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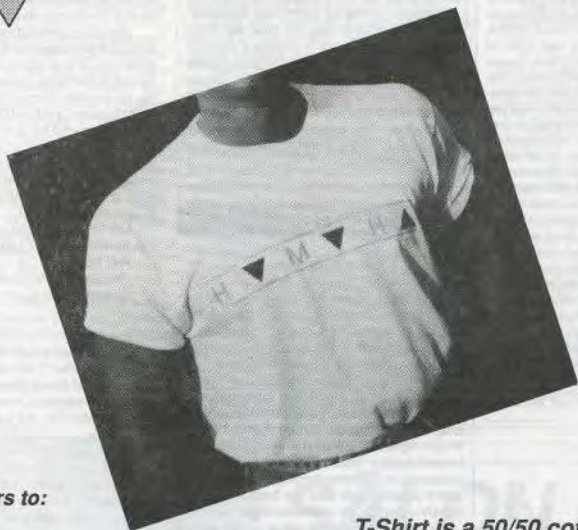
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WHAT A NICE SURPRISE

by Sharon Van Butsel

Since I've got to spend some time unexpectedly watching television while I nursed a summer cold, I was pleasantly surprised to see a segment of "48 Hours" which addressed the busy life in a trauma center. Since I work at St. Joseph Hospital which has one of Omaha's two trauma centers, I was interested in the subject. The surprise came in the last minutes of the segment when the interviewers followed one of the doctors from the trauma center at Boston City Hospital, to her home where she lives with her "companion" of many years, and then to an AIDS clinic where she does volunteer work. The doctor told how she had begun her AIDS work by volunteering in a gay health clinic and began to work with more and more people based on this initial work with her own community. Nothing more was said about this doctor's sexual orientation. In fact it was treated as an interesting sidelight. What a pleasure to see a lesbian physician able to speak openly about her work, to have her companion introduced briefly, and to then return to the main focus of the show. How I look forward to the day when any gay or lesbian person can openly share who they are without it becoming a three ring circus. Thanks, 48 Hours!



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During Pride Week 1991, EAGLE (Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians of US West) invited Donald La Verne Engstrom to Omaha. His presentation and his art depict "Gay Spirituality". Engstrom, a native of Iowa City, Iowa, says about himself, "I am committed to building a culture in which Queerness is one of the foundation stones that the larger community rests upon." Donald Engstrom is an artist, a gardener, and a Shrine Builder. "My job as a human being is to awaken my own creative powers and together with the awakening powers of others, to nurture this new time of growth and healing."

LETTERS

The New Voice of Nebraska:

It seems that since the recent NETV decision to NOT show Marlon Riggs' highly praised film *Tongues Untied*, I have had a change of heart about Public Television. In other words, it may not be as public as public television viewers were led to expect.

The film was cleared by Jennifer Lawson at PBS for FCC violations (inappropriate content). Yet the program director at NETV told me that it would not be shown because of the repeated use of the word "fuck," and frontal nudity (both of these instances have occurred on PBS previously). Basically, the film's atmosphere was too homo-erotic for family viewing, or even late-night viewing.

Is it time to re-think using queer money to support public television? Public Television's mission is, as I have understood it, definitely not to promote "family" values or any values. Its mission is to present particular programs for audiences that would be too small to support that kind of programming on network television. That is why I ask the question which began this paragraph.

Jim Laferla
cc: NETV
IPBN

Dear J.A.S., The Steering Committee and Staff of *The New Voice*,

The latter I wish to thank for airing the difference between a letter and an editorial (Aug. '91). I have always felt a great responsibility to the gay community. I do feel that an explanation is in order.

Since the Downtowner's first day of business, the gay community has been more than welcome, if not preferred. I simply cannot afford to publicly display gay materials. To do so would alienate my straight patrons and threaten my livelihood in the process.

In the past I have made contributions to the community to the best of my abilities. I will certainly continue to do so in the future. I regret any misunderstanding of the motives in not displaying posters of gay causes in my establishment.

My thanks to the community for your continued support and patronage.

Bob Marino
Owner and Proprietor
Downtowner Cafe

Dear Editor,

A few times in my life I get so offended by something that I am motivated to take action. One of those times has occurred. This letter is in response to a letter from Stephen Michael Moeller. All I can say is I'm glad his opinion is not shared by myself or many of my gay/lesbian friends. I'm proud and pleased by the job you, THE NEW VOICE STAFF, have done and (I'm convinced) will continue to do. You have notified the gay/lesbian community of many functions and resources for gays and lesbians. I look forward to each issue. The New voice is how I learned about the Great Plains Mr. Drummer contests (which is what Mr. Moeller's letter was in response to). I attended the event and way very pleased with it. I will admit there were some small problems. The key word here is small...not problems! We, as humans, are entitled to make mistakes. A true human is willing to accept that fact. Nobody (myself included) is perfect. Instead



