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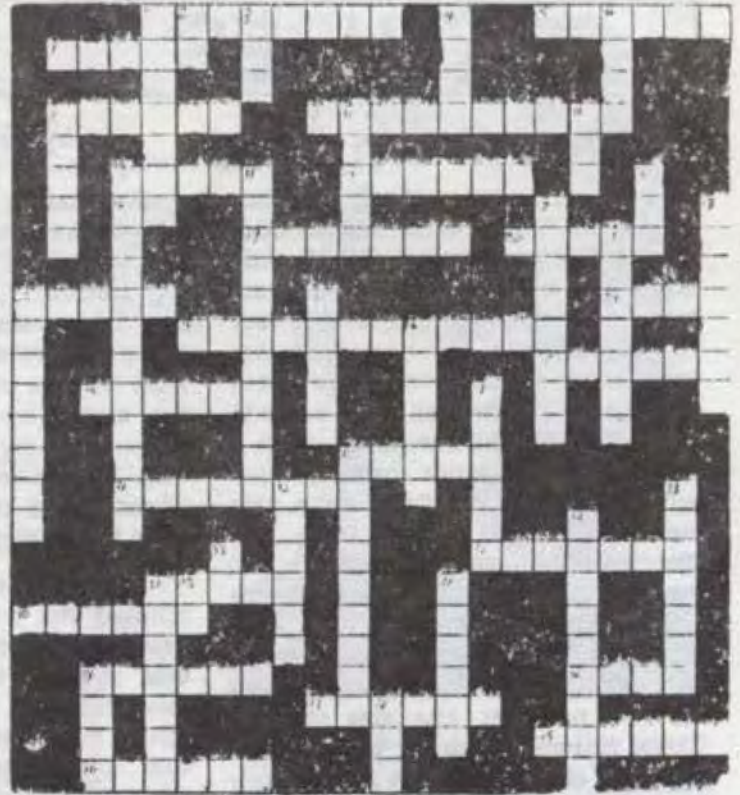


### Across

1. Flamboyant pianist famous for his diamond rings
5. An illegal sexual act (in some states); or, \_\_\_ laws
7. Slang term for lesbians
8. An irrational fear; as in homo \_\_\_
9. Movie title: \_\_\_ Adults
12. A Lincoln Bar
14. Verb. to look for someone to pick up
16. Preposition, \_\_\_ the closet
19. A novel by E. M. Forster; also a movie by the same name
20. Founder of the Metropolitan Community Church, Rev. Troy \_\_\_
22. Florida singer who launch the *Save Our Children* campaign
24. A main character in the film *Personal Best* \_\_\_ Skinner
25. A west-coast city known as "The Gay Mecca"
27. What a little black book is for, to record someone's phone \_\_\_
28. A well-known street in San Francisco dominated by gay businesses.
30. A warning in high school; "Never wear the color \_\_\_ on Thursday."
31. A notoriously "gay" color
36. A famous woman tennis star (first name only)
37. Slang term meaning "feminine."
40. An Omaha bar (two words)
41. Assassinated San Francisco city supervisor, \_\_\_ Milk
42. "What shall I \_\_\_ on my date?"
43. Editor of this magazine (first name)
45. Gertrude Stein's companion of 39 years, \_\_\_ - Toklas
48. Sappho's island home

### Down

1. A woman-loving woman
2. Verb; "\_\_\_ he gay?"
3. Equal Rights Amendment, abbr.
4. Movie title: "Making \_\_\_"
6. Cross-dressing, a \_\_\_ show
8. Call letters of a support group for our parents and friends
10. Famous 19th century writer, \_\_\_ Wilde
11. *The \_\_\_ Voice of Nebraska*
12. Gay symbol originating in Nazi concentration camps (two words)
13. Lincoln's bookstore (two words)
15. Synonym for "homosexual"
17. Movie title: "\_\_\_ Best"
18. Major East-coast city near Fire Island
21. Contemporary lesbian author (two words) \_\_\_ Brown, her latest book is *Ships*
22. An all-woman band from Lincoln; a semi-precious purple stone
23. A nationality; Gay love is also known as \_\_\_ love
26. Nebraska's most famous author, Willa \_\_\_
28. A safe-sex device
30. The "Gay" area of New York, \_\_\_ Village
32. Movie title: "\_\_\_ Hearts"
33. Material used for clothing, often associated with motorcycles
34. Birth of the gay rights movement, the \_\_\_ Riots, 1969
35. "I \_\_\_ What I Am"
37. Legendary inhabitants of Britain before Celts; a slang term for effeminate gay men
38. What you call your last lover, "My \_\_\_"
39. Famous actor, Rock \_\_\_
41. Author of *The Well of Loneliness*, Radclyffe \_\_\_
44. Michelangelo's field of work



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# FEATURES

## Free From Fear

-by Jean Mortensen

A closet is the perfect metaphor for gay life. Like a closet with its door closed, the boundaries of safe and acceptable behavior are well-defined. And since human beings tend to fear the unknown (in our case, our fear about other peoples' reactions to our homosexuality), it often feels safer to stay within those boundaries, even if we know there's more room to move around outside. We think we're safe inside a closet, safe from the discrimination and tauntings. But there's a problem with closets; they're small. Their boundaries are too restrictive to allow for very much personal growth. People, along with all their potential, can stay shut up inside closets of fear for years, never having a chance to move about freely in the outside world. Closets can become self-made cages.

Closets do serve one vital purpose, though. They are safe havens to hide in while we nurture positive self-images. Indeed, a person's well-being can be badly damaged by coming out before his or her personhood is fully and positively formed. If you come out before you are secure with yourself, before you like yourself just the way you are, then you're setting yourself up to feel a lot of pain that goes along with society's view of homosexual people. You may fall for the myth someone else tells you. It is far better, I believe, to know yourself first for the person you are, and to accept yourself with all your good and bad points. Then, whatever other people think about you is no big deal, just their opinion. As long as you know the truth about yourself, that you are a good and likeable person, it really doesn't matter what other people think. Once the point has been reached, when you can like yourself for exactly who you are, that's when the closet can become a cage.

Fortunately, the door isn't locked. All you have to do is turn the knob and you're on your way to the great big outside. That transitionary step may take years or even a lifetime to complete. Like watching a person walk in slow motion, coming out of the closet is a long and involved process. In my own case, I figure my step has lasted about seven years already, and my second foot hasn't even hit the ground outside yet.

Like most people, I was raised and molded into the heterosexual norm. I assumed (maybe was brainwashed?) that straight was the only option available. Any time I heard anything about homosexuality, it was always with a negative connotation. Those were sick people, I was told. Well, that couldn't be me, because I certainly did not see myself as a sick degenerate.

But during my college years my closest friend helped change my life with three simple words; I love you. She allowed me to examine my own feelings in reaction to her declaration. And I realized that what I felt for her was love too, and it had all happened quite naturally. As soon as I admitted it to myself, I knew I was inside the closet and I had a choice to make. Would I stay in there forever by denying it to everybody else, or would I take my chances of tripping and falling on my face or being able to walk around outside with my head held high?

I stayed inside my closet a relatively short time in order to learn more about myself. I examined society's attitudes about homosexuals and compared those myths to what I knew about myself. Nothing matched. I was a basically decent person with a few human faults, but a good person nonetheless. As long as that's how I felt about myself, I knew nobody else would be able to convince me otherwise, no matter how many straights told me I was a perverted deviant. I knew better. I knew they were wrong. They couldn't hurt me. It was safe for me to step outside.

So I started telling a few close friends of my lesbianism. I lost only a couple of friends, who I decided weren't that special anyway if they couldn't accept me for who I really was. But most of my friends stayed my friends. And that encouraged me. I planted my foot firmly outside my closet when I told my family. Getting that far took nearly five years. Once I'd made my disclosure, my biggest fears were shed. I had feared they would reject me, and I had feared that someone else might tell them before I was ready. Now that they know, I don't have to carry the burden of that anxiety anymore. Yes, I was lucky in that they accepted the truth and did not turn away from me. But even if they had not, I would have been able to get on with life on my own, free from wondering what they would do, free from having to hide a big part of myself from my family.

I may not be doing all I can for the cause of gay rights, like correcting everybody who assumes I'm straight, but last June I marched for the first time in a Pride Parade. By meeting with other gays in the process of coming out, I help diminish their fear of "being the only one." I have appeared on workshop panels to give the public accurate information instead of myths about the gay life, and perhaps that will do something to diminish homophobia. And that makes me feel great about myself, raises my self-respect. I look forward to the day when we can all stop being afraid and hiding in fear.

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# ASK DOCTOR D: HAVING LESS SEX, BUT ENJOYING IT LESS!

by Demian, Ed.D.

**Q:** Sometimes my partner and I have different ideas about what to do in bed. Also, we aren't having sex as often as we once did. I'm beginning to think we are sexually incompatible. What can I do about it?

**A:** Many couples find that the frequency of sexual activity declines somewhat as their relationship progresses. However, familiarity can bring the kind of mutual awareness that stands to increase the quality of sex.

Try this sexual compatibility evaluation on for size. It will help you assess the degree to which you and your partner agree about matters sexual. More than that, it gives you a great excuse to talk with your partner about sex.

