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HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE

ABOUT THE COVER: ALL FAMILIES ARE OF VALUE

The photo, "Two Womyn at Michigan", (courtesy Irene Wallworth) speaks to issues involving the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival and the transsexual community. Some Festigoers would limit the definition of "womyn"; others would embrace their transsexual sisters. Janis Wallworth, Davina Gabriel, and Brandy Sinco participated in events described in the article on page 5. All three consider themselves womyn. One is transsexual—the other two are not.

For more wonderful examples of diverse families see the 1993 "Days Together—A Celebration of Gay and Lesbian Families" Calendar, featuring photography of Geoff Manasse. It is available from members of the River City Mixed Chorus, for \$12, \$2 of which will be donated to Nebraska AIDS Project. You may also purchase calendars by calling Richard at 341-1371 or Harry at 345-7169. Postage and handling of \$1.50 will be added to all mail orders.

One of my favorite photos in the calendar shows the multicultural family of Afi Catellani-Clark (Jean Catellani, Theresa Ann Clark, Afi Catellani-Clark, Charles Price, & Rodrick Massey) Afi, an outgoing preschooler, is biologically from Jean and Rod, but has two moms. His previously anonymous dad and "uncle" are now part of an extended family. Jean is a social worker and Theresa is a musician who is starting medical school. They've been involved since 1980 and had a commitment ceremony September, 1984. Charlie and rod met in 1983 and exchanged rings in 1991. Rod works for the airlines and Charlie does AIDS counseling.

The cover's caption "HATE is not a family value" is featured on bumper stickers now available from the Omaha Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (291-6781) and from Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (345-2563). Suggested donation is at least \$1.

REAL LIFE HOSPITALIZATION ADVENTURES OF TWO LESBIANS--PART I: ANTICIPATION

By Carla

Many of you already know that I have just embarked on one of life's "educational experiences" which we'd all like to pass up—hospitalization—complete with surgery and a forecasted several weeks of confinement to home and unemployment.

As I tell Sharon, I am not a science person, so suffice it to say I had back surgery with fusion of something other than discs. They also put in four 3 inch screws to help hold everything in place while the fusion occurred. And they even put in some electronic device to serve as a catalyst for the fusion. Then they put me in this heavy-duty plastic pair of shorts they call a brace and said "wear that for a month, take two aspirin, and see you in December."

Now translated into language I understand, all that means "Carla, you can't go to the bar to deliver flyers, you can't go to church, you can't go to meetings, you can't go to work, you can't work in your yard, you can't even leave your bedroom unless you can figure out how to do it lying down, you can't, you can't, you can't, you can't." Needless to say, about the time you're reading this, I'm beginning to feel a bit frustrated. I mean—there aren't even any dots in our ceiling to be counted!

Sharon, of course, looks at all this differently. She says, "Carla, you can read, you can draw, you can write, you can watch tv, you can volunteer to answer ANGLE's phone line, you can.... you can.... you can...."

We'll see if this is an "I can" or an "I can't" experience. I've given her permission to shut the bedroom door on me if I get too bitchy—I think I'll keep track of how often that happens—maybe I'd better oil the hinges now!

Anyways, we've been anticipating the joy of this experience since July and now the big day has finally arrived. Among the special events I've already experienced was the joy of giving blood

while a 14 year old screamed her head off "It hurts!" Then there was the fun of getting the house ready—moving the tv, raising the bed—gathering books and tapes to entertain me—gathering my raisins and other knickknacks to keep me company—thoroughly cleaning the house so my mother who has a million allergies could come stay a week—winterizing the house in October, so Sharon wouldn't be stuck doing it all alone, etc. Outside there were similar activities: put up the picnic table, finish the rock work we'd begun earlier, clean the garage, mow for the final time, get the storm windows on, and get the cars ready for winter. At work, well, one teaching job I had to turn down; the other, I worked and worked to get everything ready so other people could handle it. As for our finances—well, we had plenty of serious talks about that. My insurance only pays 70%—ouch! On top of that, I pay it myself at the tune of \$270 per month. I wonder how we'll manage since I won't be bringing in much income during the next few months. Anticipation—I love it!

Oh, yeah, I might as well warn you—I've never ever even spent a night in the hospital before. I still have my tonsils, appendix, etc. Anticipation—don't you just love it!

If you get bored in the next 30 days, just give me a call. I'm in the book! I'll be home; there's no doubt about it! For now that's it. I'll leave you anticipating Part II: Surgery.

WE GET LETTERS PRO-LIFE GAYS AND LESBIANS

Dear Editor of NVN,

On October 16, 1991, over 16,000 people lined the streets of Omaha holding signs saying "abortion kills children". Now there are a few vocal people who would insist that all 16,000 of those pro-lifers were straight and anti-gay. I can't begin to believe that if 1 out of 10 is gay, even 1 out of 25, that is still over 400 people who were less than straight holding signs saying "abortion kills children". Would a pro-lifer dare join a gay rally when they may be pushed out of the closet by a "pro-choice" gay/lesbian community? Could it be there is a whole other gay and lesbian community which isn't reached because of the politics of gay and lesbian abortion advocates?

I have received information from the Gay/Lesbian Pro-Life Alliance of Minnesota (Box 30711, Minneapolis, MN 55408) and I have a proposal if anyone is interested. Get in contact with me and I will help start a Nebraska Chapter and when it comes to Gay Pride Day and Pro-Life Mother's Day marches, a banner can be carried saying "abort homophobia, not unborn babies" or perhaps "abortion is HETEROsexual crime against humanity".

Both the political left and political right will hate us for it but progress will likely be accomplished. If you are interested in making the world more inclusive or want to argue about abortion just write to me c/o the New Voice and they will forward the letters to me.

Sincerely,
Andrew Sullivan



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THINGS KEEP CHANGING

By Sharon Van Butsel

"Deadline" is one of the recurrent headaches that comes with publishing a monthly magazine. We repeatedly tell you that articles must be in by the 10th. That allows us time to type, typeset, lay out, compose ads, proofread, retypes, take to the printer, have printed, collated, stapled, pick up from the printer, mail, and distribute by the first of the month. We actually can make changes in text and articles for several days after the 10th but the day does come when the magazine is typeset and at the printer's. In October, that was the magic date when everything began changing. First came the phone call — "Emerson won International Mr. Drummer. Can you put in an article?" — No, we couldn't but we did manage to get it into one headline and one paragraph of an article. Next call — "We've postponed DC's Leather and Western contests. Can you change the calendar?" — No, we couldn't — nor could we pull the article we'd written. Still more — "Nonsense has been canceled." And more — "Nonsense will be performed in November." And more — "Oh, they're not going to do *All's Fair* until spring." And more — "The pig roast's canceled." And on and on. The moral of the story? None, especially. We'd like to know as soon as possible when an event's been changed, but we know that sometimes happens at the last minute. So, forgive us if we write about canceled events. We'll keep working to let you know as much as we can about what's happening.



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Then, two days later, the postal workers called and left a message on Sharon Mc's voice mail at work (she's the person in charge of subscriptions). The next day, when Sharon checked her messages, she found out that they now claimed that the bundles of mail didn't have enough postage. To top it off, the post office hadn't sent out the magazines — they were holding them waiting for us to bring in an additional five dollars!! So, Sharon went down to the post office, paid the \$5 they needed, and the magazines went out.

Well, that ends our tale of woe and my explanation of why your magazine may have been late. We are sorry for the delay. We are taking steps to assure that the post office will not hold up delivery in the future, but I'm not ready to make any guarantees. Somehow I suspect that trying to fight the U.S. Post Office has all the qualities of tilting at windmills — it makes the one on horseback feel like they're doing something but doesn't impress the windmill in the slightest.

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

As Nebraskans are well aware, a single vote can make a big difference in an election. All one needs to do is recall the close elections in the primaries last May. Many were won by very narrow margins. But did you know that...

- the current Mayor of Beatrice, NE won by 5 votes;
- a Gage County Supervisor won by less than a handful of votes;
- Nebraska's Governor won the primary by 40 votes;
- if one person changed her/his vote in every precinct, Richard Nixon would not have been elected President in 1968;
- one vote brought Texas into the Union;
- one vote gave American the English language instead of German;
- one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the Presidency;

Voter turnout -

Country	Average turnout as per cent of eligible population
Italy	94%
Sweden	88%
Australia	86%
Israel	80%
Japan	72%
Canada	68%
United States	54%

YOUR VOTE COULD CHANGE THE COURSE OF TOMORROW!!

****VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3!****

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THERE'S ONLY ONE RODNEY BELL

It really seemed that we were quite specific when we published submissions by Rodney Bell, II. He's submitted articles to *The New Voice* for years, and has continued to do so since he was sentenced to a prison term. He writes poems and articles about discrimination and how he feels individual rights are violated. We may not agree with everything Rodney Bell does, but his submissions are certainly worth consideration.

However, it seems that lately a member of the Omaha community, whose first name is also Rodney and is also an activist, has had too many people thinking that he has been imprisoned. We are currently trying to set up an interview with Rodney Shuey to talk about his activities. But in the meantime, Rodney Shuey would like us to make it clear that he is not the Rodney who has been writing articles while imprisoned. Please remember, there is only one Rodney Bell, II.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PINK TRIANGLE MEANING?

Sharon,

Last month was the first time I had heard of the meaning of the Pink Triangle. I discussed it with a group of friends and they don't believe that the Nazi's did distinguish homosexual's in the concentration camp in any special way.

Is there a reference that would be helpful to me so that I may understand it better and pass that information on.

Stork

THE STORY OF THE PINK TRIANGLE

In a Chapter of history only recently coming to light, thousands of homosexuals were thrown into the Nazi concentration camps, along with Jews and others who did not fit the Aryan ideal. Nearly all gay prisoners perished. This is a brief history of that period.

Pre-war Germany had a casual attitude toward gay men. Many lived openly with their lovers and were accepted members of their communities. Respected authors (W.H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood among them) traveled or lived there for extended periods.

Then Adolf Hitler assumed power, revising German law to forbid every form of homosexual expression including kissing, embraces - even fantasies. Gay men were forced to wear pink triangles to distinguish them from "loyal" Germans. Like Jews, they were sent by tens of thousands to Dachau, Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen and other camps where they were worked to death, tortured, and brutally murdered.

On arrival, gay inmates were stripped, forced to shout, "I am a faggot, sir!" and shorn of all hair. Names were replaced with a tattooed number: "Queer 45678, sir!" Every attempt was made to devastate dignity, humanity, and will to live.

If two men were known to be lovers, or showed compassion for fellow inmates, each was made to watch as the other fellow was beaten and raped with sharp objects. They were often clubbed to death or killed by dogs trained to attack the genitals. In other atrocities, prisoners were forced to watch brutal executions while singing Christmas carols.

After the war, financial reparations were denied to gay inmates. Although most were imprisoned without a trial, many were never released since the occupation government regarded homosexuality a crime. Germany did not repeal Hitler's severe laws until 1969. In the 1980's, the government finally erected monuments and publicly recognized the deaths of thousands of gay victims.

In honor of the memory of these men, out of determination that sanctioned quarantine and brutality must never again be permitted, and out of pride in ourselves - in who we are today - the pink triangle has been adopted as a symbol of all gay and lesbian people.

-Reprinted from a flyer distributed by Citizens for Equal Protection at the October 11 Street Fair

For more information we suggest *The Pink Triangle* by Richard Plant, available from the Omaha Public Library.

