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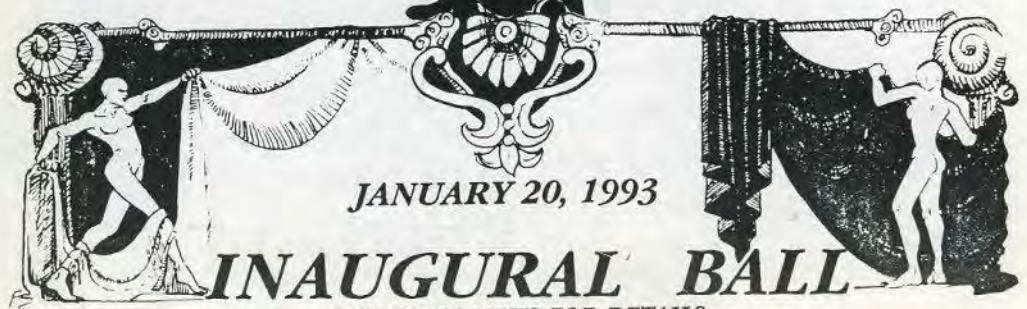
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## REAL LIFE HOSPITAL ADVENTURES OF TWO LESBIANS

## PART III: RECOVERY

by Sharon and Carla

The adventure isn't over, but it is drawing to a close as Carla continues to recover from her back surgery. As those of you know who have seen her out and about, Carla is starting to resume a normal life. She's still in a back brace and under strict instructions to avoid sitting for long periods, but she can walk without pain, can drive, and has resumed her busy schedule. Actually, she never quit her busy schedule — not even during this.

The first two or three days in the hospital were pretty much a total loss. (Now she tells me that. *While I was experiencing those days, I thought I was really with it, but as I try to remember those days I sure can't think of what I did other than talk with visitors and eat. I know that didn't take 16 hours a day.*) Carla was doped up on pain meds. Her roommate was a lady who'd had back surgery before and was pretty sympathetic. (*It's a good thing because I mostly remember calling for someone to help turn me—both of my sides were sore from where they scraped bone for the fusion—my back was full of stitches—and I wasn't allowed to lie on my stomach—so no position was comfortable for very long.*) I don't think she ever figured out the relationship. The first night she assured me that my "mother" would be all right. (*I heard that comment, but I decided to let Sharon "explain."*) The next night she asked if we were sisters. (*I let her handle that one, too!*) I explained that we weren't sisters — "we live together." Her response was to say how nice it was to have a roommate. (*Pause.....*) I decided it wasn't worth the effort.

They started getting Carla up and walking her to the bathroom on the third day. (*Whoa, Sharon, you're telling this too fast. After all it took me a while after surgery to come to the realization that they had put in a catheter. And then I had to think about how to use it—that part was easy—you just don't think about peeing—it just happens. Now remember I'm realizing and learning all of this*

*while I'm doped up—so it's sort of slow motion. Okay, Sharon, now you can go on!*) and by the fourth day she was taking walks in the hall. Physical therapy took her down and showed her how to walk up and down steps (*Actually they just watched me do it one step at a time.*) Occupational therapy gave her "toys" to pick things up off the floor and to dress herself and to put on her back brace. (*Sharon neglected to mention that she got so enthused about this that she brought me a gadget to help me wipe—one must never forget those necessities!*) This back brace is concocted of several pieces of ugly pink plastic held together with rivets and velcro straps. It supports the spine and keeps Carla from bending over. (*Now I must digress and tell you about the "making" of the brace. This was done two days before surgery. I first had to strip except for my bra and panties and put on this "tube dress" made of cheese cloth. Then while I stood there in utter pain, they heated these pieces of plastic in an oven, brought them in and pressed them against me to get the right form—my form! When all the pieces were attached, they took scissors and cut me out of the cheese cloth dress.*) For the first six weeks the brace had a piece extending down the leg that kept her from sitting down. (*She's skipping all the good parts—like when we told the therapist for the millionth time that "Yes, the doctor did say that I had to sleep in it! And the day the bill arrived..."*) To be quite honest, it looks like something a six year old would piece together to hold a sword on while they played "Sir Knight." (*Just perfect for Alrac of Sasnak if Alrac were to challenge the Winter Warlock to a duel for the Empire!*) But it did what it was supposed to — it kept her from sitting. For six weeks she either stood, lay down, or leaned. (*Mostly I spent my time lying in bed—at least 11 of my 14 waking hours were spent in bed!*) She got really good at doing things while lying down —like stuffing

envelopes and typing on the computer. We'd set the monitor on a tray next to the bed and she'd put the keyboard on her stomach and type away. (*Yes, and the first story I typed had 65 words and 19 errors. Thank God for Spellcheck!*) She'd made plans to keep from getting bored, but thanks to JoAnn Cooper, volunteer coordinator for the Quilt Display, she didn't get to use most of those plans. JoAnn figured out that Carla could make phone calls from her bed and put her to work calling people who wanted to volunteer. Every couple days, there would be a new list of people to be called.

There were days when she did get bored and more than one day when she got pretty frustrated with the whole adventure (*torture!*), but all in all, she made it through the recovery period just fine. She only cried once in a while, and she only threw things at me once. Actually, I probably deserved it. (*She did; trust me!*) I got frustrated over something and walked off and left a whole stack of papers and a plate on the bed so she couldn't get off. She was pretty well stranded, and I ignored her "demand" that I come move that stuff. So she moved it herself — rather emphatically. (*Yep! I simply positioned my leg under the papers being careful to pickup the edge of the plate with my toes so that it would fly into the air and crash against the wall and then to the floor. Papers, of course, flew everywhere.*) Okay, so she didn't throw it at me. But she wanted to.

So life is approaching normal. We did survive and don't have any regrets. It was a necessary adventure and had a good outcome. Carla's six week check up went well. The x-rays showed the screws still in place (*No loose screws anywhere!*) and that the bones were starting to fuse. The doctor was pleased (*ecstatic was the word he used*) with the outcome. He'll check again after the first of the year, but everything looks positive.

We will have reminders of the experience for a long time to come. After all, Carla's insurance only paid 70% of a hospital bill that totaled almost \$23,000 (*Sharon's too nice; she neglected to include the doctor's estimate which was an additional \$11,000+ and let's not forget the cost of that lovely brace.*) We'll be paying that off for the next several years. But every dollar is worth it. It's good to be able to go for walks (*sort of good*), and go shopping (*YES, YES, YES, YES, YES*), and make love (*Here again I'd better set the record straight—Yes, we can snuggle now and innocent things like that, but my instructions from the doctor's office say "NO active sexual intercourse for 6-8 weeks. The partner having surgery should assume the down position and play a passive role."*) Now I wanted to get some clarification on this when we went in for the six-week checkup—after all we just don't fit the norm for whom the Going Home Instructions were designed, but shy as I am, I just didn't ask and neither did Sharon. These instructions also prohibited housework, but that didn't cause any change in my activities. I gave up housework when I moved out of my mother's house! and babysit with John Pierre, and so many other things that we couldn't do a few months ago.

Thanks for all your support and prayers and good wishes. Each one played a part in the healing process. (*Yeah!*) ...the end.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THANKS, KATHY AND DONNA

Dear Editor:

"The life practice of the peaceful warrior is action - being useful to others. In the eyes of Spirit little things count. What you give you receive. Doing is understanding and you can do anything when you find the heart for it and the courage."

by Dan Millman from  
*Way of the Peaceful Warrior*

There are many people we can thank for making the NAMES Quilt display in Omaha a success, but there are two people we must thank for making it a reality:

Co-Chairs Kathy England and Donna Hruska.

They were the people who not only had the heart to push forward with the idea - but also the courage to keep the project alive when it was difficult to find people to chair committees; when money was running thin; when deadlines were to be met; when community participation seemed tentative; when limits of time, energy and resources needed to be discussed and debated, hashed out and thrashed out.

So we thank many people who did their part to make the display a success but we remember these two who did what was necessary and had both the heart and the courage to begin and sustain the task.

... You can do anything when you find the heart for it and the courage."

Thank you,  
Dave Anderson  
Lincoln, NE

## WRITE WARDEN FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

Hi,

My name is Todd Denny, and I am here at the Omaha Correctional Center and have nine months left until I jam out of this "homophobic" place.

I hugged a guy in Christian fellowship, and they put me in lock down for sexual activities and told the guy I hugged to get an HIV test! Can you believe things in this world are still this messed up? If you print this, ask your readers to write Bob Houston (warden) and explain that a hug or even a kiss is not sexual activity and that is not how a person gets HIV.

With State of Nebraska institutions still thinking in a 1920's mode in a place like this, one can only wonder if Nebraska will ever come around and stand by its people! The state seal has *Equality* across the top. Do our elected officials even know the meaning of the word? If it wasn't for the *New Voice*, the Nebraska AIDS Project, the AIDS Interfaith Network, P-FLAG, and people like that, where would we be? "Thanks, guys!"

If anyone wants to write to support Equal Rights in here, that name again is Robert Houston, Warden, Omaha Correctional Center, 2323 Ave. J East, Omaha, NE 68110.

Todd Denny

P.S. Could you guys send me a copy each month? Mike gets out in 60 days, and I'll miss you guys!

## "THANK YOU OMAHA"

Dear Editor:

I'm back from Dallas, TX. I had a blast at Miss Gay America and learned a lot. I hope to have a chance to go back one day. I would like to thank everyone who made this trip possible. A heartfelt thanks to The Panic, Triangle Bar, *New Voice of Nebraska*, and Miss Gay Nebraska, America. I would like to give a special thanks to Joe Reed, and Dana Montana, along with Amanda Foxx and Barb Sousa.

Last, but certainly not least my lover, friend, and manager, Joseph Sousa, Jr. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

See all of you in the spotlight, and where ever your dreams come true. Congratulations to Doreen Drake, MG IV, USA, and luck to Miss Gay U.S.A. Good luck to the next Miss Max!

Happy New Year to all, and have a great one.  
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## RCMC CLARIFICATION

Dear Friends,

**WROOPS!** It has become abundantly clear to RCMC that we need to further clarify the letter we sent to Omaha's gay/lesbian organizations.

First, the most important point: River City Mixed Chorus intends to continue working with other community organizations. We're not changing our relationship with other groups: we're not becoming "snobs" or "elitist", we're not going to cater solely to the straight community. We are growing, improving musically, and are interested in performing in ways we can enrich ourselves and entertain our audiences, while representing our community as a gay/lesbian arts organization. That's why our "Policy Statement on Performance Spaces." Our intent was to point out that we want to (a) see to read our music, (b) be seen by our audiences, (c) have room for our 48 members to stand, (d) have adequate arrangement for accompaniment, and (e) enjoy the necessary environment to breath control while singing - our voices are our musical instruments.

The "hot" issue appears to be that of a non-smoking environment in which to sing. It's important to us. It does not mean we "won't sing someplace." It does mean we take our music seriously, we want to do the best performance that we can, and we've had problems with smoke-filled-rooms before. (Think how often you've been uncomfortable in a smoky room, even if you're a smoker. Imagine you had to sing, too!)

We encourage a give-and-take. RCMC has members helping in several shows: we've pledged contributions to events; we're offering performance tapes to play between acts; we're formulating plans for a "small group" to perform where the full chorus cannot. Many of our members are active in other community organizations, and probably some of our members are in RCMC. We are family.

Let's continue working together and discussing alternatives. If you have questions, if you'd like us to meet with your organization, or even better, if you'd like us to sing for you, call me at 551-0510 or our president Roger Bennett at 453-8884. It's very important to us that our policy is clear to the community. RCMC started in our community, we've been a part of the community for 9 years. That's not going to change!

Sincerely,

Gary A. Ementove  
Performance Committee Chair, 1992-1993



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# LETTERS

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## BOYCOTT COLORADO! BOYCOTT CHRYSLER!

Dear Sir:

As you are aware, the State of Colorado recently passed the most homophobic and horrendous legislation to be enacted in recent times.

What you might not be aware of, is the fact that one of the prime financial supporters of this amendment and one of the strongest opponents of gay and lesbian civil rights is a man named Wil Perkins, who is the owner of Perkins Chrysler Plymouth Dealership in Colorado Springs.

As this amendment has been basically been underwritten by funds from the sale of Chrysler cars and as the corporate headquarters of Chrysler has not in any way assisted in the fight against bigotry, to my knowledge, I would request that you inform your readers of these facts so that they may make up their own minds as to whether they wish to participate in a boycott of Chrysler products.

On an allied note, many gay men and lesbians ski in the state of Colorado, vacation there, and attend rodeos and other gay events throughout the year.

As the state of Colorado has informed the gay and lesbian community that we are not deserving of equal justice under law, it seems only appropriate that we, as a community, inform the state of Colorado that we can not participate in events in that state and, most importantly, can not give them the tourist dollars which we have consistently given in the past.