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of being so willing to condemn somebody else I BELIEVE Mr. Moeller should do some soul searching for the faults that lie within him. This is MY OPINION...not that of THE NEW VOICE, Mr. Great Plains Drummer, Sharon, Bob, or Dustin. I write this letter only to defend my love and trust to each of them for what they have done to improve the gay/lesbian lifestyle here in Nebraska. Instead of finding the faults in the Mr. Great Plains Drummer contest, Stephen, I think you should have sat back and enjoyed the many positive, energetic aspects of the show brought out for us to enjoy. It is a lot of work to put on such large scaled shows. I personally cannot fault these people but only praise them. One nice thing about living in the U.S. is that we are entitled to our opinion, whether or not it is right or wrong. With that simple statement I close this letter.

Proudly Submitted,
Clayton "Archie" Bacom

Dear Editor and Nebraska G/L Community,

Ah! I see the "poison pen" of Stephen Michael Moeller has struck once again. Folks, you need to know, this has been his/her hobby for several years.

Who is "Stephen Michael Moeller"? Does anyone know a person by this name? I think

not. I think since so much space was given over in last month's issue to his/her criticisms, and the needed responses to set the facts straight, that we should take a good look at what this person is doing to try to divide and tear down our community.

First, and foremost, it is someone hiding behind a "poison pen" name so he/she can attack without being called to account.

Secondly, it is someone who does not bother, or even care, to present factual information, and/or to make constructive criticism.

My last observation is this. I think we see evidence in these letters that this person can be dangerous to our community and to our individual and collective self-esteem if we allow this kind of abuse to go unchallenged.

I was pleased to see in last month's "Letters to the Editor" the responses from the various individuals who had been attacked. They showed remarkable restraint. I think we need to be as enraged against "gay bashing" from within our community as we are to that from without.

I would encourage any organization or individual who might receive such a letter from "SMM" to have it published in *The New Voice* along with your response.

Valid, constructive criticism is meant to

be and usually is helpful. "Stephen Michael Moeller's" garbage only reflects on the writer.
Jan D. Kross

Dear Sharon and NVN Staff,

Regarding the letter from Heidi Hess and Stephen Michael Moeller in the August 1991 issue:

It is always easier to carp, complain, and blame others rather than to work with an organization to present a better program, event or publication.

Improvement of any aspect in the community involved personal involvement, hard work, and compromise. If Heidi and Stephen demand excellence then they must involve themselves personally in the challenge before them.

Sincerely,
David Anderson
former co-chair
Nebraska AIDS Project
AIDS Memorial Quilt Display

Dear Editor,

During the recent Pride celebrations, more than 45,000 people in 42 states signed up for Speak Out, HRCF's constituent mail program. By doing so, they'll help produce literally hundreds of thousands of pieces of



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mail to their legislators and demonstrate public support for fairness and a better government response to our health concerns.

Already, their constituent mail in being used on issues such as AIDS appropriations, combating the Helms amendment on HIV and healthcare workers, advancing the National Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights bill to end job and housing discrimination and on the issue of HIV and immigration.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank two groups of people. First, the Lesbian/Gay Pride Committees across the country. For, without the well-coordinated, smoothly-run Pride events that result from unbelievably hard work from too-often-unthanked Pride Committees, we recognize that we would not have been able to help produce this grassroots mail to Capitol Hill for the lesbian and gay community. A simple "thank you" seems too little for all they have done.

Moreover, we would like to thank those that attended the more than 90 Pride events where our Speak Out volunteers enrolled people. Despite many competing demands for attention, that our volunteers were outgoing and people were sometimes asked to sign up by more than one Speak Out volunteer and the fact that our constituent mail program has a modest cost associated with it

—people were extremely kind and friendly. And, as we said, literally tens of thousands of people happily signed up to make a difference on our community's concerns on Capitol Hill.

Our work is not yet done. There are countless other events and, of course, a range of community gather places where we hope to secure more grassroots mail. And, of course, we're always looking for more Speak Out coordinators and volunteers to do this work. But, because of the dedication of the Pride organizers and the goodwill and commitment of those attending, we'll be building on solid foundation for our community's concerns on civil rights and health. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cathy Nelson, Tom Swift, Rene Navaraz
Canvass Unit,
Human Rights Campaign Fund,
Washington, D.C.

Editor's Note: My spouse and I are members of the Speak Out Program of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. For a nominal cost of \$3.25 per message, HRCF sends letters to our legislators on issues of concern to our community. Carla and I have received several written responses from senators and congressmen in response to Speak Out messages sent in our name. If you would like

more information on this program, call ANGLE's Gay/Lesbian Information Line, leave your name and address and ask for information on the Speak Out Program. We'll send information directly to you.

