I will work within the party to educate and change ideas. This experience has only strengthened my commitment. Those who know me understand that you don't get me 'irrigated' and then expect me to keep quiet.

What I'm trying to get across to you is that there are more than gay issues that should be of concern to the gay community. What good are gay rights if the economy of the country has fallen apart? What good are gay rights if we cannot defend ourselves? What good are gay rights if our country is in a shambles?

Back the candidates of your choice, but choose them wisely. Don't get caught up in a single issue. Look at the overall policies of a candidate, then, choose those which most closely mirror your views.

It is important that each and every one of us get involved in politics. If we don't, how can we claim the right to complain about our government. We won't always win, but we will be in there fighting and trying.

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A Look at Presidential Candidates

-by Lisa M. Keen
Washington Blade

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force sent questionnaires to all presidential candidates. Here's what they asked:

On AIDS: The Task Force asked 19 questions, including whether they support testing in the military and by insurance companies, laws to protect people with AIDS from discrimination, and willingness to consult with Gays in formulating AIDS policies.

On Civil Rights: The Task Force asked six questions, including whether the candidate would be willing to support the federal Gay rights bill and fund training programs to address anti-Gay violence in law enforcement arenas.

On Government Employment: The Task Force asked 6 questions, including whether the candidates would sign an executive order protecting Gays in federal employment and whether they would recognize domestic partner relationships in benefit programs.

On Immigration: The Task Force asked five questions, including whether the candidates would support legislation to eliminate Gays from the group of people not allowed to immigrate.

On Family Issues: The Task Force asked six questions, including whether the candidates support the rights of Gays to be foster or adoptive parents.

On Access to the Administration: The Task Force asked seven questions, including whether the candidates would support inclusion of Gays on the party platform and the inclusions of Gays on the candidates' campaign staff.

The National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs sent questionnaires to the Democratic candidates, asking how they voted on a number of bills in Congress, as well as questions similar to those asked by NGLTF.

Michael Dukakis

Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis has had a long love-hate relationship with the Gay community in his home state and the reverberations of the bad times are being heard all over the country.

Although he lobbied behind-the-scenes for the state Gay rights bill, the bill failed and activists complained that

Dukakis could have saved it if he wanted to. He pushed hard for state-funded AIDS brochure to every household in Massachusetts - a brochure he boasted on a nationally televised debate was "explicit." But Dukakis attacked a graphically explicit AIDS education brochure produced by a local AIDS organization.

What has triggered more anger from Gays that anything else, however, was Dukakis' intervention in removing two children from the home of a Gay male couple serving as foster parents. Although Dukakis vetoes legislation which sought to bar Gays from being foster parents, he created a hierarchy of preferred homes for children which put Gay couples at the bottom.

Albert Gore

Tennessee Senator Albert Gore is rated at the bottom of most Gay activists' ranking of the Democratic presidential candidates. In six votes on Gay-related issues while serving in the House and Senate, Gore had voted against Gay rights five times. He has not co-sponsored the federal Gay rights bill and has indicated that he believes the AIDS antibody test should be an option for insurance companies writing life insurance policies and for persons seeking to immigrate to the U.S.

But, while Gore has failed to ignite a great deal of interest in the Gay community, the failure is more a product of how aggressively other candidates have supported Gay rights rather than Gore's reticence to do so. In response to the NGLTF questionnaire, Gore indicated he does support Gay rights, that he believes sexual orientation should not be a factor in determining who can immigrate to the U.S. and that he does support a law to prohibit discrimination against people with AIDS. Also on AIDS, Gore has been the only candidate to repeatedly call for a "Manhattan Project" response to the epidemic.

So, in a quiet way, Gore has expressed his support of many, if not most, Gay rights issues. In fact, Gore campaign staffers called openly Gay delegates elected to his slates in Georgia to assure them that he was happy to have them on board.

Jesse Jackson

There is little dispute among Gay activists that Jesse Jackson is the best candidate on Gay and AIDS-related issues. In responding to the NGLTF's extensive questionnaire on such issues, Jackson answered in support of the Gay community's interests on every single issue.

Only two reservations keep surfacing about the Jackson candidacy: 1) that he does not have a realistic chance of winning the nomination or the presidency, and 2) that he consistently couches his support for Gay rights publicly in terms of AIDS.

As for electability, his supporters counter that supporting Jackson sets the Gay community up to win more than just a nomination. They say a strong voting block of Gays stands a chance of gaining new visibility as a political force - a visibility that would be lost with any other candidate. Gays supporting other candidates, however, say it's important for the community to position themselves inside the campaigns of candidates who are likely to achieve the White House.

Meanwhile, Gays in Iowa complain that Jackson's repeated public comments about his participation in the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights is consistently presented as his support for the "March Against AIDS" and that the candidate is giving short shrift to the other demands of the march.

Nevertheless, Jackson has attracted widespread and strong support among Gays across the country and is likely to take the largest block of Gay votes.

Paul Simon

The word most often used by Gay activists to describe Illinois Senator Paul Simon is that he's 'grown' on Gay rights. In 1980 and 1981, he voted for an anti-Gay amendment to prohibit the use of the Federal Legal Services Corporation in working on Gay-related cases. . . But, just last November, he finally signed on as a co-sponsor of the federal Gay rights bill. He introduced a bill to collect hate crime statistics for every oppressed minority except Gays, but just

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this month signed on as a co-sponsor of a revised bill which included Gays. In 1981, as a congressman, he opposed the D.C. Sexual Assault Reform Act which sought to among other things, repeal the District's sodomy laws, but last year he voted to uphold D.C.'s controversial AIDS insurance law and he endorsed the National March on Washington.

In responding to the NGLTF's questionnaire on Gay and AIDS-related questions, Simon answered in support of Gays in the majority of cases. However, Simon indicated he believes Gays should be barred from serving in the military and intelligence agency jobs and that insurance companies should be able to use the AIDS antibody test for all life insurance policies and some health policies.

Little Known About Republicans

Even Gay Republicans concede that on Gay and AIDS-related issues, the Republican presidential candidates don't stack up in comparison with any of the Democratic candidates.

In fact, only one of the Republicans - Vice President George Bush - even bothered to respond to a NGLTF questionnaire on Gay issues. Very little is known about the Republicans' positions on AIDS-related issues, and what is known is not entirely pleasing to Gay and AIDS activists. Virtually nothing is known about their positions on Gay rights issues.

Gay Republicans considering support for a Republican candidate have mentioned both Senator Robert Dole and Bush as "moderates." Most Gay Republicans are apparently leaning toward Dole, noting that he has introduced a bill to create a National AIDS Commission, that he supports confidentiality in cases where antibody testing is needed, and that he supports the idea of increased AIDS education for minorities.

Bush, too, asserted the need to protect the confidentiality of persons tested; but raised a number of troubling questions in responding to the NGLTF questionnaire. Bush did not respond to each of the questionnaire's specific inquiries, but instead made three general statements concerning AIDS, civil rights and Gay participation in the political process. On civil rights "for homosexuals," Bush stated that "No one group should have special privileges

granted by government." On AIDS, Bush urges that AIDS education be incorporated into school curriculum, but such education "teach traditional values." "It should teach traditional morality," stated Bush. "And it should strengthen the concept of the family."

Gay Republicans also report that both the Bush and Dole campaigns have made some attempts to solicit votes from organized Gay Republican groups through party meetings. The likelihood of a significant portion of the Gay community responding to these attempts, however, appears slim.