Boycott Colorado!

Boycott Chrysler!

Sincerely,  
Ian C. Gibson-Smith  
Thomas G. Martin  
Washington, D.C.  
(202) 332-1212

*Editor's Note: Please see related stories, including Gay Ski Week and Aspen to file suit against Colorado.*

## BOOKSTORE CONFUSION

Dear New Voice:

In reading your Resource Directory for Lincoln, I notice some confusion in the bookstores. It reads, "Nebraska Bookstore, 14th and R St." In truth, the Nebraska Bookstore is at 13th and Q St., while the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) bookstore is at 14th and R St., in the basement of the Student Union Building. These are very different, the first being privately owned by Nebraska Book Co. and the latter operated by UNL and formerly for decades as Regents Bookstore.

Lincoln Reader

## LETTER POLICY

**The New Voice will publish only those letters to the editor which include full name and either address or phone number so we can verify authenticity. You can request that you name not be published but we must be able to contact you for verification.**

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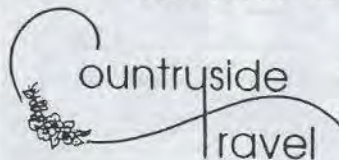
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## WHY WEREN'T THE NAMES PUBLISHED FOR NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY?

ANGLE'S LETTER TO OMAHA WORLD HERALD

John Gottschalk, Publisher  
Omaha World Herald, World-Herald Square

Dear Mr. Gottschalk,

I wish to share my reactions and perceptions to the process my organization, Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors, went through to place a display ad in the Living Section of the Sunday, October 11 edition of your paper. That date, National Coming Out Day, is a day when members of the gay and lesbian community make an extra effort to come out of the closet and let the world know they are gay or lesbian. Our intent with the display ad on that date was to publish a list of lesbians and gays who had come out or were supporters of gay and lesbian people.

Our project chairman contacted a sales representative two to three months before Coming Out Day in order to determine prices and to describe the type of ad we desired - one that would include a list of names. Research resulted in finding the display ad we placed last year and an agreement to reuse as much of that ad as possible. A second visit occurred in order to determine the best way to compose the ad. Our members felt that there needed to be an agreement on how to best incorporate signatures. The verbal agreement reached between the sales representative and our project chairman was to typeset the names since reducing the poster board would probably make the name illegible.

Thus we continued collecting signatures and donations towards the cost of our ad. By the deadline of October 6, we had collected 176 names and over \$413.00. At that time we submitted the list of names to be typeset and included the ad. We were quite pleased that we had collected so many names. However our jubilation was shattered early the next morning.

The sales representative called to inquire where our signed consent/release form for each person on the list were. In over two months of contact with your representative, who was fully aware of the content of our display ad, NO ONE EVER MADE THIS REQUIREMENT KNOWN TO US. With your printing deadline on Thursday evening for the Sunday Living Section, we had no way to contact all the people on the list and secure the required written consent release. The sales representative apologized for the inconvenience and said it was his mistake.

Because we had solicited donations from individuals who signed our poster board to have their names published, I felt a responsibility to those people to explain why names were not included in the ad. As a part of that explanation we proposed the following: "The World Herald regrets the error in bureaucratic procedure that has kept their signatures out of the ad." The response from the advertising department was that this was an unacceptable statement. The paper would accept no responsibility in print. While this was frustrating, maybe it was true that the World Herald did not regret the situation. After all we had no way of knowing. So a second proposal we offered something along the lines of: "A.N.G.L.E. regrets that an error in bureaucratic

procedure has kept their signatures out of this ad." However, this proposal was also denied by the advertising department. As you may note a compromise was reached. We still had regrets and the names still did not get published.

There are a few things that vitally concern me. First of all, your sales representative admitted his mistake in not making the requirement know for signed consent release forms in order to publish names in our ad. I understand concern with liability over publishing a list of names and do not challenge your right to ask for such a list. I do question whether the forgetfulness was truly an honest mistake or just another way to say "Gotcha" to an organization such as ours that some of your employees may not sympathize with."

Second of all, your representative admitted a mistake, yet nothing could be published indicating that the "conflict" resulted from a mistake on the paper's part.

Third, we paid over \$900.00 for our display ad, yet were told what could and could not publish in the ad. I agree, we were wrong to assume that the World Herald would regret any error that prevented publishing the list of names. But we were not allowed to indicate in any way, in an ad we were paying for, that the World Herald was at fault. Why does our organization have to bear the brunt of the blame for this situation? We did everything we were told to do. I hesitate to use the word censorship, yet how else can I describe a situation in which we are not allowed to include in our ad what we wanted? None of our offered selections of text for the ad contained anything that I would consider libelous or slanderous.

Fourth, when our project chairman reviewed the draft of the negotiated copy of the ad before it went to final press, he was finally given a copy of the consent/release form, with the word "notarized" hand written on it in pen. Why must the form be notarized? The Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (RCAR) publishes display ads that include names of members/supporters. That organization provides you with signed consent/release forms, BUT NEVER HAD TO HAVE THEIR FORMS NOTARIZED. Whose idea is it that we have to have our forms notarized? Having them notarized does not seem fair and in my mind begins to border upon, if it is not in fact actual, discrimination.

As painful and distressing as the events of the past October have been, rest assured we will not be deterred from seeking display ads in the future. But it is obvious that in order for us to avoid the last minute "GOTCHA, WE DID NOT TELL YOU ABOUT..." that we must insist upon a written contract in order to conduct business with your advertising department. If there is another way to conduct business, please share that with me.

I apologize for the length of this letter, but I do not feel there is any other way to state my frustration, anger, and disappointment without fully explaining the situation from our perspective.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,  
David England  
Moderator, ANGLE

OMAHA

## WORLD HERALD'S RESPONSE TO ANGLE

Dear Mr. England,

Thank you for writing to Mr. John Gottschalk regarding the difficulty you experienced placing an advertisement in our newspaper. Mr. Gottschalk has asked that I respond as I am responsible for advertising at the World Herald.

I'll try to answer your questions as you raised them in your letter.

Your letter questions whether the "forgetfulness (of our representative) was truly an honest mistake or just another way to say 'Gotcha'." If our representative said he made a mistake, you can rely on that.

I have spoken to John Thiem and have no reason to believe otherwise. We have no hidden agenda with gays and lesbians.

Next, your letter says, "... your representative admitted a mistake, yet nothing could be published indicating that the 'conflict' resulted from a mistake on the paper's part." As a matter of policy, we have no hesitation about admitting when we err.

Frankly, the copy in the ad confused me when I read it on Sunday morning. Until I asked, I didn't know what the "conflict" that was beyond our control" was all about.

Clearly, this copy could have been written better to reflect why the name were not printed. I have been told there was not a lot of controversy in the discussion that led to the final copy.

I agree, as you have also indicated, that requesting a release form was appropriate. Whether a release form must be notarized or not is going to be a matter of judgment. Included in making that judgment will be the facts, circumstances and potential liability involve in the issue.

I can understand our representative making a distinction between Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights and your organization.

The potential damage resulting from publishing a person's name as gay or lesbian works both ways. Identifying someone as "coming out" when that person has not made that decision would be a serious error. Likewise, the mischievous listing of a person would be a serious mistake.

We do not practice censorship at the World Herald. We do maintain the right, as does every print publication, to reject or accept advertising copy.

We exercise this right every day. It is not only our right, but our responsibility to do so.

We look forward to working with your organization again next year. If nothing else, the experience this year should improve our relationship and remove the obstacles we encountered.

Sincerely,  
William L. Donaldson

cc. John Gottschalk

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ANTI-GAY MOVEMENT WITHIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WAKE OF INTEGRITY CONFERENCE

Dear Editor:

A friend shared this letter with me. Perhaps people would like to write letters in response.

Cynthia Hartley

Dear Ms. xxxxxx,

The Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Edmond L. Browning, embarrassed our church at the convention of pro-homosexual "Integrity," when he counseled gay/lesbian Episcopalians to "hang in" and thus hang on to the practice of their sin. No call to repentance, to faithfulness, to healing, though this is what the Scripture teaches. He conveyed the blessing of the Church — our Church — upon the goals of "Integrity", characterizing the Church's debate about homosexual practice as a battle for power.

There is a battle going on. Our Bishop is fighting against rank-and-file Episcopalians, condoning sin under the banner of "inclusiveness." Never has the Episcopal Church approved ordination of practicing homosexuals, nor blessed their unions. Why? Because Scripture is clear on the issue; Homosexual practice is sin, an "abomination before the Lord!" There is no ambiguity on this and no ambiguity about how faithful Episcopalians must respond! This is why we established Episcopalians United — to call our Church to repentance, renewal, and reform.

That is why I am writing. We need to call the leadership of the Episcopal Church back to the

truth of God's Word. We need to mobilize "troops". We must develop and distribute "ammunition" — teaching and learning tools, publications and resources that caring people need in order to fight the good fight. WE MUST CALL, MORE INSISTENTLY, UPON THE CHURCH'S LEADERSHIP TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO ITS PEOPLE.

Bishop Browning, guiding the Church down the road to shame and apostasy, has enormous financial resources from offerings of Episcopalians like you! We must resist the tide. Each of us must make sacrifices for the sake of the truth.

It is a battle, yet we care about the homosexual. We long to see homosexuals enjoying blessings of faithful living, rather than enslavement to sin. Episcopalians United is supportive of ministries like Regeneration, which work to set individuals free of homosexual practice in the name of Christ.

We must call sin "sin." WE MUST PROCLAIM THE MESSAGE OF REFORM AND RENEWAL FOR THE CHURCH. To do that, we need your financial help today. As you give, you make yourself part of Episcopalians United. While many caring people have joined us already, the challenge is enormous and funds for our work are critically short as I write this letter. Please respond as generously as you can with a tax-deductible gift. With your help we will reach more people, mobilize more workers, create more tools.... WITH YOUR HELP TODAY, we will strike harder and fight more effectively....to bring our vision for repentance, renewal, and reform into the realm of reality.

Thank you in advance for what you will give today. And as you give, please pray for our Presiding Bishop. Pray that he will stand for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen!

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Todd H. Wetzel, Executive Director  
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## NEBRASKA EPISCOPALIANS SUPPORT THOSE WITH AIDS/HIV

Nancy G. Westerfield, Vice President of Central Nebraska P-FLAG, and member of the Executive Commission of the Episcopal Church in Nebraska, announces the Ten "Workplace Principles" were adopted by the Joint Commission on AIDS of the National Church, and have now been authorized for distribution throughout Nebraska. Condensed guidelines are as follows: HIV/AIDS: WORKPLACE PRINCIPLES by which Episcopalians will function in relationship to people with HIV/AIDS in the workplace.

- (1) People with HIV/AIDS are entitled to the same rights and opportunities as people with other serious or life-threatening illnesses;
- (2) Employment policies must comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations;
- (3) Policies should be based on scientific/epidemiological evidence that people with HIV/AIDS do not pose a risk of transmission of the virus to coworkers through ordinary workplace contact;
- (4) Employers endorse nondiscriminatory policies and educational programs about HIV/AIDS;
- (5) Employers communicate support in simple, clear, and unambiguous terms;
- (6) Provide sensitive, accurate up-to-date education about risk reduction in personal lives;
- (7) Protect confidentiality of medical information;
- (8) To prevent work disruption and rejection by coworkers, undertake education for all employees before an incident occurs and is needed thereafter;
- (9) Employers should not require HIV screening as part of pre-employment or workplace physicals;
- (10) Where there may be potential risk of exposure provide specific ongoing education, training, and equipment, reinforce infection control procedures;

Be it further Resolved, that every diocese, congregation, school, and church-related organization review and decide whether or not to adopt them for their organization. That Episcopalians share these Ten Principles with management at workplace and urge their adoption.

Resolved, This General Convention continue to endorse the resolution of November, 1987 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of AIDS, ARC, or HIV infection.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HOMOSEXUALS STILL TARGETS OF NAZI GROUPS

Dear Editor:

With the editor's response to a writer that homosexuals were targeted by the NAZI's, a slight correction should be made. Homosexuals still are targets of bonafide fascist organizations like the neo-NAZI's who use the same propaganda as the Hitler NAZI's.

In fact several anti-gay groups have relied on information from fascist sources. A fascist campaign which ran in Nebraska had targeted what it called the "White Racist Homosexual Establishment". Many people still believe the

conspiracy of the Franklin sex scandal was fabricated from a fascist organization. The problem is the public does not understand how fascism works or even what it is.

Fascism's aim is a totalitarian government where individuals are of little importance except for their labor. Fascism is opposed to limited government and all forms of human rights and only favors democracy when it helps it to get into power. Fascism can play on the majority to enslave the minority if not exterminate it but even

then fascism can attack the majority, too. Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini are three classic fascists.