Complete and score individually--don't peek. Then compare your answers. Rate each of the following as:

disagree = 1	mostly agree = 3
disagree somewhat = 2	completely agree = 4

Partner #1		Partner #2
___	We like the number of times we have sex together.	___
___	We like the same kinds of sex	___
___	We respect one another's sexual desires.	___
___	We tell one another if we develop a sexually transmitted disease.	___
___	We freely talk about our sexual fantasies.	___
___	Orgasm is not our goal every time we have sex.	___
___	We share a perspective on masturbation.	___
___	We agree on the amount of openness to outside relationships.	___
___	We share ideas about nudity.	___
___	We don't use sex for reward and punishment.	___
___	We agree about the use of erotic paraphernalia.	___
___	Sex is not a "spare time" activity for us.	___
___ TOTAL		TOTAL ___

How to score:

- 12-24... Relationship may indeed be hampered by sexual incompatibility.
- 25-36... Some problems, work together on improvements.
- 37-48... High sexual compatibility. (Write and tell me how you do it.)

Now compare and discuss your answers, especially where you disagree. (If your individual scores differ by 10 or more, then you really need to talk.)

Some think talking about sex kills the romance, but you're not looking for romance here. You want mutually-satisfying results. The best way to get what you want, and deserve, is to ask for it. If talking isn't enough, consider seeking assistance from friends or professional counselors.

**TIP:** Sexual compatibility is not necessarily the hallmark of a successful relationship. Success is maintaining communication and being able to work together for common solutions.

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## Aids for AIDS

Father Henry Fehren

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, he shall cry out, 'Unclean'. He shall dwell apart." (Leviticus 13:45-46). Physical illness was linked, in primitive times, to evil demons. It was the priest who declared the person unclean. Today, another physical affliction is considered morally unclean, AIDS, associated mostly with gays.

Let me consider people who are Catholic and gay. They already are suffering from disapproval by society. The Vatican letter of 1988 is violently hostile to Catholic groups which have been working with homosexuals. They are condemned. Not a word of appreciation offered, and bishops are urged to act against them.

And so they did. Groups of gays are denied church facilities. Bishops have campaigned to deny civil rights. And even when honeyed words of compassion are used one senses a patronizing air. To deny gays a Mass on church property and then, with due publicity, go to assist at an AIDS hospice could give the impression that gays are acceptable only on their deathbeds.

How should a Christian respond to someone dying of AIDS? As Christ would. Jesus especially welcomed those who were outcasts. We must accept gays as is, as God made them. It is not for us to dispute His choice. It is no use to try to assist them unless we accept them as gay. When Jesus healed, he did not first check to see if they agreed with or kept his high ideals.

There are organizations founded to assist the AIDS afflicted. As Christ does not abandon or ignore them, we must not. Jesus, before his death, needed the comfort of his close friends, but they abandoned him. AIDS gives us another opportunity. A priest said that when he was holding the body of a man dying of AIDS he was holding the body of Christ.

We can cook a meal and bring it over, run errands, do laundry and cleaning, help in many practical ways. If the person's condition permits, we could go for a walk with him or her. Do lots of listening. We should show empathy, not pity, and give steady, consistent, reliable care - not just pop in now and then. Christ demands that we respond with love to all AIDS victims.

Albert Camus said, we are all condemned to death. If we help people with AIDS, they will be there to intercede for us when we die. How does a Christian respond to AIDS? In 10,000 loving ways. "It would be a great mistake", says Archbishop John Quinn of San Francisco, "if we were to see in this epidemic only an occasion to speak about the moral principles of sexual behavior. It is not a homosexual disease. It is a human disease. It affects everyone, and it tests the quality of our faith, our family and our community relationships."

(Excerpted from *The Dignity Angelus*)

## Activist for Gay/Lesbian Youth

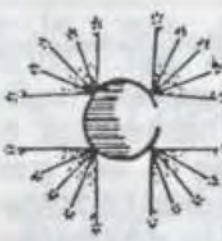
Just before the new year, a new leadership project for youth who have same-sex affectional identities, called the Gay and Lesbian Equity in Academia Network (GLEAN), was launched with an anonymous seed grant of \$25,000, arranged by the Adams-Morgan nightclub *Dakota* in Washington, DC. "The abuse which young gay and lesbian people receive ... is a terrible social problem," wrote Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) in his letter accepting a position on the project's Board of Advisors. He added, "Trying to alleviate it as you propose to do is a very important social goal, and I am pleased to be supportive."

The project will create a continuous national clearinghouse for the equity and access work being done by educators and other professionals, theorists, and groups, both on the community and national levels, as a way to foster the sharing of information and experience in policy and service delivery regarding high school aged and college aged youth who are, or are perceived to be, gay, bi, and lesbian.

One of the key components of GLEAN, according to project Coordinator Luke Adams, will be the direct empowerment of youth. "This is not going to be about a group of 'experts only' getting together and theorizing about policy and methods and then telling gay male, bi, and lesbian youth what's good for them," Adams asserts. The early phases of the project will consist of creating a "participatory research curriculum for the youth" that will, according to Adams, "facilitate a critical literacy about their own lives, their situation, where they're going, what they want, what's in the way, and how to overcome it, with a named struggle and identified alliances." Adams intends to carry out this curriculum in key areas throughout the country, spawning new trainers who will do likewise.

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## THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT ROOM IN THE HOUSE

by Hedda Lettuce

May has to be national strawberry month. And, girls, here are a few ways to enjoy those delicious, plump, juicy berries, other than eating them whole or sliced.

Luke warm likes STRAWBERRIES ROMANOFF. Well, actually, I like to lick Strawberries Romanoff from Luke's body. Here is the recipe; you'll have to provide your own body.

4 cups of hulled strawberries  
1/4 cup powdered sugar  
2 Tbl powdered sugar  
2 Tbl rum  
2 Tbl Cointreau or other orange flavored liqueur  
1 cup whipping cream  
2 Tbl Kirsch or other cherry flavored liqueur

Combine strawberries, 1/4 cup sugar, rum, and Cointreau. Mix gently and cover. Chill for at least 2 hours or 1 afternoon session with Luke, whichever is longer. Beat whipping cream until foamy; gradually add the 2 Tbl sugar and Kirsch, beating until soft peaks form. To serve: spoon strawberries into 6 serving dishes and top with the whipped cream mixture. Or in the case with Luke...well, this is not an anatomy session.

Want to be a bit different? Try the DEEP FRIED STRAWBERRIES

1 cup pancake mix  
1/2 cup plus 2 Tbl milk  
24 large strawberries, hulled  
vegetable oil  
Sherry sauce (recipe follows)

Combine pancake mix and milk, stirring well. Dip strawberries in this batter and deep fry in hot oil (375 degrees) until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and serve immediately with Sherry sauce.

### SHERRY SAUCE

1 cup powdered sugar, sifted  
1/3 cup water  
4 teaspoons of cornstarch  
1/4 cup sherry

Combine sugar and water in a small saucepan and bring to a boil. In a bowl, combine cornstarch and sherry; stir until cornstarch is dissolved. Gradually stir the cornstarch mixture into the hot sugar-water and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the final mixture is smooth and thick. This makes about 3/4 cup.

Sandy Beach gave me this recipe for STRAWBERRY BREAD

2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup oil  
1 cup mashed strawberries  
1/2 cup flour  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
1/2 tsp baking soda

Combine eggs, sugar, oil, and berries; mix well. Stir the remaining ingredients together, then add to the liquid mixture. Bake at 350 degrees in well greased pans, either 3 small (2 1/2 by 5) or one loaf pan for about one hour.

Got to run, girls. Luke is coming to dinner and I have to whip together some STRAWBERRIES ROMANOFF. See you next month.



## XI

-FROM TWENTY-ONE LOVE POEMS

Every peak is a crater. This is the law of volcanoes,

making them eternally and visibly female.

No height without depth, without a burning core,

though our straw soles shred on the hardened lava.

I want to travel with you to every sacred mountain

smoking within like the sibyl stooped over her tripod,

I want to reach for your hand as we scale the path,

to feel your arteries glowing in my clasp,

never failing to note the small, jewel-like flower

unfamiliar to us, nameless till we rename her,

that clings to the slowly altering rock-

that detail outside ourselves that brings us to ourselves,

was here before us, knew we would come, and sees beyond us.

## PFLAG Booknotes

Barbo, Beverly, *The Walking Wounded*. Carlson's, P.O. Box 364, Lindsborg, KS: Carlson's, 1987. (paperback, \$6.95) Also available at the Common Woman Bookstore in Lincoln.

Over a year ago I wrote comments on another book by a mother who had lost her son to AIDS. (The Screaming Room). At that time I said, "There will be other books by survivors, too many before we are done." Yet each story is different, as each of us is unique in how we handle the experience we call life.

Beverly Barbo's thesis is different. Her story is not primarily the story of her son Tim's illness, although that is of necessity the major part in the telling. It came through to me as more of a document of his place in relationship to the family in which he was raised, a loving family. Barbo tells of her thoughtful struggle with the tenets of her fundamentalist Christian faith, her studies and readings which led her to be able to say, "After all, Tim was the same person before and after the revelation that he was gay, and I loved him. Was he not family, or not Christian, just because he was gay?" And a little later, "I found the possibility that society and the church condemns when God does not."