Why I Meditate

-by Abi Touchstone

To me meditation is like coming home. I meditate to find and recover, to once again come back to something in myself I once dimly and unknowingly had, to something I have lost without knowing what it was or where or when I lost it. I call it access to my potential, coming closer to myself and reality, to better reach my capacity for love, zest and enthusiasm, increasing my knowledge that I am part of the universe and will never be separated or alienated from it. To use my ability to understand and function in reality more effectively.

Eugen Herrigel, who studied Zen method of meditation wrote, "Working on a KOAN (a meditation technique) leads you to a point where you are behaving like a person trying to remember something you have forgotten," and Louis Claude de St. Martin, summing up his reasons for his long years of meditation succinctly put it, "We are all in a widowed state and our task is to remarry."

It is my fullest "humanhood," the most use of what it means to be a human being, that is my goal with meditation.

Meditation is a very hard discipline, but it does help move toward this goal.

There is no magical formula for self-awareness or being the best we can be. Both take work. Not only is the path an arduous one, it is also a never ending one. There will never be a time when I can say "I have reached my goal. I can stop working now."

Meditation is like exercise requiring hard work.

My goals are facets of how I perceive myself and the world around me. As my perceptions change with meditation, so do my goals.

With meditation I have a greater efficiency in everyday life and comprehension of another view of reality.

True meditation is a serious commitment. However, if you don't begin you will never reap the harvest.

If this article has stirred a longing in you for more, your local library has many volumes on the subject. One of the best is Lawrence LeShan's, How To Meditate.

I hope that many of you have found this useful and will continue to research this important guide to self discovery.

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Living in Fear

-by Don Longmore

When I came home from Europe after WWII, I was a confused young man. Not that I didn't know what the score was, Lord knows I had enough experience in the service, and for a good number of years before I was drafted at the tender age of 18. I always did contend that I was ate before I was seven. But now I was faced with a whole new situation. I was home and really didn't know which direction my life was taking. You know the feeling, like being all alone in a crowd.

I finally went to California and knocked around out there for a spell, but that didn't help so I came back home and decided to bare my soul to a VA psychologist. He was really a great guy, and after a few sessions he said, quite frankly, "Nobody can help you but yourself. This isn't something that can be cured, and your problem is not being homosexual, it's not being able to accept and deal with it. Go out there," he said, "meet others like you and you won't feel so alone and afraid anymore. Then make the very best life for yourself that you possibly can." What sound advice. I'm sure the man never realized what a profound effect he had on my future life.

I don't remember how I found out about the Frolics Bar. It was on 18th Street across from the bus station, and right behind the old antiquated City Hall. I was scared to go in the first time, not knowing what to expect, but finally got up enough courage to do it. Lo and behold, the first guy I ran into was one I left for the service with. We both stood there with our mouths open, and it was the old story, "fancy meeting you here." That was the start however, of a whole new life for me.

The Frolics was an interesting place, but also risky to be seen in because of the layout. They had a long curved bar that had a small stage built up behind it. They had entertainment, legitimate of course. They wouldn't dare have a drag show back in those days or they would be closed the next morning. What caused the apprehension about being there? The long curved bar was patronized by queers. Oh, about the repulsive word, the term "gay" in relation to us

had not yet been coined yet. We were either homos, queers, or fruits, and back then nobody wanted any of those labels. In front of the bar the floor was tiered, I think it was three levels with little 2-people tables that held an ashtray and a couple of drinks, and populated by at least 90% straights. We were never sure whether they came to see the show on the stage, or the one in front of the bar' and we nearly covered every time we entered the door and scanned the tiers to see if any one we knew was sitting up there. We loved the place, the hostess and the bartenders (all straight), but were always looking over our shoulder.

I met a lot of nice people there and made some good friends. There were some, even in those days who flaunted it, and while we liked them and had fun with them in the bar, we were scared to death to have one of them run into us on the street if we happened to be with a straight co-worker. That's a sad commentary on our paranoia, but the way it had to be. One night some friends took me to the Diamond Bar. It was then located next to the Aquilla Court, across the street from the old Rome Hotel. We went in the back door as 16th was very busy and we were afraid of being seen. It was very different from the Frolics, had a more rugged, butch atmosphere that sort of intrigued me. It had something else the Frolics didn't have, that was Jimmy, the owner. Straight as an arrow but really liked the mixed crowd of straights and gays. (I'm going to use that word from here on).

I spent a lot of time at the "D", mainly because Jimmy had become such a good friend. He actually had all of our birthdays in his calendar book, and when the day came there was a party, complete with a decorated cake. He never forgot, and while I rarely see him any more since he stopped working, I'll always remember him with fondness.

Eventually an insurance company took over the building that housed the Frolics and you'd have thought our world had come to an end. As the saying goes, "One door never closes that another opens."

So it did - the Rendezvous in the Hill Hotel. What a fun place that turned out to be once it caught on. A wonderful gal by the name of Margo played the piano, and the place was wall to wall queens, especially on weekends. Straights never came in there. But some of us

still went into the hotel lobby and entered the bar from there, just in case we might be seen.

I finally cut the apron strings at home and moved into the YMCA since I was a part time desk clerk there anyway. (I could write a whole other story about that place). I remember Mom standing in the doorway crying as I drove away with most of my belongings. I told her that since I worked there it was just a stipulation that I live there. I lied. She adjusted after awhile.

From there I moved to a house out north for a year. I was in love, I thought, with someone who didn't feel the same, so that finally broke up. You'd never believe the number of guys I fell for who just wanted a sister. Oh well, Lovers are just for a little while, sisters are forever. One of them wanted me to be his mother. Imagine. I asked him if he believed in incest. He's still my daughter today. After that a friend and I moved into an apartment at 48th and Dodge.

What a great arrangement that was. The apartments were all above some store fronts and everyone who live there was gay. We all felt fairly safe up there because it was secluded, and if any of us had a party we certainly didn't bother the neighbors, they were all at the party.

Some friends and I started going to the Cottonwood Room in the Blackstone Hotel and it was nice. Very mixed and you had to wear a coat and tie or they wouldn't let you in. We didn't feel so intimidated there because, unlike the Frolics, if a straight friend came in they wouldn't know the difference. There wasn't a lot of carrying on in there. We did however, end up every Saturday at midnight in the Rendezvous. When we walked in everyone was

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delighted, there was bound to be another after hours party at "Queen's Row", which I had aptly dubbed the complex. Sure enough, it got to be a regular weekend affair and went on 'til the wee hours. As I said early on, we felt safe because of the seclusion. Not so. One night when the apartment was packed, the door suddenly opened and in marched the Vice Squad. We were all panic stricken and they were really ready to make a big bust. To their dismay however, there were several girls present that night, and they didn't know how to handle the situation. The girls were all gay of course, (I always refer to the girls as gay women because the word lesbian always sounded almost like a disease to me. I guess the majority like it though, they haven't tried to change it). At any rate they broke up the party and told me in no uncertain terms to knock it off. The next afternoon most of the guests were back, buzzing with excitement. Excitement hell, I was terrified. The night of the raid one of the girls, an aspiring actress, tried to crawl out the kitchen window to an adjoining roof, and we did get a good laugh out of that. At least there was a bit of humor in the fiasco. It scared me enough to decide to cool it for a while with the parties. The gendarmes seemed to know too much. That wasn't enough for them however. A few weeks later, on a Monday night when everyone had stayed home to watch Judy Garland in "A Star is Born", the raid took place. Not only did they swoop in on our complex, but simultaneously hit five other houses in town. (I never really forgave Judy). After ransacking the place, looking for Lord knows what, they hauled us all down to that dreary dungeon of a bastille they worked out of in the warehouse district. As Bette Davis would say, "What a dump!"