PRISONER PROJECT OF NEW VOICE GIVES CARE AND SUPPORT TO PWA

October 9, 1991

Dear Editor,

My name is Jeffrey Melton and I'm a 34 year old gay man with AIDS currently serving a two to three year prison sentence for a drug related crime. I was returning home to San Francisco, California, after visiting my parents in Gary, Indiana, when I stopped over in Omaha to check out the gay scene.

Needless to say, I did break the laws of Nebraska concerning possession of drugs and I'm serving my time at Lincoln Correctional Center here in Lincoln.

As soon as I came into the prison system I wrote you at *The New Voice* asking for a subscription to your magazine and you were very kind to send me *The New Voice* even though I had no money. Since here in Nebraska I've gotten so much support and love from the gay community through the Nebraska AIDS Project and the Metropolitan Community Church's "Rev. Howard."

I owe Nebraska my apology because I always titled the Midwest a redneck, uncaring part of our country which, since I've been here, I've found not to be true.

I have a T-cell count of 52 at present and to say the least I'm scared to death. I would like to thank the whole Nebraska gay community and *The New Voice* along with all the folks at the Nebraska AIDS Project for all your support, love, and kindness through this self made hell I've put myself in.

My release date is October 24, 1993 and, if possible, I would very much enjoy receiving *The New Voice* which helps so very much to lift my spirits.

Thanks Again,
Jeffrey Melton #43101
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Lincoln, NE 68542-2800

Editor's Note: The New Voice Prisoner Project provides free subscriptions to any person incarcerated in Nebraska's prison system, whether in Lincoln, Omaha, or York. If you know someone who is in prison and would like to receive The New Voice please ask them to write us at NVN, P.O. Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103. Requests must come directly from prisoners.

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NUNSENSE RETURNS

This is just a note to let you know that the Little Sisters of Hoboken will be returning to Omaha in November, pending approval of the Samuel French Dioceses. The "girls" will be back November 26 (Thanksgiving) through the 29th. Performances will be at 8 pm the 26th, 27th, and 28th and 2 pm and 8 pm on the 29th. Be sure to see them while there are here. Call 291-6781 early for reservations as the shows sold out quickly the last time they were in town.

Cordially,

Reverend Mother Mary Regina

BOYCOTT HOLIDAY INN

To whom it may concern:

After reading the letter from Hugh D. Mauch, we have decided never to stay at another Holiday Inn.

Holiday Inn Should talk to Coors and Marlboro about boycotts. A few years ago in Chicago, gays stamped all their money with Red stamps saying "gay money." Illinois was flooded with gay money.

Sincerely,

Dana K. Brown
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FEELINGS OF A TRANSGENDERIST PART 4

by Cheryl W.

Vietnam was going good in 1965 when I graduated from high school. I was college bound. I was partying and being a typical 17 year old. I didn't know what I wanted for a career, but I was sure I didn't want to have a blue collar job. I enrolled at Omaha University and 1st semester at school I was shocked. I had been an all "A & B" student in high school, but I wasn't producing college type work. I was working almost full time as a carpenter at the time, and I was being seduced by the money I was earning. My friends were going to the draft right and left. One night my friend Jim and I got drunk and went down to join the marines. They were closed at the recruiters' office, but they probably wouldn't have taken us anyway. When I sobered up, I was really frightened that I was so out of control. Jim got his draft notice shortly thereafter and I stayed in school. While he was in basic training, I started having "the dream". It was about being captured as a prisoner of war. My decision to stay in school was strongly reinforced. Jim spent 18 months in Germany and is back in Omaha raising grandchildren. I haven't seen him in years.

I college I started wearing women's underwear all of the time. I could afford it and I enjoyed the feel and the "high" I got from being special, and at risk on the edge of discovery. My mom had warned me that it would be embarrassing being discovered if I was ever in an accident. By this time I longed to be discovered.

I dated girls in college, but not often or seriously. In 1967, my money was burning a hole in my pockets, so I bought a new Chevelle convertible. It was in the pride parade this year. Next year I'll be there too. This was the year I decided to get married. Maybe that would be the way to get straightened out. I got up the nerve to ask about Patty, my old high school steady. She was attending nurses training at the old St. Joe's Hospital. I thought maybe a nurse could understand my problems. I also had a plan. Where I had been a sickeningly doting schmuck

before, I would now be the carefree and could care less, sneak up from behind and break hearts type. It worked great for Duane, another buddy. He married Patty's best friend in nurses training. In fact, it is still working for Duane 25 years (and at least 2 divorces) later.

It also worked for me. When I called Patty and took her out, I told her I'd call her. I waited over a week, even though I wanted to call her that same night. I treated her like I didn't care. She loved it. I was a challenge. I never looked at another girl while dating her. Our hormones were working and by the time she cornered my into an engagement ring, we were into heavy petting. She had found my secret, that I wore silky panties, and I had creamed them more than once while making out. I was still a virgin. I was really scared. Could I perform like a man in bed? I was "in love". I felt accepted, even though she didn't want to talk about my problem.

On Valentine's Day in 1968, I had bought Patty a beautiful pair of lacy pink bikini panties. I guess the best gift is one you would like yourself. Mom and dad took my two brothers on vacation to Washington D.C. that summer. I was taking a dance class at UNO and couldn't go. Patty helped take care of me that week, even cooking a meal or two. One night our petting got real heavy. I got to see those pink valentine panties, remove them, and we did it. I was thrilled that I could have sex like a man, but the next day we were scared to death. She was scared that I had gotten what every man wants and would reject her. I was hoping that I could live happily ever after. I guess if you want something bad enough, shit happens. We screwed like a couple of bunnies the rest of the summer and our wedding date moved up to May. Bunnies don't take time to talk much, neither did we. She didn't object to my special taste in underwear, but we never found the time to talk about that or our feelings. We had sex, hopes, and silent desires. It wasn't enough.

Watch for *Transgenderist, Part 5*

"BENT"

A Review by Mike Johnson

As Omaha settled into the premier of Murphy Brown, I decided to see the Firehouse Dinner Theater production of "Bent." The evening proved to be a true theatrical achievement. Having grown tired of cute musical extravaganzas and safe middle of the road dramas, this play provided a night of reflection, sincere discussion and education. It was an example of what theatre can be. Those who missed this production lost an opportunity to witness theater at its best.

The simplicity of the production values and the intimacy of the Firehouse provided the ideal venue. The closeness enhanced the deep emotion and raw brutality of the situation. Due to the close proximity of the audience, no actor could simply walk through his part. Any miscalculation in facial expression and/or body language would be detected. There was no place to hide.

The play covered an array of human conditions. Prejudice, cruelty, self-indulgence, love, emotional maturity, class systems, suicide and sexuality were exhibited in a reality based manner. Presentations of this type remove distractions and interruptions that cloud the ability to reason. It allows the audience to comprehend the impact of individual and social action. Furthermore when human plight is revealed before you by living persons the capacity to blindly dismiss the consequences of our deeds is denied. This experience is unique to theater. "Bent" provided the chance to examine many issues facing people of the 90's.

One of the strongest reasons for praise was the performance of Eric O'Brien as Max. When he appeared, I thought he was too young to have the intensity required for the part. I was mistaken. He furnished the string that tied this daring accomplishment together. The role of Max is froth with challenge. It is rare that a male lead role is written with such diversity. Mr. O'Brien brought great clarity to the slow evolution of the character. The transformation was remarkable to behold. His technique could not have been sharper or more honest. Furthermore with his role being the vocal center, it was refreshing to see him possess the confidence to allow the other actors to display their talents. It will be interesting to see how he builds upon this success.

The rest of the cast, particularly Keith Hale (Horst) and Marty Magnuson (Greta) were outstanding. Each was well defined and each had their moments. Both Mr. Hale and Mr. Magnuson resisted temptation to overplay and delivered portrayals of quality and sincerity. Each part was well cast and only further strengthened the play.

Appropriate credit should be given to the choices in lighting, set design, and costuming. They blended flawlessly and produced the proper visuals without overpowering the performances or the literature. Combined, these factors created the atmosphere of prewar Berlin and supplied the correct historical references.

I wish to thank the Firehouse Dinner Theatre, director De Moreland, the cast, and the NPA for their bravery, intelligence and sensitivity in presenting this controversial play. The risk and difficulty in production was probably immeasurable. However it was a pristine example of the power of the theater to unearth, explore, and teach -- an experience never to be forgotten.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND COUPLES

Assigning a partner power of attorney won't do much good if they cannot be located; carry an emergency medical card, as well as a reduced photocopy of their power of attorney form. "Medical emergency teams typically search trauma patients for emergency contacts, and same-sex couples need to make explicit the role of their partner," says Stevie Bryant, co-editor of Partners Magazine for Gay & Lesbian Couples. "A medical emergency card doesn't replace the power of attorney," says Co-editor Demian, Ed.D. "Rather, the card directs health care workers to alert your partner (or any individual), who can then invoke his or her authority to act on your behalf."

According to Demian, it makes sense to carry a reduced photocopy of the power of attorney form. Only a signed original has the power of law, but a copy will alert caregivers to your intentions.

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FEATURES

SHOULD TRANSEXUALS ATTEND WOMYN'S FESTIVAL?

Womyn attending the 17th annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival (MWMF) were challenged to think about a subject some had never considered before: whether transsexuals should be excluded, how to enforce such a policy, and who decides. "I was impressed: festgoers were willing to give this matter serious thought, to share their confusion and their feelings about it, and to be educated about transsexualism," said Janis Walworth, one of several womyn at the Festival trying to promote discussion about the policy that excludes non "womyn-born-womyn".

Nancy Burkholder, a transsexual woman, had been expelled from MWMF last summer for no reason other than suspicion of being a transsexual. Burkholder, who had had male-to-female genital surgery eight years earlier, participated in the awareness effort at this year's Festival by an open letter to Festival producers. Burkholder says she would not have attended last year or in 1990 (which she attended without incident) had she known about the antitranssexual policy, and she did not come this year.

Popular among festgoers this year were buttons from Womyn For Womyn, a California-based group, which queried, "Where's Nancy?" Walworth, a friend of Nancy's, offered two workshops to discuss the Festival policy; two other workshops on similar topics were offered by two other womyn.

Walworth said, "I'm concerned not only with the question of whether transsexual womyn should be officially included at Michigan but also with the nature of the Festival policy. The policy is vague. It doesn't spell out exactly who is excluded and it is not stated clearly in Festival literature." This year, for the first time, the Festival brochure stated in fine print that, "MWMF is a gathering of mothers and daughters for all womyn born womyn." "I discussed this statement with many Festival participants and there were several interpretations of it," said Walworth. Some womyn thought it referred to the fact that they were born of womyn—their mothers. Others felt, as Simone de Beauvoir put it, "One is not born a woman, one becomes one." Many male-to-female transsexuals consider themselves womyn-born womyn because they have felt female from birth.

A survey done at the Festival revealed that womyn on both sides of the transsexual inclusion question want a clear statement of Festival policy to be promulgated and uniformly enforced.

The survey, filled out by 633 of the approximately 7500 participants in the this year's Festival showed that an overwhelming 73% favor the inclusion of male-to-female transsexuals after they have had surgery. Inclusion was opposed by 23%. 4% were undecided. "These results must be taken in context," says Walworth. "This was certainly not a random sample." Efforts are currently underway to sample opinion in the womyn's community outside MWMF.