A fascist can't come to power in a democracy by saying "I want to control the world." It can't advocate ideas, values or goals so it must use conspiracy, theories, demagoguery, prejudice and hatred. It will use popular ideas and claim to be pro-family, pro-labor, or whatever while its real goals are power and control. Groups of people, Jews, Catholics, homosexuals, gypsies, or some other minority, are vilified and personified as being inherently evil. The propaganda is sophisticated and even the educated can fall victim to a conspiracy theory, while the same propaganda will contain code words so fascist organizers know what the real plan is.

Conquering fascism requires a pro-active strategy on everyone's part. Exposing a fascist and discrediting a conspiracy theory will not deal with the underlying prejudices which helped give the fascist credibility in the first place. The best measure is to start with your self. Individuals are naturally prejudiced in favor of what is familiar and fear what is unfamiliar. (This is good advice for your favorite homophobic person.) First identify your prejudices and why you have them. Make a point of becoming familiar with what is unfamiliar to you. Judge individuals on their merit and conduct, not by their group. Don't judge groups on the action(s) of one or a few individuals. Don't vilify or use derogatory language. Learn to accept your own fallibility as well as others and be forgiving. Read about those you don't understand and talk to those you disagree with. Even if you have a heated argument, learn to disagree and you will see you can still be civil and even friends with those you disagree with most. And to borrow from Christian Anarchism, remember each individual is a gift from God and should be treated with respect and dignity no matter what the circumstance. This is why evil is inherent in bureaucracies like government.

Why the long lecture? Gay rights are merely the same rights all should have as is evident from a woman being fired for wearing a politically incorrect button and people being fired for smoking cigarettes at home. Those rights are often abused by institutions and government alike.

In a democracy, human rights are needed to protect the minority. Without such rights, any minority could be persecuted by the tyranny of the majority. The point is, yes, homosexuals were targeted for execution by the NAZI's. In other times, homosexuals faced the death penalty. What is important is to learn that such persecutions are necessarily unique. Both Christians and Jews have been executed and put to death for their beliefs. Genocide is not uncommon in human history as slavery, the near extinction of Native Americans, and the holocaust of NAZI Germany. The idea of Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights is just an extension. The same human rights which have been established to protect the minority from the tyranny of the majority. I hate the idea that tyranny and persecution is some unique event of the past for one particular group of people because the reality is the struggle for freedom from tyranny is an everyday struggle for all who are in the minority, and are under the rule of the majority or some despotic leader.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Sullivan



# FEATURES

## LOOKING AT THE NEEDS OF OLDER GAYS AND LESBIANS

By Sandy Vopalka

As a Graduate student at UNL in the areas of Human Development and Gerontology, I plan to use my knowledge to make the gay/lesbian/bisexual communities a better place. All members of the communities need to learn about older community members (usually those over 60 are seen as older, but in most gay/lesbian/bisexual communities people are seen as older at 40). Today, it is estimated that more than 4 million U.S. adults over 60 that are gay or lesbian.

I believe that Nebraska has far more older community members than we imagine. These seniors are quite diverse; many of them married, some of them are parents and grandparents. Some have never married, others are divorced. Some have been in long term relationships and others have never had a single relationship.

However, these people live very quiet and invisible lives. These people live and have lived in a fear that many of us may never understand. They lived a good percentage of their lives before **Stonewall Riots** (June, 1969). Doctors labeled them as mentally ill, clergy condemned them, the police saw them as a menace, and the military believed them unfit. Many of them feared for their lives because being gay (the common term used by both men and women) could mean being committed to a mental institution.

I know many of you are saying, "Hey, I know and understand discrimination and homophobia." Okay, you probably do, but I don't believe that

the two situations are the same and people may argue with me. The other night a man, younger than myself, said he thought older lesbians were accepted more by younger lesbians as just being older, but "when it comes to men, old gay guys are just seen as old trolls." To me this is very sad, but I know this may be the common view and that older lesbians may also be isolated and excluded.

We must begin to look at everyone with more caring and understanding, begin to make older community members feel welcome. I have been working with PFLAG (Lincoln) and "the Coalition". Both are working hard to make the older community feel safe and welcomed.

We all need to include everyone. Ageism is destroying us all. I plan to continue to research these areas, write a thesis, go to conferences, write articles, work within the main-stream system and begin to make changes.

For information, ideas, and criticism, my mailing address is:

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## CREDO - A MALE FEMINIST

by Rodney Bell

- I am a male feminist.
- I believe in equal rights for all sexes.
- I vow to fight sexism, homophobia, heterosexism and my sojornism.
- I will work with my brothers and sisters in this world together to change patriarch and matriarch to "true democracy."
- I believe that religion, the family, the government, the economy, the school and the world need to remove sexism.
- I will work for a welcome 'place for all feminists in all areas of life.
- I pledge allegiance to all feminist countries in the world.
- As a male feminist, I believe in a life of equality, androgyny, a world of love between all sexes, sexual orientations and a feminist world.

(Readers may contact Rodney Bell at P.O. Box 45357, Kansas City, MO 64111.)

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I'll show you a world of romance

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## CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE 1992

By Neva Cozine

The opening session on November 13 of the Creating Change conference began with Urvasi Vaid, Executive Director of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, reading a letter from President-Elect Bill Clinton, congratulating us on the conference. She said that last year at this time, she could not have imagined reading a letter from the president, congratulating us and encouraging our efforts. She remarked that much has changed, but there is much to be done.

The theme of the changes in the gay/lesbian/bisexual movement was an important theme of the conference. The conference is held annually to build skills and help the organizing efforts of those working on gay and lesbian issues. Another theme was results of the changes - the right wing backlash, and all the other problems that success can bring.

At times there were 13 concurrent sessions running, all with activists and leaders in various areas of the movement. Here is a sample of the choices you have to make in one concurrent session. Some topics were: Lobbying 101: Beginning Skills, Outing: Assessing the Impact, Freedom of Expression and Legislation Issues, Queer Sex: Blurring the Boundaries, Coalition Building and Direct Action: Is it Worth It?, Sexual Politics of Lesbian Health Care, Media Skills 101: Assessing the Impact, Countering Homophobia through Education, Lesbian/Gay and Bisexual Studies: Organizing for Speciality Courses and Inclusion Across the Curriculum, and others. You could order audio tapes of each session but at \$8 each it could get expensive.

One keynote speaker, John Preston, said that there is a basic ethic of being gay or lesbian: to insist to society that they not do to others what they have done to us. Preston also said that we must realize that our volunteers are our constituency and we must help them decide who they want to be. We must take care of our volunteers and not ignore their needs. The gay movement must encompass all groups - including Queer Nation and others and that there must be constant community education. The movement has not started for privacy - the movement was started to create a world in which it does not matter if you are gay, lesbian, straight or whatever. The essential truth is that the most deviant enemies are those in the closet. Are we co-conspirators? The gay movement must not be de-sexed. And AIDS cannot be de-gayed totally - we do not want to be abandoned. Preston closed with the request to build a community ethic that says what has happened to us shall not happen to others. Being gay/lesbian is not trivial. The religious right is not organized for trivial reasons.

John Preston lives in Portland, Maine, where he is president of the board of the AIDS Project.

### UPSTATE NEW YORK HOMOHATE

WGR-55 AM, Buffalo, New York, broadcasts tirades against gays and lesbians - particularly from talk show host J. R. Gach. Here's what he said about anti-gay violence: "Doesn't bother me. It's an indication that society has had enough with people cramming their sexuality, pardon the pun, down our throats...don't rub our nose in it. And if you do, be prepared to have some people show their dissatisfaction by beating the hell out

of ya... Cause I think they're getting exactly what they deserve." As elsewhere across the nation, anti-gay violence has been on the rise in the Buffalo area. Support activists who are demanding the station stop hate-mongering. Write Chuck Finney, Operations Manager, WGR AM & FM Radio Station, 464 Franklin St., Buffalo, NY 14202 (Fax: 716-884-2931)

-The GLAAD Bulletin

## WHO ARE THE HEROES?

By Debbie Farrar

This is in response to the controversy this election year. I sat by while people have told us about family values. I am getting bored listening to this hypocrisy in society. I could write a twenty page commentary, but I will focus on a few issues. I have been thinking about the controversy over a superstar who has HIV. I do not wish to pass judgment on him, nor do I have the right to. This is not to voice my personal views, just to state my observations of society's attitudes.

What is the question in people's minds when they find out he has the virus? You got it - is he gay? When he insisted he was "straight", people were relieved. How did he get the virus? - "accommodating" a few hundred women. People don't look upon this fondly, but at least he's not gay! People rally around him. Endorsements come his way left and right. People flock to purchase his book, in which he informs them how he engaged in acts with more than one woman at a time. But that's OK, at least he's not gay.

There was a rumor that he contracted the virus through homosexual contact. This statement points out two important issues. First, it once again states the misconception that it is considered a gay disease. Second, it shows us how society looks upon gay people in the statement's intent to slander him by stating he may have had one sexual encounter with another man.

Let's say he did contract it by being with one man. Imagine after people found out he had the virus that he proclaimed it to be true. Yes, he did indeed contract it from another man, a man who he loves and with whom he has had a loving, monogamous relationship for some time, but his partner had carried the virus before they ever got involved. Would people have rallied around him? Would endorsements have come his way? Wouldn't you think that in a society running rampant with "family values" first and foremost, that if someone wanted to slander a person could say that he was promiscuous instead of this very same belief saving his reputation?

This points out another prejudice in our society, the double standard. What if a famous woman superstar had contracted this virus by having been with several hundred men? What would become of her reputation? She probably would be considered a sleaze. How come if a man is promiscuous he does not have to wear a label? If anything, a man's reputation may be looked upon more highly after disclosing this behavior. It seems that if a woman discloses this information she is frowned upon. This male superstar is still a hero. Would a woman superstar in these same circumstances be a hero?

A woman superstar came out as a lesbian. Did sponsors flock to her door? No. In fact, she lost an endorsement. What if she came out and said she slept with hundreds of men instead of saying she was in committed relationship with one woman? My guess is that she would be making a lot more commercials for tennis shoes.

I know this male superstar is considered a hero. What about someone who takes care of her/his friend or lover who is dying of AIDS and who devotes most of her/his time and energy into being there for her/his loved one? Would this person be considered a hero in society's eyes, especially if her/his friend is gay? I can tell you this much. They would be in my book.

# FEATURES

## YOU ARE THE GIFT

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## THE WAR FOR COLORADO CONTINUES

The gay and lesbian community continues to struggle with the issue of how to best effect change in Colorado. The issue has gained national attention and battle lines are being drawn with the Religious Right on one hand and a loose coalition of gays, lesbians, human rights activists, liberals, and other oppressed minority groups on the other. I was forced to conclude that the issue has gained "respectability" when it was the subject of a joke told one morning by Jack and Fred on *Lite 96*:

"Did you hear that civil rights activists are protesting in Moscow?"

"Yes, I read that they're protesting the oppression, the loss of jobs, the discrimination..."

"Yep! Kind of like in Colorado!"

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At least I will know  
These unclaimed emotions were just not so.  
Ryan R. *The Source*

## LABOR GROUP CANCELS COLORADO MEETING OVER ANTI-GAY REFERENDUM

The Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), a national organization of trade unionists who advocate women's rights, is moving its 1993 convention from Denver because of the referendum approved in the November 3 election which allows discrimination against gays and lesbians in the state.

In a letter sent to Governor Romer, Joyce D. Miller, CLUW President, stated that since the organization is opposed to policies which discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation, "it would be contrary to our beliefs to hold an event...in a state that advocates such discrimination."

Ms. Miller estimates that the cancellation of the CLUW convention will cost Denver as much as \$3 million in lost revenue. A new location for the meeting which draws 1,000 - 1,500 participants and exhibitors has not yet been selected.

## ANTI-GAY IN COLORADO

The Denver Gay and Lesbian Cultural Center reports several people have been evicted from their homes solely because they are gay. One lesbian woman reported that on the morning after the election, her landlord came to her apartment, saying, "It's legal now. I want you out of my building, you fucking dyke!" Other persons have been fired from their jobs.



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## ASPEN GAY SKI WEEK TO BECOME PROTEST OF AMENDMENT #2

### March On Washington Organizer Asks Gay & Lesbian Communities To Attend

Aspen's Gay/Lesbian Community asks that everyone come to SKI WEEK. WE WILL NOT give in to the so called family values groups. Aspen and Pitkin County have overwhelmingly supported the Gay Community as evidenced by the 3 to 1 vote against Amendment #2 and the Aspen City Council's resolution expressing their commitment to non-discrimination and challenge of Amendment #2. There was though about canceling Gay Ski Week scheduled for the last

week in January, but event producer, Robin Tyler says, "I am not calling for a boycott. I am calling for tens of thousands of gays to come to town. Blacks did not leave Alabama. They marched on Selma. We're not going to the back of the bus. We are not accepting bigotry. We are coming to Aspen." In it's 16th year, Aspen Gay Ski Week brings 4,000 to Aspen (population 5,000). Typically a week of skiing and parties, this year's event is packed with fundraisers and lectures,

with a long list of celebrities and politicians invited to protest approval of Amendment #2.