There were 29 of us corralled down there, and so scared to death wondering what was going to happen to us. The cops were having a great time harassing us, and there was only one nice one in the whole station. He was the picture taker, who almost tenderly said, "Don't let them get to you, Don, that are a bunch of clowns." If my teeth hadn't been chattering so bad I could have kissed him. As I look back I'm not so sure he didn't want to be kissed.

They threw everybody into the bull pen, except me, I got a private cell for reasons unknown at the time. I guess we

didn't have any rights in those days, at least they didn't give us any. No phone calls, no nothing.

It wasn't until morning that I realized there was another one in the private cell block. He was from England and not a citizen. They were saving him for the FBI. But why was I in there? I found out about 6:00 p.m. when I was called in for questioning. I went to school with the Assistant City Prosecutor. Where was this going to lead? I went home and cried.

The court hearings began and every time we went for one the case was postponed to a later date. The press and TV stations were having a field day reporting about the "red-faced" police department who arrested 29 men and then didn't know what to charge them with. Fortunately, names were never divulged nor pictures shown. Oh, there was one exception. A picture of the cops carrying one guys wedding dress out of the house where he lived with his lover. (God, he looked sensational in that dress.)

Every time we went to court the special agents from work were sitting there writing up their report. My job was surely doomed. I had a great boss however, who wrote the President of the company and said I was a victim of circumstances, and had agreed to move out of that awful environment. My job was saved. Not so for some of the others who lost their jobs, and the poor little Englishman who was deported.

There was one guy involved who had a lot of kiddy porn pictures in his apartment. He had taken them himself and they tried to tie us all in with him, unsuccessfully. He

finally went to Federal Court and then on to Leavenworth prison.

At the last court appearance, and after hundreds of dollars in legal fees, they called each one up to the bench individually. The charge of lewd and filthy acts was dismissed against each one for lack of evidence. I was held 'til last. That nasty charge was dismissed, but, they had found a gun in a suit case in my closet. I had brought it back from Belgium and had papers to prove it. The judge would not listen to me, and the lawyer told me to shut up. He whispered in my ear, "They have to charge somebody with something to save at least a little face." The fine, \$100.00 and costs.

Then a strange thing happened. One of the cops that resided my apartment came over to me, put his arm around my shoulder and said, "Come on Don, I'll take you downstairs and help you get it registered." What was that all about? He was so nasty the night of the raid. They finally told us what happened. The OSI, I think that stood for Office of Special Investigation at the air base, had planted a cute little trick in our midst in order to nail any airmen who went to the bar or attended the parties. The witch hunt out there was on. He fed them a wealth of information, including names, addresses and even license numbers. He had spent nearly every weekend at the apartment. The OSI had pressured the local police to pull off the raids. They didn't really want to do it as they figured we weren't bothering anybody.

The heads rolled at the air base, and of course, the plant

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was immediately transferred to California. He must have continued operating for them because we heard sometime later that he had been murdered out there. It might have happened here if the creep had stayed.

We really did live with fear and apprehension back then that young gays today don't have to worry about.

Most of them don't have to sneak into the back doors of bars. They can walk in with their heads held high, and if there happens to be a straight friend in there, who cares. They have as much right to be there as he or she does.

For the most part, as sophisticated as the homosexual topic has become, most probably don't have to be afraid of their families or even their bosses finding out. If they haven't already figured it out, they must be terribly naive.

The police aren't going to come into their homes and carry them off to the pokey just because they have a different life style. They could never get away with that today. No, they don't have the fears we had.

They also, for the most part, will never know the pleasure of looking across the

bar, seeing a great looking new face, getting acquainted and taking him home for a night of fun and games the way we used to do. Our biggest fear in that respect was clap or crabs, which could easily be cured even in those days.

They also will never go to New York or California and have the kind of fun we had. Not if they have good sense. They will have to settle for holding hands with Ms. Liberty or Mickey Mouse.

We weren't faced with a horrible, debilitating disease that would ultimately result in our demise.

We never knew the pain and grief of carrying our much too young friends to their graves because of a monumental international malady that no one could control.

My heart goes out to young gays today. Their fears, frustrations and anxieties are astronomical in comparison to what we felt.

Assessing the scene today, I can look back to the forties and fifties and all that we had to put up with, and say quite honestly, those were the good old days.

It is a very sad expectation of how many of the young ones

at this point in time, will never have "good old days" to look back on.

"If Not You, Then Who"
"If Not Now, Then When"

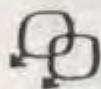
Lesbian/Gay Parents to Meet

Columbus, OH - The ninth annual World Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International will be held here on June 3-8.

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Watch Out World

by Carla

Late one November, Sally came to me obviously distressed. She would only say that something was terribly wrong and she didn't know what to do. She'd considered counseling but couldn't afford it. I offered to listen. Her answer was an adamant "No! I don't want to lose your friendship!" I was puzzled. What could be so drastic as to jeopardize our friendship? For weeks our every encounter was overshadowed by her distress and my concern.

Then on February 14 Sally called me on the phone and confessed that she was gay - a lesbian. I insisted on going right over to her house so we could talk face to face. We talked for hours that night and the next morning our friendship was as secure as it had ever been.

At last the wall she had kept between us was down and we grew even closer. One day I asked her why she had finally decided to tell me that she was gay. Her response was quick and to the point. "I though you were gay, too." That left me speechless. Sure, the thought had crossed my mind in the ten years since college but I'd always dismissed it as quickly as it appeared. For the moment, I again dismissed the thought, but the idea had been planted.

I began to examine my response to Sally's confession. She'd also confided that she had a lover and would soon be moving from the state. That part of the news crushed me. At first I'd thought it was because I was losing a close friend but as I considered the possibility that I was gay - well, all that I'd felt for her and other women began to make sense.

When I finally decided to admit this to Sally, I drove around the country for hours trying to figure out how to say I was gay. Well, maybe I was bisexual. Somehow that sounded better to me. When I said that to Sally, she only grinned and said "I don't think so. I think you're gay." I realized she was right.

Discovering that I was gay was a wonderful, exciting revelation to me. All that I had felt since childhood began to make sense. Wow!! I felt so good. For months I was content to bask in my new identity and admire the good-looking women

around me. Unfortunately, since I live in a town of 500, looking was all I could do.

I did "come out" to a couple long distance friends. Their response was positive and they have greeted me with open arms each time we meet.

Eventually I knew I had to meet some eligible women so I took Sally's advice and joined "Wishing Well" a correspondence club from California. I wrote a number of letters. One of the responses led me to a Lesbian Rap Group in Wichita. For several months, I drove the 100 miles every Thursday night just to talk with other women. While these women were friendly, no real friendships developed, so when my job requirement prevented my Thursday night excursions I went back to writing letters.

It wasn't long before I took to the road again but this time to meet women I'd been writing. I made several casual friends and met a couple women who became special to me but not the one who would return my love in the depth in which it was given.

After six years I finally found the love of my life last summer. Our relationship led me to come out at last to my mother and sister and brother-in-law. They weren't surprised. They had considered the possibility before and were glad I'd found someone to share life with me.

So, where do I go from here? I'm still in that town of 500 so my life is very closeted but those days are rapidly coming to an end. In just six weeks I'll be moving to Omaha. Before I go, there will be co-workers to tell and then there's my brother. For a while coming out will be part of my daily life, but I want it that way. I want others to know the real me.

After all, I've always been gay even if it did take me a while to discover it. That discovery didn't change who I am. If anything changed it was other's perceptions of me. I'm still me and proud of it. I'm still ready to stand up and say "Watch Out World! Here I Come!"

Look for me at the Pride Parade. I'll be there. Perhaps you and I can walk together, hand in hand.

Voting is a privilege, a right and a responsibility we all share!!