Davina Anne Gabriel, a male-to-female transsexual who underwent sex reassignment surgery in 1978, attended the Festival this year despite the antitranssexual policy. Asked if she thought her presence there was disrespectful of the womyn-only space, Gabriel replies, "I feel that as a woman I belong here." She also quoted Alix Dobkin as saying in her workshop on issues in the Lesbian Community, "It's the responsibility of each of us to make a place for ourselves in the community. We have to show up and say, 'I'm here—deal with me.' You declare yourself a part and you are a part, and the only way to do this is to keep coming back."

"Another problem with the Festival policy is that it is impossible to enforce fairly," says Walworth. "There is no sure way to tell a transsexual from a nontranssexual woman, except through medical records. In fact, a nontranssexual woman can't prove she's not a transsexual without undergoing expensive medical tests!" Unfortunately, MWMF producers have failed to provide guidelines for the enforcement of this policy, apparently leaving it up to individual security womyn. One woman doing a shift as a security worker asked her supervisor what to do if she saw a transsexual and was told, "You could do whatever you want actually." When Gabriel revealed herself to be a transsexual at a workshop on Sunday, a security worker who was there told her, "I wouldn't be comfortable throwing you out." Gabriel had been participating in the festival since Wednesday without incident. Despite

publicity coming out twice on Sunday, Gabriel was not ejected.

A survey question about how MWMF security should determine who is transsexual elicited a range of responses: interviews, questionnaires, medical certificates, genetic tests, driver's licenses, genital inspections, a friend's voucher, intuition, and just asking. The sentiment of many was summed up by a woman who wrote, "Hell if I know." Most survey respondents, however, felt it was unnecessary to make a distinction between transsexuals and nontranssexual womyn because they favored transsexual inclusion.

Walworth also expressed concern about the process by which policies are made at the Festival. "Are decisions made in dictatorial fashion by Festival producers? Does the opinion of participants influence policy?"

From the Night Stage, Toshi Reagan stated, "Just because we talked about something ten years ago does not mean that we're supposed to quit talking about it now. If the issue keeps coming up, it means that it's not settled, and we have to keep discussing the issue."

Reprints of the literature disseminated at the Festival, including the complete set of 24 Gender Myths, can be obtained by writing to Janis Walworth, PO Box 52, Ashby, MA 01431. Also available are survey forms that can be completed and returned. A more complete report of the survey results obtained at MWMF will be available.

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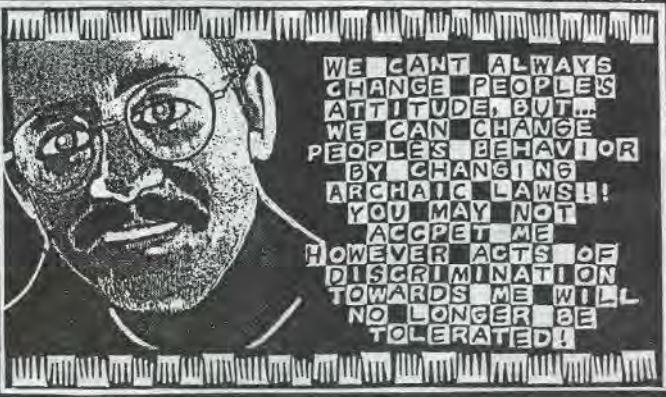
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NATIONAL NEWS

VICTORIES IN KENTUCKY, CALIFORNIA AND UTAH

Lesbians and gay men prevailed in three historic actions around the nation last week. On September 24, 1992, in a judicial first since the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, the Kentucky State Supreme Court overturned that state's anti-sodomy law that applied only to same-sex partners. The next day, California's Governor Pete Wilson signed Assembly Bill 2601 making California the seventh state to protect lesbians and gay men from discrimination in public and private employment. Later, in an unprecedented decision, the Salt Lake County Commission made Utah history, voting to protect lesbians and gay men from discrimination in county employment and to guarantee equal access to county services to lesbians and gays.

KENTUCKY SODOMY LAW

The Supreme Court of Kentucky overturned that state's anti-sodomy law on September 24, 1992 claiming that the law violates the equal protection clause of the fourteenth Amendment and a right to privacy guaranteed in the Kentucky state constitution. The majority, in a 4-3 decision, wrote, "...our guarantee that all persons are entitled to 'equal' treatment forbids a special act punishing the sexual preference of homosexuals." The Kentucky court also rejected the state's reasoning that long standing tradition and the "moral indignation felt by a majority of society" is justification for applying such a law to lesbians and gay men only.

CALIFORNIA AB-2601

On September 25, 1992 the state of California became the seventh state to protect lesbians, gay men and bisexuals from discrimination in public and private employment when Governor Pete Wilson signed AB-2601. The new law will take effect January 1, 1993.

Last year, Governor Wilson vetoes AB-101, a more comprehensive bill which would have protected lesbians and gay men from discrimination in public and private employment and in housing. In response, lesbians and gays rioted throughout the state in protest.

Governor Wilson vetoed an omnibus civil rights bill, AB 3825, which contained protections for lesbians and gays in housing and employment, along with protections for speakers of languages other than English, people with HIV and people with disabilities.

UTAH COUNTY PROTECTIONS

The Salt Lake County (Utah) Commission made Utah history on September 30, 1992 when it passed two new ordinances prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in county employment and services. These two ordinances are the first civil rights laws in the state of Utah to include sexual orientation as a protected class.

The two ordinances were passed after an August 1992 poll conducted for *The Salt Lake Tribune* showed 65 percent of Utahns agree that "Gays and lesbians should be protected by laws against housing and job discrimination."

NGLTF

COME OUT VOTING TELEVISION AD

"Come Out Voting," the groundbreaking 30 second television spot urging lesbian and gay young adults to register and vote was seen by millions of Americans on September 23rd Cable News Network broadcast of *Crossfire*, the nightly public affairs program.

The spot features young lesbians and gay men in a variety of social settings urging their peers to vote. At the beginning of the spot, written copy appears on the screen which reads, "Because of who we love, the world calls us Queer." Then, various participants in the spot say: "Our rights, our lives, are being challenged

every day. As Americans, we can do something about it - Vote! If we don't vote, others will decide our futures for us. Voting equals power, power equals change. Your vote will make a difference. Come Out Voting. Register today."

"The ad has been accepted as a public service spot by over 50 stations around the country," reports Tim McCarthy, national coordinator of the Come Out Voting Coalition. "In addition, millions of viewers has seen the spot during the CNN program, and on a Fox television network news broadcast concerning the increasing impact of lesbian and gay issues in the presidential campaign."



NATIONAL NEWS

GAY GULF WAR SOLDIER WELL RECEIVED

Specialist Jason Sherik, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia, came out publicly in a press conference sponsored by Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) in Atlanta on September 3, 1992.

Specialist Sherik decided to come out because he was tired of living a double life which is imposed on all lesbian and gay soldiers because of DoD Policy 1332.14 and 1332.30 which explicitly bans homosexuals from serving in the US Military.

According to Government Accounting Office Study released in June 1992, 17,858 gays and lesbians have been discharged from service for homosexuality between 1980 and 1991.

Specialist Sherik has been well received by both his peers and superiors upon his return to his unit. His peers expressed dismay when he was taken off of police duty and assigned to an administrative position pending his discharge.

His peers scoffed at the military's justification for the policy when Sherik explained to his peers that the military deems homosexuals are a threat to morale and discipline.

In the past, the discriminatory policy towards gays and lesbians has been justified by three discredited theories: Homosexuals are not good soldiers, Homosexuals are a security risk, and Homosexuals will adversely affect morale and discipline.

Presently, Sherik is facing discharge for homosexuality. Once he is discharged, he plans on returning to his home in Vacaville, California.

Sherik is the fourth soldier to come out publicly with the help of GLBVA in the past 60 days. The others are Captain Pam Mindt of Minnesota, Sergeant Tom Pannicia of Arizona, and Commander Fran Watson of Minnesota.

All of these people are facing discharge after distinguished service records.

GAY/LESBIAN PHYSICIANS GROUP APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, the U.S. and Canadian organization of gay and lesbian physicians and medical students, has hired nationally respected gay civil rights attorney Benjamin Schatz as its new Executive Director. Schatz replaces Pierre Ludington, who retired in August after a distinguished six year term at the helm of the group.

"Lesbians and gay physicians have an enormous amount of talent and expertise to contribute both to the gay and lesbians rights movement and to the battle against HIV," noted Schatz. "I am honored to work with an organization as distinguished and accomplished as AAPHR. I look forward to expanding further upon AAPHR's enormous potential by increasing AAPHR's activities and involving more lesbian and gay physicians in our efforts over the years."

Schatz has a long history of involvement and experience in gay/lesbian and HIV-related issues. He has worked for such organizations as the Nation Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the National Women's Political Caucus. From 1985 through 1989, Schatz founded and directed the AIDS Civil Rights Project of National Gay Rights Advocates, a public interest law firm. In 1990, he was hired to direct AAPHR's Medical Expertise Retention Program, the only program in North America for HIV-infected health care workers. Schatz will continue to be involved with this program.

Outgoing Executive Director Pierre Ludington was instrumental in organizing AAPHR's annual conferences, developing the group's policy statements and position papers, and building membership in the organization. Physicians, medical students, and members of the public who are interested in membership or other information should contact AAPHR at their new address, 273 Church Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 255-4547.

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NATIONAL NEWS

25 YEARS OF THE ADVOCATE

A pioneering Los Angeles "homophile" group called PRIDE (Personal Rights In Defense and Education) announced in 1967 the transformation of its monthly newsletter into the world's first gay newspaper. This announcement marked the launch of *The Advocate*, which 25 years later, is the most successful and long-lived gay and lesbian publishing venture in the world.

Even at a modest 12 pages, the first issue of *The Advocate* was full of reports on legal cases, a national conference of gay groups in Washington, D.C., an awards dinner, a review of the movie *King of Hearts*, a recipe for onion soup, a sharp commentary on *Time* magazine's ignorance of the gay community and other features, plus a few small ads and a community calendar that noted lectures of gay history and meetings of the Daughters of Bilitis.

The Advocate's mission to keep its readers informed often led it directly into controversy. Early on, *Advocate* reporting and subsequent pressure curbed the "fairy jokes" on TV host Jack Paar. The cover of the September 1969 issue offered a national round-up of legal cases battling police entrapment, along with the finalists of the second annual "Groovy Guy" contest—a fundraiser for the newly organized Metropolitan Community Church, a nonsectarian denomination for lesbians and gay men. Inside was an eyewitness report of the Stonewall Rebellion, which occurred in June in New York City.

What *The Advocate* had identified as a national movement in 1967 now ignited with new intensity, and it fueled the magazine's growth. Within two years of its birth, *The Advocate* had expanded into a tabloid of nearly 40 pages with regular reports from San Francisco, Washington, New York and other urban centers with sizable gay populations. And it regularly tracked community-building efforts, as well as "radical" actions of new groups like the Gay Activists Alliance.

Articles detailed police entrapment along with strategies for protecting oneself. An advice column on gay and lesbian sex, health and relationships predated Dr. Ruth's frank commentary. And there was plenty of room for letters and columns that expressed the diverse opinions of people too long held silent.