Tyler, one of the producers of the 1987 March on Washington and of the upcoming 1993 March, encourages all lesbians and gays to consider coming to Aspen. "We are not intimidated. We are not asking for acceptance. We are demanding our civil rights. I don't care if a gay skier or not. Every gay or lesbian should get their ass in Colorado for gay ski week."

## ASPEN AUTHORIZES SUIT AGAINST COLORADO

On 09 Nov. 1992 at 6:00 p.m. the ASPEN CITY COUNCIL unanimously passed Resolution #61 to express the City Council's commitment to non-discrimination, and to authorize the City Attorney to undertake litigation regarding the validity and applicability of Amendment #2 to existing Municipal Ordinances.

"WHEREAS, the voters of Colorado in the November 1992 general election have passed an amendment to the Colorado State Constitution which allows discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #2 has the effect of nullifying existing legislation of the City of Aspen which extended basic civil rights to all people in the areas of employment, public accommodations, and housing; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Aspen have voted by a ration exceeding 3 to 1 against Amendment #2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aspen, as a home-rule city, should be able to pass laws and regulations which reflect the ideals of our community; and

WHEREAS, discrimination is unacceptable in our society, inconsistent with Aspen's community values, and destructive to the lives of all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASPEN, COLORADO that the Aspen City Council opposes discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, opposes the limit on home-rule communities' rights to outlaw discrimination as contained in Amendment #2, opposes limits on citizens' rights to initiate anti-discrimination ordinances, and urges all like-minded communities to join Aspen, Boulder, and Denver in a legal suit to challenge the constitutionality of this repugnant Amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to initiate or join in litigation to challenge the legal validity and applicability of Amendment #2 to existing municipal ordinances and to limit the City's legislative authority to combat discrimination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council reaffirms its uncompromising commitment to the protection of human rights for all peoples, and calls for our City government and our community to continue demonstrating support for human rights and equal protection of law.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Aspen on the 7 day of Nov., 1992.

John S. Bennett, Mayor

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DENIES UFMCC'S REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

Angry lesbian and gay Christians demonstrated on the floor of the National Council of Churches (NCC) meeting in November after NCC's General Board rejected the application of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) for Observer status by a vote of 91 to 80. "It's easier to get into heaven than into the NCC," said the Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson of Los Angeles, Ecumenical Officer for UFMCC, who was invited to speak after the vote. "We have come to this point after 11 years," she continued. "And now we have had to endure this experience of hearing you have a conversation about us, but not with us." The vote touched off an emotional demonstration by UFMCC and other denominations.

UFMCC applied for Observer status in May, 1992, following termination of an eleven-year process of investigation and dialogue which followed UFMCC's application for NCC membership in 1981. Although the NCC Membership Committee unanimously declared that UFMCC met the requirements for membership, the General Board tabled the request and referred the issue to another committee. A year later the General Board voted to "postpone indefinitely" a vote on UFMCC membership. Observer status, which confers only the opportunity to attend meetings and speak with the chair's permission, had previously been given to

Muslim and Jewish groups and the Unitarian Universalists who ordain openly gay and lesbian persons and bless same-sex unions. Threats of a pullout by Orthodox churches were largely responsible for the "indefinite tabling" of the UFMCC application. NCC spokesman J. Martin Bailey said there were 12 (of a total of 32 denominations) which said if Observer status were granted they would be forced to leave the Council. The United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ formally dissented with the action.

Surprisingly, the NCC General Board passed a resolution condemning the approval of Amendment #2 in Colorado. At the same meeting the NCC voted to seek better ties with Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, and evangelical ministries—groups which typically oppose equality for gays and lesbians.

## GAY HOSPITALITY EXCHANGE

Gay Hospitality Exchange International (GHEI) is proud to announce membership includes over 175 homes in 23 countries from Australia to Zimbabwe. GHEI has more than doubled in size since it was founded in 1991 to facilitate travel by building a network of members who offer one or two nights hospitality to other traveling members and are, in turn, received when they travel. It is not a "dating service."

GHEI was initially geared to gay men, but discourages all forms of discrimination so, consistent with this policy, decided this year to welcome lesbians, too.

GHEI is compiling the 1993 directory with renewals and new memberships. The deadline is January 31, 1993. Annual membership is \$25 US per home. For more information, please write to: GHEI, c/o Garnet Colly, P.O. Box 612, Stn. C, Montreal, Quebec H2L 4K5, Canada.

## CONFERENCE INCLUDES GAY & LESBIAN ELDERLY

By Sandy Vopalka

The ASA (American Society on Aging) is having their 39th Annual Meeting March 27-30, 1993 in Chicago. The meeting will include the following mini-conferences: Gay & Lesbian Aging, Mental Health and Aging, Human Resource Development & Inservice Training, Lifelong Learning & Older Adult Education, and Aging, Disability, & Rehabilitation. There are also other pre- and post-meeting forums.

For more information, brochures, or to offer ideas on how I and others can raise the money to attend, please write: S. Vopalka, P.O. Box 22043, Lincoln, NE 68502-2043.

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## QUILT BRINGS OUT MANY FORMS OF LOVE

By Russ Warzyn

An in-drawn breath, held, then slowly exhaled; very much a long, silent sigh possibly accompanied by a slight shudder—heard many times as hushed individuals and couples drift somberly along walkways between rectangles of bright, dark, and varied colors.

It is the AIDS Memorial Quilt; 1,064 panels of more than 22,000 total panels, displayed for the first time at Omaha.

Besides the display, sponsored by the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP), 54 new panels were received for inclusion in the ever-growing remembrance. Those 54, along with five or six others "in progress," also were given a place of display during the three-day event.

Around 25 "grubbies"—dressed volunteers worked the wee-hours from 2 a.m. until 8 a.m. Friday Dec. 4, unpacking, sorting, assembling, and hanging or spreading Quilt blocks in readiness for school and other groups' visits starting at 9 a.m.

With all in readiness, 15 volunteers, some different from the first set, some the same, white-dressed to stress the importance of and to avoid upstaging, the "star", the Quilt, guided school groups among the panels explaining its origin and noting the anguish...and love...which went into the melancholic, yet often grief-healing panels.

Many students first walked hurriedly along the walkways, barely glancing right or left, but as dates or objects caught their eye, the scurrying slowed to a focused amble and even some of the "tough-guy machos" surreptitiously snatched a Kleenex from freely available boxes as they bent, ostensibly to examine a panel more closely.

At the official opening ceremony Saturday morning, a song performed by the River City Mixed Chorus was followed, most appropriately, by silence as teams of white-clad volunteers unfurled with solemnity panels hanging around the auditorium perimeter and unfolded floor panels with reverent choreography.

NAP director Gary George welcomed the Quilt guests and introduced Omaha Mayor P.J. Morgan who added his welcome and Dr. Tom Safranek, state epidemiologist with the Nebraska Dept. of Health, representing NE Governor Ben Nelson who was out of state.

Though there were intersperses of applause following other choral works, the audience response to the ceremony's conclusion was a respectful hush as persons shuffled onto the arena floor to view the Quilt closely when the NAP director invited.

Throughout the Dec. 4-6 weekend, some teams of inevitably white-clad 400-plus volunteers quietly comforted, offered tissues or answered questions for the nearly 13,000 Quilt guests while others in a curtained, private area demonstrated the empathetic tact of a funeral director while accepting and logging-in from surviving lovers, family and friends the 54 new Quilt panels.

Volunteers queued at the podium to recite in a gently rising and falling litany the roll of names from panels displayed, a voice sometimes concluding with a half-swallowed sob as the reader pronounced the name of a beloved companion or dear friend, and understanding hands reached to touch and reassure their colleague as the queue progressed.

During closing ceremonies family members, surviving lovers, friends or the ever-sensitive volunteers formally and individually presented the 54 new panels to co-chairs for the AIDS Quilt Omaha display, Kathy England and Donna Hruska; NAP director Mr. George, and Susan Hall from the Names Foundation, San Francisco, who received them to be incorporated into the ever-expanding Quilt.

When the 54 had been carefully laid upon a 12-foot square panel containing handwritten messages and responses from many of the Quilt guests, the four officials and four of the pristinely white-dressed volunteers ritually folded that panel corners-to-center multiple times as a flower closing, the message-panel protectively encasing the newly made panels contained their reflections of deep love. Six of the eight raised the heavy collection as pallbearers would raise a bier. Then, led by the Names Project representative as a sentinel and followed by a rear-guard, the precious, elevated bundle was borne from the hushed auditorium.

*Fanfare for the Common Man* (Aaron Copland) concluded the solemnity. After a respectful pause, guests were invited to help fold the remaining 12X12s under the tutelage of a volunteer. Helping guests exhibited the most respectful care in folding, and with the number helping, in 20 minutes the Omaha Civic Auditorium was barren of what had taken six hours to assemble, including walkways and perimeter standards.

And many asked, "Will the Quilt be here next year?"

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# AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

## 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

**Equilibria Medical Center,** 544 S. 24,  
Omaha, 68102 Call (402) 345-2252

**Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept,** 2200 St  
Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 (402) 441-8065  
Test site at The Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tuesday

**Grand Island-Hall Co Health Dept,** 105 East  
1st St, Grand Island, Mary (308) 381-5175

**Native American Community Developmt  
Corp,** 2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-8471

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

**Nebraska Association of Farm Workers,**  
9393 S. 24, Omaha, 68107 (402) 734-4100

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

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

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

**AIDS Care, Mercy Center,** 427 E. Kanesville  
Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, att: Colleen  
Kibbe-Vest (712) 328-2609

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

**Kearney Area HIV/AIDS Support Group,**  
Call Sharon (308) 234-8709 for info on groups

**Lincoln Caseworker,** (402) 474-4243

**Nebraska AIDS Project,** 3624 Leavenworth,  
Omaha, individual counseling, support  
groups-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,  
68504 Wednesdays, 7pm, (402) 475-2437

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

## LEGAL

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

**Nebr Bar Assoc,** 635 S 14, Lincoln, 475-7091

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

## PASTORAL CARE

**AIDS Interfaith Network,** 100 N 62, Omaha  
Br Wm Woeger 558-3100 (Chancery) 7pm,  
Service: 2nd Mon, St Cecelias 40th & Webster

**AIDS Interfaith Network,** 215 Centennial  
Mall So., Rm 411, Lincoln 68508, 474-3017,  
Services: 7pm, 4th Mon, Call for location

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

\*For more information or help with specific  
questions, call **Neb AIDS Project 342-4233**

**AIDS Educ Project,** UNL G/L Resource Cntr,  
Rm 342, Neb Union, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644

**American Red Cross,**  
1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997  
3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 (402) 341-2723

**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, July 333-3329

**HIV Clinic, Univ of Nebraska Medical Center,**  
600 S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6681

**Lincoln Cancer Cntr,** 4600 Valley, 483-1872

**Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept** 2200 StMary  
Lincoln 68502, 441-8065 Testing, counseling

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THOUGHTS ON THE QUILT

By R.J.

Today it is Sunday. This morning, the snow is falling gently, in big fluffy flakes. No doubt people were waiting for it to quit. Others went to the church of their choice. But by noon, the snow had stopped. People had been to their churches. The streets, though sloppy, were clear. And this afternoon, they turned out en masse, to come down to see the Quilt. To see what it was, for those who did not know. And for those who had lost a loved one to AIDS, to view that person's panel, among so many others.

When I arrived, I headed for the bleachers. The view from up there was really something. One could see the entire floor.

For a long while I sat in those bleachers, watching. Thinking. Of what might have been, of the loss to society.

So many talented people in all walks of life. Babies just born. Children gone, before they could bloom, like so many buds mowed down before they could flower.

So much loss. So many lives unfulfilled. So many dreams of tomorrow, dashed upon the shores.

For a long time, I sat there watching. The young father, with his child upon his shoulders, pointing to a panel.

A lady in her wheelchair. So many people meandering among the panels.

Small children, teens, young grownups, middle aged, through we gray haired "old folks."

Then down on the floor, and among the quilt. It was like a walk through Flanders field,

where the poppies grow, with crosses, row upon row, upon row

Quilt panels, from a baby, just 2 months past the first birthday. And the poor child didn't even know what he had.

Two young people, with the bloom of adolescence still upon their cheeks, to middle aged people, to we "old farts."

All, all were there laid out, like the poppies in Flanders fields, with the crosses, row upon row, upon row.

From all the professions. So much talent, so much knowledge, so much contribution that had already been made to society, but with the largest of all contributions already made: How to die with dignity.