LaRouche Donations Questioned

-Washington Blade

The Federal Elections Commission is investigating the possibility that the presidential campaign of right-wing activist Lyndon LaRouche may have solicited contributions for AIDS then deposited the money in the candidate's presidential campaign coffers.

The investigation was triggered during the FEC's initial attempt to determine whether LaRouche qualified for federal matching funds for his presidential campaign. To receive such funds, a candidate must demonstrate that he or she has raised at least \$5,000 in each of 20 states.

Among the supportive evidence submitted by the LaRouche Democratic Campaign in an attempt to qualify for matching funds were copies of at least eight checks which included notes that the contribution was for "AIDS."

"This notation," wrote FEC general counsel Lawrence Noble in a Dec. 24 memo to the Commission, "may indicate that the contributor thought that she or he was donating money to promote AIDS testing, or to help Mr. LaRouche's state ballot in California requiring publication of the names of those who have tested positive for the AIDS virus."

LaRouche supporters launched a massive and unsuccessful campaign in 1986 to pass an AIDS quarantine initiative in California. Last November, the group turned in twice the number of signatures needed to get another quarantine initiative on the California ballot. The latest initiative, scheduled to appear on California's June 7 primary ballot, also requires doctors to report the names of patients testing positive for the AIDS antibody. The 1986 initiative was defeated with 70 percent of the vote.

The six-member Federal Elections Commission is expected to determine soon whether LaRouche qualifies for matching funds. He has been turned down for such funds in three previous campaigns.

Traveling the Midwest for Antiques

-by GCA

The month of February took us to Denver, Colorado and Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas to visit friends and afforded us the opportunity to see the Ramses II exhibit at the Denver Museum of Natural History and the Impressionist Masterpieces at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, MO. A great deal of our time was spent visiting antique shops and dealers in both cities. These cities offer a much larger market and of course higher prices than shops here in the Omaha and Lincoln areas.

Denver and Kansas City area shops are numerous and spread out over large metropolitan areas, therefore we highly recommend that you pre-plan well and study the areas and addresses of antique shops that offer your particular interest in order to save wear, tear and time for yourself and your car.

Geographically, Omaha offers a good home base as a radius for antique shopping in Minneapolis, Chicago, Des Moines, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Colorado Springs and other midwest locations. Omaha and Lincoln have a few nice antiques shops and we mention them here in the event you are not aware of their location if only for a visit and education in quality, pricing and to see what is available locally; Omaha Auction Antique Shop (397-9575) 7531 Dodge St., Frank Antiques & Art (345-5266) 3141 Farnam and Katelman Co. Antiques (551-4388) 144 South 39th St., Omaha. In Lincoln, check out Graybeards Collectables (435-6840) 733 South 11th Street and The Antique Corner Cooperative (476-8050) 1601 South 17th St. These shopkeepers are reputable dealers and will be happy to help you find items that are of particular interest to you.

Antique auctions and estate sales are a lot of fun and again, a good way to educate yourself about antiques. They are usually held on weekends and well advertised weeks in advance under Class 47 in the classified ad section of our local paper. You can usually make some very reasonable purchases via this medium as long as you preview and carefully inspect the merchandise prior to the auction or estate 'tag' sale. Auction and estate sales items

are sold 'as is.' Pre-inspection of the article(s) you are interested in is a major criteria when purchasing in this manner. Always plan to inspect articles offered at auctions at least one hour prior to sale time. Auctions are great for making new friends, educating yourself on period styles, selling prices, identifying items, etc. but it does have one great drawback in that it is time consuming. Many times the item(s) you are interested in sells towards the end of the auction which could run into late evening hours. Some auction houses will permit you to leave a bid if you cannot be present for the entire sale. This could be a little risky if you do not know the auctioneer. All auctions and tag sales must be approached with a 'Buyer Beware' attitude. This is sound advice so please heed. Once you buy it you own it; no guarantees and no returns. Be a good buyer when purchasing an antique. It is suggested to invest in quality items. For example; buy one quality item at \$100.00 rather than ten items at \$10.00 each. Always go after quality instead of quantity. We know you have heard that many times, however it is a rule that we should all use in our everyday personal lives, when conducting business, investing in antiques or what have you. We stress 'Investing in Antiques' as opposed to 'buying an antique.' Antiques are a good investment. The rule of quality over quantity will certainly bring success to all your endeavors.

Back to traveling - it's terrific if you have relatives or friends in other cities to show you around, but that isn't always the case so a little planning makes any trip so much more pleasant and memorable. If you are planning a trip to any of these midwest cities and would like some information as to the location of fine antique shops or have any questions about antiques, please write to us here at The New Voice.

"Discrimination and paranoia are of course to be deplored," say the authors. So are those who invite them without cause.

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The Christian Gay

"Keeping What is Good"

An Interview with Wes Perry
-by Sharon V.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church, founded in the 1800's by Sister Ellen G. White, believes in a literal interpretation of the Bible with a special emphasis on the second coming of Christ. Strict Adventists follow dietary prohibitions on eating pork and shellfish, observe the Sabbath from sundown Friday until sundown Saturday and prohibit women from "vain adornment."

Despite these prohibitions, the Seventh Day Adventist Church is a vital, growing denomination with a high number of young members, a strong missionary effort, and a parochial school system that provides education from kindergarten through college, including such highly reputed medical schools as Loma Linda in California.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church officially maintains strict standards regarding the behavior of church members including such things as forbidding inter-racial marriage or marriage with non-Adventists. At the many S.D.A. colleges even inter-racial dating is forbidden.

The church strictly forbids homosexual behavior. While some members have been expelled for admitting they are gay, other gays and lesbians have decided to remain within the church. One such person is Wes Perry.

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Wes grew up in an Adventist home and still holds many of these beliefs. While others have left the church rather than face the anti-gay attitudes there, Wes decided to remain within the church, holding on to what he felt was good and validating to him as a person but working to change the rules and attitudes he found personally oppressive.

While Wes still attends regular Adventist services, he is most active in Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc. Kinship was formed ten years ago to provide gay and lesbian Adventists with opportunities for religious expression and fellowship with other Adventists. Kinship is not supported nor sanctioned by the Adventist Church. In fact, Kinship is presently being defended by the American Civil Liberties Union in a law suit brought by the Adventist Church to prohibit Kinship from using the Seventh Day Adventist name.

Wes is Director of Region VI of S.D.A. Kinship which covers an eight state area, and will host Kinship's national board meeting next may in Denver. During the last week of August members of S.D.A. Kinship will gather near Washington, D.C. for a week long camp meeting.

Speakers at the camp meeting will include many straight Adventist pastors who are supportive of the gay and lesbian community.

Kinship is open to both Adventists and non-Adventists, men and women. If you would like to learn more about S.D.A. Kinship, write to:

Region VI SDA Kinship
P. O. Box 31351
Omaha, NE 68131

Your input regarding religious issues is welcome. Please submit articles or ideas to the editorial staff at The New Voice.

Submission Deadline

The New Voice has a submission deadline on the 15th of each month. Submissions received after the 15th will be held for publication at a later date. Thank you for your cooperation.

Schroeder to Address Stein Club

Colorado Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, who up until a few months ago was considered a possible Democratic presidential contender, has agreed to present the keynote address at this year's Gertrude Stein Democratic Club banquet.

Schroeder, a long-time Gay rights supporter and co-sponsor of the federal Gay rights bill, is considered likely to make a run for the White House as early as 1992. Despite growing enthusiasm for her candidacy this year, Schroeder declined to run, saying she was not yet prepared to make some of the political and personal sacrifices necessary to launch a presidential campaign.