By the mid-1970's, *The Advocate* was publishing biweekly, in two sections, and had moved to the San Francisco Bay area, where it would remain for almost 10 years. With a proliferation of local gay and lesbian newspapers in major cities across the United States, *The Advocate* grew naturally into its role as the leading forum for an emerging nationwide gay and lesbian community.

Localized gay-bashing activities, such as Anita Bryant's 1977 campaign against Miami lesbians and gay men, could no longer be contained. As the orange-juice industry unexpectedly discovered, gay backlash could mushroom rapidly, coast-to-coast.

In 1988, *The Advocate's* outrage over the off-handed, homophobic remarks of 60 Minutes commentator Andy Rooney helped bring about his suspension and re-awakening the country to the power of gay outrage.

Closest doors were bursting open everywhere. With a long track record in covering film books, and the arts, *The Advocate* pursued the opportunity to interview gay celebrities, such as playwright

Tennessee Williams and author Edmund White, for the first time in an openly gay context. Finally, gay people of all ages were given the chance to hear "their own kind"—accomplished, potential role models—without the prudish filtering or annoying prejudice that other media imposed. Gay and lesbian life took on a proud reality.

With the 1980's, *The Advocate*, now officially subtitled, "The Gay Newsmagazine," was poised for new editorial challenges. The sudden appearance of AIDS chilled the gay and lesbian movement and a virulent, conservative backlash sought to silence the community.

As the only reliable national forum, *The Advocate* became a crucial clearinghouse for information about the epidemic. Through a nightmare of isolation, denial, too much rhetoric and too few facts, *The Advocate* struggled alongside the gay community to piece together a clearer picture of what was happening and to create a stronger, more unified voice to lobby and demand attention, research and better care for persons with AIDS.

Galvanized along with the community by this battle, *The Advocate* moved into the 1990s with self-assurance and took its rightful place among respected "mainstream" American newsmagazines. Growing respect for lesbians and gay men throughout society broadened the biweekly's editorial coverage, which was reflected in an addition to its title: *The Gay and Lesbian Newsmagazine*.

Hard-hitting investigative reports became a trademark. In 1991, while reporting on anti-gay and lesbian discrimination in the U.S. military, *The Advocate* chose to "out" Department of Defense spokesman Pete Williams to demonstrate hypocrisy, a move that sparked national furor.

In the 1992 feature interview with Patricia Ireland, the newly named president of the National Organization for Women, chose to reveal her longstanding lesbian relationship—with similar fireworks as a result.

Now a regular source for general media worldwide, *The Advocate* is easily one of the world's most influential publications. In 1991, it was named Best Alternative Magazine by *Magazine Week* and won third-place honors in the John Bartlow Martin Awards for Public Interest Magazine Journalism. *The Advocate* enters its second quarter-century with a sense of satisfaction that is fulfilling its original goal: "To publish news that is important to the homosexual" and apparently, to an even greater audience.

DEMAND TO BE HEARD

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) is urging activists around the country to request Congressional hearings on the military's ban on gay service members. The General Accounting Office released a report in June that determined once again that the military's anti-gay policy has no empirical or scientific data to support it, and in fact costs taxpayers millions of dollars each year to implement. Ask Congress to hold hearings on the content of the GAO report.

Write Rep. John Conyers, Committee Government Operations, RHOB 2426, Washington, DC 20515. (202) 225-0072 (fax) or (202) 225-5126 (phone).

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

NOTED AUTHOR HUSTLING FOR HUSTLERS

John Preston, author of erotic masterpieces such as *Mr. Benson* and mainstream landmarks including *Homeboys: Gay Men Write About Where They Belong*, is writing a book about hustling.

The Fine Art of Being a Male Hustler will be published by Badboy Books in 1993.

"I think it's a totally legitimate line of work," Preston says. "I have no desire to condemn the people who are doing it—far from it.

"AIDS has made hustling a taboo subject, but it hasn't stopped people. I know that many men are doing it and doing it well."

Preston, a former editor of *The Advocate*, says he wants to use his journalistic skills to create a book that will be a lot more than a sensationalized tabloid report.

"I want to write a classic 'how-to' book, one that explains how the profession works, tells what peoples experiences have been, and describes the business that's involved."

To make sure the book is authentic, Preston is soliciting men who are or who have been involved in hustling to contact him with information on their experiences.

"If I had my way," he explains, "I'd have the publisher give me the money to pay each of the men for a session—just for the sake of authentic research, you understand. That's not possible, so I hope there are enough men out there who are interested enough in getting out the word about hustling to write me a letter—as long as they want."

Anyone interested should contact: John Preston, Box 5314, Portland, ME 04101.

FARMBOYS SOUGHT FOR INTERVIEWS

Are you a gay man who grew up on a farm? If so, your experience as a farmboy is an important and largely neglected part of gay culture. Urban experiences are central to the lives of most gay men, but they're far from being the whole story.

The Gay Farmboys Project is intended to give gay men who grew up on farms—whether or not they are still involved in farming—a chance to talk about their experiences and the ways in which their farm upbringing has influenced their lives.

If you are a gay man who grew up in a farming household and you think you might be interested in contributing to this cultural research project by talking about your experiences, please contact Bill Fellows at 608-231-3223 for more information or to arrange for an interview. You can write to Fellows at P.O. Box 55165, Madison, WI 53705-8965.

A gay farmboy himself, Fellows is an experienced researcher and writer who would like to consider your story for inclusion in a book based on the "gay farmboys" theme. Whatever your age and whatever your life is about now, your story is a unique and valuable part of gay culture. If anonymity is desired, names and other key details can be changed.

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AIDS NEWS

FAREWELL JC

By Jean Durgin-Clinchard

"If you are moved, I ask that you tell someone you usually wouldn't that you know someone who died of AIDS and he was a good man."

Parents FLAG Cornhusker Newsletter—

My son's partner, JC, of nearly 15 years died recently. I thought you would appreciate reading the following by my son, KC, written for a gathering at their home.

—July 25— Thank you for coming. Today is JC Chase-Lambert's 45th birthday. You have heard that he died last week; he had fought AIDS related infections continuously for the last 14 months with the support of the Adult Immunology Clinic at Peralta Hospital and Dr. Leslie Solomon. A two week battle with pneumocystis pneumonia exhausted him and I brought him home. He died at 6 AM last Saturday in the company of his parents, JC & Peg Lambert; my mother, Jean Durgin-Clinchard; and me.

You are here because JC touched your life: he strolled out to gossip or trade opinions with you; he marched out to scold at you; he helped you unionize; he worked with you to heal the injured and disturbed; he strutted and pranced at your parties; he shared your joy in gardening; he thanked you for a thankless job well-done; he admired your birds; he touched you in many ways I can't imagine.

I open our home to you today so that we can share our memories of JC. We may cry and laugh. I know that you each will hear something new about him today. Treasure with me the best of what you hear.

If you are moved, I ask that you tell someone you usually wouldn't that you knew someone who died of AIDS and he was a good man.

For myself, I will bide a while in the shelter of his love. Thanks again for coming; you are welcome.

— And I thank you for your notes and letters to KC and me during this time. Such support speaks volumes for the affirmation of their relationship and my loss as well as KC's. As my daughter said when she arrived out there: "There was no JC to come breezing out to greet me." — JEAN

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The 3,000 new panels—accounting for an 18% increase in the size of the Quilt—arrived in response to the July 15 cut-off date for panels to be included in the October 9-11 display.

"Our projections for a display of 20,000 panels were right on target," according to Debra Resnik, Manager of the Display Department, and veteran of each of the previous displays of the entire Quilt in Washington. "Unfortunately, the projections of the epidemic are also on target."

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.

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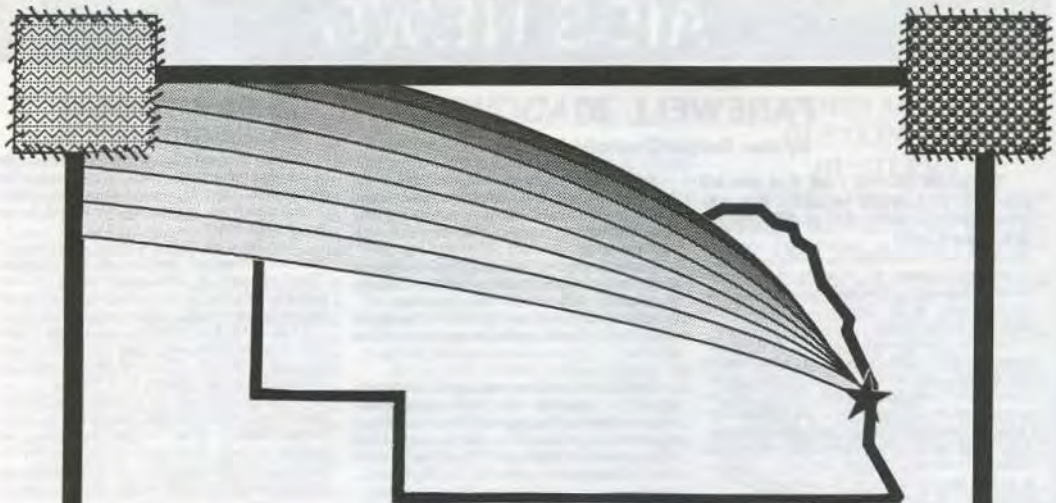
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Community Prescription Service, AIDS Info, medicine, supplies by mail, 1-800-677-4323.

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872.

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

Neb AIDS Educ/Training Center, UNMC, 600 S 42, Omaha, 68198, (402) 559-6681.

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

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

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

Neb. Regional Hemophilia Center, UNMC, 600 S. 42nd St., 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 & Woolworth, Omaha. 346-8800: Dean Pierce, x 4119

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

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

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

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

PASTORAL CARE

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HIV TESTING*

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

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

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

HIV testing & Counseling, 5-7pm on 2nd Tuesday, The Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln.

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept., 2200 St Marys Ave, Lincoln, 68502. (402) 471-8065.

Native American Community Development Corp., 2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-8471.

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243.

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

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

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

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

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Scottsbluff:	308/635-3866

LOCAL NEWS

COMING OUT IN ELMWOOD PARK

By RJ



CHUCK MARTENS

Today, the eleventh of October, is National Coming Out Day and in Elmwood Park people turned out in force.

The gathering, a "Street Fair" sponsored by Citizens for Equal Protection (CEP) started at two. It's now three — a beautiful fall day, though somewhat windy. The music is going full blast. There are many booths here today: River City Mixed Chorus, Addendum Jewelry, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, Opera Omaha, a display of books with gay and lesbian themes from the Omaha Public Library, *The New Voice*,

March on Washington '93 Nebraska Contingency, the Imperial Court of Nebraska, Nebraska AIDS Project, Douglas County Health Department — many numerous booths including a bake sale booth and a food booth. The food booth served some delicious Chili Dogs. They also had pizza slices, but they weren't ready and I had to wait. The electricity is turned off in the Public Parks on October 1 and so both the sound system and the food booth were powered by gasoline generators. However, there wasn't enough power to heat the hot dogs and the pizza cooker at the same time so pizza had to wait.