Yes, this is a chronicle of illness, but the human events, flashbacks that tell of Tim's life, and the celebrations along the road of illness which keep the living of life precious, and the remembering of it sadly sweet, that are my recollections of this book in retrospect. When I examine it closely, there is much to do with Tim's illness, and it is without doubt a sad book, but it is also a book of affirmation of Tim, and the other "gentle people," that comes through and what makes this an important book to read.

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[Note: This book is soon to be available at the Common Woman Bookstore.]

## The Book Report

### *Heavy Guilt*

By Dolores Klaich, 1988

Reviewed by Amazonia

This book was so much fun to read, I didn't want to put it down. And I'd suggest, if you can, reading it all in the same day. That way you'll be treated to its full flavor. Think of it as a feast, a dinner that's all the better while it's still steaming.

The setting for the story is Cape Gull, a Victorian resort on the Atlantic coast which is inundated by wealthy Philadelphians in the summer and is usually quiet during winter months. Middle-aged Hilary and Drusilla busy themselves in the first chapter "de-leblanizing" their restored Victorian home for a dinner party, voicing their concern over how Dru's baby sister will behave. After all, Bettina is a communal-living, nonmonogamous, politically correct, openly lesbian-feminist writer who's capable of developing a crush on any woman she sees. The cause for their concern stems from the fact that their other dinner guests include Hilary's homophobic brother, Malcolm, and his wife, Maggie. They've also invited the local mystery writer, Nina, and her companion, Content (who is anything but content), and their houseguest, Sterling, a popular writer, two gentlemen who run the town's bookstore (Webb and Jay) as well as their houseguest (Samantha, or is it Sam?); and their neighbors, the eccentric fifty-year-old Lightfoot twins (Sarah and Farnsworth). Seems like just about everyone there is a homosexual (most of them extremely closeted), but don't say that out loud in front of prudish Hilary or she'll go into cardiac arrest.

### Submission Deadline

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Along with the dinner, Hilary has organized an old fashioned treasure hunt. The guests divide into teams and take off to find the clues leading to the treasure. But homophobic Malcolm, who had been drinking heavily during the dinner, does not return from the hunt. Is he alive or dead? If dead, who killed him? If alive, where is he now and why? He is declared a missing person, and Hilary calls for the help of a private investigator, a woman new in town, the beautiful Tyler Divine. Detective Divine has a lot to sift through; the fact that Content didn't return to the dinner party that night either; the fact that Malcolm had a habit of offending just about anybody he spoke to; the fact that his own wife seems indifferent about his disappearance; and the fact of her own attraction to the alluring Nina.

This book, as you can see, has a full cast of characters, but as I read it, I had no problems with keeping them all straight (well, not straight -- more like sorted out) in my head. Ms. Klaich gave them all enough idiosyncrasies for each to be readily recognizable as soon as he or she steps on the page. Written in the third-person voice, readers are able to follow various characters into a variety of situations, some of them rather comic.

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## Unhappy Lover

-by Don Smith

Over the length of your back,  
The smell of your hair,  
The length of your pants, run my hand.  
Put my fingers on your face.  
I will not touch your eyes.  
Touch your chest. Hair sprouts around the nipples.  
Touch my chest. My heart is meat.

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# Getting Arrested: What to do and not to do

-By Bradley J. Woodworth

What authority do the police have to stop or arrest suspects? What should you do if you get arrested? What rights do you have while in custody? You may rarely, if ever, ask these questions, but you will be glad to know the answers should that time ever come.

In general, the police can stop anyone they reasonably suspect has committed or may soon commit a crime. You do not have to answer any questions they ask, but whether or not it is a good idea to do so in a particular situation depends on many factors. If you are sure you have done nothing wrong, it may be best to answer a few questions and be on your way. If the questioning is about a serious crime, or if you are not sure whether you have done something wrong, you may not want to answer any questions except to identify yourself. As you may expect, a person who won't answer *any* questions during a stop may appear suspicious to the police, who may then take the person into custody.

An arrest occurs when the police take you into custody and will not let you leave. If you have any doubt, always ask the officer if you are under arrest. If not, then you are free to leave. If you are under arrest, you have the absolute right to remain silent. It is probably your most important right, and nearly all lawyers agree: remain silent until you have talked to a lawyer. When you are arrested, the police will almost always "read you your rights" - the *Miranda* warnings we all learned from television. Your right to remain silent may be invoked at any time. Even if you have given up the right by talking to the police, you can - and should - stop talking at any time. Simply state: "I have nothing further to say until I consult a lawyer." The police *must* stop questioning you. Not only can you insist on your right to silence at any time, but you can give it up at any time. If you keep talking, you again have given up your right. The law says that if you initiate conversation regarding the crime for which you are accused, the police can question you and use whatever you say against you. In one case, a defendant had

stopped talking, but gave up his right to silence when he asked, "What is going to happen to me next?" Your right is protected in only one way: say nothing, ask nothing.

The most important reason to remain silent is that you can easily convict yourself with your own words. I have seen many cases in which the police had probably cause to arrest, but not the proof beyond a reasonable doubt needed to convict. Time and time again the missing pieces were provided by the defendant's own statements. If you make a statement to the police after being "Mirandized" (told of your right to silence), the police can and will use your statement against you.

At the risk of sounding cynical, let me advise you that even a "friendly" police officer will use your statements against you. Some police adopt a friendly attitude in an attempt to give you the impression that if you just explain everything, they will understand and let you go. *Don't fall for it!* I had a client who pleaded guilty to a prostitution charge (he was the "John") because, after being advised of his rights, he told the "friendly" officer exactly what he was looking for, how much he expected to pay, and so on. He could never have been convicted without his own statements, but he surely would have been with them. Remain silent. Do not chat with the police. Just as important: don't discuss your charge(s) or situation with anyone else in jail. What you say to a cellmate can be used against you. Sometimes inmates trade information they have on other prisoners for favors or plea-bargaining arrangements with the prosecutor. Furthermore, inmates may be police informants. If all of this sounds a bit paranoid, remember three things: when you are arrested, your liberty is on the line, the food in jail is bad, and no one is going to look out for you.

Search-and-seizure law is incredibly complex, so only a few general words can be said about it here. Usually the police must have a warrant to search your home. Sometimes police will ask permission

to search. Unless you are positive there is not any reason not to show them your home, do not consent to a search. Merely state: "I do not consent to a search of my home/person/automobile. Do not explain your refusal or be tricked into consenting when an officer says, "If you have nothing to hide, you should let us search," or "If you don't consent, we'll come back with a warrant." Fine, let them - they will need to show grounds to a judge as to why the warrant should be issued.

If you are stopped in your car, the police may look into the areas plainly in view. Do not consent to a search of the glove box, trunk, area under the seats, or closed containers including your purse, luggage, briefcase and film canisters. If you open your purse or briefcase and it contains closed containers, do not consent to a search of these.

Never actively resist a search. Simply state that you do not consent to a search, repeating as often as needed. If the search is illegal, the evidence probably cannot be used against you.

One exception to the ruling requiring a warrant is a "pat-down" search of a person being stopped or questioned. Police do have the right to search for weapons to ensure their safety. If you are arrested, the police can search your person, but once again, object to a search of closed containers.

Remembering all of this can be difficult when you are nervous, afraid and faced with the awesome authority of the police who want to arrest you. Take a moment now to practice saying these key phrases out loud: "I do not consent to a search of my person/house/car." "I have nothing to say until I consult a lawyer." "I do not want to make any further statements." "I want a lawyer." Imagine being in a situation in which you may need to make these statements, and finding the words that feel right to you. By practicing this you can avoid making nervous comments that are not in your interests or waiving important rights guaranteed under the Constitution. (*Just Out*)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 1 - May 31

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### SUNDAYS

Metropolitan Community Church  
420 S. 24, Omaha, 345-2563  
Sunday School 9 am  
Worship Services 10:20 am, 7pm

Lesbian Parenting Group/Lincoln  
Call for location, 435-6309, 3 pm

The Max, 1415 Jackson, Omaha  
Shows at 9 pm

#### MONDAYS

Early Warning Social Activist Group  
Rm 345, Nebraska Union/UNL,  
Check Union Calendar for Time

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

#### TUESDAYS

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

#### THURSDAYS

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Org.,  
Nebraska Union-UNL, 8pm

#### FRIDAYS

Gay AA, Lutheran Medical Center  
345-9916, 8:15 pm

Adult Children of Alcoholics,  
6:30 pm 346-0561

MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th

### MONTHLY CALENDAR

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group  
Lincoln, Call 435-4688  
Call for location, 7 pm

#### THURSDAY, MAY 4

Bars/Organizations of Omaha  
(BOO), MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th  
7:00pm

#### FRIDAY, MAY 5

Affirmation/Omaha, 7pm  
Call for location, 556-7701

#### SUNDAY, MAY 7

New Voice Steering Committee  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th, 4 pm  
All Interested Parties Welcome

#### MONDAY, MAY 8

AIDS Interfaith Network Prayer  
Service, St. Cecelia's,  
701 N. 40th, Omaha, 7 pm

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Org.  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th, 7pm  
For information call 554-0320