The annual banquet sponsored by the Stein Club, one of D.C.'s largest and most influential Gay political groups, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, at the Capitol Hilton.

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Local Organizations & Events

AIDS in the Midlands

Is it possible that the effects of AIDS are finally hitting the Midlands. The effects are felt when we find our friends' names in the Obit Column.

The New Voice cannot print death notices without permission from the family. Two notices were able to be printed and I am proud to say that I was acquainted with both of these men.

Not long ago I was informed of the passing of a man that I bowled with on a weekly basis. We shared much - but not that he was facing death. Then I read of another's death. This was a man that had been in my house and I in his. I wanted a relationship but he wanted friendship. Another listing was a name that was familiar but regrettably, in our community, given names are not always exchanged.

When we realize that by December 31, 1987, there had been 49 cases of AIDS diagnosed in Nebraska and 31 deaths from AIDS, we cannot expect that they would not all be strangers.

As the number of people tested increases, so will the number of those diagnosed. It is a brutal way to create an awareness of the situation. I can only wonder how many others have died that I erroneously assumed had just stopped moving in familiar circles.

If you, like me, have lost a friend and would like to memorialize them, submit an article (no names, please, to protect the family) or use the "In Memorium" page planned for the June issue. By sharing your grief, we prepare ourselves for our grief.

-Name Withheld

Resource List Update

The New Voice is updating the Gay and Lesbian Resource List. If you know of an organization that should be listed or if any listings are in error, please contact The New Voice.

"In Memorium"

The staff at The New Voice shares in the grief felt by so many in our community. To help recognize this grief and perhaps resolve it in some small way, we are planning a special feature for the June issue.

The New Voice will feature an "In Memorium" page which will list the first names of those who have died from AIDS in our community and the first names of those who wish a special remembrance for that person.

If you have lost a friend and would like them remembered in this way, submit that person's first name along with your first name (or pseudonym if you prefer) by the May 15 deadline.

We want to remember as many of those who have died as possible. We can only do so with your help. As we share the grief let us share the memories.

Women Wanted Apply Here

-by Sharon V.

I realize that I have made it clear in previous articles that I am not a separatist. I don't mind working with men and being "one of the boys" at times. However, I have noticed that women are a definite minority here at The New Voice. Shelley and I are the only women on the steering committee. The guys are great and they do a fine job of avoiding sexism as we do our assignments, but I miss the sound of women's voices. Maybe we could even get a militant feminist on the committee.

To sum it all up, The New Voice needs volunteers and I'd like to see some women step forward. The pay is lousy, the hours long, and the assignments can be demanding but the satisfactions are many and varied.

The New Voice not only survived the move to Omaha but is stronger than ever. With your help it will continue to be the voice of the Gay and Lesbian community in Nebraska.

New Place in Town

-by Sharon V.

If you haven't yet discovered it, I'd recommend a breakfast or luncheon visit to the Downtowner Cafe at 619 South 16th Street. Currently open for breakfast and lunch, 6am to 2pm Monday through Friday and for Saturday breakfast, 6am to noon. This small, casual diner offers good quality food at low prices.

The owner, Bob, specializes in homemade foods better than my mother ever thought of making. Daily luncheon specials usually include some variety of homemade noodles and feature "flower pot bread," baked and served in a flower pot.

My only regret is that I seldom get a chance to go downtown for lunch so I miss much good food. Hopefully the Downtowner will be able to expand their hours in the future. Our support of this community owned business will help.

We Can Make a Difference!

MCC in Lincoln Disbands

Metropolitan Community Church has suspended services in Lincoln after 10 months. A small group met faithfully but there was not enough community support to continue the effort.



Logo Needed

We need a logo for Pride Week, 1988. Logos must be suitable for use on a 2 1/2 inch button (no T-shirts this year) and should represent clearly the concept of Pride Week for gay men and lesbians regardless of their race, creed or national origin.

The winner of this year's logo contest will receive a free one year's subscription to The New Voice of Nebraska.

Designs will be judged by the Bar Owners and Organizations of Omaha and their decision will be final. All designs submitted become the property of BOO.

Submit your original ideas to The New Voice, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103. Designs must be received no later than May 1, 1988.



Women's Rap Group

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Possible topics for discussion will include:

- * Meeting People
- * Dating
- * Different types of relationships
- * Coupling
- * Coming out
- * Raising children
- * Whatever else anyone needs to talk about

We also have some ideas for some fun group activities for the summer.

(Contact MCC for further information)

Please JOIN US!!!!

Spring Concert Cancelled

Through 10 successful major concert periods in Omaha, the men and women of the River City Mixed Chorus have presented a wide variety of music in a number of locations. This spring was to have been one of our most ambitious presentations, high lighting music from Broadway and including choreography, a number of solos, and more.

As you may have heard, the membership of the RCMC voted on Monday, February 22, to cancel our Spring Concert. We want the community to know why:

(1) We all start projects which we realize, well into them, were a bit overzealous. Unfortunately, the RCMC Spring Concert fits this description. Well into our preparation, the Chorus members agreed we may have bitten off more than we could chew, and began discussing ways of "cutting back." But a majority of the members said, "No, we want to do things right, or not at all."

(2) Music Director Kevin Jones had stated he would leave the Chorus immediately following our Spring Concert. That deeply concerned many of the members. Kevin, a man of many talents, had guided the RCMC through two successful concert periods, and was scheduled to lead us through the Summer of 1989. Now, we would again need to search for a new Director.

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The questions of concert quality and of Kevin's plans culminated in our February 22 decision, affecting all of us - singers and supporters alike.

Where is the Chorus going? We are now planning on several levels: our Music Director Search Committee is seeking a new Director. Our Music Selection Committee is working on content for our Summer Concert, scheduled for Sunday, July 10. And our members are anxiously awaiting the start of Summer Concert rehearsals.

Thank you for your support. We're sorry about the Spring Concert, but we wanted to give only the best. Besides, July 10 is right around the corner!

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MCC Notes

-by Sharon V.

March at Metropolitan Community Church was a mixture of serious contemplation and joyful fellowship.

Church members came closer together through the Lenten Family Groups which ended with communion suppers reminiscent of the fellowship shared by Christ and His disciples in that upper room so many years ago. This experience was repeated for the congregation at large as the church celebrated Maundy Thursday with a love feast and foot washing ceremony. On Good Friday the Church was left in solemn darkness at the end of the traditional Tennebrae service. A 30 hour prayer vigil began at midnight Good Friday and continued until the acuminical sunrise service on Easter Morning.

March also featured a soup supper at MCC-0 which brought people together for good food, fellowship, and good music provided by the River City Mixed Chorus and by a congregation member who shared the songs, stories and dances of his Irish heritage.

April events will be high lighted by a fund raiser for MCC by the Two-Wheelers of Omaha to be held at the Diamond on April 16. Show time is 10pm; donation \$2.00. There will also be an amateur talent night at MCC, 420 S. 24th, at 7pm on April 23 so congregation members can show off their abilities in the performing arts. For a good time (and probably a lot of laughs) join the folks from MCC for both events.

Thanks for Caring!

BOO Notes

The member organizations of Bars and Organizations of Omaha are busy making plans for Pride Week activities.

This year the Pride Parade on Saturday, June 25, will be followed by a pot luck picnic for the Gay and Lesbian Community.

Sunday afternoon, June 26, will feature a memorial service for those who have died of AIDS. A detailed listing of Pride Week activities will appear in the June issue of The New Voice.

We are inviting all bars, organizations and individuals to participate in the parade. Bring banners, flags or get together and make a FLOAT! Let's show the world we are proud of who we are.

If you represent an organization in the gay and lesbian community, join us at our regularly scheduled meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Contact The New Voice (556-9907) for next month's meeting place.