Dear New Voice,

This was an editorial in our local newspaper. Thought you might be interested. I was quite UPSET AND ANGRY

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Identify AIDS patients

Though we would have selected a word other than "bastard" to describe those who concealed the fact that a Florida dentist, Dr. David Acer, had the dreaded AIDS disease, the woman who used the word certainly has the right to draw attention to the flawed system which allowed her to unknowingly be infected with the disease.

Death is near for Kimberly Bergalis. Though she has done none of the things that most commonly expose a person to the AIDS infection, she was infected by the virus while being treated by a dentist. We don't consider the action to be an accident. The dentist knew he had the disease. He knew the risks he was exposing his patients to be apparently with hope of selling his practice, he kept his condition secret.

The dentist did what Bergalis did not do and he paid the ultimate price for a dishonorable lifestyle—he contracted AIDS and died. Though we find his lifestyle deplorable, his failure to warn his patients of the risk they were under was worse. Bergalis and at least five others were infected with the virus while being treated by the dentist.

Recently Bergalis wrote a letter to the Florida health department. Though it contained moving details of her suffering, the letter was not a plea for sympathy. It was an appropriate expression of outrage.

We share in her outrage.

Members of the Florida health department knew the dentist had AIDS but did nothing to warn his patients.

The AIDS question has been so politicized by those who seek acceptance of the improper homosexual lifestyle, that government agencies now confer those with AIDS certain rights and privileges. Many government officials believe the identity of AIDS victims must be kept secret.

We disagree.

While we don't believe AIDS sufferers should be totally isolated from society like we once isolated lepers, they should be identified.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: I, TOO, AM OUTRAGED....BUT AT THE INSENSITIVE, HOMOPHOBIC ATTITUDES OF THE AUTHOR OF THIS EDITORIAL, (WHICH WAS UNSIGNED), I AM ALSO SADDENED THAT OUR FRIENDS IN CENTRAL NEBRASKA MUST LIVE WITH SUCH BLATANT PREJUDICE. I SUSPECT THAT MY WRITING A LETTER TO THE SUPERIOR EXPRESS WOULD BE SHRUGGED ASIDE AS THE RANTINGS OF A "BIG CITY" MEDDLER, BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE THOSE OF YOU LIVING OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN OMAHA AND LINCOLN AREAS TO ADDRESS YOUR COMMENTS TO THIS NEWSPAPER. PERHAPS THEN THE EDITOR OF THE SUPERIOR EXPRESS WOULD RE THINK HIS OR HER COMMENTS BEFORE PUTTING THEM IN PRINT NEXT TIME.

I ALSO ENCOURAGE ALL THE READERS OF THE NEW VOICE TO TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF THE EXCELLENT ARTICLE APPEARING IN THIS ISSUE FROM THE NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT WHICH ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF MANDATORY IDENTIFICATION OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS WHO ARE HIV+.

BARBEQUE AT GILLIGAN'S

Once again, Kenny and the staff at Gilligan's reached out to support the community through another fundraiser. This time Kenny donated \$400 worth of ribs, chicken, side dishes, rolls, and supplies for a Sunday afternoon barbeque which allowed those attending to select their favorite charity choosing from NAP, P-FLAG, and ICON PWA assistance fund.

The afternoon was a success, with over 100 tickets sold, and resulted in donations of \$250 to ICON PWA, \$175 to NAP, and \$175 to P-FLAG. As you would expect, the food was excellent, the surroundings comfortable, and the hospitality superb.

A special New Voice salute to Kenny and all the staff at Gilligan's.

WAYNE'S SPECIAL SHOW

July 21 was a special day in Omaha as Wayne Tietzort, general manager of the MAX, called some of his closest friends to the stage to raise money to help PWA's. Thanks to Wayne's efforts, over \$2600 was raised that evening. Performers from Omaha and Lincoln came together on a stage elegantly decorated by the talented hands of Mr. Tom Cech.

The show featured performances by Miss Max 7, Dorian Drake, Kris/Diva, Laura Gray, Lafayette and Peaches LaRue from Lincoln, Mike Devore, Mr. Max 2 Michael Gafney, Leslie Schaefer from Des Moines, Miss Max 5 Gloria Ravelle, Kendra, Kymber Leigh, Miss Gay Nebraska USA Phoebe Tate, Velvet, Miss Gay Nebraska America Jennifer Jett, Joe Reed, and Roxy. Representatives from the Nebraska AIDS Project spoke of the need for the assistance fund and thanked the community for their on going support.

Mr. Don Randolph was emcee for the evening.

The honored guest of the evening was Wayne's mother, who had a front row seat for the festivities. However, the house became quiet and many eyes filled with tears for one very special performance by Roxy and Wayne. Wayne chose this evening to "come out" of one more closet as he spoke openly to the audience of how it felt to be a Person With AIDS. He thanked the MAX owners and staff for their on-going support, and shared his determination to continue to live his life each and every day. He spoke of the closets that PWA's still hide in, not acknowledging each other in the clinic or in the store. He spoke of the need for support in the way that is right for the individual and expressed his gratitude to all those who have been there for him. Then, as Roxy performed, members of the audience lined up not only to tip but also to express their silent support for this courageous man.