Douglas County had a voter registration booth,



LOCAL NEWS

as well. I hope they did a land office business. We in the community need to make our voices heard and one way is at the voting booths. So, get that hiney of yours out on election day and **VOTE!**

The Democratic Party was invited to have a Clinton/Gore booth. They took the committee up on this and there was a Clinton/Gore booth. Though I register Independent, I have usually voted a Republican ticket in the National Elections. This will be the first time since I started to vote back in 1962 that I will vote a Democratic Ticket in a National Election. I cannot, and will not, vote for a political party that has such a campaign platform such as the Republicans have this year. They have swung too far to the right for my tastes and the wrong people, it seems, have seized control of the Republican Party.

But no matter how, or what you believe, the most important thing to do, is **VOTE!!** It is your right. Use it!!

In walking around, so many young people, so few of us "older" ones. Has AIDS taken that heavy of a toll?

This event was well covered with the TV stations. Both Channel Seven and Channel Six, were there with their camera crews.

Scott Lowther, co-chair of Citizens for Equal Protection, took the speakers platform to introduce Chuck Martens, the event coordinator, who did an excellent job putting this event together. He was followed by Wes Perry, the fund raising chair who spoke on the necessity of fund raising. Ken Vorhees shared a poem, written by a friend three years ago, about "the many ways to come out." Scott Lothar then returned to the podium, saying that about the same percentage of the population are gays and lesbians as are left-handed. He continued by reading an allegory about discrimination where "gay and lesbian" was switched to "left-handedness." As I sat there thinking about his allegory, I couldn't help but think, "All three Presidential candidates this year are left-handed. Verrrrrry interesting."

Then came the time in the program to give recognition to supportive members of the mainstream community. Mayor P. J. Morgan and Governor Ben Nelson were both invited to attend the event but were unable to attend due to prior commitments. Both sent congratulatory letters which were read. Thanks were given to Jerry Flood of the Public Works Department who was instrumental in making Elmwood Park available. Attorney Susan Koenig-Kramer, who supported much legislation for gay and lesbian rights, also sent a letter of support.



DIANE THOMAS

Then Neva Cosine, co-chair of CPEP, introduced Diane Thomas of Omaha's Human Relations Board. Ms. Thomas spoke about how, just 30 years ago, it wasn't possible under the law for her, of African-American heritage, to swim in the pool in Elmwood Park or even to be in Elmwood Park. Ms. Thomas spoke how long and hard a haul it can be to gain basic civil rights, and how one has to fight for every step taken.

Joyce, the editor of Womanspace, announced the upcoming Kate Clinton concert and played a clip from a concert. Kate Clinton sounded like a wonderful comedienne and it should be a good concert to attend.

Reverend Matthew Howard spoke about the upcoming dedication MCC-O's new church building featuring Troy Perry, the founder of the denomination.



SCOTT LOWTHER

Scott Lowther returned to the microphone admitting that it would have taken two hours to thank everyone who played a part in helping to put together the gathering in Elmwood Park today. He gave special thanks to Royal Bush for providing security, generators, and other donations. Andre was warmly thanked for being the DJ that afternoon and for donating the sound system and the music. Emerson Briney, International Mr. Drummer '93, was attending "Living in Leather" in Chicago so was not able to be present but he was recognized for his contributions.

Special thanks were given to the Clinton/Gore Campaign Committee who accepted the invitation to the gathering and were there with a booth. Didn't see hide nor hair of a Republican Booth.

And so the day winds down. The shadows are growing long. The chill of Autumn is in the air. Booths are being taken down.

The announcer comes on, one last time, to say that 360 name tags were given out. Add to that those without name tags and maybe 400, or possibly even 500 were at the gathering this afternoon.

It was the largest coming out day crowd ever in Omaha. It was an orderly gathering. A peaceful gathering. No harassment, either verbal or physical — just a quiet afternoon. A quiet time to visit, to dance, to be together, to enjoy each others' company. Everything were along real well.

But I never did get my pizza!

ALL'S FAIR PRODUCTION DELAYED

All's Fair by Gary Eilts, which had been scheduled to open October 16 at the Grande Oldie Player's Theater in Omaha, has been postponed. Members of the Abogar Dance Theater hope to be able to stage the production in early Spring, 1993.

NEWS FROM THE MAX

by Gloria Revelle

The MAX is ready for a terrific fall and winter. We have some great entertainment, specials and surprises ready for Omaha.

I.C.O.N. will host its annual Food For Thought benefit show on Sunday, Nov. 1. This year the proceeds will go to PWA Thanksgiving baskets and the MCC-Omaha Food Pantry.

This winter the River City Bowlers will be hosting Nebraska's first National Bowling Tournament, ICEBOWL. On Sunday, November 8, they will be sponsoring a variety show to help raise some much needed prize funds. This is one spirited group, so I know this will be quite a show.

The MAX will help heat up your winter when we present BODY SWEAT on Sunday, November 15. These men come by way of the windy city and were very happy to bring them to you.

NEBRASKA UNITED is a combined group of Nebraska's gay and lesbian groups, individuals, and organizations. They will be pooling their forces on Sunday, November 22, to raise money to help sponsor the Nebraska visit of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. This will be a FULL evening of entertainment, raffles, auction, theatrical performances, and feasting. The event will begin in the early evening so that everyone will be able to attend. The committee is very busy and all the information should be out soon. Please plan on attending. do it for you, your friends, and your community.

We close our entertainment for November with a real exciting group of men: The Men of Texas. The five hunks of men will be at The MAX to give a little hint of what Texas has to offer and why they call it the "Long Horn State."

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LOCAL NEWS

RC BOWLING LEAGUE

The second month of bowling brought major changes to the ratings in the River City Mixed Bowling League. Eight Balls are in 1st place, moving up from the 3rd place they held at the end of the second week of bowling. Delivery Boys are in 2nd, moving up from 9th. Gilligans Pub 2 moved from 11th to 3rd, and Wild Boys moved from 19th to 4th. A late addition to the league, Club 2001, is working to catch up with the pack but continue in last place.

By the end of the seventh week of bowling, Darwyn Buechler's game of 244 was no longer even in the top three, though he still has the second high series (673), and the third high average (197.5). The men's high scratch game is held by Dan Cooper with a sizzling 287, followed by Dwight Wages with a 263. Dan Cooper also has high series for the men with a 687 and the high average with a 206.5. Dwight Wages takes third high series with a 663. The second high men's average is held by Terry Finck with a 199.8.

Norma Nelson still holds all three titles among the women but has improved her high scratch game to 217, her series to 556 series, and her average to 170. E. Mueller continues to show her high scoring ways with the second high women's series (528) and an average of 166.6. The third high women's average is held by Konnie Riestland with a 147.8. Lisa Broadway has the second high game for the women (208) and third high series (500). Sharon Garrett rounds out the women's high games with a 198.

The City Lickers' 776 has been surpassed for high handicap game by an 827 game bowled by the 14th place Church Ladies. Eight Balls still has the third high team game with a 744. The Eight Balls have bested their own high team series by bringing in a 2172 series. DC's holds the second high team series with a 2166 and City Lickers takes third with a 2150.

Outstanding individual performances during week seven included Terry Finck's high game (233) and series (578), Mike Gienat's 222 game, Bill Boren's 577 series, Norma Nelson's 217 game and 556 series, Gail Raddatz's 174 game, and E. Mueller's 480 series. Mike Gienat bowled 84 pins over average, Rick Fancy bowled 70 over, Norma Nelson bowled 58 over average as did Sharon Garrett, and Gail Raddatz bowled 54 pins over her average.

Full League Standings are as follows:

1. Eight Balls	31	11
2. Delivery Boys	29	13
3. Gilligans Pub 2 28	14	
4. Wild Boys	28	14
5. Gilligan's J	28	14
6. City Lickers	25	17
7. Running Rebels 25	17	
8. D.C. Babes	25	17
9. 3 Guys & a Babe	25	17
10. Ernie's Bookstore	23	19
11. Stosh's Saloon 23	19	
12. DC's	22	20
13. Enterprise Rent a Car	22	20
14. Church Ladies	21	21
15. Stosh's Saloon Outlaws	19	23
16. Maximum Force One	18	24
17. Team 6	16	26
18. Gay Caballeros 16	26	
19. Jokers	13	29
20. Dorothy's Friends	11	31
21. DC's 11	10	32
22. Club 2001	3	38

OMAHA PLAYER'S CLUB

Classes To Start

The Omaha Player's Club will begin holding their workshops regarding Safe, Sane, and Consensual S/M, leather, fetish play. Classes will be held the second Saturday of every month at 2 P.M. The topic for November will be Basic Bondage. Fantasy / Role Playing Part 1 is slated for December. They are currently holding all events at DC's bar, but are looking for a more private setting for the Saturday workshops. The key concerns for this search are confidentiality while still being accessible to the public for people who just want to drop in. The cost of the sessions for non-members is just \$5.00. If you know of a space we can use for about two hours a month, please let Amy know at 451-7987. Note, you must be of legal age to attend these meetings.

ARAMIS TO COMPETE IN MISS GAY IOWA-AMERICA

Aramis, Miss 3 Cheers, will travel to the Quad Cities on November 17 to compete for the title of Miss Gay Iowa America. The pageant will be held at the JR Club in Rock Island, Illinois. Featured guest will be Miss Gay America, Tiffany Bonet.


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LOCAL NEWS

NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT INCREASES AIDS AWARENESS

News from NAP

We have many things to share with you in this month's edition of *The New Voice of Nebraska*. The end of the summer and the beginning of fall have brought lots of activity to the Nebraska AIDS Project.

During the month of August, NAP distributed HIV/AIDS information to the public from a booth at the Douglas county Fair Grounds. In September, nearly 45 volunteers staffed a booth at the Nebraska State Fair in Lincoln. Most recently, WOW Radio Station invited more of our volunteers to set up a booth at River City Roundup. With the combination of these three events, we at the Project believe that our cause reached massive numbers of people throughout the state of Nebraska. It is our hope that by the public seeing AIDS information that our efforts to educate and prevent this disease will continue to heighten. Thank you to all who helped make the booths successful.

Over Labor Day weekend, NAP and Nebraska NAMES Project Volunteers marched in the Labor Day Parade. Later that evening, the Omaha Meatpackers and the Babes Behind Bars took to the stage at The MAX in their annual

Foolish Follies Labor Day Show. As a result of all the performers' efforts, over \$1,500 was raised for the P.W.A. Emergency Assistance Fund. A special "Thank You" to all of the dedicated participants, The MAX, and the community for supporting such an important program of the Nebraska AIDS Project and ICON-PWA.

The Creighton University Theta Phi Alpha Sorority sponsored a volleyball fund raiser for NAP on September 19. There were approximately 20 teams that participated and the event raised over \$1000. The sorority members have made the decision to continue this fund raising effort as an annual event. The Project wants to extend a sincere thank you to all those involved with the C.U. fund raiser.

The production of *Bent*, a play dealing with the treatment of homosexuals in a Nazi Germany war camp, was performed at the Firehouse Dinner Theater, September 20 through the 23. At the time NAP submitted this article, approximately \$8,000 had been raised from the benefit. The monies will be contributed to the Nebraska AIDS Project general operating fund of the program. Congratulations to the actors, who gave an

excellent and very powerful performance.

The University of Nebraska-Kearney was the site of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt display September 11 and 13. Over 3,500 viewers were touched by the intricate details and love, which were put into the 500 panels that were shown at the Kearney Health and Sports Complex. The organizers of the event were very pleased with the attendance and the awareness that the Quilt has given to central Nebraska. The committees that are working on bringing the quilt to Omaha are putting together the final stitches in hopes that the December display will be equally as moving.