Try the Classifieds

Classified ads in The New Voice are a good, inexpensive way for individuals to advertise (Only \$2 for 20 words).

You could find homes for the 11 puppies belonging to your roommate's female Great Dane, or find a new roommate. You could sell that lime green lamp Aunt Millie gave you for Christmas or the purple doily that Cousin Millie crocheted for you. You could let folks know about your lawn mowing service or about your garage sale. Or you could take a few words and tell your sweetheart how special you think he (or she) is. The uses are endless - we just ask that the classifieds be used by individuals and that no sexually explicit material be used. (Don't worry, if your ad doesn't make it past our proofreader we'll send it back to you with a "please rewrite" note attached. They do that to some of the articles I write, too).

-Sharon V.



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Amethyst at Chesterfield

The all womyn band, Amethyst, will be appearing at the Chesterfield April 8 and 9. This group is developing a strong local following, so for good live music, good dancing and good company be at the Chesterfield. We'll be there.

REGISTER BY APRIL 29th!!

Coming Out Group at MCC


The Coming Out group at MCC continues to be well attended as gay men and lesbians gather to discuss topics related to the continual coming out process that we all go through. Recent discussion topics have included "family issues" and "dating."

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at MCC, 420 South 24, at 7pm. Call 345-2563 for more information.

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AIDS / ARC

Once upon a time, ah so long ago, so many lives passed ago, the world was introduced to a new set of vocabulary terms - AIDS and ARC. Terms had been attached to a process that was killing people from Haiti, people that did drugs by needle and syringe and homosexual men. Gay men, like myself, perked up our ears. We were told that we could, and probably would, all die. Panic struck in the hearts of many. Questions were raised.

What are the signs or symptoms? We were told that elevated temperature and night sweats were a sure sign. It was several months of reading and constantly questioning before I learned that the temperature had to be consistently elevated for several weeks and the night sweats had to be severe enough to require a change of bed linens every night for several weeks. While waiting for clarification, I became a hypochondriac, suspecting every change in my physical being to be the beginning of AIDS. My sexual practices changed radically approaching celibacy.

Safer sex became by-words. I attended a Safe Sex Seminar. I heard some notorious potty mouths stand up and talk to us in terms that led me to expect the story about the stork or finding babies in the cabbage patch. My intelligence was insulted.

More recently another vague term has been introduced - body fluids. Gay men stopped kissing in any fashion. Restaurant goers objected to having males serve them food. Panic has been added to panic. I know men that have abandoned their hope of ever having a loving relationship out of fear. They have not abandoned their sexual drive - merely limiting that activity to casual sex without commitment, and without regard for safer sex.

Last June I went to UNO Medical Center to the Viral Syndrome Clinic for an immunological workup. I had long since been declared HIV positive. I was told that my count was "a few points below normal." I made some minor changes in my lifestyle. I returned in December. Multiple medical problems were looked into and following a slip of the tongue by one of the physicians I demanded my results. I was told "Yes, you are a little sick." Is that anything like being a little pregnant or a little dead? More

new terms were thrown at me. T-8 cells and ration of T-4 to T-8. Healthy is 1.0 and I'm not sure where 0 puts you. In June, I was at 0.7, in December I was at 0.5. If I continue at this rate of progression, by this time next year I will be at 0. I do not feel that the medical profession or the gay community prepared me for this - and I am not handling it well. I know more about cancer than about AIDS - granted - so does the medical world, but how much has been covered up about AIDS.

Many publications have carried stories about the loving manifested through death and dying from AIDS. These accounts are provided by "significant others." What about those without a significant other? How does one resolve the fact that his body, once thought to be an instrument for expressing love, is now a lethal weapon? How does it feel to become pre-occupied with thoughts about death, burial arrangements, insurance and wills? How does one deal with the feeling that their life, by being cut short, has been totally invalidated? What about the accusations that abound that PWA's have all been whores?

As I attempt to get it together again my thoughts go back to a college course in 20th Century Literature which required me to read Cancer Ward, Death in Venice, and Down and out in Paris. Following those readings I was angry - and I'm once again angry, and I can focus my anger at the medical profession and at the gay community, individuals that have not been the support that I would like, and at myself for my weakness and my lack of ability to ask for help.

I have attempted to separate myself from futile stress. I took a weekend in Des Moines to be with Christian friends,

shared with members of my family, and have attended a support group. The journey is not over. I don't like being with me, and I don't want to impose myself, wretched being that I am. However, I am finding there are people that do care and are willing to overlook my self-pitying. This article is not a solicitation for pity (I'll do that in person), but a declaration to some that you are not alone. By the Grace of God and His love that comes through His people, we (for I cannot do it alone) will get through this phase of death and dying.

-Name Withheld

Oldest Woman, Suffragist, Dies

Philadelphia-- A Suffragist for women's rights in 1919 died January 11 at age 114, according to the Associated Press. Florence Knapp, recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest person, lived for 110 years in the same stone farm house in Pennsylvania before moving to the Dock Terrace nursing home four years ago.

Knapp graduated from college in 1894 and began a teaching career that included stints at the Friends Select School and the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr. Knapp, who never married, was known as a vocal supporter of women's suffrage during her many years as a teacher. After retiring in 1935, Knapp researched and wrote papers for the Montgomery County Historical Society.

-Gay Community New, Boston

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National Spotlight

NAMES Project

SAN FRANCISCO - Over 400 new three foot by six foot memorial panels arrived at the San Francisco workshop of the NAMES Project prior to the February 16 deadline for inclusion in the AIDS Memorial Quilt's National Tour, bringing the total to nearly 4,000. On April 3, those 4,000 panels will leave San Francisco for Los Angeles, the first stop on the 20-city, 12,000 mile, four-month National Tour. A 24' truck has recently been purchased and the interior is now being customized to the specifications necessary for the safe and efficient transport of the Quilt. "The Quilt continues to grow," explained Cleve Jones, executive director of the NAMES Project. "It has become a powerful and dramatic symbol of the growth of the epidemic and its impact on American society."

In all 20 cities, local Host Committees are in place, working with The NAMES Project to create a series of successful local displays nationwide, bringing the Quilt's message of compassion and love for people with AIDS to every corner of America. At the same time, momentum will be building towards the Quilt's return to Washington, DC.

On the weekend of October 8th and 9th, The NAMES Project Quilt will return to the Capital Mall in Washington, DC, where it was first displayed last October during the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The memorial, which at present is double the size of the inaugural display, is expected to reach the 10,000 - 15,000 panel mark by this October; a dramatic and startling visual reminder of the unabated growth of the epidemic. This display will cover the entire mall from the Capitol to the Washington Monument and the reading of the names will take an entire day.

The NAMES Project has applied to the Park Service for Permits for the October dates, and a logistics team in Washington is already working on the numerous tasks which lay ahead. The deadline for panels

to be received for inclusion in the Washington, DC display is August 15, and it is not too early to submit them.

The NAMES Project, P.O. Box 14573, San Francisco, CA 94114; (415) 863-5511.

-Alternate News

TOUR SCHEDULE

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Dubuque Plans Second March

DUBUQUE, IOWA - Last September, about 40 people who marched through Washington Park in Dubuque in the area's first rally for Gay rights were pelted with eggs by hostile onlookers. But organizers hope this year's rally will be different.

Stacie Neldaughter, one of the organizers of the rally slated for April 30, said they hope to attract around 3000 marchers to this year's gathering.

"When people see a group being discriminated against, they want to do something," Neldaughter told the Washington Blade. "This is what happened last year (for blacks) in Forsythe County (Georgia), and that's what we hope will happen here."