#### TUESDAY, MAY 9

P-FLAG/Omaha, First Methodist,  
69 & Cass, (Northeast Entrance)  
6:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Submission Deadline!! All poetry,  
articles, classifieds, art work,  
letters for the June New Voice  
must be received by this date.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 14

Dignity, Lincoln Meeting, 7 pm  
Call for information, 895-2856

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

P-FLAG AIDS Support Grp, Lincoln  
Call for location, 435-4688, 7pm

#### SATURDAY, MAY 20

New Voice Lay-out. Volunteers  
Welcome! MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24,  
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#### SUNDAY, MAY 21

Affirmation/Lincoln  
Write for time and location  
PO Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501

#### MONDAY, MAY 22

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Org.  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24, 7 pm  
For information call 554-0320

#### TUESDAY, MAY 23

P-FLAG/Lincoln, 7:30 pm  
Call for location, 435-4688

#### SUNDAY, MAY 28

Dignity, "Gathering", 7pm  
Call for location, 895-2856

AIDS Interfaith Network  
Candlelight Memorial Service  
St. Cecelia's, 701 N. 40th

Candlelight AIDS Prayer Vigil  
State Capitol Building  
Lincoln, Time to be announced

#### MONDAY, MAY 29

Imperial Court of Nebraska  
Memorial Day Picnic, VEYS Park  
1 - 5 pm

# LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ▼



## OMAHA JEWISH GAYS AND LESBIANS FORMING GROUP

A group of men and women in the Metropolitan Omaha area are forming a new organization primarily to meet the needs of Jewish gays and lesbians.

With the prevalence of such local organizations as MCC, Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, Dignity, Integrity, and Lutherans Concerned, a similar local Jewish organization is "long due". At a recent Metropolitan Club meeting, several interested persons met to discuss starting up.

The as-yet-unnamed group will probably involve some combination of social and religious activities, and is committed to serving the needs of both women and men. Already discussed have been: a possible trip to see how a similar Kansas City group (L'Cha Dodi) functions; joint meetings with local groups of other faiths; and membership in the World Congress of Lesbian and Gay Jewish Organizations.

Founding members anticipate meetings to start before the High Holidays this year, possibly by mid-summer. Interested persons should leave a message on the Metropolitan Club answering service: 449-9377. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

## LESBIAN AGENDA CONFERENCE IN N.C.

The National Lesbian Agenda Conference was held in Durham N.C./Duke University on March 3-6, 1989. The purpose of this meeting was to organize grassroots ideas based on lesbian/feminist principles; by lesbians, for lesbians, and about lesbians; in order to hold a National Lesbian Convention.

Although I had seven flights cancelled and nearly ended up spending the night in the Dallas/Fort Worth airport because of the ice, I finally made it to the Conference (minus my luggage of course---it was somewhere between Omaha and Durham!)

There were approximately 150 lesbians in attendance for the event. We decided after many long hours of deliberation, that the National Lesbian Convention should take place in mid to late 1991 in Atlanta, Georgia. It also became obvious that more planning meetings would be needed to properly organize the 1991 event. The next planning meeting will take place in Portland, Oregon in July, 1989.

It is essential that the lesbians in Nebraska organize our community so we are not left out of any considerations.

Anyone interested in representing Nebraska should contact me at the following:

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## Volunteers Needed!

*The New Voice* continues to need YOUR help in its day to day operations. Especially needed are persons to help with layout and production.

## NEBRASKA WOMEN AND AIDS CONFERENCE

A one day Skillbuilding Conference--Nebraska Women and AIDS--will be held Saturday, May 6, 1989, in Lincoln. This conference is a part of the major activities for the Minority AIDS Education Task Force. The conference will be held at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, 3300 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The keynote speakers are Kettle Brooks and Dr. Tanis Dasher. Ms. Brooks is the Director of Alcohol and Drug Program for Colorado West Regional Mental Health. She assisted in the development of the Colorado AIDS policy. Dr. Dasher is an Assistant Director at the Bayview Hunter's Point Foundation for Community Improvement. She works with AIDS Education and Research.

The topics of the Skillbuilding Conference will be: Basic AIDS Education, Safe Sex, Refusal Skills and Women as Caretakers. Fee is \$5.00, (more if you can or less if you can't). For more information call Donna at 474-5231. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME.

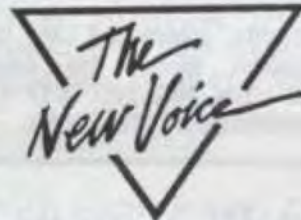
## P FLAG CORNHUSKER WINS GRANT

BY Jean Durgin-Clinchard

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Cornhusker, Inc., in cooperation with the Nebraska Library Commission, has received grant funding for a special Library Project on AIDS and Homophobia. The purpose of the project is to make information about AIDS accessible to the public in areas which might not otherwise have such material readily available. The Project is to donate a set of five or six books, with accompanying brochures on AIDS and other resources, to up to seventy-five public libraries across the state of Nebraska. The Library Commission will take of the packing and shipping, while the Lincoln-Lancaster County Red Cross will furnish copies of the Red Cross videos ("Beyond Fear" and "A Letter from Brian") to those libraries which request them and pay the cost of a blank tape. Woods Charitable Funds, Inc. provided a grant restricted to this purpose for \$5,000. The Imperial Court of Nebraska has also pledged substantial support, with other contributions coming from the Gay/Lesbian Coalition of Nebraska, Parents Flag Cornhusker, and brochures from NAP, the State Health Dept. and the American Red Cross. This is truly a multi-organizational effort, and could be a model effort for other states as well.

We realize that there are those who would argue that to include AIDS and homophobia or homosexuality in the same set of materials is to reinforce the idea that AIDS is a gay disease. We contend that it is the pre-existing homophobia that is not discussed that contributes to the unwillingness to deal with issues surrounding AIDS and, hence, interferes with education about it. It could be considered analogous to the old idea that one did not inquire of a depressed person whether or not they were considering suicide because you might give them the idea. We now know that it is imperative to ask so that support can be given. It is openness in facing hidden agendas that allow them to be dealt with. Questions that are not asked cannot be answered.

Parents FLAG members are tremendously proud to be able to realize this dream of having good, reasoned reading material to do with gay children and friends in rural libraries as well as the larger ones. While not all of the titles have been decided upon as yet, The Quilt book will definitely be one of them, as well as Beverly Barbo's moving story of her son's battle with AIDS, The Walking Wounded.



## "NEW PASTOR FOR MCC"

by Sharon VanButsel

On April 9, the congregation of MCC-Omaha voted to call the Reverend Matthew Howard of Pueblo, Colorado to pastor the congregation. Rev. Howard accepted the call and will begin his duties at MCC on May 15.

The Reverend Howard has just completed a three year pastorate in Pueblo which saw the church there grow from a small bible study group to a congregation of 26.

The congregation of MCC is proud to welcome Matthew and his spouse, Craig, to Omaha.



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# NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT



## Dental AIDS Discrimination

San Francisco...National Gay Rights Advocates won an important victory when a San Francisco court rejected a dentist's attempt to dismiss NGRA's lawsuit against him for AIDS-related discrimination. Lawyers for the Sutter Dental Clinic attempted to convince Superior Court Judge Stuart Pollack that dentists may legally refuse to treat people who are infected with the HIV (AIDS) virus. The ruling now allows NGRA's case, *Bearden v. Sutter Dental Clinic*, to proceed to trial.

Attorney Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, commented after the hearing that "The American Medical Association and the American Dental Association have both declared that it is unethical for health care providers to refuse care for people with AIDS or HIV infection. We believe this case will establish clear legal precedent that such discrimination is illegal as well."

Plaintiff Doug Bearden charges that Sutter Dental Clinic required him to declare on a standard health questionnaire whether he had tested positive for HIV antibodies. Mr. Bearden indicated that he had tested positive, and proceeded to go to an examination room where he was x-rayed. In the middle of his examination, Mr. Bearden was summoned to the front office and told he would not be provided dental care because he had tested positive.

## Civil Rights Bill Reintroduced

Washington, DC -- The Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill was reintroduced into the U.S. Senate by Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) and into the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressmen Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Henry Waxman (D-CA).

## Creating Change Conference

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force announced that its annual conference for gay and lesbian activists and organizations will be held during Veteran's Day weekend on November 11-13, 1989. The NGLTF Creating Change Conference will be held in Washington, DC.

The NGLTF Creating Change Conference is unique among gay and lesbian conferences in its extensive focus on the strategies and tactics of our political movement. Sessions are designed to foster skills and resource sharing among gay and lesbian activists who are engaged first hand in civil rights battles at the state, local and federal level. A wide range of issues will be covered at the conference, including sessions on organizational management and development, fundraising and financial management, lobbying and other legislative work, media organizing, direct action, and grassroots organizing on the myriad political issues facing our community.

Persons interested in obtaining information about the conference should write NGLTF, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

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Sixty-three Representatives signed up as original cosponsors of the bill, officially called the Civil Rights Amendments Act of 1989 (H.R. 655). Eight Senators have signed on to the companion bill. Gay rights lobbyists from the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) are confident more will sign on in the upcoming months of the 101st Congress.