One panel had a poem about a dandelion. A common old weed, nobody loves, especially in their pristine lawns. I'll never look at a dandelion, the same, again. It was a beautiful poem, and it said so much.

The mood of the Quilt really struck home; very somber, very hushed, people talking in low voices.

I have viewed panels of the Quilt four times now. Always the same mood. But due to the layout, the one that really hit me, was up in Minneapolis. When you first came in, there the Quilt was.

All spread out, way below you, from end to end, and side to side. One really should get a pigeon's eye view, to really feel the impact, and then get right down in there among those panels.

# AIDS NEWS

## NAPWA REPORT ON PERSONS WITH AIDS/HIV

For the first time in the history of the AIDS epidemic, a nationwide survey of people living with HIV disease has been completed by the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) in Washington, D.C. and is presented in detail in NAPWA's report, *HIV in America: A Profile of the Challenges Facing Americans Living with HIV Disease*.

"This is a sobering report," explained William J. Freeman, executive director of NAPWA. "Behind the data presented in this summary are the faces of men, women and children forced to confront — day in and day out — the brutal reality of living with HIV/AIDS in America."

Respondents surveyed from April through June, 1992, included 1,800 people from 45 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Men comprised 88% and woman 12%. Nearly four-fifths were white (78.2%), 12% African American and 6.9% Latino. The mean age was 36 and the vast majority (93.3%) were between the ages of 20 and 50. Nearly half had been diagnosed with AIDS or ARC (AIDS Related Complex). The rest are HIV positive, but not showing signs of the disease.

The following are excerpts directly from the NAPWA report:

Nearly half have problems carrying out activities such as going to work (44%) or working in the yard (42.8%), and one quarter have problems taking a bus (27.9%) or driving a car (23.1%) because of lack of strength. A high proportion of those who need help with activities of daily living such as transportation, shopping and cooking have difficulty obtaining help (25-30%).

Respondents reflect the determined will to live and make the most of life that characterizes so many people faced with a catastrophic illness: "I worry about not having the strength to enjoy life," "I hope to remain healthy so I can help others"; and, "I don't dwell on what I can't do, but what I can do."

Nearly one-third (30.9%) of the respondents work full time and 10.5% part time.

The area of most concern to respondents is having enough money. Approximately half the sample have a problem with having enough money for basic necessities such as paying rent, buying food and medicine. Respondents need financial assistance with: legal assistance (32.5%), mental health service (30%), transportation (24%), employment (20.3%) and housing (20.1%).

Nearly half of the respondents had problems qualifying for group health insurance. The high percentage (42%) may be because health insurance is usually based on employment. Problems may also be due to changes in the insurance industry in the past decade, such as the practice of screening HIV and denying coverage on the basis of this "pre-existing condition."

Substantial numbers also have problems qualifying for Medicaid (30.8%), Social Security Disability (29.1%), private disability (23.7%), and Supplemental Security Income (28.3%). Many with HIV infection become sick and disabled and require health care and financial support. Therefore, difficulty in qualifying for benefits and entitlements raise concerns.

Respondents have experienced discrimination as a result of their HIV status when receiving health care (36.5%). Nearly one quarter (23.9%) say health workers seem afraid because they have

HIV. One respondent says, "I'm shocked at the number of health care professionals that still discriminate against HIV/AIDS people. Here...our frustrated infectious disease doctors have to refer us across state to other facilities because of ill-informed and discriminatory attitudes of several departments that are part of the hospital complex here — i.e., no one associated with 'ear, nose and throat' will deal with us at all. The same is true with dental care."

Many respondents express concern about "having someone help me." Problems include the need for help with legal issues and emotional support (over 40% each). Between 25% and 30% have problems obtaining help with activities such as shopping, laundry and cooking. Nearly one fifth (16%) have problems getting help with personal care.

Another finding indicates respondents care for others who are disabled or dependent, and a high proportion have problems related to this care. More women than men have problems caring for others, particularly for children (20.8% compared to 3.9%). Many report problems caring for dependent adults who are either HIV-positive (15%) or HIV-negative (10.3%). This stress is important to consider when examining the needs of people with HIV infection and AIDS.

The most startling find is that many have been victims of violence as a result of their HIV status, both in the home (12.3% of respondents) and in the community (21.4% of respondents.) An additional 12.7% have experienced violence elsewhere in their lives as a result of HIV infection. In addition, 15% were worried about future violence at home, and 30% about future violence in the community, indicating a great sense of vulnerability among respondents.

The survey identified that many people with HIV and AIDS have unmet needs for financial assistance, access to medical care and the means to pay for it; mental health and legal services; transportation, and housing. Persons with AIDS need assistance with activities of daily living and protection from violence and discrimination. The survey highlights the need for increased funding of services. People with HIV/AIDS must hold institutions responsible for delivering services effectively. AIDS service organizations must mobilize volunteers and communities to provide services not available.

We must insist that communities unite (individuals, grass-roots organizations and institutions; government and the private sector) in addressing what has become everybody's problem: providing the support needed by the growing number of people living with HIV infection and AIDS in our communities.

William Freeman made reference to what Abigail Adams wrote in a letter to Thomas Jefferson in 1790, "These are the hard times in which a genius would wish to live. Great necessities call forth great leaders."

"These words," said the NAPWA executive director, "are as timely today as they were over 200 years ago. It is our hope that the profile contained in this report will call forth the collective leadership to initiate a meaningful response to these necessities."

For more information contact the National Association of People with AIDS at 202-898-0414.

## CARE FOR AIDS KIDS IS 3 TIMES HIGHER

According to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), children hospitalized with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) are twice as likely to be covered by Medicaid as other hospitalized children (all causes), and their hospital stays are longer and more expensive.

The study by HHS's Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) found the average charge for treating a child with AIDS is \$18,271, more than three times the average of \$5,562 for treating other children at the same sample of hospitals. The average hospital stay for a child with AIDS lasts 18.5 days, compared with 5.5 days for other children's stays in the same group of hospitals.

## HIV+ WOMEN EXECUTED IN BURMA

At least 25 Burmese women who were HIV+ were murdered by cyanide injection by the Myanmar government. The women were working in Thailand as prostitutes and were deported for being HIV+. The murder of the 25 women is one of many human rights violations by the ruling state Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) of Burma (Myanmar). When SLORC lost the 1990 elections, they arrested thousands of members of the opposition party, the National League for Democracy, headed by Nobel Peace Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi.

## MANUALS FOR ACTIVISTS

Two new manuals for gay and lesbian grassroots activists are available from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute.

*Organizing Against Violence*, a five-volume resource tool to count and counter hate crimes, is available as a set or as separate publications. *Creating an Anti-Violence Project* discusses how to build a project, assist victims and publicize the project (\$7). *Making Injustice Visible* highlights documenting hate crimes and discrimination, and for conducting community-wide surveys (\$6). "Personal and Community Safety promotes safety awareness through whistle campaigns, safety patrols and self-defense classes (\$4). *Countering Anti-Gay Violence Through Legislators* focuses on laws to count and counter bias crimes, includes lobbying tips, profiles of hate crime legislation and of selected bias crime bills (\$5).

The *Domestic Partnership Organizing Manual*, includes information on the changing definition of family, sample definitions of domestic partnerships, a state-by-state summary of domestic partnership recognition in the public sector, private sector domestic partnership policies, a list of insurance companies and HMO's that cover domestic partners and contacts for domestic partner organizing efforts around the country. It also includes sample legislation, forms and documents, press clips and a survey of colleges and universities with domestic partner/non-traditional family policies. The document is available for \$10.

To order these manuals, contact NGLTF Public Information Manager Robin Kane at (202) 332-6483 or send check payable to NGLTF, 1734 14th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

# LOCAL NEWS

## "INAUGURAL BALL" TO BE HELD

"We won!" "No more Bush!" "Leave the china, Barbara!" were heard as Bill Clinton was announced as President-elect. Celebrating went on through the night. It was great...the first time I voted for a winning presidential candidate..."

Now it is time to get to work. We, as Lesbians and Gay men, won a great victory. We MAY see civil rights for gays and lesbians in the next four years. We MAY see the end to sodomy laws in 27 states. Will you be a part of the transformation to a "kinder, gentler nation?"

After the election people were saying..."just wait, let's see what happens in four years." "Let's see what HE can accomplish." Okay, so Clinton is not all things to all people. Who is? So he has liberal ideas about education, AIDS, Gays and Lesbians. So Gore is the "Ozone Man."

It is time for all of us to start to work together: Republicans, Democrats, Perot-vians, independents, Falani-ites, and anyone interested in this country and its people. One way we can begin "working together" is to celebrate the Inauguration of Bill Clinton. Most of us will not be invited to D.C. in January for THE Inauguration, but we can have our own celebration. We will celebrate ourselves and the way WE worked together as a community to elect Bill Clinton.

You are invited to a party. A celebration for all of us: Gays, Lesbians, heterosexuals, Transgenderists, Republicans, Democrats, and anyone committed to this great nation. Where is the party? Downtown Omaha. When is the party? January 20, 1993. Inauguration Day.

The New Voice of Nebraska, Citizens for Equal Protection, the Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE), Pro-choice Advocate, the River City Mixed Chorus, and others invite you to celebrate a New Day, a new UNITED States. We begin at 6:30 p.m. and will continue until we are no longer capable, at the Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, on the south side of the Old Market. We will celebrate with music by RCMC, Andre's AM/FM Music and more. We will have speakers, entertainment, dancing, fun, and begin a new commitment to a new and brighter future. A donation of \$7.50 per person is suggested, with all proceeds going to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to continue their our work for OUR civil rights.

Come Out! Celebrate! And start our country moving in a direction where all peoples are valued for their contributions. For more information, contact Pat Phalen at (402) 422-4234.

See you there and, by the way, don't be late.

## THE 1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR GAY, LESBIAN, AND BI EQUAL RIGHTS AND LIBERATION



**CALL 1-800-783-1663 FOR HOTEL & FLIGHT INFO  
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TO WIN A TRIP FOR TWO TO THE MARCH!!!!  
DONATE TIME, MONEY, SERVICES, OR RAFFLE PRIZES. PLEASE CALL  
OR WRITE: AMY-DC IN '93, PO BOX 34463, OMAHA, NE. 68134  
(402) 451-7987. CHECKS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO:  
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**NEXT MEETING-JAN 20, 7:30 P.M. 4332 BROWNE STREET  
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## LIGHT FOR LIFE & REMEMBRANCE

As part of the Light for Life & Remembrance ceremony sponsored by Link-On individuals were invited to make a \$5 donation to the tree of lights in someone's name; their own, that of someone close to them, or the name of someone who had passed on. Annie Pearson was guest speaker at the ceremony held December 20 at The Centrum Plaza, 1111 'O' Street, in Lincoln. Songs were performed by Kathy Tejcka and Keven Witcher. The Christmas Tree, adorned with lights that are labeled specifying the name in which it was donated remains on display at The Centrum Plaza through the first of the year.

## Washington DC APRIL 25, 1993



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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

The winter months have been busy with preparation for the AIDS Memorial Quilt which was displayed in December at the Civic Auditorium. Fund raising events were held for the past several months which helped bring the quilt to Nebraska.

### "Nebraska United"

On November 22, "Nebraska United" was held at the MAX. The event was hosted by television anchor, Michael Scott. The show raised over \$4000 which was added to the Quilt Committee Fund. A very special and sincere thank you to the MAX owners, employees, and patrons for your support. We would also like to acknowledge the performers who dedicated their time and talent in making the show a big success.

### "AIDS in the Workplace"

On November 13 a seminar entitled "AIDS in the Workplace" was held at Kountze Memorial Church. Brenda Moon, Director of the AIDS in the Workplace Project at the George Meany Center for Labor Studies in Washington, D.C., spoke and answered questions regarding HIV/AIDS issues. Small employers were given the opportunity to learn about policies and procedures for their businesses. Ms. Moon spoke about the importance of confidentiality issues in reference to HIV+ employees. She is supportive of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and encourages a "business response to AIDS."

### Imperial Court of Nebraska Donates Holiday Baskets for PWA Families

The Imperial Court of Nebraska donated monies this past Thanksgiving for the purchase of baskets for PWA's and their families. The baskets provided families and individuals with turkeys and all the fixings. The NAP received phone calls of appreciation and would like to say Thank You to ICON for their generosity for the Holiday baskets and for everything they do all throughout the year. The baskets are appreciated by many people in our client population, without them some would go without. Again, THANK YOU!

### Quilt Display in Omaha

The weekend of the Quilt Display in Omaha heightened AIDS awareness to over 12,600 people. We can only hope that the Quilt reached them with sincere emotion and understanding of what this pandemic has done to our community, our nation, and world-wide.