Wayne, the New Voice Staff and Steering Committee salute you and all PWA's who dare to speak out.

PEARL BAITY PERFORMS

by Cheri Bavaard

Since I've become a "young married dyke" I don't get down to the Panic much, but when a friend of mine told me about a headliner from New York City, my thought was: "oh, that's nice" But the spouse and I went anyway, and it was one of the best summer nights I'd spent.

The entertainer's name is Brian Murphy, aka Pearl Baity. He's a native a Brooklyn who spends 10 months out of the year touring nationally.

Anyway....after waiting about an hour (either a misadventurism or standard drag time), Peaches La Rue hopped out on stage to work the audience, a few minutes of a sarcastic wit that somehow resembled a cross between Red Foxx and Whoopi Goldberg, a hot number from Lincoln's own Mercedes, and a brief introduction of the main act finally made way for Mr. Murphy.

This man, assuming the role of Pearl Baity in a flouncy combination of Areatha Franklin and Wheezy from the Jeffersons, came out on stage singing her heart out in a roaring rhythm and blues number.

She was really singing!! It's been a while since I've seen a live queen (I mean, one that actually sings). I was enthralled.

Not only did she sing and dance, but she could cut down the hecklers better than a set of gimis knives.

After her normal routine, she also took requests. She did Joan Crawford, Karen Carpenter, and Bette Davis almost better than they did themselves. Oh, and she played psychic, too. Depending on if she liked a member of the audience or not, Pearl would give a horoscope that was either doomed or delicious.

After the show was over, I took my nosy self downstairs to the dressing room to find out what this Brian Murphy/Pearle Baity was all about. I expected the "I'm a big star and you're not" act, but Brian was friendly and warm, so I grilled him.

My biggest question was why Lincoln

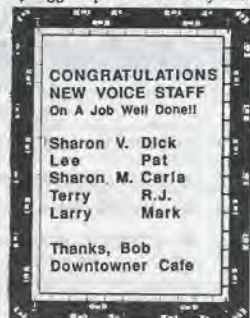


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Bumf_ k Nebraska? We, I guess he heard about the Panic in Orlando, Florida, of all places, and wanted to come and visit. Plus our state's "Penis of the Plains" also had his curiosity up.

This is what else I learned: Brian Murphy (his father is Irish) started his career at the age of four in school plays, has worked on stage in Europe and not works nationally and abroad as a female impersonator, himself, or whomever else he feels like being.

Of course, I had to ask him if he had any advice for newcomers to the stage. "Well," he drawled out in throaty Brooklynese, "You gotta love it (being on stage), you gotta be a little pushy, a little aggressive. You gotta go without sleep, without lovers. Sometimes you gotta live on your credit cards, and sometimes you gotta do it for free."

Brian sometimes still does it for free, as in the case of charities for the AIDS virus. "I wanna see my friends stop dying," he said emphatically, leaning into me, "even the ones I don't have."

On a lighter note, I asked Mr. Murphy if he'd ever had a bad moment on stage. He had two, he said. He kept telling an audience member to look at him, only to discover that the person was blind. Another time, when someone else wouldn't applaud, Brian yelled at him to clap. This was before he discovered the fellow only had one arm.

Is there anything that Mr. Murphy wants now that he has fame and semi-fortune? He answers, "I want a black lab." Maybe someday. If you ever get the chance to see Pearl Baity or Brian Murphy, do, you won't regret it. P.S. look for former Miss Gay Nebraskas this fall at the Panic.

AFFIRMATION HOLDS JULY GATHERING

by RJ

At 7:30 Friday evening, July 12, Affirmation gathered at Dean's. As Dean has a huge beautiful backyard with a deck, the meeting was held there.

Ten people gathered to share what was going on in their lives. The Annual State Conference was discussed as well as an open letter to the *Messenger*, a Methodist newspaper.

The Pride Parade was discussed and how the Condors Drill Team put a 'special touch' on the parade and how so many turned out this year. Hopefully we can see more floats in the parade, more people, and hopefully the Condors will consent to be back. They were really a swell bunch of people.

It was noted that there were no pickets present at this year's parade. While this may be true, one of last year's pickets, Tim, was at the picnic alone and was not a picket this year. Tim is from an independent church whose belief is that Queers deserve to fry in hell, and the sooner, the better. Is Tim starting to see the light and beginning to see us G/L's as just people, like he is, that we G/L's can be hurt like he can, that we too have emotions, like he has, that when we get cut, we bleed red blood just as he would?

It was a good time at Dean's that evening. Ann and Marti are getting settled in their new home. They have three horses now and yes, the barn still needs cleaning. Any volunteers?