## Payment for PWAs

Chicago--In what may prove to be the most significant move within the insurance industry to control the cost of AIDS and other catastrophic illness, John Aiden Life Insurance Company, Miami, FL, announced the implementation of a pilot case management program which could provide reimbursement for such social services as housing, transportation, and homemaker chores for its insureds with HIV infection.

Selected social services will be considered for reimbursement when they are part of a care plan that substitutes cost-effective homecare and ambulatory care for hospital care. Other features of the plan involve reimbursement for certain investigational agents and the payment of benefits for physician supervision of homecare.

According to Larry Cumble, Vice President of John Aiden Life's Southern Customer Division, although the program is initially limited to insureds with HIV infection, the company plans to expand the program to all its insureds with catastrophic illnesses. The case management program was developed in association with the AIDS Medical Resource Center (AMRC) in Chicago, a national, not-for-profit healthcare planning agency.

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The bill would amend the existing federal civil rights statutes to protect people on the basis of "affectional or sexual orientation" from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and credit, government-assisted opportunities and public accommodations. The bill would outlaw discrimination in stores, restaurants, hotels and other places selling services or goods.

## Military Freedom Project Seeks Stories

Washington, DC -- Prompted by the incarceration of three female Marines on charges of homosexuality, a joint project to effect longlasting changes in military policy towards lesbians and gay men has been launched by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Organization for Women, Women's Equity Action League, and the ACLU Lesbian/Gay Rights Project. The Military Freedom Project was conceived and developed at a meeting in Washington, DC in Mid-November 1988.

"The Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project will make a concerted and coordinated and longterm effort to win recognition of the contributions of lesbians and gay men in the Armed Forces by dismantling the military's viciously homophobic policies and practices," said Sue Hyde, NGLTF Privacy Project Director. "While most of us do not expect to suffer imprisonment for our sexuality, that has been the fate of scores of gay people in uniform. For those lucky enough to escape the brig, harassment and humiliation, followed by dishonorable discharges, await thousands of servicepeople who love members of their own sex. We must stop this shameful treatment of citizens who are willing to sacrifice their lives in service of their country."

The Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project has three immediate goals: 1) to press for U.S. Congressional hearings on the harassment of women and lesbians in the service; 2) to testify at the Spring '89 meeting of DACOWITS (Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service); and 3) to conduct educational and outreach programs to lesbians and gay men in the service.

As part of the education and outreach programs, the Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project seeks testimonies and first-person accounts by lesbians and gay men who are Armed Forces veterans or who are currently serving in the Armed Forces. Stories are sought from persons who were closeted in the military, as well as those who were out, from persons who were hounded out, as well as those who were respected and finished their tours of duty without incident from enlisted personnel, as well as officers, from women as well as men. Whatever your experience in uniform, the Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project welcomes your contribution.

All request for confidentiality will be respected. The stories will be included in collected testimony presented to Congressional committees and will be edited and compiled for inclusion in outreach and educational materials.

Please send your 500-1000 word account of your experience in the military to: Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project, NGLTF, 1517 U St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

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## Denmark to OK Same-Sex Marriages

Lesbian and gay activists in Denmark are hopeful that the Danish Folketing (parliament) will approve legislation permitting same sex marriages, according to a story in the *Philadelphia Gay News*. The legislation would permit gay and lesbian unions and afford them equal status in the areas of marriage, divorce, inheritance, retirement and housing. The only area not covered by the bill is adoption. The bill provides for same-sex marriages to be performed in town halls. It does not require churches to permit same-sex marriages.

*(Baltimore Gayspaper)*

## Gay Life Partner Suit

On January 23, 1989, the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project filed a brief in the New York Court of Appeals arguing that its client, a gay man, should be considered to be a member of his deceased lover's family and accordingly protected against eviction from the couple's rent controlled apartment. The case, *Braschi v. Stahl Associates*, is the first gay life partner case to reach New York's highest court.

William B. Ruenstein, a staff attorney with the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which represents the plaintiff, said, "Because it is the highest court in New York State, the Court of Appeals's decision in the *Braschi* case will finally decide whether gay couples will be treated equally under rent control.

The plaintiff, Miguel Braschi, lived with his lover in their family home, a rent control apartment in New York City, for ten years. The lease to the apartment was in his lover's name. When his lover died, the landlord moved to evict Braschi from the home. However, New York City regulations permit surviving spouses and family members who lived in the apartment, to remain in the apartment and take over the rent control lease if the tenant dies. Braschi has argued throughout this case that, as a gay life partner, he is a member of his deceased lover's family and therefore entitled to the lease.

"We are asking the court to analyze family in functional terms. There is no question that our client and his partner functioned as a family," declared Nan D. Hunter, Director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

The trial court agreed that Braschi was a member of his lover's family. The court prohibited the landlord from evicting Braschi. However, an intermediate appellate court found for the landlord and reversed the trial court's decision. Appeal to the Court of Appeals was permitted and on January 23, 1989, the ACLU filed its brief on Braschi's behalf. The case will be argued this spring.

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## NEW LESBIAN AND GAY FAMILIES PROJECT

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force launches the only national organizing project on behalf of lesbian and gay families on May 1, 1989, with the hiring of veteran feminist and black activist Ivy Young as Project Director. The Lesbian and Gay Families Project was formed through a unique collaboration between the D.C.-based National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the San Francisco-based National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR--formerly known as the Lesbian Rights Project).

The Lesbian and Gay Families Project will educate, advocate, and organize for full societal recognition of lesbian and gay relationships and for the protection of lesbian and gay families. The Families Project will confront barriers facing lesbian and gay partners and parents and will

tackle issues such as: securing equal benefits for gay and lesbian partners; fair and equal treatment for gay and lesbian parents of non-discrimination laws regarding adoption, foster care, and artificial insemination; securing survivors' rights and the right to be involved in medical decisions and treatment for our loved ones.



Families Project director Ivy Young joins the Task Force with a strong background in media, grassroots organizing, and politics. She is the former General Manager of WWOZ-FM in New Orleans and served as the Director of Public Affairs for WBAI-FM in New York City from 1986-1988.

Ms. Young's political organizing work involved her in the 1988 Presidential election campaign during which she helped organize Lesbians & Gays for Jesse Jackson in NYC. She was Editor of Pacifica Radio's coverage of the Democratic National Convention in July 1988. In October of 1987, she served as consultant to organizers of the People of Color Stage (morning rally) of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

## GAY/LESBIAN JEWS TO MEET

The Eleventh International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be held in Chicago, August 24-27, 1989.

All conference activities will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Chicago, close to all major cultural and architectural points of interest. The registration cost for the conference will be approximately \$200.00 and will include the following: opening cocktail party with cash bar and entertainment by the Windy City Gay Chorus and boat ride on the Chicago River on Thursday night; lunch, dinner, and oneg shabbat with entertainment by the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band on Friday night; cocktail party and dinner with dancing and entertainment on Saturday night; buffet brunch on Sunday; plus full days of workshops on relevant social, religious, and health issues on Friday and Saturday, open forum with Chicago area rabbis and plenary session on Sunday morning, and optional tours of Chicago architectural and Jewish sites. Religious services will be held on Friday night and Saturday morning. Reasonable hotel rates will be available at the Hyatt Regency. A restricted amount of scholarship money is available to defray part of the cost of registration. Conferees wanting scholarships should write as soon as possible. Home hospitality will be available, with preference given to those people coming from the greatest distances (Europe and Israel). For more information, please write or call: The Eleventh International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews c/o Congregation Or Chadash 656 W. Barry St. Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 248-9456

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## Consumer Magazine Rates Condoms

The San Jose Mercury News

Departing from its tradition of rating such mundane products as compact disc players, refrigerators and cars, Consumer Reports magazine this month will provide what it says is the first comprehensive rating of condoms since the advent of AIDS.

The magazine's publisher, Consumers union, explained in a memo in the front of the magazine its decision to run a battery of tests on 40 brands.

"Some people believe strongly that matters relating to sex should not be the subject of public discussion," it read. "But with the spread of AIDS, condoms have become the subject of a vast number of public-service messages to consumers."

"(This) frank evaluation of condoms recognizes that fact."

In general, the news was good. Thirty-two models had a failure rate of 1.5 percent or less.

The magazine reported that "if properly used, most of the condoms tested will protect users against acquired immune deficiency syndrome and other sexually transmitted diseases."

The magazine recommended that users concerned with disease prevention choose a latex condom from among the group with fewest failures.

It said skin condoms, made of lamb intestine, are an effective contraceptive but have not yet proven safe against all sexually transmitted diseases.

The magazine tested the condoms by blowing them up like a balloon to record the pressure they could withstand and by filling them with a solution containing high concentrations of a sexually transmitted microbe to see if any microbes passed through them.

The testers also devised an apparatus to simulate intercourse to see if mechanical stress had any effect on them.

"Such experiments confirmed that intact latex condoms won't let even the smallest microbes through," the testers concluded.

The roster of diseases that properly used condoms can help prevent, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, includes syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, genital herpes and AIDS.

The top 10 rated condoms: Gold Circle Coin, LifeStyles Extra Strength Lubricated, Saxon Wet Lubricated, Ramses Non-Lubricated Reservoir End, Sheik Non-Lubricated Reservoir End, Excita Extra, Kimono, Sheik Elite, Koromex with Nonoxynol-9 and Excita Fiesta.