### 2000 Students View Quilt

On Friday, December 4, the Quilt was displayed for area high school and junior high students. Bev Mavis, Supervisor of Health Education at Douglas County Health Department, combined efforts with the Quilt Volunteers to share the experience of viewing the Quilt to over

2000 students that day. The Quilt was then displayed to the public on Saturday and Sunday. Opening ceremonies were held Saturday morning which began the visitation and viewing of 1,064 panels. Closing ceremonies offered family and friends to present 54 new panels to the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

### AIDS Workshops Held

Throughout the weekend local health care organizations and AIDS supportive agencies offered literature and information at booths and tables. The First United Methodist Church and the Omaha AIDS Interfaith Network sponsored AIDS and HIV workshops at the Trinity Cathedral. Presenters spoke on issues regarding HIV and Women, AIDS and Teens, AIDS and People of Color, and panel discussions with PWA's/PWHIV's, family members and caregivers. 103 persons participated in the workshops. Beverly Barbo, the noted author of "Walking Wounded," was present to offer her experience. Nearly 400 volunteers offered their time in committing to the various needs in making the Quilt Display possible.

### Thanks to All Who Helped

On behalf of the Nebraska AIDS Project, thank you goes out to the volunteers and over 190 individuals and corporations who donated funds to make the display possible. Special "thank you's" go to Kathy and Dave England, Michael Burger, Jane Pierson, Jeff Butts, Bob Power, Bob Buglewicz, Bob Bales, Robie St. Pierre, Judy Treinen, Joni Labaron, Bev Mavis, Ron Wilson, Cindi Leo-Gofa, Colleen Kibbe-Vest, Joanne Cooper, Ron Harken, Cindi Lauritzen, Gary George, and Donna Hruska for their outstanding efforts in bringing the Quilt to Nebraska and organizing its beautiful display at the Civic. You are all special people. Without the volunteers behind the scenes, this display would never have been possible.

### NAP Case Management Numbers Continue to Climb

NAP CASE MANAGEMENT CENSUS Nov. 92

Open Cases as of 11/1/92	206
New Cases	15
Clients Deceased	1
Cases Closed	3
End Total as of 11/30/92	217
Client Services Provided in November 1992	
Advocacy	232
Transportation	116
Shopping, Cooking, Sitting, etc	87

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.

## OPC HAS

### NEW MEETING SITE

The S/M education group, Omaha Players Club, has found a new location for their monthly meetings and workshops. The new site is at 10828 John Galt Blvd. Suite #106. It is just south of I street off of 108th. Look for the building right behind First Tier Bank and a couple of blocks East of the KEZO building. The meetings will still be held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 with our workshops running the following Saturday at 2 P.M. We look forward to seeing those of you interested in learning more about this alternative lifestyle. There is a five dollar drop in fee for those attending workshops who are not members.

## NEBRASKA UNITED '92

By Stan (Inga) Brown

If you didn't get to see the benefit show for the NAMES Quilt on November 22 at the MAX, you really missed a great evening of food, fun, and fabulous entertainment. Approximately \$3400 was raised from door money, donations, raffles, an auction, a pizza party, and performers tips. I send my thanks to all on the Nebraska United Committee who made this evening possible, especially Don and Bruce, owners of the MAX, Wayne, Jim, and all the staff at the MAX. Special thanks also go out to Tom who designed the set, Dennis B who made the beautiful flower arrangement; all the individuals and businesses who donated items for the raffles and auction; and Sharon with her MCC helpers who took care of the pizza party.

Some of the best live performers and female impersonators in the Omaha area were part of the two shows during the evening and entertained the audience with a variety of talents. Our special guest MC for the late show was Michael Scott from KETV. We really appreciated Michael giving of his time and enjoyed his clever wit throughout the evening. My sincerest thanks go out to Don, our other MC, and these wonderful performers: Geri, Tasha, R.N., Babes Behind Bars, Jasmin, Phoenix, Kendra, Russell, Madame X, Miss Thing, Quinci, Rick, Blue Barn Theatre, Kathy, Johnathan, Todd B, Marian, Todd R, Shana, Camille, Jim, Viktoria, Laura, Dave, Jennifer, Rex, Barbara, Steve, Brandon, Greg, Eva, Monica, Ron, Roxy, Felice, Dain, and Rod.

I would like to send my apologies to anyone who sent in an application but was not contacted about performing in the show. We did not intend to turn anyone away from performing but did not state the purpose of the application was basically for information and planning. Again, thank you to all who attended the benefit and helped make the evening a great event.

## GALA SUCCESSFULLY ADOPTS TWO HIGHWAYS

Gay and Lesbian Awareness (KCGALA) "adopted" two highways in the metropolitan area: I-35 in Kansas from the Kansas/Missouri state line to Mission Road as well as a section of I-70 in Missouri, just east of downtown. Motorists traveling south of downtown on I-35 will soon be confronted with two signs: "Welcome to Kansas" and "Highway Adopted by Gay and Lesbian Awareness of Greater Kansas City".

*The Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph*

## PANIC BENEFIT FOR GAY/LESBIAN TALKLINE

Once again the Gay/Lesbian community rallied in support of its younger brothers and sisters. Sunday night, November 29th, a number of performers came together at the Panic to raise money for the Gay/Lesbian Youth Talkline. A total of \$242.00 (including a \$50 gift from Kelly, owner of Panic) was raised in an atmosphere of song, dance, and revelry. A big thanks to the performers: Boy George, Dee Dee Dekar, Bambi, Kevin W., Mercedes, Renay K., Sheza Mann, Lafayette, LeAnn White, and Peaches LaRue. A special hats off to Tommy for organizing, publicizing, and performing. You made it happen. Bravo Boy George! Donations will be joyfully received at: The Youth Talkline, P.O. Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509

# LOCAL NEWS

## MISSING IN ACTION

April 25, 1993, over 1 million people are expected to March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. However, this means over 30+ million queers and our supporters will be unable to attend the March, unless they take this opportunity to be made visible along with everyone else.

The day of The March your name and message to the world can appear on a giant visual display board along with millions of other lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered people, our friends, family and supporters who will be unable to attend the 1993 March on Washington. This will be a permanent historical marker on which people will visibly be able to see, feel and know how many others are out there in spirit!

If you or people you know cannot attend the 1993 March on Washington, yet still want to be a part of this massive event, please fill call 451-7987 to have a March representative get you the message cloth to fill out. We will be using a different color for each region of the country, our color is orange. The rep will bring or mail you a swatch of cotton for you to write your message for everyone to see. A donation is of twenty-five dollars is being asked, (more if you can, less if you can't!) Please do not be discouraged by the donation request. If it is only a dollar, it will benefit The March. If you do not have a dollar, you will not be turned down. Just call or write to P.O. Box 34463 Omaha, Ne 68134.

## MCC-OMAHA TO HOST SATURDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE

### "An Alcohol Free Alternative"

The deacons of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will be hosting a coffeehouse from 7 - 10 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month beginning in January. The coffeehouse will be an informal, alcohol-free event open to the public. There will be music, dancing, lite snacks, and conversation. Admission is \$1 and a can of food for the MCC Pantry. The coffeehouse is offered as an alternative social event for those who prefer an alcohol-free environment and for those under 21.

## REGIONAL CREDIT UNION PROPOSED

Supporters of a Gay and Lesbian credit union have expanded their vision beyond the limits of Kansas City according to an article in the *St. Louis News Telegraph*. The group, Homosexuals Organized Together (HOT), wants to allow as broad a base as possible. Organizations may become supporting organizations, thereby offering their members the right to buy shares in the credit union. This opportunity is open to organizations in Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa. For more information about HOT or the credit union, call Larry Gilbert (816) 753-4757 or Barry Albin (816) 531-8834.

## WHAT IS LINK-ON?

Many questions have been addressed to the Board of Directors regarding LINK-ON and its function in the community. "What is LINK-ON?", "Who will benefit?", "How will LINK-ON help me?" The following will hopefully clear up some of these questions.

LINK-ON is a newly founded non-profit community based Health Care Corporation. We specialize in, but are not limited to the care, treatment, counseling, and teaching of HIV+ and people with AIDS in their homes.

We at the LINK-ON Health Care Corporation will serve clients to meet their needs regardless of color, creed, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation. We will access the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of each individual client, and endeavor to meet identified needs with respect to each individual's dignity and right to confidentiality and privacy of details and his/her care. We will encourage the client to be responsible in gaining control and empowerment in relation to decisions regarding his/her care, and will strive to provide optimum client care through high standards of professional nursing practice, and through effective utilization of staff and resources. We will support and encourage active participation with other home health agencies, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, social service agencies, and local, state, and national organizations to be an essential part of the community's health care resources.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## AUDITIONS FOR SAFE SEX

SNAP Productions are pleased to announce that open auditions will be held January 11 for the upcoming production of *Safe Sex*, a series of three one act plays by Harvey Fierstein. The first one act play, *Manny & Jake*, will be directed by Carolyn Rutherford; the second, *Safe Sex*, by Gail Erwin; and the final one act play, *On Tidy Endings*, by Doug Marr. There are roles available for both male and female actors. Auditions will be from 6-8 p.m. on January 11. Call 346-8833 for the location of the auditions and for further information.

*Safe Sex* is the second play produced by SNAP as a benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project. The first production, *Bent*, played to high critical acclaim. *Safe Sex* will be presented February 26 - 28 at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre.

## "I THINK MY FRIEND HAS A PROBLEM. WHAT CAN I DO?" A WORKSHOP ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL COMMUNITY

Randy Todd will be the featured speaker at a workshop on Substance Abuse in the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community to be held at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30. Randy will focus on dynamics related to substance abuse in the gay/lesbian/bisexual community including how to identify a problem with substance abuse and what treatment options are available. He is a counselor at Lincoln-Lancaster Drug Project, the only gay/lesbian/bisexual affirming treatment program in this region.

Admission to this workshop is free and the public is invited to attend. Prior to the workshop, MCC-Omaha will host a soup and sandwich supper beginning at 6:00 p.m.

## PFLAG IS

By RJ

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is and will continue to be.

PFLAG is and continues to be a strong and viable force in both communities, a haven for parents who, too, must "come out" — who must come to terms that, yes, their child is different, but that child is still theirs. That child really hasn't changed. That child is still the same child—just a small part of the personality is a little different, and even that part hasn't changed, really. It's just out in the open and accepted. That child is still their gift from God, from whom all life flows.

They are still meeting at the same place, time, and day—the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Come visit — you're more than welcome.

## LUTHERANS

## CONCERNED HOLD WORSHIP SERVICE

Lutherans Concerned held an Advent Worship service on December 6, 1992. The service, held at First Lutheran Church only hours after the closing ceremonies for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, affirmed their commitment to welcome all into fellowship. The liturgy was inclusive, affirming faith in "one God who is to us both our Mother and our Father", inviting "all creation...Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, gay and straight (to become) one in love", and declaring belief that the Holy Spirit "opens our hearts and heals our memories." Communion was also thoughtful and inclusive, with a "cup of intinction".

The Omaha Chapter of Lutherans Concerned is composed of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and straight women and men who gather for support, fellowship, and worship. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church (31st and Jackson). Mutual trust, respect, and confidentiality are offered to those who may elsewhere experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. "For the sake of the Gospel, and in the name of Christ, you are welcome into the sanctuary of Lutherans Concerned. For more information, call 345-4080 or 453-7137.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM CLUB 2001

By Peaches LaRue

Way back in October, October 17th to be exact, the Lincoln girls had their final game of the season against Omaha — score 21 - 21. There were multiple injuries to the Lincoln team, some were reported to still be licking their wounds. A new cheer-leading troop make its way on to the field (late arrival, must have been with the basketball team?) Yes, it was the Trash-Can-Can-Girls. Be sure and look for them next season.

On November 15th, the Club had another one of its favorite Amateur Strip Shows. It was decided that we will be doing one a month and have the winners in each show compete in six months.

Food for Thought raised \$600 on November 22nd. Performers included Tasha, Sheza, Phoenix, Melissa, Lafayette, Goulsha, and Brook. The show was hosted by Mr. Jeff Keith (Peaches). We want to thank the Panic for the spot light and ICON for their \$50 donation.

35-40 persons attended the Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by 2001 on the 26th for those without family.

Now on to up and coming events. On January 17th, SNOWBALL "93" will be a fundraiser for PWA's. On the 23rd, 2001 will be the starting point for the bus trip of the century as we head for The Big Kansas City Tour. Contact Peaches or Gary West to sign up for this fun and exciting trip. Don't delay. First come, first served. ICORME

will also be making its first appearance at Club 2001 in January 1993.

Gary would like to apologize to the community for canceling the brunch for November. Due to the Holidays, few reservations were made.

Don't forget that Tuesdays are Country Night at the Club with dance lessons by Kevin and Chris at 9 p.m.

Wednesdays and Sundays we hear College Underground Music coming out of the DISCO DOOR, so come in and DANCE, DANCE, DANCE beginning at 9 p.m. Cocktail hour continues 4-7 p.m. on weekdays.