P-FLAG JULY MEETING HELD

by RJ

P-FLAG met Sunday, July 14, at 3:00 o'clock at the Methodist Church at 69th and Cass. The meeting had a turnout of 10.

Among the various topics discussed were the new on-the-scene organizations ACT-UP and Queer Nation. It was pointed out that for the most part, the two are the younger generation of G/L's just starting to come into our community. The 'older' generation, of which I am a part, have lost many of its leaders to the scythe of the Grim Reaper, their untimely demise being caused by the big 'A.'

Outing was also discussed: where it starts and where it ends.

Teenagers were also discussed. Where do G/L teenagers turn? Too often, parents tell their kids that sex is filthy, dirty, and "we don't talk about that!" And that's heterosexual kids. Once can just imagine what those parents would say about homosexuality. And it's hard to believe that some counselors out there still think it's a phase the kids are going through!

It was a good afternoon of sharing with others one's experience, one's viewpoint, and hearing from others on same. Stay tuned to P-FLAG as it sounds like some very interesting activities are coming.

PLGC HOLDS MEETING AT ZOO

by RJ

PLGC held their July meeting at the Zoo for something different. So, this 27th day of July, we met at Cleve's place at 1:30. Everyone brought something to share. When all had assembled, we walked the short distance to the zoo.

It was a most enjoyable afternoon. Not too hot out, thankfully. A picnic lunch was held near the sea lions. Then on to seeing the zoo. Of course, we saw the elephants. And as it turned out, one learns something new every day. I didn't know elephants had so many prehensile tools to work with. The rhinos were frisky this afternoon. Cleve had never seen them so frisky.

The polar bears were really fun to watch. The one would catch the other in the water or jump in on top of the one in the water. It was really something to watch them.

We covered quite a lot of territory this Saturday afternoon. It was quite a meeting and a good gathering of friends. Around 6:30 we got back to Cleve's... one tired bunch, but a happy and gay bunch. A real good afternoon.

In August, the usual meeting was held. However the September meeting is in doubt as Cleve will not be in town that weekend. So, stay tuned.

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A WEEKEND IN SIOUX CITY

by RJ

Having to make a trip to South Dakota this weekend, I decided to do Sioux City as well. Unfortunately, this weekend was hotter than the hubs of Hell. Found a park, found some shade, and tried to stay cool until it was time to hit the Three Cheers, to my knowledge, Sioux City's one and only oasis for our community. Three Cheers is just off 20th and Pierce. When you first hit Sioux City, get on Nebraska Avenue and head uptown to 18th. Turn left and go to Pierce. Go 2 blocks to 20th. Then go left, half a block. It's on your left.

Three Cheers is a real nice place. It reminds me of the Cave Under The Hill. Any old-timers remember that bar? Quite a bar in its day.

Three Cheers is no hole in the wall. There is a dance floor, a pool table space, and private nooks and crannies around the edges to gather in intimate little circles and quench your thirst at the same time. There is a stage and a nook for the DJ, some real nice murals, and a rainbow flag on one wall. A really interesting study of pink triangles in 3-D effect is painted on another wall. There's also a real nice painting of the Memorial Quilt. A local lady did an excellent job on these murals.

Three Cheers is a nice honey bar. Gays and Lesbians gather together in about a 50-50 mix. One gal had a rather interesting and unique black T-shirt that stated in no uncertain terms, "No little Dutch boy is going to plug this Dyke!"

The next morning, while going through the Sunday paper, I found a flea market over in South Sioux on 20th and Dakota. This flea market is an on-going thing and had a lot to look at. Had Sis ever found this place, it would have taken a week to get her out of there. How about an electric churn? Sure could have used one on the farm, had we had electricity. Or, how about a 32-volt iron? How many of you out there remember 32-volt systems? I even saw a sign that every deacon should take to heart and memorize: "When in charge, ponder; When in trouble, delegate; When in doubt, mumble."

All too soon the afternoon sped by and it was time to get to church. MCC-Sioux City rents the Unitarian Church at 2508 Jackson. It is a big old rambling house that houses the offices. Behind this house is a nice little church with the sanctuary on the top level and the fellowship hall on the lower level. But it did need air-conditioning real bad; Doug started out his sermon with a tie and soon discarded it. Decorum wouldn't let him shed much else... and neither would Steve.

They had real good services that evening. Doug did the sermon, Michael was Master of

Ceremonies, and Steve lead the prayers. They had a pretty good turnout that evening. From what I saw, MCC stands a good chance of making it in Sioux City.

It was a good weekend despite the heat. One that I'll have to repeat soon.

NEWS FROM NAP

"Do I dare go to a doctor or dentist?" the Hotline caller asked. "Hearing all of this stuff on television about that dentist in Florida infecting his patient eaves me afraid. Can I ask my doctor if he is HIV+?" We have had several calls of this type in the last month or two.