NAP Case Management Census Sept., 1992	
Open Cases as of 9/1/92	194
New Cases	11
Clients Deceased	4
Cases Closed	6
End Total as of 9/30/92	195
Client Services Provided in Sept. 1992	
Advocacy	197
Transportation	120
Shopping, Cooking, Sitting, Etc.	112

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.

MR DC'S LEATHERWESTERN Contest Postponed

The third annual Mr. DC's Leather and Mr. DC's Western contests, scheduled to be held on October 18, have been postponed. For details please contact DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha, Nebraska.

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LOCAL NEWS

EMERSON BRINEY TAKES INTERNATIONAL MR. DRUMMER

Winner of Mr. Great Plains Drummer Pageant Takes Title Second Year in a Row

Local activist, Emerson Briney, surprised many of the old line leathermen by walking away with the International Mr. Drummer title in the competition held last September in San Francisco. The *Bay Area Reporter* described Emerson in this way:

"For the second year in a row, the Mr. Great Plains Drummer contestant took the title at the International Mr. Drummer competition held last Saturday night, Sept. 19.

"Smooth, blond, 26-year old Emerson Briney from Omaha, Nebraska, won the title over 15 other contestants from all over the U.S., Canada, and Australia after leathermen and women from around the world settled down in a 9700 sq. ft. tent on 12th street, right in front of the SF-Eagle for another International MR. Drummer contest.

Emerson is a native of Texas, single, a paralegal, and clean and sober. He's levelheaded, responsible, and, I daresay, will be an active titleholder just like many of his predecessors.....

"The Mr. Drummer second runner-up was Mr. New Zealand Drummer Nick Barber, and the first runner-up was Mr. Florida Drummer David "Trooper" Vargo.....

"There was no clear cut winner from the outset. And as the week progressed and the contestants become more visible, it became even more difficult to predict the outcome. It was, therefore, a big surprise to many in attendance when Tony DeBlase prefaced the winner's name with the statement, "...from a heretofore leather wasteland...."

"I'm sure they're dancing up a storm at The Max and at DC's in Omaha by now. Even Ms. Nebraska Leather was here."

Emerson's victory was also applauded by Lowell T. Miles (LTM) in his column "Notes from the Dungeon" which appears in *Windy City Times*.

LTM describes himself as a twenty-something punker/activist/skinhead. "Spike has a ring in his ear, leather in his blood, and a good mind that totally accepts his desires for S&M."

"If my Spike is the future of Leather/S&M, then I'm very pleased with what the future holds."

In his October 1 column, LTM heralds Emerson as a part of the new wave of leather, as he, along with the new International Mr. Leather, Lenny Broberg, "continue changing the perception normally held of leather/S&M men."

LTM praised Broberg for having the courage to forego a major leather event (Living in Leather) in order to attend the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators' meeting in Los Angeles. When next year's international Pride theme is announced, you'll be sure that a leatherman helped select it.

In the same manner, LTM praised Emerson for introducing the words "clean and sober" to the descriptive phrase "safe, sane, and consensual S&M."

BEEHIVE BUZZES WITH SONGS OF THE "GIRL GROUPS"

Held Over For Second Time — Now to Run to December 31

One of the special treats of last year's performances by the River City Mixed Chorus was guest soloist, Kathy Tyree, who performed a heart stopping tribute to a deceased friend. She was elegant, poised, and demonstrated great vocal range and quality.

This same Kathy Tyree is one of the stars of the long running Beehive, "a 60's Rock 'n Roll Musical." Beehive presents a review of the fabulous girl groups and female performers of the Rock 'n Roll Era, beginning with the 50's and continuing through 1980. The show has many bright spots, but the set that brought the house down was Kathy Tyree's impression of Aretha Franklin singing *Respect, A Natural Woman, and Do Right Woman*.

The other performers are Brittje Cooper, Sue Gillespie, Kathy Kautz, Ginny Sheehan, and Tiffany White.

Beehive will continue through December 31 at the Howard Street Tavern, 1112 Howard Street. Tickets are available through Stubs.



Tami, Athena IV and Connie Henke, President of ICON, present a check for \$1233 to Gary George, Executive Director of Nebraska AIDS Project

NEWS FROM COURT — THE IMPERIAL COURT

By Alice

In November you will be seeing in all the bars plastic cans which are to be filled with canned and non-perishable food items. These food items will be given to MCC's food pantry and to the Nebraska AIDS Project to make it a better Christmas not only for them, but for all of us who participated in this very, very worthy cause.

The Toys For Tots show will be at 9:30 p.m. at the MAX on December 6, 1992. All monies raised at this event will go to the following: 1/3 to the Children's Crisis Center, 1/3 to PWA Kids, and 1/3 to PWA personal care baskets. LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER!

The Labor Day picnic was a great success! Thanks to you, the Imperial Court of Nebraska donated \$1233 to Nebraska AIDS Project and \$1233 to the American Cancer Society (to go for breast cancer detection and awareness and other local cancer issues.) All 320 in attendance at the picnic had a GREAT time playing games, winning prizes on the raffles, spending money on the auction, and listening to great music provided by Andre. Many thanks go to all who worked the gate, the booths, raffles and auction, and pouring beer and soft drinks. A special thank you goes out to Kenny Carlson of Gilligan's for providing transportation (using his own vehicle, as the bus did not show up) back and forth to the picnic. Also for the good food, music, and fun after the picnic was over.

IMPERIAL NOTES FROM THE EMPRESS

PHOENIX FALLENTO

October 16 - 19 Empress XII Phoenix Fallentino and Princess Royale XII Melissa Morgan represented the Imperial Court at Coronation XVI in Colorado Springs, Colorado. October 23 - 27 Phoenix, Emperor Steve Koeller, and Prince Royale Royal Bush represented ICON at the coronation festivities in Portland, Oregon. Congratulations to the newly crowned Miss Gay Omaha. We extend Good Luck wishes to Dietra Snow, Miss Gay Nebraska America, and 1st Runner-Up, Sammi Bennett, as they compete in the Miss Gay America Pageant in Dallas, Texas. Thank you to all those from ICON who attended the All Iowa AIDS Benefit in Des Moines on October 18. Congratulations to the Iowa folks for such a successful benefit.

Thanks also to all who come out and support ICON's worthy cause, Food For Thought on November 1—all the performers and the behind the scene people who donate their time and talents. We look forward to seeing you at the benefit for the Quilt Display on November 22. ICON is one of 10 groups and organizations taking part. What a night and benefit show it will be!

Happy Birthday to Michael G. (November 2) and Phillip (November 3) and Happy 10th Birthday to Me! (Phoenix Fallentino!) We wish you all a very blessed Thanksgiving and give a big thank you for giving to support all our needs and causes.

LOCAL NEWS

NAMES PROJECT AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT NEBRASKA DISPLAY

By Kathy England & Donna Hruska

It is hard to believe that it is nearly two years since many of us spent a special time together in Lincoln experiencing the quiet power, beauty, and emotion of the NAMES Project Quilt. Some have continued to work with the Nebraska AIDS Project, others have moved on to other tasks and causes, while still others have left us with only memories of our time together. We are grateful for your support in the past and we hope that you will find the time and the energy to share with us again as we prepare to bring the Quilt to Nebraska December 4th, 5th, and 6th.

Omaha and the surrounding communities will have an opportunity to host not only a major display of the NAMES Project Quilt (nearly 1100 panels) but also some special activities to focus awareness and raise much needed funds for our work through the Nebraska AIDS Project here in the heartland. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for as many of the events as you can.

November 1-14: A special showing in the lobby area of the Omaha Community Playhouse of some of the panels that are to be presented to the NAMES Project at the Omaha Display.

November 7: Brunch with Beverly Barbo, author, advocate, parent. Meet this dynamic lady whose book, *The Walking Wounded*, tells of her own family's struggles with coming out and living with AIDS. Many of our own families will be special guests at this fundraiser. We are planning

this family oriented event to help people understand the impact that AIDS is having on all families, birth and chosen. A special announcement from National PFLAG will be made.

November 20: The Flirtations, a remarkable vocal group, may perform at Strauss Auditorium, at 8 p.m. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND UNDERWRITING SOME OF THEIR EXPENSES! CALL DAVE AT 291-6781 IF YOU CAN HELP! These guys are not only great singers, but outstanding humorists and advocates for AIDS. Michael Callan, an AIDS activist who coined the term PWA, is a member of this talented quintet. This will be a concert not to be missed!

November 22: Nebraska United, a coalition of community organizations and individuals, presents a really big show at the MAX as a benefit for the Quilt. The fun will begin at 5 p.m. with a pizza party and dancing. Performers will present mini-shows at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, and at 8:30. There will be an auction at 9:00 and, at 10:00 p.m. you will see the biggest and best variety show to take place in the Midwest.

November 26, 27, 28, and 29: Back by popular request! (Pending rights) The Little Sisters of Hoboken and NUNSENSE are returning to the Center Stage Theater for 5 very special benefit performances. If you missed it before, here's your chance.....And if you saw it before, bring

some friends or family and enjoy the "girls" as they sing and dance their way through two wonderfully funny hours. Tickets can be reserved by calling 291-6781. Don't wait! This is a limited run and will NEVER be seen like this again on any stage, anywhere! All proceeds to the Quilt fund! If you or your group would like to sponsor a performance of NUNSENSE, call Empty S Productions! Laura AKA Mother Regina at 291-6781.

We hope that you will be able to join us for all of these events and share the excitement and anticipation of the presence of the NAMES Project Quilt in Omaha. We have appreciated your love and support in the past and look forward to your being with us again for this very special celebration.

PUTTING ON THE RITZ AT 3 CHEERS IN SIOUX CITY

The first annual Black & White Extravaganza, "Puttin On The Ritz," will be Sat., Nov. 7, at 3 Cheers, 414 20th St., Sioux City, IA. The evening will be a Gay-la evening of fun, friends, fantastic talent (including a one-act comedy) and a King and Queen Coronation. Cocktails from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. The show begins at 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are on sale at the bar. NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT A TICKET! Seating is limited to 75. Formal attire is requested.



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LOCAL NEWS

CHORUS NOTES

By MW

Rehearsals for the January 16th concert by the River City Mixed Chorus (RCMC) are in full swing for the 47 chorus members to be performing in the 1992-93 season. Members of the Executive and Marketing Committees and the Chorus Director met in a brainstorming session to develop a theme for the year and have adopted "CELEBRATING DIVERSITY." Under that general theme, the January 16th concert will be called "Sing Out a New Season" and the May 22nd concert is to be "Songs of Freedom, Struggle, and Hope." We will be promoting those titles both internally and externally throughout the coming season.

In addition to the regular concerts, RCMC will be presenting mini-concerts at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church at 10am on November 15th and for opening ceremonies for the Quilt at 9am December 5th.

BENEFIT AT THE MAX RAISES \$600+ FOR G/L INFO. LINE

Velvet kept the crowd entertained as she interacted with them and introduced the performers gathered for a benefit show for ANGLE's Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line. Her special guest for the evening was Teal, Miss Gay Topeka, from Manhattan, Kansas. Teal electrified the crowd and had them showing their approval with cheers and claps and shouts of approval. Local performers filled the remainder of the show bill: Eva Destruction, Jennifer Jett, Bill, Roxy, Rollerina Wanda, Dan, and the Princess Royale—Melissa. A set boasting 25 telephones and the Phone Line number 538-5303 was the perfect backdrop for this informative and successful fund raiser. The Phone Line Committee (Marshall, Vince, Harry and Carla) thanks all the performers, The MAX and its staff, ANGLE members, Jim, Dan, and all of you who supported the show with your attendance. Thanks also goes out to MCC-O for the contribution of the bumper sticker proceeds for that night.