Be sure to check the Monthly Calendar at the Club for up and coming events and our daily drink specials. If you would like to book an event (private party, etc.) or a show with 2001, call Peaches at 476-2001 or 477-5002.

### GAY MEN'S STAG AA

An additional Alcoholics Anonymous group is now available in the Omaha area. The group has chosen the name "An Alternative" to underscore that it is a stag group for gay men. The group utilizes a topic and discussion format. Meetings are Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m., and are held downstairs at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22. If you would like more information, please call 455-7916.



RIVER  
CITY  
MIXED  
CHORUS

### CHORUS NOTES

by David Brady

The River City Mixed Chorus presents its winter concert on Saturday, January 16, 7:05 p.m. in Strauss Performing Arts Center on the UNO campus. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. The Chorus and its director, John Bennett, have been working hard since August to prepare for this concert. We have the largest singing membership in our history—approximately 45 members, and we're very excited about this concert. Please join us as we "Celebrate Diversity." Don't forget that the Chorus is raising money by selling calendars that depict gay and lesbian families. \$2.00 from each sale goes to NAP. Calendars are available at New Realities or from any chorus member. RCMC has openings in the soprano and alto sections for the second concert period. If you've ever wanted to sing in a chorus, this is the one! Auditions will be held later in mid-January sometime following the concert. Please call John Bennett at 551-6517 to schedule an audition.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## WOMAN'S JOURNAL- ADVOCATE SUSPENDS PUBLICATION UNTIL MARCH

The Woman's Journal-Advocate (WJA) collective will suspend publication until the March, 1993 issue. The collective normally publishes a combined December/January newspaper, resuming publication with the February issue. This year, however, due to financial straits, WJA won't be back until the March issue. During the hiatus, WJA will be raising funds, welcoming new volunteers, and working on ways to make WJA more responsive to their community of readers. If you are interested in making a donation or helping produce WJA, write to Woman's Journal-Advocate, P.O. Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501.

## JANUARY AT THE MAX

By Gloria Revelle

The new year is here and we have our best year of entertainment and specials ever planned for Omaha.

Join us on Sunday, January 3, when Tory Beatty will perform some of his music that is being played in clubs across the country. Tory is from Atlanta, and his original compositions have landed him a major recording contract. Don't miss this rising star.

The MAX is known across the country for its originality, quality, and excellence. These are the same qualities held by our eight Miss Max title holders. You can see the excellence combined as we present Miss Max in Review on Sunday, January 10.

All of Omaha will be yelling "TIMBER!" after Sunday, January 17. That's the night we give you Mike Timber. Mike is one of Colt's hottest and most popular models. Mike has a terrific show that you won't want to miss. You can be sure that he'll give you all that you could ever want.

Miss Max 8, Phoebe Tate has had a terrific year representing The MAX. She has performed through out the Midwest as our official representative. We are very proud to have had such a quality performer represent us. Join Phoebe and her friends for her stepping down show on Sunday, January 24.

The Miss Max Pageant is now the longest continually running pageant in the Midwest. We've had eight terrific years. See who'll become the next performer to win Omaha's most important title. This year you'll be treated to an all star contest featuring the talents of Miss Max 1, Muffy Rosenberg; Miss Max 2, Veronica O'Rourke; Miss Max 4, Katrina Kane; Miss Max 5, Gloria Revelle; Miss Max 6, Viktoria Towne; Miss Max 7, Dorian Drake; and Miss Max 8, Phoebe Tate.

Don't forget our daily drink specials and our happy hour with Steve. Every Monday is PICK A PRICE NIGHT. With every drink you pick the price when you peel open the pickle. Fiesta Thursday is bigger and better than ever with Corona and Cuervo Specials. All the FREE chips and salsa you can eat and Omaha's Best Margaritas, Original or Strawberry for only \$1.

We're the place to be in '93. We're the original. We're the MAX.

## NOTES FROM ICON

by Alice Bellamy

Join us January 8 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Gilligan's for two hours of fun as we gather to say THANK YOU to Kenny, his staff, and Gilligan's patrons. We'll provide the food. Please join us!

What a thrill to see the Quilt! ICON wishes to say thank to the following people for all their efforts and hard work before and during the Quilt's appearance. First, Tami—Athena IV—who served as our representative during the unfolding of the Quilt at the Opening Ceremony. Second, we thank all of those many volunteers who worked from Friday through Sunday so the 12,000 people could see and hear about the Quilt and what it stands for. Third, we thank Joanne LeBoran and the Culvar Ad Agency for their work with the promotion of the Quilt. Fourth, we thank Jeff Schiller and Soundtrek for their contributions. Fifth we thank all of the organizations and businesses and their members and patrons who supported the Quilt Display with fundraisers week after week since the first of last year. Finally we thank Donna Hruska and Kathy England—Co-chairs—and the planning committee, because without their initiative, Omaha might never have hosted the Quilt Display.

Elections of new officers highlighted the December meeting. Leading us in 1993 are the following:

President—Carla Petersen  
Vice-President—Gary West  
Secretary—Eddie B.  
Treasurer—Joe Reed

The Board offers their congratulations to these newly elected officers and wishes them a successful year. The Board also extends a thank you to our retiring officers: Connie H., Tami G., and Michael G. You have done a wonderful job! Thank you!

In December the Board welcomed two new members: Amy Marie Meek and Gerald Brown. We look forward to working with you.

Toys for Tots was a great success; people were very generous! Thanks to your contributions we were able to spend \$283.50 on personal need items for PWAs—things such as lotion, shampoo, razors, soap, ibuprofen, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, etc. These items were delivered to NAP and will be dispensed as the need arises. Thanks to you we were able to spend \$283.50 purchasing Christmas presents for 23 children of PWAs. Carla and her elves bought dolls and games and cars and action figures and coloring books and play phones and xylophones, etc. They were delivered to NAP, then wrapped and given out just before Christmas. The looks on the children's faces and those of the adults were worth every penny spend and the hard work that went into the set (didn't Steve—Emperor XII and his elves do a superb job!) and the show and the shopping. What a wonderful way to spend the holidays—helping others. Finally \$283.50 was spent providing goodies for the Children's Crisis Center—more toys and a couple bags of necessities: diapers, lotion, wipes, t-shirts, socks, etc.! Thanks too to all of you who brought toys to the show. Three big bags were donated, and they helped to make this Christmas brighter for many children. THANK YOU!

As this year comes to a close, the Imperial Court of Nebraska wishes to thank every one of you in the community who has supported our many endeavors this year through the generous donations of your time, your financial support and your encouragement. Without all of you, our efforts would be fruitless. The Board of Governors of ICON wishes each and every one of you a Happy Happy New Year. May the joy of the holidays be with you throughout 1993.

Please join us in 1993. The Board of Governors meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX. Meetings are open to the community. We welcome your interest and input. See you January 4.



MCC-O  
NEWS  
by Carla

Your friends from Metropolitan Community Church hope that you had a Merry Christmas!

Our December was filled with preparations for Christmas. We decorated the church; we met to study Advent; we caroled at Golden Manor and Paxton Manor; we gathered for special choir rehearsals; we shopped for the family the church adopted; we shopped for necessities for those who utilize the services the Dorothy Day House offers; we shopped as deacons for goodies for Christmas baskets for friends and members of the congregation; we gathered as EXCEL members for a dinner and Christmas festivities; and then

when Christmas Eve came, we gathered to "celebrate life in Christ." On Christmas day we gathered to share our homes and a meal.

We invite you to join us this Sunday. Services are at 10:20 a.m., and we meet at 819 S. 22nd St.

In January the deacons will be sponsoring a coffee house the first and third Saturdays of the month from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Come and join us for coffee, conversation, music, and dancing—if you like. Admission is \$1.00 and a canned good for the pantry. This is a non-alcoholic alternative for those in the community who wish to gather in that type of environment.

January 15-17 we will celebrate our 19th anniversary. Rev. Bonnie Daniel, the Mid-Central District Coordinator, will join us for this celebration. Call the church office for details.

January 30 we invite all of you to join us for a soup and sandwich supper starting at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Workshop dealing with Substance Abuse in the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. The workshop will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be led by Randy Todd from the Lincoln-Lancaster Drug Project. Everyone is welcome! Come and bring a friend!

For now, that's it from my pew! See you in church!

# LOCAL NEWS

## RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

At the halfway mark in the 92-93 bowling season, there are only 10 games separating the 8 top ranking teams. With the leaders so closely bunched together, major shifts are likely to continue to take place in the standings of the top teams. During the month since our last report City Lickers moved into first place, DC's jumped to second from 9th place, Ernie's Bookstore dropped to third, and Gilligan's Pub 2 went to number 4 from 12.

The high scores for women continue to get higher and higher with a new leader emerging as Lisa Broadway took high scratch game with a 234. Norma Nelson holds second place across the board this month with second high game (225), second high series (569) and second high average (163.9). Elyse Mueller holds third high game with a 224, high series with a 575, and high average with a 170.3. Gail Raddatz now holds the third high women's series with a 543.

There has been virtually no change among the men's high scorers. Dan Cooper holds High Game and Series with a 287 game and a 687 series and the league's high average with a 209. The second high game is held by Bill Boren with a 275 and Dwight Wages holds the third high with a 263. Darwin Buechler holds the second high

series with a 673, followed by Dwight Wages with a 663. The men's high averages are rounded out by Terry Finck's 194.7 and Darwyn Buechler's 189.6.

High handicap team game and series are unchanged from last month. Church Ladies holds the high team game with an 827, followed by Gilligan's Pub 2 with a 785, and a three way tie for third with City Lickers, Stosh's Saloon and Eight Balls all having bowled a 776. Eight Balls hold the high series with a 2185 followed by DC's with a 2166 and City Lickers with a 2150.

Outstanding personal efforts were evidenced during week 16 as Jim Vajrt took men's high game for the week with a 233 followed by Bob Andresen and Tom Cech, each with a 214. Bob Andresen took high men's series for the week with a 621, followed by Jim Vajrt with a 601. Cheryl Christensen bowled the high women's game for the week with a 209, followed by Gail Raddatz with a 201. Gail's other games were high enough to take her series total to 543 and take the third high women's series so far this year. Lisa Broadway had second high series for the week with a 512. Those bowlers scoring significantly above their average included Bob Andresen (111 pins over average), Gail Raddatz

(135 over), John Sempek (81 over) and Cheryl Christensen (62 over).


Complete standings are as follows:

	Won	Lost
1. City Lickers	73	32
2. DC's	67	38
3. Ernie's Bookstore	67	38
4. Gilligan's Pub 2	66	39
5. Running Rebels	66	39
6. Stosh's Saloon	65	40
7. Eight Balls	63	42
8. Gilligan's 1	63	42
9. Enterprise Rent-a-car	59	46
10. Stosh's Saloon Outlaws	55	50
11. D.C. Babes	55	50
12. Church Ladies	52	53
13. Delivery Boys	52	53
14. 3 Guys & a Babe	51	54
15. Maximum Force One	50	55
16. Fashion Police	47	58
17. Wild Boys	46	59
18. Gay Caballero's	44	61
19. Jokers	44	61
20. Dorothy's Friends	34	71
21. DC's II	20	85
22. Vacancy	16	89

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## FRIDAY, January 1 -- New Year's Day

### SATURDAY, January 2

Coffeehouse, MCC-Omaha 819 S. 22, 7-10pm

Coalition 1st Sat Event, Coffeehouse/Game Nt, 7-10pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln

### SUNDAY, January 3

PRIDE-Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 7pm, Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha

Tory Beatty performs at The MAX, Omaha

### MONDAY, January 4

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

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

### TUESDAY, January 5

Ice Bowl Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, Omaha

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

### WEDNESDAY, January 6

Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc of Greater Nebr Support Group, 8pm, 236-8610 for location

### THURSDAY, January 7

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7pm, 558-5303

G/L Resource Ctr Business Mtg Rm 342, NE Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm.

### SATURDAY, January 9

River City Gender Alliance, Transgender and Crossdresser comm. All welcome. No sexual encounters, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

### SUNDAY, January 10

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

Gay/Lesbian Assoc of Greater Nebr Board of Directors Mtg, 1-5pm, 236-8610 for location

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

Miss Max Review, The MAX, Omaha 9:30pm

### MONDAY, January 11

Open Auditions for "Safe Sex", 346-8833, presented Omaha, February, benefit for NAP

AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Nebraska Chapel, 701 N. 40, Omaha

### TUESDAY, January 12

Free HIV Test by Lancaster Co Health Dept, 5 - 7 p.m. The Panic, 200 S 18, Lincoln

2nd Tuesday "Write In", Sponsor: PFLAG, Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", 7pm.