And now Jesse Helms has managed to get the Senate to pass two amendments to the appropriations bill. The first requires mandatory testing of health care workers and provides for imprisonment and fines for any doctor who may infect a patient. The second allows doctors to require patients wanting surgery to be tested for HIV; if a patient refuses to be tested, the doctor can refuse to perform the surgery.

This is such an emotional issue that NAP wants you to have a few facts when discussing it with people you know or when writing to your congressional representatives.

1. The case of the Florida dentist is the only documented case of transmission of the virus to a patient during a health-related procedure. Several other physicians, including an obstetrician, have informed the national Centers for Disease (CDC) Control of their positive HIV status, and their patients have been surveyed. Only one of the patients engaged in other behaviors through which he/she may have been infected.

2. The leading theory is that the mode of transmission was an instrument that was not cleaned between patients. It is possible, therefore, that the infected patients did not get the virus from the dentist but rather at the dentist's. In other words, the theory is that the transmission may have been patient-to-patient rather than doctor-to-patient (the close genetic similarities in the virus may be explained by the belief of CDC interviewers that at least one of the HIV+ patients in Dr. Acer's practice may have been his lover). If this theory is true, mandatory testing would be an inappropriate and ineffectual response to this case. Even if the transmission was doctor-to-patient, it is an unprecedented, extreme and monumentally expensive response to one case of transmission.

3. Mandatory testing of health-care workers would not provide the safeguards that those proposing it intend. If testing were required, it would probably be an annual test, which leaves 364 days of opportunity for a health-care worker to become infected (or convert to positive status) which still "certified" an uninfected. Furthermore, in the late stages of the disease, the antibodies present in an infected person may drop off so severely that the person will have a negative

test (albeit a false negative).

Ethicists believe mandatory testing for health-care workers would be a giant step onto a slippery slope. Dr. Charles Dougherty and his group of ethicists at Creighton University Center for Health Policy and Ethics believe that mandatory testing of health professionals could set the stage for mandatory testing of other groups. This is a dangerous course, not only because of the serious erosion of civil liberties, but also because of the discrimination and stigmatization that can occur if HIV status becomes known.

These ethicists point out, however, that health professionals have an exceptionally strong moral obligation to minimize the risk of harming their patients. This means they should follow the guidelines set out by the CDC for sterilization of equipment, universal precautions, voluntary testing, and, if they are HIV+, avoidance of invasive procedures in which there is a risk of blood-to-blood contact.

NAP Case Management Census for July, 1991

Open Cases July 1, 1991	135
New Cases	14
Clients Deceased	3
Clients Moved from State	2
Open Cases July 31, 1991	144

As of 1991 began, NAP had 94 open cases. By the end of July, that number increased to 144, a 53% increase.

Clients Services Provided in July 1991	
Advocacy	174
Transportation, Bus Tickets	125
Shopping, Cooking, Etc.	98

If you know someone who is HIV+ or has AIDS, feel free to refer them to NAP. If you would like to volunteer, call the Nebraska AIDS Project for an application.

SCOUTS' DISHONOR

Former Eagle Scout Timothy Curran wants to be a Boy Scout troop leader. The Boy Scouts claim the 29-year-old former volunteer scoutmaster, who started a scout troop for the blind, is "morally unacceptable" to be a scout leader. Why? Because he is gay.

In May, a Los Angeles judge ruled the Boy Scouts can legally engage in anti-gay bias.

The ACLU, which represents Tim, is appealing the ruling.

Ironically, biographers believe Britain's Lord Baden-Powell, who founded the Boy Scout movement in 1908, was himself homosexual.

Tim has been fighting for 10 years to be a scoutmaster. Add your voice to his struggle.

Write Ben Love, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, PO Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015, call 214/580-2000 or fax 214/580-2502.

LOCAL NEWS

GLSO NEEDS YOU!

Well, Folks, another school year has rolled around, and we need your participation. The Gay/Lesbian Student Organization (GLSO) at UNO will meet on Sunday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the University Religious Center, the northeast corner of Happy Hollow and Dodge. Heidi and I (Steve) will not be available to facilitate heading up the meetings for GLSO, and we don't want to see the organization fold. Heidi has a new job which requires enormous amounts of her time, and I will have 18 credit hours while working two jobs and will have no time.

The need: In the two years that I have been involved with GLSO, we have had difficulty in getting gay/lesbian students who are interested in taking leadership roles. GLSO has not been, and hopefully will not be restricted to students of UNO, college-aged students, or students in general. However, the Office of Student Activities at UNO requires that at least one contact person be listed. This person will be a UNO student currently enrolled in classes, and will be contacted regarding any issue that pertains to student organizations or to GLSO itself. Also, the contact person will be listed on a roster of student organizations.

While Heidi nor I will be able to fully participate in the organization's functions, I

will be willing to be available on an advisory type basis. I have been asked about the organization quite often, and know that I am not the only one who does not wish to see it fold. So please, bring yourself, your ideas, leadership and cooperation to the meeting. Hope to see you there!