Discussions are underway to commission a special piece of choral music to celebrate RCMC's tenth anniversary which will be coming up for the 1993-94 season. Details are in the planning stage, but composers both locally and nationally will be hearing about these plans when they have been finalized.

Chorus Director John Bennett is looking for an accompanist for the second half of the season, January 18th through May 22nd. Applicants must be available for Monday night rehearsals during this time period and there will be an honorarium.

Those very attractive calendars, "Days Together" are available from chorus members and New Realities Book Store for only \$12.00 each. A portion of each calendar sale goes to the Nebraska AIDS Project. They'll make great Christmas gifts for men or women and the money

THE WOMEN'S JOURNAL ADVOCATE NEEDS YOU

The *Woman's Journal Advocate*, Lincoln and Omaha's monthly newspaper dedicated to feminist and women's issues, needs help in order to continue its vital role in the woman's community in Nebraska. Financial support is urgently needed. The October issue included a notice that the *WJA* treasury had only enough funds to publish two more issues. Contributions and subscription requests may be sent to *WJA*, Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501. The suggested donation for a subscription is \$1 per every \$2000 of annual income. Larger donations are welcomed also.

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NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY REPORT

by Brandon Shukis & Stan Brown

First the good news! ANGLE's Community Skating Party attracted 72 people of all ages to Skateland at 84th & F on Saturday, October 10. Everyone had a great time. We appreciate everyone "Coming Out" for it. We hope to do another skating party after the first of the year.

Other good news was our ad in the *Omaha World Herald*, Sunday, October 11; almost twice the size of last year's. \$413.60 was donated to pay part of the ad. ANGLE contributed another \$517.00. Names and donations were contributed by 176 individuals and organizations.

As of Tuesday, October 6, the names, other print, and payment was ready for the *World Herald*, and we were told everything necessary for the ad was complete. Wednesday morning, October 7, Brandon received a call from the sales representative that we needed to have a signed and notarized consent/release form for each person or organization whose name was listed. We were never told this was necessary until that day. The sales rep. had known exactly what the ad would contain for at least two months. He apologized for the inconvenience and said it was his mistake, but the paper would not take written responsibility for the error. After much negotiation it was decided to have *The New Voice* print the ad as it appeared and also how the ad should have looked. ANGLE truly regrets this unfortunate situation, but thanks all those individuals and organizations who made the ad possible and were willing to "come out." Next year we hope to have an even bigger ad and we already know a notary (Sharon Van Butsel) who will be glad to help us out!

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LOCAL NEWS

CHESTERFIELD CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

From the outside it looks like a quiet neighborhood bar, sharing a parking lot with the auto service store next door. Inside there's music, darts, pinball, pool, lights, and lots of women. Though men are welcome, too, the "Field" has been the only women's bar in Omaha for 10 years. The Chesterfield has seen friendships made among Alma's girls, watched couples cuddling in the corner, heard hearts breaking, and been home to the "Darlings." There have been fundraisers, shows, auctions, beer busts, barbecues, women's music, softball trophies, dart tournaments, bowling teams, foosball, and all the other things that go together to make women happy. On November 7, Alma and Chiachi will celebrate the Chesterfield's 10th anniversary with a party and you're invited. There will be food and beer from 6 - 8 p.m. and then a show at 9:00 p.m. The place will be packed, so get there early!!
P.S. Tell Alma congratulations from us!

WE WANT YOUR BODY AND YOUR BRAINS!!!

ANGLE must have your support to continue and improve upon Omaha's growing gay and lesbian pride week celebration. We are currently seeking a new chairperson for the Pride Week Committee of ANGLE.

As chairperson, you would be responsible for coordinating, organizing, and operating PRIDE WEEK '93. The chairperson has the autonomy necessary to do the job while having the guidance necessary to help ensure nothing is overlooked.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE ACTION!! NOT LATER. Applications are available by calling the ANGLE Gay and Lesbian Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 TODAY! Responses requested by November 30.

1993 GAY/LESBIAN FAMILY CALENDARS AVAILABLE From River City Mixed Chorus

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.

KATE CLINTON HOSTS GAY TV SERIES Pilot Aired in Omaha 9/13 By Sharon Van Butsel

The Omaha area was treated to the pilot of *In The Life* on September 13. *In The Life* is the first national gay and lesbian series to be aired on public television beginning in October. Hosted by Kate Clinton, the show will feature all kinds of gay performers and issues. The pilot included interviews with Gay and Lesbian film makers, a gospel choir "The Lavender Lights", original compositions, and slap stick comedy. The variety was extreme, leaving the feeling that while there definitely was something in the show for everyone, it was also probably true that each person would also find something in the show that he or she did not enjoy. The production quality was excellent and the presentation was top notch.

The fall premiere show includes appearances by Lily Tomlin, Dick Sargent, and Garrett Glaser. *In The Life* will be available on satellite to PBS stations nationwide on November 6. To find out if *In The Life* will be broadcast in your area, contact your local public television network's program director. If there is resistance to the program, get people to make calls and write letters so that the station knows there is an audience for the program.

For the Omaha and Lincoln area, contact NETV Program Director, Gene Bunge, NETV, PO Box 83111, Lincoln, NE 68501.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS, CALENDAR INFORMATION IS CONDENSED.
CHECK THE RESOURCE DIRECTORY FOR ADDRESSES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUNDAY, November 1
Ice Bowl Chili Cook-Off, Sky Lanes, **Omaha**

GLSO, 7pm, Downtown Grounds, **Omaha**

Lutherans Concern, 7pm, 1st Lutheran, **Omaha**

ICON "Food for Thought" The MAX, **Omaha**

MONDAY, November 2
ICON Board Mtg, 6:30pm, The MAX, **Omaha**

Bi-PALS, Cornerstone, **Lincoln**, 7:30pm

TUESDAY, November 3
Election Day

Election Day Party, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

Ice Bowl Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, **Omaha**

ANGLE Mtg, 7pm, UNO Relig Ctr, **Omaha**

WEDNESDAY, November 4
Kearney GLAGN Support Group, 236-8610

THURSDAY, November 5
Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 558-5303

Bible Study, MCC-Omaha, 7-9pm, 345-2563

SATURDAY, November 7
Brunch with Beverly Barbo, PFLAG 291-6781

Chesterfield 10th Anniv, Food/Show, **Omaha**

Coalition 1st Sat Event, 7-10pm, **Lincoln**

"Puttin On The Ritz," 3 Cheers, **Sioux City**, \$10/person. NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT TICKET. Seating limit 75. Formal attire.

SUNDAY, November 8
New Voice Strg Com, 1pm, MCC-Omaha

GLAGN Board Mtg, 1-5pm, Call 236-8610

MCC-Omaha, Evening Worship, 7pm

Ice Bowl Benefit, The MAX, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

MONDAY, November 9
AIDS Interfaith, 7pm, St Cecelias, **Omaha**

TUESDAY, November 10
Deadline for December *New Voice*

HIV Testing, 5-7pm, The Panic, **Lincoln**

Ice Bowl Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, **Omaha**

WEDNESDAY, November 11
Omaha Player's Club, 7:30pm, DCs, 451-7987

THURSDAY, November 12
PFLAG-Omaha, 291-6781, 2pm, 1st Methodist

Bible Study, MCC-Omaha, 7-9pm, 345-2563

Dart Tournament, 7pm, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

SUNDAY, November 15
RCMC Mini Concert, Lowe Ave Presb, 10am

Omaha Men, 3pm, Usually Gilligan's

PFLAG-Kearney, St Lukes, (308)237-3870

GLSO, 7pm, Downtown Grounds, **Omaha**

Amateur Strip Show, 10pm, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

"Body Sweat" Dancers, The MAX, **Omaha**,

TUESDAY, November 17
Ice Bowl Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, **Omaha**

Grand Island HIV Support, (308) 381-5175

Coalition Brd Mtg, St Marks, **Lincoln**, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, November 18
DC'93 Mtg, 1st Unitarian, **Omaha**, 451-7987

THURSDAY, November 19
Bible Study, MCC-Omaha, 7-9pm, 345-2563

Kearney GLAGN Support Grp, 8pm, 236-8610

Singles Pool Tourney, 7pm, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

FRIDAY, November 20
Tentative Flirtations, UNO, 8pm, 291-6781

"Food For Thought" weekend Club 2001, **Lincoln**
Cover: \$1 or can of food

SATURDAY, November 21
"Food For Thought" weekend Club 2001, **Lincoln**

International Gay Rodeo Assoc, Organizational Meeting, DC's, 1019 S. 10, **Omaha**

SUNDAY, November 22
MCC-Omaha, Evening Worship, 345-2563

Show, Cover: \$2 or can food, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

Benefit QUILT Display, The MAX, **Omaha**,

MONDAY, November 23
Lincoln AIDS Interfaith, St. Marks, 7pm

TUESDAY, November 24
Ice Bowl Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, **Omaha**

Lincoln PFLAG, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' Street, 435-4688

THURSDAY, November 26
Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving dinner, 1pm, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

Nonsense, 8pm, Reservations, 291-6781

FRIDAY, November 27
N U vs Oklahoma & FREE chili feed, Club 2001, **Lincoln**, open 11:30am

Nonsense, 8pm, Reservations, 291-6781

SATURDAY, November 28
Nonsense, 8pm, Reservations, 291-6781

SUNDAY, November 29
Brunch, 10-2pm, \$6.95 each, Reservations 476-2001, Club 2001, **Lincoln**

Nonsense, 2pm, 8pm, Reservations, 291-6781

"Men Of Texas" The MAX, **Omaha**, 9:30pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers, 10am

Grand Island AA, 12noon (308)236-8610

MONDAY
Arbor Moon, **Lincoln**, 489-4634, 12-1pm

RCMC Rehearsals, Lowe Ave Presb, **Omaha**

Test Site, Nebr AIDS Project, **Omaha**, 7-10pm

TUESDAY
"Out In The 90's", Cable 14, **Lincoln**, 7pm

G/L Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha,

WEDNESDAY
Arbor Moon, **Lincoln**, 489-4634, 12-1pm

Lesbian DiscGrp **Lincoln** 6pm, Nebr Union

G/L AA, MCC-Omaha, 6pm, 345-9916

Omaha Frontrunners, 6:30pm, Ford Birthsite,

AIDS Support Group, **Lincoln**, 7pm 475-2437

Lambda Overeaters Anon, 7:30pm, **Omaha**

G/L Resource Ctr **Lincoln**, 7:30pm, Room 234

Movie Night, Club 2001, **Lincoln**, 9pm

THURSDAY
Test Site, Nebr AIDS Project, **Omaha** 7-10pm

FRIDAY
Youth Talkline, 7-12m, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

Lincoln G/L AA, 8pm, Plymouth Congreg.,

Omaha G/L AA, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran, Al-Anon Meets Same Time, Same Place

"3 Penny Revue", 8-10pm, Panic, **Lincoln**

SATURDAY
Womens Support Grp, 11am, MCC-Omaha,

G/L AA, **Kearney**, 12noon, (308)236-8610.