After the march last year, when hecklers shouted obscenities at the marchers and showered them with rocks, garbage and eggs, organizers met with Dubuque Police Chief John Mauss, who said he was sympathetic with the concerns of the marchers but said that police could do nothing to stop the violence because "no one was hurt."

In addition to the rally, organizers said this year they plan to include a concert by lesbian singer Cris Williamson to attract more people to the event.

NEW VOICE NOTE: Anyone interested in supporting our sisters and brothers in Dubuque by attending their rally, please contact Pat or Terry on (402) 455-3701 to help coordinate our efforts.

Lesbian Wins First Round Custody Battle

Minnesota lesbian Karen Thompson finally won a round this month in her legal battle to ensure that her severely disabled lover, Sharon Kowalski, is properly cared for.

On Feb. 5, a Minnesota district court judge ordered that 30-year-old Kowalski be given a competency test to determine whether her father should continue to exercise unlimited control over her life. Donald Kowalski was given unlimited guardianship over his daughter after she was critically injured in an automobile accident in 1983. Upon gaining guardianship, Mr. Kowalski barred Thompson from visiting his daughter.

Thompson, who said she and Sharon lived together in a closeted lesbian relationship for four years prior to the accident, has lost numerous court battles to gain either custody of her lover or the appointment of a neutral guardian who would allow Sharon to choose her own visitors. The Feb. 5 court order was the result of a motion filed by Thompson's attorneys to demonstrate that Donald Kowalski had violated the terms of his guardianship. Among those terms was a stipulation that Sharon be tested annually for competency.

Thompson said she has not seen Sharon since July 1985 when Donald Kowalski was granted guardianship and that Sharon has yet to be tested for competency since that time. Thompson said Judge R. V. Campbell ordered the competency test to be conducted by an independent evaluator and that neither Thompson, Kowalski's parents, nor attorneys for either party can contract that evaluator.

Currently, Sharon is being kept in a nursing home in Hibbing, Minn., near the parents' hometown of Naahwauk.

The CBS news magazine program West 57th Street has been filming interviews for a future segment about the case but no air date has yet been scheduled. Meanwhile, Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson is expected to comment on the case during a press conference in Minneapolis.

Black Gay Male Writings Wanted

Philadelphia-- Manuscripts by black gay men about the black gay male experience in America are being solicited for an anthology. The book, edited by Joseph Beam, editor of the Black Lesbians and Gays' Black/Out and In the Life: A Black Gay Anthology, will be published by Alyson Publications, Inc. of Boston in 1989.

Manuscripts may be submitted in the following forms: essays and short fiction (up to 5,000 words), poetry (no more than five poems), brief excerpts from plays and novels, letters, journal entries, and performance pieces, narratives, and interviews. I am interested in your experiences of: coupling and intimate relationships, coming out, interactions with family, rural living, youth, substance and spousal abuse, the arts, gay activism, the military, oral history, aging, AIDS, and erotics. All manuscripts should be typed and double spaced on 8 1/2" by 11" white paper with the contributor's name on each page. Please include a phone number.

Deadline for submissions is April 30, 1988.

Manuscripts should be sent in duplicate to: Beam/BGA, P.O. Box 30024, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Only submissions accompanied by a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage will be returned.

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Dreaming

-by Jim Mathews

As I lay awake each night, I dream of you.

When I doze off to sleep, I dream of you.

During the day I stare and wonder... will things be as good as yesterday.

There are days I wonder if there will be a tomorrow for you and I.

I will wonder if you and I will be here ten years from now? No one knows.

Please take my hand and be with me today, and I will dream about tomorrow.

Warning Against Home Tests

-by Mark Sullivan
Washington Blade

AIDS Project Los Angeles officials announced at a news conference that they oppose any form of home AIDS antibody testing.

The tests, which have yet to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration, would consist of a lancet to draw blood and a special box to send the sample to a licensed lab for testing. Companies hoping to sell the kits say they will be marketed towards people who are too embarrassed to have a doctor perform the test.

"Our major concern about these tests is counseling," said Andrew Weisser, AIDS Project Los Angeles media coordinator. "We don't believe that sufficient counseling procedures have been implemented with any kind of home test. People need both pre-test counseling and post-test counseling, which these tests don't provide."

Some companies hoping to market home tests say they will provide users with a telephone number they can call to get answers to most questions people ask and to get referral to counselors in their area.

Weisser also said that the tests are a "nightmare" from the technical perspective. He said users may not properly disinfect the skin before drawing blood, or they may not draw enough to get an accurate sample.

One of the handful of people hoping to market the kits is former Michigan Congressman Mark Siljander. During his three terms in the House of Representatives Siljander voted in favor of the McDonald Amendment, which sought to prevent the use of the Legal Services Corporation on Gay-related matters.

"It does follow an anti-Gay position to market these types of tests," said Kathy Sarris, executive director of the Michigan Organization for Human Rights. "It's just taking advantage of the hysteria surrounding the disease."

Register by April 29th!!

False Alarms About AIDS

-New York Times

The cover of the March 8 Newsweek features the rumpled sheets of an empty double bed. That's the teaser for a rumpled, alarming article: it implies that the AIDS virus can be spread by casual contact, declares the risk of being infected by a blood transfusion to be several times greater than the best current estimates, and warns that the epidemic among heterosexuals "will now begin to escalate at a frightening pace."

That none of these assertions is at all probable need be no surprise. The authors - William Masters, Virginia Johnson and Robert Kolodny - are sex therapists with no particular expertise in the epidemiology of AIDS, and their war has not been reviewed by experts, as is usual in scientific claims.

The authors base their conclusions on a survey in

which they found a high prevalence of the AIDS virus in two of four cities. Participants stated they were not Gay or addicted, the primary risk groups, but they were not interviewed to verify these assertions. Yet, the authors declare, "The AIDS virus is now running rampant in the heterosexual community." A wealth of surveys indicates that's not true.

The authors revive all the old fears about AIDS, while ignoring abundant empirical evidence that has laid them to rest. "It is theoretically possible to be exposed (to the virus) in a restaurant under certain circumstances," they say in the book from which the Newsweek article was derived. By the same logic, people could be infected in the home, schools or workplace. Yet an abundance of careful evidence shows this doesn't happen.

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Condom Report

-PWA Coalition News

Consumers Union is preparing a report on condoms. If you are now using condoms, or have used them, you may complete a questionnaire by Consumers Union. All responses will remain anonymous. For more info, write: C.U., Survey Research, PO Box 3334, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10551.

AZT Available

-PWA Coalition News

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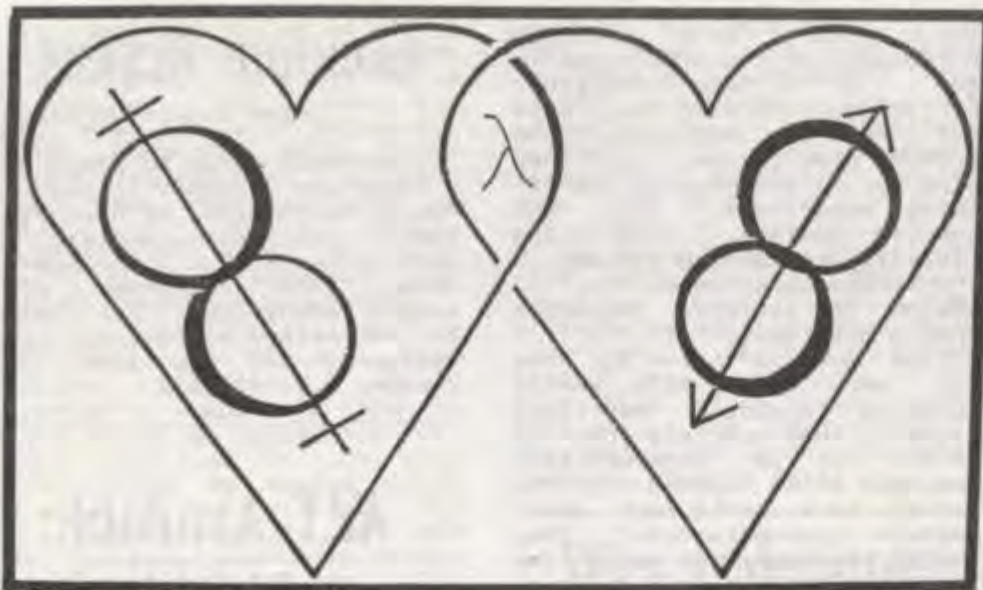
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Love is Everywhere

With this issue of The New Voice we begin a new section featuring articles on love and relationships. Each month we will print articles, poems, and artwork related to how you feel about that special someone in your life.