Two models had a projected maximum failure rate of more than 10 percent, the magazine said. They were LifeStyles Extra-Strength with Nonoxynol-9 and LifeStyles Nuda Plus.

Condom sales have risen 80 percent in the last 2 1/2 years. Women now purchase 40 percent to 50 percent, compared with 10 percent a few years ago.

Based on reader survey, Consumer Reports estimated that one condom in 165 breaks during sex. It suggested keeping a foam spermicide handy for such emergencies.

## Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival

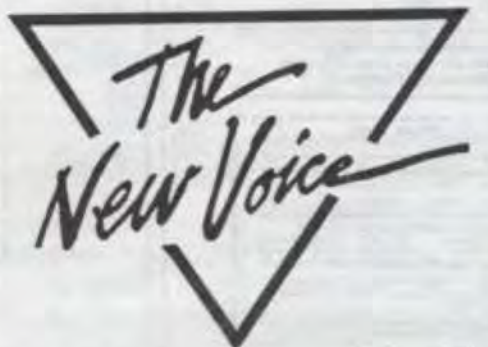
Seattle, WA...Gay and Lesbian athletes from around the country and the world will gather in Seattle this summer for a multi-sport extravaganza that will serve as a tuneup for Gay Games III in 1990. The 1989 Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival, offering opportunities in at least ten sports, is scheduled for the four-day July 1-4 holiday weekend.

For the third year in a row, K & L Distributors of Bellevue, WA, is the primary sponsor of the Sports Festival with a grant of \$7500. K & L distributes Perrier, Soho Soda, and Anheuser-Busch products in Western Washington.

The Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival is the second largest multi-sport event for Lesbian and Gay athletes. Only Gay Games attracts more athletes. In 1987, the Sports Festival's first year, 900 athletes participated. By 1988 the number had increased to 1200. Seventy percent of the participants are from out of state. The Run With Pride, organized by the Seattle Frontrunner, was last year's largest event with 400 entrants. Swimming attracted 150.

This year competition is scheduled in sports such as swimming, diving, women's softball, tennis, bowling, croquet, volleyball, running, water polo and golf. Other sports tentatively scheduled include darts, soccer, track and field, rugby, martial arts, women's basketball and flag football.

Team Seattle, organizers of the Festival, plans several Festival-wide events during the course of the weekend. Information about the 1989 Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival or entries for events can be obtained by writing to: Team Seattle, 1206 E. Pike St #1505, Seattle, WA 98122 or by calling (206) 322-2777.



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## LUTHERANS CONCERNED

No longer willing to be ignored by the Church, Lutherans Concerned/North America, a Lutheran Ministry for Lesbian and Gay understanding, has issued a Call for Repentance. Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, the group's biennial Assembly unanimously approved the document which labels the churches' treatment of the gay and lesbian community "sinful" and calls on the churches to publicly repent. Articulating eighteen specific charges, the document demands that the leaders of the churches meet with representatives of Lutherans Concerned for dialog and action.

Since the group's founding in 1974, Lutherans Concerned has attempted to work with the churches in addressing the needs of the lesbian and gay community. Fourteen years later, that offer having been for the

most part ignored, Lutherans Concerned/NA has adopted a more aggressive stance. In addition to confronting the churches with the failure to minister to the gay and lesbian community, the group plans to be visibly present at upcoming conventions of various Lutheran church bodies alerting delegates to the group's demands.

In a related action, the Assembly approved a speaking tour of three men who were denied ordination at the completion of their seminary education because they refused to remain silent about their sexuality.

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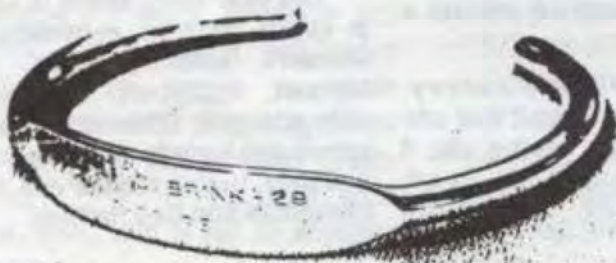
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Sunday Worship:  
10:20 am & 7:00 pm  
Gay/Lesbian Support Group:  
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm  
Praise & Prayer Service:  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 pm

# Memorial AIDS Bracelet

Los Angeles, CA... "This bracelet which honors my son's memory also honors his amazing courage in battling the disease that took his life," says Mary Jane Edwards, founding President of Mothers of AIDS Patients in Los Angeles. "The Public War on AIDS Bracelet is a very personal symbol of our struggle and I think it is one of the greatest ways we can honor the thousands of men, women and children who have fallen to this vicious disease," see ads.

The "PWA Bracelet" is imprinted with the name, age, and date of passing of individuals struck down by AIDS. Conceived by a public relations firm called PRIDE Media Relations to raise money for grass roots AIDS organizations, the single-piece memorial band is sponsored by the Public War on AIDS endowment Fund, a nonprofit organization which provides emergency funding to people with AIDS and their families. Proceeds from the \$10 contribution requested for each gold or silver-plated bracelet are also assigned to the Mothers of AIDS Patients in Los Angeles as well as forty other AIDS-related groups across the country who are participating as Nonprofit Distributors.

"I wanted to create an intimate symbol that would unite our country in the battle to defeat AIDS," says Mark Manning, the public relations specialist who conceived and designed the PWA Bracelet and is currently the National Director. "The essence of this national campaign is the bond which develops between the person wearing the PWA Bracelet and the individual commemorated," he explains. "It is an excellent way for someone who has never known anyone with AIDS to get involved and support the Public War on AIDS," Manning adds. "And our greatest response has been from America's heartland, far from the urban centers where AIDS has claimed thousands of lives."

Accordingly, people are wearing PWA Bracelets which honor men, women and children they did not know who have died from AIDS and these bracelet wearers want to know all about the person commemorated. Authorized Biographies of each name memorialized are prepared to

respond to such inquiries and families of the deceased often receive cards and letters of support from bracelet wearers all over the country.

The list of those persons whose names appear on a PWA Memorial Bracelet include a high school principal, a building contractor, a college professor, a 31 year old mother and her 11, month old infant, a male fashion model, and a 15 year old boy who was a former poster child for the Hemophilia Foundation.

"Names and addresses of every bracelet wearer are retained so that when a cure for AIDS is established we can call back all of the bracelets and melt them down and build a monument," declares Operations Director Dennis Millette who is responsible for fulfilling the thousands of bracelet requests received from all over the country as well as processing the crucial documentation required to place a new name on a PWA Bracelet.

"The process is called a Sponsorship and the procedure is extensive," states Millette. "We require the written permission of the primary next of kin or executor of the estate as well as a copy of the death certificate and/or letter from the attending physician which verifies the cause of death as AIDS-related," he emphasizes, "because the decision to sponsor is the decision to make that name known to the national public."

Program officials hope to raise between ten and twenty million dollars to provide emergency funding. The Public War on AIDS Endowment Fund has already provided financial assistance to a number of people across the country for such purposes as emergency travel, moving and funeral expenses, and other AIDS related hardships not covered by local, state or federal services.

Among the public figures who currently have a PWA Bracelet are President George Bush, Dr. C. Everett Koop, Michael and Kitty Dukakis, Elizabeth Taylor, Lynn Redgrave, Bea Arthur, Liza Minnelli, Tom Hanks, Ann-Margret, Whoopi Goldberg, Elton John, Joan Rivers, Madonna, and Olympian Greg Louganis.

Mary Jane Edwards, who is now the National Chair of the PWA Endowment Fund, says a resolution is scheduled to be submitted to Congress by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) in 1989 which will, if passed, make the PWA Bracelet a national symbol of unity in the battle against AIDS.

For more information, individuals and organizations may call 800-248-0465 or write the PWA Endowment Fund c/o PRIDE Media Relations, 731 S. Spaulding, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

## Magazine: Some Condoms Tear

According to *Consumer Report* magazine, two models of latex condoms are "grossly defective" and six other models are less reliable than desired. Six million of one of the most defective condoms -- Lifestyle Extra Strength with Nonoxynol 9 -- have been recalled by the manufacturer. *Consumer Report* said the Lifestyle Extra Strength and Lifestyles Nuda Plus had a 10% failure rate based on an inflation test. The magazine reported that all types of condoms it tested passed government standards, but those tests do not include the inflation test.

The six models rated less than desired by the magazine were Sheik Non-Lubricated Plain End, Ramses Sensitol Lubricated, Pleaser Ribbed Lubricated (now called Saxon Ribbed Lubricated), Ramses NuForm, Mentor and Lifestyles Nuda.

(Philadelphia Gay News)

## American Bar Assoc. Endorses Gay Rights

By a margin of 130 votes, the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates endorsed anti-discrimination laws across the nation and brought the association's considerable lobbying resources into the fight for civil rights for homosexuals.

# GLAAD NEWS: GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION

## NO LOVE

In the March 7th *Village Voice*, press columnist Geoffrey Stokes reports that G. Woodson Howe, executive editor of the *Omaha World Herald*, distributed the following memo to his top editors after the paper ran a story on the money awarded to Rock Hudson's lover, Marc Christian:

"We should not refer to homosexual sex partners as 'lovers' as we did in a recent story about Rock Hudson.