Arbor Moon Bookstore, **Lincoln**, 489-4634

PFLAG Youth Supprt Grp, **Omaha**, 291-6781

Youth Talkline, 7-12m, Support Info callers to age 23, 473-7932, **Lincoln**

LOCAL NEWS

THE ICEBOWL APPROACHETH

Time is winding down as we approach the first annual ICEBOWL Tournament to be held Feb. 12-15. As of the writing of this article, our account stands at approximately \$4,500 towards our goal of \$10,000. This leaves us almost four months to raise \$5,500. It can and will be done.

In the last few months, we have held some very successful fund raisers. We have held two Bar-B-Ques at The MAX, which have raised approximately \$1,600. The committee would like to thank The MAX for their donations of time, space, and beer. It's been so helpful. D.C.'s has also held successful fundraisers such as the fashion show in July, which raised almost \$700. A special Thank You to Frenchee for donating the clothes for the auction.

November proves to be a very busy month for the tournament committee. Our functions are as follows—

- Nov. 1—Chili Cookoff (Skylanes) \$10 entry \$100 prize
- Nov. 8—Bowling Show The MAX 10 p.m. \$3 cover
- Nov. 15—Bar-B-Que The MAX 4-8 p.m. \$5 advance \$7 at the door
Country style ribs, baked beans, potato salad, another salad, rolls & butter, free beer
- Nov. 22—Game Board Night 6-9 p.m. Karaoke Contest 10-12 p.m.
Prizes to be determined—Gilligans

We hope you are offering you a variety of activities to attend. We appreciate all of the support we have received. Remember tournament weekend, we will have bowlers from Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Dallas, and now Atlanta and Nashville.

Our November meetings are as follows:

- | Fundraising | General Meetings |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Nov. 3—Run | Nov. 1—Diamond |
| Nov. 10—DC's | Nov. 15—Exec. Bd. |
| Nov. 17—Dia. | The MAX 6 p.m. |
| Nov. 24—MAX | Nov. 22—Gilligans 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 1—Gilligans | |

The ICEBOWL Tournament Committee appreciates all of the community's support and look forward to future support as the tournament quickly approaches.

P.S. Be aware of the Crazy Bowl—Dec. 5 at Skylanes at 1:30 a.m. (Center Mall 5th Level)

P.P.S. Thank you to the River City Bowling League for all of the Strike Pot Funds!

Until next month—Good luck and Good Balling!

Scott Rezek, ICEBOWL Sec.

NORTH HIGH NEWSPAPER FEATURES G/L TEENS

FFLAG Omaha Newsletter—The Sept. issue of *North Star*, the student newspaper of Omaha North High featured a three story spread entitled "Homosexuality versus Homophobia." One of the stories was "Gay Youth Cope With Isolation," featuring students talking about their experiences with being gay. They discussed their families and friends and how they deal with them. One student said, "My parents won't react very well, that's why I haven't told them—especially my dad. I'm planning on keeping it from them at least until I'm secure and not dependent on them." Another said "I always joked around a lot. I could just be myself and say things, and everyone would just take it as a joke. I joked pretty much get away with it. But all those times I was joking around I was thinking, 'God, I wish they knew.'" Another of the articles featured some statements by Mark Shively, a North High special education teacher. He said there is a great need for a support system for g/l teens in the OPS system. He added, "All young people have needs, whether you're talking about one or 1000 individuals. It's not an issue of morality, it is an issue of equity and civil rights. Education is the priority, not day to day survival. Everyone should be able to [go to] school each day without having to deal with harassment."

DENOMINATION FOUNDER REV. TROY PERRYAT DEDICATION SERVICE

by Carla

October 24 and 25 the founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) from Los Angeles, CA, was in Omaha to speak at the Dedication Service of the church building acquired last July by Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. Services were held both Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Perry was honored by a Public Reception Sat. afternoon at The MAX. We thank all of our friends who came out to welcome Rev. Perry to Omaha.

The UFMCC was founded in 1968, MCC-O began following an evangelism tour through the Midwest in 1973, and the recently acquired building was built in 1888, so the Dedication Service was a time of tying the old to the new and joining together to dedicate our future to the service of God. Friends from the area, as well as friends from all across the Mid-Central District of UFMCC, which runs from Montana to Colorado to Missouri, to Minnesota, joined us during this time of dedication and celebration. We hope that each of you was blessed by the experience. One of the highlights of the Dedication Service was the addition of 16 new members to MCC-O. This puts us over the 100 mark for the first time in many years. Praise God! This weekend also saw the debut of our church choir. What a delight it added to the service!

In October two AA groups began meeting at MCC-O. We are thrilled to have the space to share with the community! And speaking of sharing, we hope to you made it to the UNO Student Group's Chili Cookoff on the 18th. The aroma was quite tantalizing during service that Sunday! MCC-O participated in the Street Fair sponsored by CPEP, distributing flyers and pamphlets. MCC-O "Came Out" with many in the community! Selling "Hate is not a family value" bumper stickers took us out into the community on several occasions. Thanks, Duane S., for providing those. A few are still available for \$1 each. We closed October with an evening of fun and fellowship Halloween night.

Coming in Nov. are the final sessions of the Intercessory Prayer Study, a Congregational Meeting—Nov. 15, a big fund raising show at The MAX on Nov. 22 with other community groups, Thanksgiving Dinner, and our usual weekly support groups and activities, as well as Worship Services every Sun. at 10:20 a.m. and the second and fourth Sun. evenings each month at 7:00. We invite you to join us!

GAY/LESBIAN RESOURCE CENTER

This is going to be an exciting year for the Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (G.L.R.C.) We have an energetic and ambitious group of officers and volunteers this year who are dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of this office. We are striving to be more visible, thus allowing people to learn more about us and our organization.

Last fall the Union Board granted us new office space on the second floor of the Union. The new office is larger, more visible to the campus community, and provides a more relaxed and comfortable environment to be in. The Union has recently approved \$1,200 for new furniture which will allow the office to expand its library and have more work space for staff.

We are very appreciative of the recent support of the Union to update our office and hope that it will continue. Please feel free to write letters to Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Union, thanking him and the Union Board for their support.

Internally, the office has taken on some structural changes. We have a female and male co-chair, secretary, treasurer, Education Director, Public Relations Director, Volunteer Coordinator, 2 Representatives at Large, and several committees for special events.

We are always looking for people who would like to help with special projects and events. Just contact a member of our staff to set up a time convenient for you to do a brief orientation to the office.

We encourage you to fill out the form in our Ad in this month's *New Voice* or call our office to get on our mailing list. We will be doing monthly mailings to keep you updated on our office and events.

This year is bound to be filled with excitement for everyone. If there is anything that this office can help you with, please don't hesitate to ask.

I look forward to helping direct the Gay/Lesbian Student Association this year and I know we can do great things together.

David Bolkovac
Co-Chair, G.L.R.C.

Bars & Restaurants	
Des Moines (A.C. 515)	
Blazing Saddle	416 E 5th St., 246-1299
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)	
The Chesterfield	1951 St. Marys, 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
The Run	1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703
Lincoln (A.C. 402)	
Panic	200 S. 18th St., 435-8764
Club 2001	500 Sun Valley Road, 476-2001

CLASSIFIEDS

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Caring, creative, compassionate GWM, early thirties, short and stocky, non-smoker, chemical-free seeks GM for friendship/relationship. I have traditional values and am a hopeless romantic who talks with my head but listens with my heart. I give what I seek—honesty, openness, sincerity, sensitivity and stability. I'm attracted to husky, hairy men. Don't you wonder "what if"? Reach out. Let's explore how much we can add to each other's lives. P.O. Box 37821, Omaha, NE 68137.

LOOKING FOR LOVE? Make sure that's all you find. Use a latex condom every time. DCHD at 444-6875. (Ap93)

COUNSELING—Individual and relationship-lesbian/gay issues, life changes, identity, decision making, disability, abuse. Judith M. Gibson, M.A. (402) 477-6985 (De92)

558-5303

For all the news in the community, call A.N.G.L.E.'s Information and Referral line at (402) 558-5303 (Mr93)

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BIPALS (Bisexual People / Alternate LifeStyle), Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501, 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone (upstrs) 640N16. Allsexes welcome.

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

Lesbian Support Group, Womens Resource Center, Room 338, Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588. 472-2597, Meets Wednesdays at 6pm.

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

Nebraska Bookstore, 14th & R Steets, 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.

Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644 Social, info & referral, library, Support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30pm

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, Info: 345-9916 Meetings: Open Meetings, Wednesday & Friday, 6:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22; Live & Let Live Grp, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha, Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm, AI-Anon Meets Same Time, Same Place

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors), Box 31375, Omaha, 68131. (402) 558-5303, Organization for Networking, consciousness raising, and PRIDE activities.

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

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians. Resource grp of US WEST. For info: 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 68108. 1st & 3rd Sundays, 7pm, Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha.

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

HAIR CARES, Foundation for hairdressers with AIDS. 1-800-HAIRCARES Judy 333-3329

Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran Church, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 345-4080 or 453-7137, Meet 1st Sunday 7pm,

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 68134, (402) 451-7987. Leather/SM education & play group. Men's & women's group.

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

Overeaters Anonymous Lambda Plush, Wed 7:30pm *Family & Friends* 3040 N 102, Omaha

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

River City Mixed Bowling League, President-E. Mueller (1) 466-1789, V.P. - Cheryl Christensen 346-7699, Treasurer - Mike Shearer 346-4110. Sunday, 3pm, Sky Lanes, 42 & Center, Omaha

River City Gender Alliance, 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, Support Info for Les/Gay 451-5631 /800-4-GAY-SDA.

Women of the Plains, PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124, Bring women's sculpture back to Omaha

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

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124-0712. Magazine for lesbian women's voices to be heard.

Youth Support Group, sponsor: Parents & Friends of Lesbians/Gays Omaha Chptr. For gay, lesbian youth and those questioning sexuality, ages 13 to 21. Meets Saturdays, Call 291-6781.

Alcoholics Anonymous,

*Grand Island, Open Meeting 12noon Sundays, (308) 236-8610.

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

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

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

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska. 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. Outpatient chemical dependency treatment while affirming sexuality, Sliding Fee

MATCHALL MATCHMAKERS, P.O. Box 82281, Lincoln 68501-2281, Write for info. Also publish G.L.B. Date Book, cost of personal ad: \$5 for 30 words or less, 25 cents for each additional word. Send Cashier's check or money order to G.L.B., P.O. Box 82281, Lincoln 68501-2281.

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

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*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. Meets 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St., Groups for family of people with HIV, and Gay/Lesbian Youth Group meet same time & place.

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

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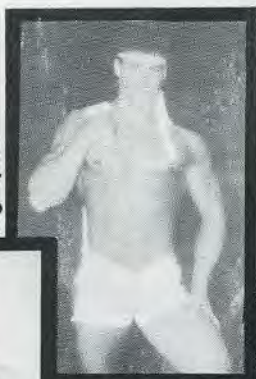
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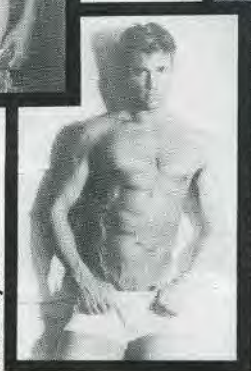
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