P.S. Other organizations' help is also invited.

THANKS, FISH!

by Sammi

Bravo! Bravo! I must say we left the community in amazement, again. I would like to give a very loving thank-you to all those who gave 100% of themselves at Real Fish Together, Again.

Special thanks goes out to Margo Monroe, Amanda Fox, and Nicole Blake. To the performers—a job well done and appreciated. You help keep dreams alive. Thanks to Mark Withrow (Victoria Towne) for your support and assistance.

Watch for the next show in October, *Temptress*—a Halloween special, at the Triangle Bar on Railroad Ave., where your wildest nightmares will come true.

Don't miss this one! Your hostess for the evening will be Sammi Bennett. See you there!

NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT (ICON)

by Carla

If your plans don't include the Labor Day Picnic, they you'd better just stop what you're doin' and change those plans! Labor Day '91 promises to be the best yet! Join us at Progressive Park for six hours of fun. Seven dollars is the general admission, but bring along some extra cash. This is the Raffle Picnic! We have scads of prizes just for you! Plus community organizations will be present with buttons and t-shirts and who knows what.

We'll have the finals of the Pyramid Contest and Tug-o-War. Trophies will be given. There'll be beer and pop to refresh you. Food will be sold. We are sorry to say that we must ask pet owners to leave their pets at home. Having pets present violates our contract.

Our festivities will end at the Meatpackers' Show Labor Day night with the drawing for the big raffle prizes. This year we are thrilled to offer as FIRST PRIZE—Airline Tickets to Chicago and Accommodations at the Marriott. SECOND—Two nights in the Presidential Suite at the Red Lion and Brunch for Two at Maxine's, and THIRD—Two Nights at the Airport Ramada Inn. Some restrictions do apply to all three prizes. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are

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just \$1. Profits from all of the ICON Labor Day festivities will be split between NAP and the ICON PWA Emergency Assistance Fund.

Investiture—What a night! Bill B. really outdid himself with the drapes and the decorations. They made a marvelous setting for the farewells of Princess Royale, Sabrina St. Golightly and Prince Royale, Gene Perrin. ICON thanks both for all they did for the community during Reign X.

Then came the introductions of the Royal Families for Reign XI. First for Athena III: Count-Fam, Lord-Deb, Grand Marquesa-Mary, Grand Marque-Sharon V., and Lady Royale-Kym. Next, the Empress: Czarina-JenniferJett, Duchess-Phoebe Tate, Princess-Stella Dallas, Grand Czarina-Gloria Revelle, and Princess Royale-Phoenix Fallentino. For the Emperor: Czar-Chris, Prince-Don, Grand Duke-Jay, Grand Czar-Bill, and Prince Royale-Scott.

Our receipts for the night were \$286. Expenses totaled \$85. That left us with profits of \$201. At our regular August meeting we voted to dispense the following funds: \$40 EAGLE (postage), \$100 Human Rights Campaign Fund (Stop Jesse Helms Fund), and approximately \$408 to ANGLE for six more months of the Gay/Lesbian Information Line.

Elections also highlighted our August meeting. To move the elections away from the same time as the entry of new monarchs to the Court, we elected officers who will serve until January. Our elections chose Duane as Treasurer, Joe as Secretary, Connie as Vice President, and Carla as President. In December new elections will take place. Congratulations to the winners.

In the August meeting ICON also approved two new board members: Paul and Scott. WELCOME! These new board members, as well as Gary—who had reapplied and been accepted, will serve a two-year term.

Don't forget the Picnic and the Raffles! See you in Court!



HAIR CARES

Fifteen Metro area salons have joined together to form the Omaha Chapter of HAIR CARES, a national foundation of hairdressers helping other hairdressers afflicted with AIDS. (see photo)

A recent Sidewalk Sale raised almost \$1200 for the Chapter. Left over merchandise was given to RCMC for their Closet Cleaning!

August 25 will be a Cut-A-Thon at Capitol Beauty Schools with some of the city's top cutters volunteering their time and talents at \$10 and \$5 a "clip."

Also in the plans are an October Walk-A-Thon and a lavish Spring Fashion Forecast Production in March.

With the additionally sales of t-shirts and buttons, the Chapter goal is \$35,000 which will be turned over to the National Foundation for distribution to ANY hairdresser afflicted with AIDS and in need of direct assistance.

For more information: 1-800-HAIRCARES or Judy McCaig, Local Publicity, 333-3329.

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MAX NEWS

by Gloria Revelle

Summer is just about over. I hope that THE MAX was able to make your summer a little more exciting. We've got a lot of things going on this fall to keep you coming back. Early in the fall, we will be opening THE MAX SALOON. Our new bar will have the best in country entertainment that you will find anywhere in the Midwest. You will be able to watch videos, dance and party in real country style. So get your boots shined up and dust off your hats and be ready when THE MAX gives you the best, again.