"A lot of people think that men having sexual intercourse together is not 'love' and for us to refer to it as love is a debasement of the word.

"Similarly, the strong attachment two homosexuals might feel for one another does not make them 'lovers' in the sense that Romeo and Juliet were lovers.

"Let's find more accurate and appropriate ways to describe the sexual activity that occurs between homosexuals and the bond that they feel."

The *World Herald* is not some rinky-dink rag, but the major paper in its neck of the woods. Let's help educate editor Howe about the terminology that dares not speak its name. Write G. Woodson Howe, Executive Editor, Omaha World Herald, World Herald Square, 14th and Dodge, Omaha NE. 68102. And while you are at it, cc: Harold W Anderson, chairman of the Omaha World Herald Company, at the same address.

## BASHING WITH A COUNTRY TWANG

The song "Uneasy Rider '88" by the Charlie Daniels Band, from their current album *Homesick Heros* (Epic 44324/CBS) ridicules and condones physical violence against gays. What's worse, the song is

being played repeatedly on radio stations (throughout the South, in particular), despite complaints from gay listeners.

The song is a first-person Country & Western narrative. The singer and his buddy, Jim, "figure we'd go down to New Orleans." They unwittingly wander into a gay bar ("it ain't our kind of place") where the regulars are men sporting lipstick and mascara.

When one fellow gets too friendly with the singer/narrator, he slugs him. Here's how he recounts the episode:

*"Then he put his hand on my knee  
I said if you don't get your paw off  
me*

*I'm gonna locate your nose around  
the other side of your head.*

*He said I love it when you get that  
fire in your eye*

*I said well partner try this on for  
size.*

*I unloaded on him and he went out  
like a light."*

After punching out the rest of the bar regulars (who were "screaming and yelling and scratching and clawing"), they leave to go "back where women are women and men are men."

Good ole boys down South and elsewhere don't need encouragement to go gay-bashing on a Saturday night. (Although the song does not use the word "gay" or derogatory terms like "faggot," its hostility toward gays is clear. That, after all, is the song's whole point.)

Write to CBS Records Inc., 51 W. 52nd street, NY, NY 10019. And drop a line to Charlie Daniels' National Fan Club at PO Box 882, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, or call them at 615+443-2027.

## SHE'S SWELL

With right-wing fundamentalists pressuring the networks to eliminate what they term "anti-family" messages from TV, let's apply some positive pressure of our own.

*The Tracey Ullman Show* on Fox-TV, consists of several skits per episode. A recurring segment concerns Francesca, a high school student being raised by her gay dad, David and his lover, William, who Francesca refers to as her Dad's "significant other." Their home is a warm, positive, environment (whereas Francesca's mother is a well-meaning but irresponsible heterosexual).

The humor usually involves spunky Francesca, played to perfection by Ullman, standing up to obnoxious homophobes.

Send your support to Tracey Ullman c/o Fox Television Center, 5746 sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028.

## A HOPEFUL MESSAGE

At GLAAD's request, Bob Hope filmed a public service announcement for television condemning violence against gays and lesbians. Let him know you appreciate his efforts. Write Bob Hope, 3808 Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91505

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**THE WINGS OF THE PHOENIX**, by Florine De Veer, \$7.00. In this sequel to *Second Chances*, Mark Madison falls in love with the handsome, but mysterious, young Blaise — only to find that powerful forces oppose their relationship.

**DREAMS AND SPECULATIONS**, by Paul Binding and John Horder, \$6.00. John Horder's poems have been read on television and radio, and praised by people as diverse as Ted Hughes, Pablo Neruda, and Pete Townshend. This selection demonstrates well Horder's ability to express common needs in a few words that linger long. Here also are poems of rich lyricism by Paul Binding, author of *Lorca: The Gay Imagination*.



**MURDER IS MURDER IS MURDER**, by Samuel M. Steward, \$7.00. Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas become detectives when the father of their handsome deaf-mute gardener disappears. Samuel Steward is well known under his penname of Phil Andros; his real-life friendship with Stein and Toklas provides much of this novel's realism.

**SEX POSITIVE**, by Larry J. Uhrig, \$7.00. Many religious leaders condemn homosexuality, often distorting Biblical passages to support their views. Here, a Metropolitan Community Church pastor discusses positive Biblical views of sexuality and gayness, and to show that sexuality and spirituality are closely linked.

**BELDON'S CRIMES**, by Robert C. Reinhart, \$8.00. When he's fired from his brokerage job, Dave Beldon's lawsuit at first like just one more anti-discrimination complaint. But a grisly murder turns the suit into a media sensation. Even if Beldon wins the case, will he be the victor — or the victim — of this three-ring media circus?



**"NOW FOR MY NEXT TRICK..."**, by Michael Willhoite, \$5.00. Willhoite's cartoons regularly entertain readers of *The Washington Blade*. Here are eighty of his best.

**ALL-AMERICAN BOYS**, by Frank Mosca, \$6.00. "I've known I was gay since I was thirteen. That's when I finally realized all those faggot and dyke stories referred to people like me..." So begins this story of a teenage love affair that should have been simple — but wasn't.



**FIRESTORM**, by Gerald Wening, \$6.00. Most gay fiction takes place in an urban setting; here, instead is a novel that addresses the issues of men in a rural midwestern town, showing how religious homophobia dramatically alters their lives.

**ACT WELL YOUR PART**, by Don Sakers, \$6.00. As the new boy in town, Keith Graff feels like he doesn't fit in. Then he joins his high school drama club, meets the cute Bran Davenport... and soon everything changes.



**THE ALEX KANE SERIES**, by John Preston, \$5.00 per book. Who says heroes can't be gay? Not ex-Marine Alex Kane. With his young sidekick Danny Fortelli, Kane fights for justice for gay people, using his brains one day, his fists the next. **ORDER BY TITLE:**

**GOLDEN YEARS:** Kane goes after nursing home operators who had hoped to get rich by exploiting the dreams of older gay men.

**DEADLY LIES:** A politician plans to use homophobia to advance his own political career.

**STOLEN MOMENTS:** A tabloid publisher in Texas tries to use anti-gay bias to build his circulation.

**SECRET DANGERS:** A world-wide terrorist ring targets gay tour groups.

**LETHAL SILENCE:** An army of right-wing mercenaries threatens a gay rights march.

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**HAIRY MEN/ADMIRERS!** Beers, fur-lovers, trappers. Hot, uncensored nationwide adlistings. Infopixpak \$3.00: MAN-HAIR, 59 West 10th, NYC 10011.

**JEWISH GAYS AND LESBIANS** in Metro Omaha starting new group. Call 449-9377 to leave a message if you're interested.

**MALE SEEKS** accommodations to share, preferably near UNO/UNMC, beginning in June. UNL student transferring to UNO also wants to meet others at UNO or those interested in creative writing. Write P.O. Box 30180, Lincoln 68503.

**ARE YOU A GAY PROFESSIONAL** wanting to meet other gays in a social setting? The Social Club may be for you. Plans include picnics, hikes, tours, dinners, conversation groups, more. For more information, write: PO Box 5048, Lincoln NE. 68505

The New Voice is now publishing a calendar of events for the Gay and Lesbian Community. We are happy to list events taking place in your organization or business. Remember that listings for the calendar must be received by the 10th of the month preceding publication. The New Voice reserves the right to edit material submitted for length and appropriateness.

Did you ever want to "Stick it to" your husband, lover, wife, or frigidaire? SASE: BUT-N-BIZ, 3309 S. 32 Ave. Omaha 68105.

**JUNK, TREASURES, ANTIQUES** collectibles can all be found at MCC-Omaha's Spring Yard Sale. 6211 N 77th May 20 9a-3p

## WANTED!

Lesbian and Gay Art for art exhibit and sale to be held during Pride week sponsored by EAGLE at US West for more info call Sharon 571-7116 or Terry 455-3701

Happy  
Mother's Day

## Omaha Bars, Clubs & Lounges

**The Chesterfield**, 1951 St. Mary's Ave.

**The Diamond**, 712 So. 16th St., 342-9595

**The Max**, 1417 Jackson, 346-4110

**The Run**, 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

## Lincoln Bars, Clubs & Lounges

**The Boardwalk**, 20th & O Sts., 474-9741

**The Club**, 116 No. 20th St., 474-5692

**Panic**, 200 So. 18th St., 435-8764

## Grand Island Bars, Clubs & Lounges

**Chasins**, 4th & Walnut, (308) 382-0236



Solution to this month's puzzle

# RESOURCE DIRECTORY



## NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

**Affirmation of Nebraska**  
Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501  
United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian Concerns. Meets alternately in Omaha and Lincoln, second Friday.

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

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

**The New Voice of Nebraska**  
Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103  
Monthly magazine serving Lesbian/Gay community.

**UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center**  
(402) 472-5644  
Nebraska Union, Room 342 Meetings, (Mail Room 222)  
UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588  
Social activities, AIDS education, roommate referral, groups, library.

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

**Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.**  
PO Box 31351 Omaha, NE 68131  
Wes Perry (402) 558-1186.  
Meetings, information, understanding and support for Lesbians/Gays

### LINCOLN LINCOLN

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

**Lesbian Support Group**  
(402) 472-2597  
Women's Hospice Center, Room 117,  
Nebraska Union, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588  
Informal weekly discussion group for Lesbians

**Lincoln Legion of Lesbians**  
Box 30317, Lincoln, NE 68503  
Lesbian-feminist collective.  
Newsletter, support, confidential referral, cultural and social programs.