If you would like to submit a brief article (no more than two pages typed, double spaced), a short poem, or original art work suitable for photocopy reproduction, we will be glad to consider it for this section. Any topic related to love and relationships is acceptable. Use actual names only if written permission accompanies your submission. Remember, this magazine is rated P.G. so no sexually explicit material, please.

Kansas Replies

As you may recall, the February issue of The New Voice included an "Open Letter to Kansas." In that letter I shared some of the love I feel for my special lady along with some of the more personal moments in our relationship. It was inevitable that my outspoken sweetheart would have the last word. For your enjoyment, her response to that article.

-Sharon V.

To The Readers:

I think it only fair that the world -- at least the readership of The New Voice (and don't we all know they're the only people that count) hear me out before they judge me for taking the sacred "throne" and desanctifying it. Hear me, oh Nebraskans, as I plead my case.

It was April when a letter arrived from my future lover. It was April when another letter arrived from my future love. Did you find the last two sentences similar? Such a similarity also occurred in those first two letters which arrived within a week of each other and were nearly identical. This person with such a faulty memory soon invited me to meet her in Omaha in June.

I was hesitant but I figured "What the heck." I had my vehicle and surely I could make a quick escape if I had to.

Varoom. I'm off to Omaha. As soon as I arrived she asked if we could join her daughter and some friends at the bar. Weary from four hours on the road (or groggy from the exhaust fumes) I agreed and found myself in a red-necked, country-western bar with six people I didn't know.

Fortunately, I'd regained my sanity enough by bedtime to be able to say "No!" to my would be lover. After all, how well can you judge the sanity of someone you know only through letters. Especially when they have a shotgun leaning against the wall in their closet.

From these early encounters I simply assumed that mild insanity was not only acceptable but the norm. So what do you think, Nebraskans? Where does the guilt lie? Is it with me, who desanctifies the throne with guitar and serenade or is it with the twin letter writing, shotgun toting, barfly?

-Kansas

One last thing I should make clear. I do love my Nebraska lady. If that's a crime, then I plead guilty. Hang me at dawn if you please, but hang me by her side.

One last thing (oops, redundancy seems contagious) perhaps insanity is the appropriate plea. After all, I am moving to Nebraska.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEBR. AIDS PROJECT HOTLINE

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE(s): _____

Complete and mail to NAP, P.O. Box 31118, Omaha, NE 68131

Love Poem

The words of this song express how I feel about the special lady in my life. Dedicated to Micki M. B. from Christie.

"Don't Blame Me"
Micki M. B.

Don't blame me, for falling in love with you
I'm under your spell, but how can I help it?
Don't blame me...
Can't you see, when you do the things you do,
If I can't conceal the thrill that I'm feeling,
Don't blame me...
I Can't help it if the doggone moon above
Makes me need someone like you to love,
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Would like to meet black or white lesbian. I need some affection from a special woman. I'm a white, big, lovable lesbian. No games. Call 551-0080 and ask for Vickie. Be very discreet.

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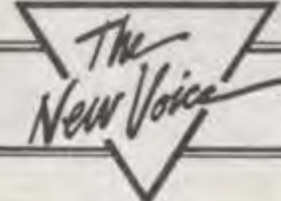
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The New Voice will be publishing a calendar of events for the Gay and Lesbian Community. We are happy to list events taking place in your organization or business. Remember that the publication date of The New Voice is the 10th of the month and listings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



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- Cherchez la femme, 200 So. 18th, 474-9162
- The Club, 116 No. 20th St., 474-5692
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- Chancy's Pub, 4th & Walnut, (308)381-0951

Gay/Lesbian Resource Directory

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

Affirmation of Nebraska
(402)477-1158
Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501
United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian Concerns. Meets alternately in Omaha and Lincoln, second Friday.

Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights
Box 94882, Lincoln NE 68509
Advocacy/Lobbies for Gay/Lesbian civil rights, educational presentations, newsletter, cultural programs.

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

Nebraska AIDS Project
1-800-782-AIDS
Box 31118, Omaha NE 68131
Info/support. Coordinates AIDS related community efforts

The New Voice of Nebraska
Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103
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UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center
(402) 472-5644
Nebraska Union, Room 342-Meetings.(Mail Room 222)
UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588. Social activities, AIDS education, roommate referral, groups, library

Viral Syndrom Clinic
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE
(402) 559-6202 Jonathan Goldsmith, MD
(402) 559-4420 Ann Lamb, MSW

Presbyterians For Lesbian/Gay Concerns
(402) 733-1360-Cleve

Project CONCERN
Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102
(402) 455-3701, AIDS
Information/Referral

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.(402) 344-4426-Wes. Meetings, information, understanding and support for Lesbians/Gays and friends.

LINCOLN

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
(402) 466-5214-Call AA Central Office for location

Gay/Lesbian Information & Support Line
(GLIS) Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 472-4697 eves. Referral, support phone line staffed by peer counselors.

Lambda Resource Center
(402) 474-1205.
2845 "R" Street, Lincoln, NE 68503

Lesbian Support Group
(402) 472-2597
Women's Resource Center, Room 117,
Nebraska Union, University of
Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
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Box 30317, Lincoln NE 68503
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The Common Woman
(402) 464-6309 1065 N. 33rd (33 &
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Women's Journal-Advocate
Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

**Women's Assistance Emergency
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Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

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Dignity of Omaha (402) 341-1460 or
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Lincoln General Hospital
2300 S. 16th St., Lincoln
(402) 475-1011

Bryan Memorial Hospital
1600 S. 48th St., Lincoln
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**St. Elizabeth Community Health
Center** 555 S. 70th St., Lincoln
(402) 489-3802

**University of Nebraska Medical
Center** 42 & Dewey, Omaha
(402) 559-6202 Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith

**Veterans Administration Medical
Center** 600 South St., Lincoln
(402) 489-3802

CONFIDENTIAL TESTING:

Douglas County Health Dept.
4th Floor Civic Center, Omaha,
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**Lincoln-Lancaster County Health
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AIDS Interfaith Network
1106 N. 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

Brother William Woeger
c/o Omaha Archdiocese
100 N. 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

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American Red Cross
1701 "E" St., Lincoln, NE 68501
(402) 471-7997

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

**Lincoln-Lancaster County Health
Dept.** 2200 St. Marys Ave., Lincoln, NE
(402) 471-7800

FINANCIAL

**Nebraska Department of Social
Services** (402) 471-7000
10th and "O" St., Lincoln, NE 68508

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Director of Social Services
Lincoln General Hospital
(402) 475-1011

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Viral Syndrome Clinic
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(402) 559-4673

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633 S. 9th St., Lincoln, NE 68508
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