Ice Bowl Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, Omaha

### WEDNESDAY, January 13

Omaha Players Club Meeting, 7:30pm, 10828 John Galt Blvd, Suite 106, Info: call 451-7987

### THURSDAY, January 14

Parent-Friends of Lesbians/Gays-Omaha, 7pm 291-6781, 7pm, 1st Meth, 6900 Cass, W. Door

### SATURDAY, January 16

Omaha Players Club Workshop "Pervertibles" 10828 John Galt Blvd, Ste 106, Info: 451-7987

Coffeehouse, MCC-Omaha 819 S. 22, 7-10pm

River City Mixed Chorus Winter Concert, 7:05pm, Strauss Performing Arts, Omaha

### SUNDAY, January 17

MCC-Omaha, 19th Anniv, with Rev Bonnie Daniel, 10:20am, Reception follows, 819 S. 22

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

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

PRIDE-Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 7pm, Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha

Snowball '93', Club 2001, Lincoln

Mike Timber, Male Model for Colt, performs at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

### TUESDAY, January 19

Ice Bowl Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, Omaha

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

Coalition Board, St. Marks, Lincoln, 7:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, January 20

DC'93 Meeting, 7:30p.m., Omaha, 451-7987

Inagural Ball, Benefit Nat'l Gay/Lesbian Task Force, 6:30pm - ?, Chamber Music, River City Mixed Chorus 6:30 - 8pm, Music by Andre after 8pm, Downtown Grounds, Omaha

### THURSDAY, January 21

G/L Resource Ctr Business Mtg, Rm 342, NE Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc of Greater Nebr Support Group, 8pm, 236-8610 for location

### SATURDAY, January 23

Kansas City Bus Tour, Club 2001 Lincoln

### SUNDAY, January 24

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

Miss Max 8, Phoebe Tate, The MAX, Omaha

### MONDAY, January 25

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith, 7pm, 474-3017

### TUESDAY, January 26

Parents/Frinds of Lesbians/Gays 7pm, "G/L Hlth Issues" small groups, separate "Under 21" group, Lincoln Unitarian, 6300 "A", 435-4688

Ice Bowl Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, Omaha

### SATURDAY, January 30

Presbyterians L/G Concerns Cleve, 733-1360

Randy Todd on "Substance Abuse in the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community", sponsored by MCC-Omaha, 7pm, 819 S 22, Free, Public Invited, Soup supper before workshop, 6pm

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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

Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers, 10am

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Meeting 12noon (308)236-8610 or 382-0240.

### MONDAY

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

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

### TUESDAY

"Out In The 90s" Cable Chnl 14, Lincoln, 7pm

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

### WEDNESDAY

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 6pm, UNL, Nebr Union, Room 338

Alcoholics Anonymous, MCC-Omaha, 7pm,

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

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

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Lincoln, 7:30pm, Nebr Union, Room 234

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

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

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Plymouth Cong, 20th & D, 435-5214

Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous,

Gay Men's Stag, 7pm, 819 S. 22, 455-7916  
G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41  
Al-Anon Same Time, Same Place

### SATURDAY

Womens Support Group, 11am, MCC-Omaha

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

Arbor Moon Bookstore, The Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln, 489-4634, Open 1-4pm

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

Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12m, 473-7932, Lincoln

# LOCAL NEWS

## BITE OF THE APPLE COLLECTIVE

By Judith Alexander

"My silences had not protected me, your silence will not protect you. But for every real word spoken, for every attempt I had ever made to speak those truths for which I am still seeking, I had made contact with other women while we examined the words to fit a world in which we all believed, bridging our differences. And it was the concern and caring of all those women which gave me a strength and enabled me to scrutinize the essentials of my living." —Audre Lorde, from *The Transformation of Silence into Language and Action* in the *Cancer Journals*, Spinsters Ink, 1980.

Audre Lorde wrote these words to express her journey in battling cancer over a decade. Today I borrow these words to express the need to fight against the oppression of women and children through sexual violence.

Sexual violence is all around us. Women live with the fear that they may be raped—in or out of their homes. One in four girls are sexually violated by somebody at least once by age eighteen. One in six boys is sexually violated by somebody at least once by age eighteen. The FBI reports that one woman in three can be expected to be raped in her lifetime—at least once. These statistics are grim and may seem overwhelming. But there is hope.

Breaking silence restores lives, sanity and purpose for survivors. This is why *Bite of the Apple Collective* has decided to produce an anthology dedicated to breaking silence and confronting the misogynist culture in which we live. We are five women, all survivors of either rape, familial incest, and sexual assault at some point in our lives. We are committed to surviving

these tragic events in our own personal lives. One way in which we are surviving is by compiling an anthology of our stories. We need your help in speaking the truth. This is a personal, political and necessary movement toward a freedom we owe to ourselves and to future generations.

Sexual abuse thrives in silence; it violates at a level most people can't fathom. Only survivors can communicate it. We intend this book to be a compilation of loud voices protesting the brutality of sexual violence in our society. We need your voice. We need your truths.

Today as I write this article it is eleven years since I began to break the silences in my life. I am a happy person today. The fact that I speak at all is a miracle, and the fact that I'm working on this project is proof that women draw strength from each other.

There was a time when women were not allowed to sing in the early Roman Catholic Church. We've come a long way since then. But our culture still continues to deny us to speak the truth to each other. And this is so very necessary for our survival as women. So please send your articles. You don't have to be a fantastic writer to tell the truth. Use your own words. Use a pen or a typewriter or a computer, whatever is available to you. Write it down. Speak it. Shout it.

We will be accepting submissions until March 31, 1993. Please send your submissions to: Anthology, P.O. Box 81724, Lincoln, NE 68501-1724. For questions in the Omaha area call Judi at 293-9443. In the Lincoln area, call Margie at 783-2288 or Jane at 474-3148. We need your help to confront our society.

## HIV/AIDS HEALING SERVICES

AIDS Support Group Member Writes:

As a Person living with HIV infection, I'd like to share with you how much the monthly Healing Services mean to me.

When I was fighting cancer several years ago, my small hometown newspaper would publish the times I had to enter the hospital for treatment. I would enter the hospital for several weeks at a time. My grandmother, my mother, other family members and friends would then include me in their prayers, church services and special intentions. I believe that their prayers, especially my grandmother's as she was very close to me, directly resulted in my successful treatment and allowed me to be a cancer survivor.

Now I'm fighting the HIV infection. I haven't yet been able to share this with my family. I'm too afraid because of the stigma attached to HIV/AIDS. It's odd how having cancer is "OK", but being challenged by this insidious virus isn't! I'm asking for your prayers and to join in prayer for all those affected by HIV/AIDS.

One of the places in Lincoln that provides a supportive atmosphere has been the monthly Healing Services. People of all faiths, joining together, praying for the healing power of God. For more information, please contact Rev. Norman Leach, Lincoln Interfaith Council at 474-3017.

### 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
  - Tremors 1516 Jones, 346-6001
- #### Lincoln (A.C. 402)
- Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764
  - Club 2001 500 Sun Valley Road, 476-2001

## WHERE CAN I GET A COPY OF THE NEW VOICE?

We've listed many of the regular distribution points below. If your group or business would like to be included on our distribution list, please contact us.

#### Omaha:

- The Chesterfield
- D.C.'s
- The Diamond
- Gilligan's Pub
- The MAX
- Metropolitan Community Church
- Nebraska AIDS Project
- New Realities
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
- The Run
- Tremors

#### Council Bluffs:

- Adult Emporium
- Ernie's
- Bookstore

#### Lincoln:

- Arbor Moon
- Club 2001
- Nebraska Book Store
- The Panic
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays
- UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center
- Women's Resource Center

#### Kearney:

- GLAGN
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays

#### Des Moines:

- Blazing Saddle
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- Club 508
- D & M's

#### Sioux City:

- Metropolitan Community Church
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## THE NEW VOICE NEEDS A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

### The Faint-Hearted Need Not Apply

*The New Voice* is in search of 3-5 individuals with strong ego's, the ability to look at the needs of the whole community, enough perseverance to hang in there when the going gets tough, and the willingness to make a 2 year commitment. It may sound a little like a Marine recruiting speech but actually we're looking for a few good people to round out our steering committee. The steering committee is responsible for handling policy decisions related to the magazine, authorizing expenditures, and taking responsibility for various tasks essential to the publication of a monthly magazine. You don't have to be able to type, write, or even spell — but you do have to have a strong ego. The steering committee is made up of leaders in our community, each one independent and outspoken, and our meetings sometimes involve enthusiastic discussions. If this sort of environment interests and challenges you, think about joining the steering committee of *The New Voice of Nebraska*. Interested persons may call Sharon Van Butsel, 556-9907, Dick Brown, 451-3747, or Pat Phalen or Terry Sweeney, 455-3701.

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**LONELY?** Looking for a friend/lover? Call Infinity, a nationwide matching service, video club and more for gay men and women. 602-848-6780. (Ja93)

**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)

**BRIDGE**  
Want to play? Whether you've played for years or just want to learn how. For more information call 553-1860 (Ja93)

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**VOLUNTEER REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, ARTISTS — WE NEED YOU** *The New Voice of Nebraska* needs your help. We need volunteers to report on community events, take photos, and do art work. If you are interested, call Sharon Van Bunsel at 556-9907.

**WANTED: OVER THE ROAD TRUCK DRIVER,** Teams Preferred. 2 Years Recent OTR Experience, Good Record, etc. If interested and meet qualifications please contact Bill or Marlys Essex, HC 62, Box 1, Gordon, NE 69343 or Call 308-282-0883. (Ja93)

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**Mature GWM** wishes to meet young mature GWM for friendship. Write Boxholder #228, 2730 S. 123rd Ct., Omaha, NE 68144 (Ja93)

**OUR EYES MET AT....**  
Buffy's Buffet, Sat. 10-17; me: beard, brown hair with two friends; you: carring with friends, let's talk. Chance, POB 524, Beatrice, NE 68310 (Ja93)

**ATTENTION: BISEXUAL, LESBIAN, & GAY YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS:** The United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns Youth Outreach Program wants to network with youth-serving organizations and develop a national resource directory. To include your organization, please send a one paragraph description and your organization's address and phone number to UCCL/GC Youth Outreach Program, 18 N. College St., Athens, OH 45701. Inquiries call UCCL/GC Youth Outreach Program, (508) 755-0005. (comp)

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# The New Voice RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## LINCOLN

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

**Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore**, Gathering Place, 1448 E, Lincoln 68502 Open Mon & Wed 12-1pm, Sat 1-4pm, Wally 476-7389/489-4634.

**BIPALS (Bisexual People / Alternate LifeStyle)**, Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501, 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone (upstps) 640 N 16. All sexes welcome.

**Gay Mens Support Grp**, Counseling Ctr, 1234 Admin Bldg, UNL, 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**, Box 84245, Lincoln 68501 Feminist collective, newsletter, support

**Nebraska Bookstore**, 13th & Q Streets, Lincoln, Alternative Lifestyle Section carries The Advocate

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

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

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

**University of Nebraska Bookstore**, 14th & R Streets, Gay Studies Sect. has 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 Wimmis 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.

## OMAHA

Alcoholics Anonymous, Gen Info: 345-9916 Open Mtg, Wed, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, "An Alternative", Gay Mens Stag, Fri, 7pm, MCC-Omah, 819 S. 22, 455-7916. "Live & Let Live", Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41

**Al-Anon**, Open Mtg Friday, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41,

**A.N.G.L.E., Inc.** (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endavors), 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**, Emp Assoc of Gays & Lesbians, Resource grp US WEST. 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 Support Group**, MCC-Omah, 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

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

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

**PRIDE-Gay/Lesbian Student Organization (PRIDE-GLSO)**, Box 8171, Omaha 68108. 1st & 3rd Sundays, 7pm, Downtown Grounds Coffeehouse, 1117 Jackson, Omaha

**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 culture back to Omaha

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

**WomensSpace**, 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.

## STATEWIDE

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, (308)236-8610. \*Grand Island, Open Mtg 12noon Sundays \*Kearney, Open Meeting 12noon Saturdays,

**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 Meeck (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, 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.

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

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

\*Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504. (402) 435-4688. 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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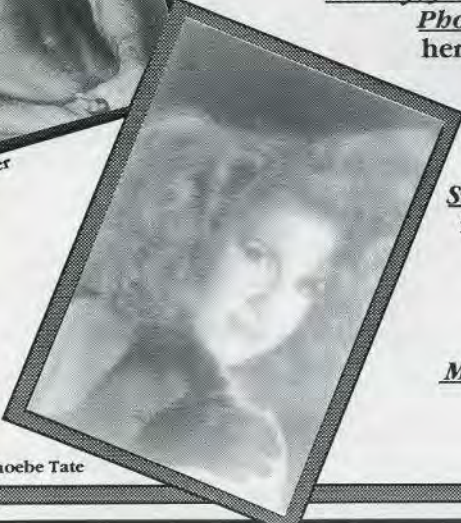
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