**Nebraska Wesleyan Student Group**  
(402) 465-2351 (Dr. Mary Smith)  
Meets weekly and confidentially

**New Directions Center (402)**  
476-2802 Short term counseling, support groups, classes, workshops dealing with coming out, parenting and relationships. Sliding scale fee.

**Open Door Ministry**  
(402) 474-3390  
Orthodox spiritual counseling to all in need. No charge.

**Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)**  
(402) 435-4688  
Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504  
Support group, parents, friends, relatives of Lesbians/Gays. Meets 4th Tues

**The Common Women**  
(402) 464-6309 1065 N. 33rd (33 & Apple), Lincoln, NE 68503  
Bookstore-Coffeehouse  
(Women's social Fri. 7pm-mid.)

**The Wimmin's Show**  
12 Noon-3pm every Sunday,  
KZUM Radio 89.3 FM Stereo.

**Women's Journal-Advocate**  
Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

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

### OMAHA OMAHA

**Dignity of Omaha**  
(402) 331-4919 or 341-1460  
St. John's (lower level)  
Common bonds thru Mass, meetings for Lesbians/Gays their friends,  
2nd Sun., 7pm

**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Meeting weekly, Fri 8:15pm  
(402) 345-9916

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC-O)**  
420 S. 24th St.,  
Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 345-2563  
Sun. worship 10:20am and 7pm

**Metropolitan Club**  
Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103  
(402) 449-9377  
Networking organization of business and professional persons. Meets third Wednesday monthly.

**Omaha Meatpackers**  
2116 N. 16th St. #8, Omaha, NE 68110  
(402) 341-4233 Scott Cruea, Sec.

**River City Bowling League**  
(402) 345-5118 Scott or  
(402) 493-6118 Charlie

**River City Mixed Chorus**  
(402) 342-4775  
Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101  
Volunteer community chorus for gay/lesbian, gay/lesbian sensitive men and women. Goal of musical excellence in performance.  
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**Two Wheelers of Omaha Motorcycle Club (TWO)**  
PO Box 3216 OMA, NE 68103

**UNO Student Group**  
WOMEN: Heidi (402) 554-0320  
Box 134, UNO, 68182-0320  
MEN: Wes or Rick  
(402) 558-1186  
P.O. Box 31351 Omaha, 68131  
Lesbian and gay student social/support group.

## AIDS AIDS AIDS

### INFORMATION & REFERRAL:

**Nebraska AIDS Project**  
(402) 342-4233  
1-800-782-AIDS  
3624 Leavenworth St.  
Omaha NE 68131  
Support Groups, Buddy's,  
Aids Info & education.

**Viral Syndrome Clinic**  
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE  
(402) 559-6202 Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith, MD

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

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

**American Red Cross**  
3838 Dewey Av. Omaha, NE. 68131  
(402) 341-2723

### CONFIDENTIAL TESTING:

**Nebraska AIDS Project**  
Alternate test site, anonymous testing Thurs. 7pm to 10pm  
3624 Leavenworth Omaha, NE.

**Douglas County Health Dept.**  
4th Floor Civic Center, Omaha,  
NE 68102 (402) 444-7214

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

### COUNSELING AND SUPPORT:

**Open Door Ministry-Lincoln**  
Fr. David (402) 474-3390

**Parents/Friends of Lesbian and Gays (PFLAG)**  
(402) 556-7481 Ruth  
Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103  
Support for parents, friends, relatives of lesbians/gays

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

**AIDS Interfaith Network**  
1106 N. 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

### FINANCIAL:

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

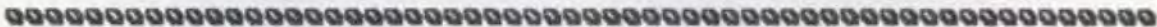
### LEGAL:

**Nebraska Civil Liberties Union**  
633 S. 9th St., Lincoln, NE 68508  
John Taylor (402) 476-8091  
Omaha Telephone # (402) 346-5025

**Mowbray, Chapin & Watke, P.C.**  
201 N. 8th St., Suite 242,  
Lincoln, NE 68508.  
Jim (402) 476-3882



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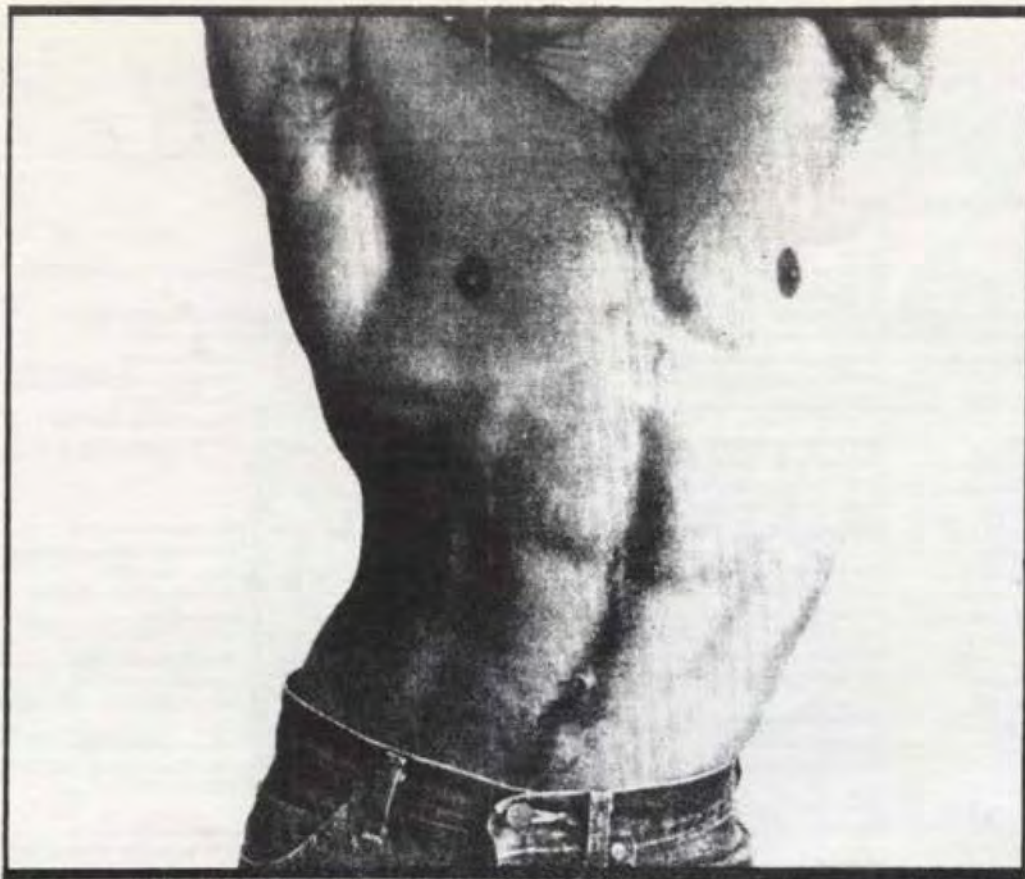


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# CANDIDATES DISCUSS AIDS ISSUES

by Sharon Van Ruten

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On April 21, 75 people gathered to hear Mayoral Candidates P.J. Morgan and Mike Boyle respond to several questions related to AIDS issues. The forum, sponsored by Nebraska AIDS Project, got off to a slightly rocky start. Advertised to begin at 7:30, the first candidate (P.J. Morgan) did not arrive until shortly before 8 pm. After several minutes of going throughout the room shaking hands, Mr. Morgan took his place at the podium. Several minutes later the moderator allowed him to begin some opening remarks even though the other candidate had not yet arrived.

Mr. Morgan's first statement was to advise the audience that he had another commitment and would need to leave early to attend a dinner. He went on with general campaign statements not related to AIDS issues. During these comments Mr. Boyle finally arrived and was allowed to give 5 minutes of opening comments before the questions were formally posed.

The questions put to the candidates were basic issues of awareness and discrimination. There were few surprises and many promises. Neither candidate was well-informed. Both presented comments in line with their previous positions on other issues. P.J. Morgan supported community coalitions, economic development, and was concerned with financial impacts. He also managed to take at least one major pot shot at Mike Boyle's former administration as mayor. Mike Boyle, on the other hand, presented himself as an uninformed ordinary person who had been affected personally by the loss of his wife's cousin to AIDS several months ago.

The only issue which produced something other than the expected promises was the question relating to HIV testing for city employees. P.J. Morgan felt that the city group insurance plan might require such testing for all employees and prospective employees but it would never be applied "against any one particular group". Mike Boyle then stated that Mr. Morgan was in error; that, except for the police and fire departments, no physical was required for city employees so HIV testing was not an issue.

True to his word, Mr. Morgan left after about an hour but Mr. Boyle stayed on to answer questions for another 30 minutes or so. During this time he was relaxed and dealt directly with the audience but showed a lack of information and had several misunderstandings about issues facing PWA's.

Which candidate was the victor? Neither one did an outstanding job and both fell short of the answers the audience had hoped for, but they both deserve credit for being willing to discuss the issues.

The final decision is still up to you as you cast your vote in the election on May 9.

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