Our benefit show for Nebraska P.W.A.'s was quite a success. We raised well over \$2600 and donations are still coming in. Wayne Tietzert, General Manager, and Don Flowers, hosts for the show, would like to extend their thanks to all of the performers who gave of themselves for this worthy cause. A special part of the evening was Wayne's speech about being a P.W.A. I know that his words moved many and gave encouragement to others and awakened everyone's awareness.

September 20 is the seventh anniversary of THE MAX. Luck Seven they call it. One special customer will be even luckier when he/she wins a 4 day 3 night trip to The Mirage Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, compliments of THE MAX. Every time you visit THE MAX, during anniversary weekend, September 20 through the 22, you can fill out your chance to win. On Friday, September 20 we will be pouring free champagne to celebrate from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. You will also be treated to performances by your favorite Miss Max's. Saturday, September 21 stop in for more champagne from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and dance to the newest music ad party with the hottest men and women in the Midwest. Sunday, September 22 the party continues when Elite Men come to help celebrate. These are 6 of the hottest men you'll ever see. The winner of our fabulous trip will also be announced on Sunday evening and you must be present to win.

Sunday, September 8 we welcome back Jeff Miller, country music recording artist. Jeff is the perfect performer to help initiate the new MAX SALOON. Where else can you go to enjoy good live country music and the friendliest men around? I can't think of anywhere else. Don't miss it.

Miss Gay Omaha, Jennifer Jetts steps down on Sunday, September 15. Jenny has done a great job supporting the community and I know she'll do the same as our new Miss Gay Nebraska America. The new Miss Gay Omaha will be crowned on Sunday, September 29 at THE MAX. Jennifer and Phoebe Tate, Miss Gay Omaha I, will be your hostesses for this pageant. THE MAX wishes all the contestants the best of luck.

Everyone has been pretty good this summer and you've left me without dirt on anyone. Oh, I've got a few things to say about some people, but, I'll save that for when the news is really dull! But the winter months are coming up soon and you'll be hovering around the warmth of THE MAX, so I'll be keeping my eyes and ears open.

NAP SELECTS NEW DIRECTOR

Gary George was recently selected to be the next Executive Director for the Nebraska AIDS Project. He will assume the duties effective Sept. 16. Gary, a native of North Platte, comes to NAP from Washington, D.C., area with the necessary skills and enthusiasm to provide effective leadership for the organization.

Gary has years of experience in working with a variety of people in diverse settings. Currently, he is Assistant Director for Volunteer Programs at a 130-bed shelter for men, women, and families in the Northern Virginia area. In this capacity, he supervises caseworkers on the evening shift. In 1987-88, Gary was Volunteer Coordinator at a free medical clinic which provided medical care to uninsured and/or unemployed individuals, many of whom were homeless and some of whom were substance abusers.

In both of these settings Gary worked with an increasingly large numbers of person who are HIV+. Between these two jobs, he served as a minister of Faith Lutheran church in Oxon Hill, Maryland. While a minister, he served as a volunteer "Buddy" to a woman and her six-year-old child, both of whom were living with AIDS.

Gary's work in the social services field, his counseling skills, educational background, and his experience in the non-profit world as an employee, volunteer, and as a Board member provide him with a variety of skills which will enable him to serve and lead Nebraska AIDS Project.

THE CABARET... RICK SWANK/ SHEZA MANN

by Cheri Bavaard

Imagine, if you will, a brightly lit stage, bold and colorful sets, and actors dressed to the nines, singing and dancing with the beat of them.

What? Imagine made you too hot and tired to imagine? Ohhh, don't worry, you don't have to! THE CABARET IN BOYLESQUE is coming to Lincoln to renew you, refresh you and entertain you. So give your imagination a rest.

the cabaret, a sheza mann production, is a full length show featuring sheza mann herself as well as many other Lincoln entertainers. female impersonators as well as male (and I heard they're very nice) dancers. recently, I chatted with sheza mann, otherwise known as rick swank, about himself and his upcoming show:

cheri: first of all, rick, what is the cabaret about?

rick: well, let me get it straight that it's not the musical, the cabaret, but a cabaret style show. it's full of big show tunes, entertaining music that's a little odd, comedy and some slow numbers too. all the performers are male.

c: do you want to accomplish something with this show? is it just for fun?

r: it's entertainment. i enjoy it when i reach people. i'm kind of an e.f.hutton in drag, i always wanted to be a tourist attraction.

c: have you always wanted to do big shows? how did you get your start?

r: it started as a fluke in 1985. i did david bowie at the lucky lady. i also sang in a country and western band called dusty blue about two years ago.

c: how long are you going to keep it up? being on stage, i mean.

r: until i die.

c: tell me about sheza mann productions.

r: sheza mann productions is a production company that takes entertainers who are interested in different Broadway and cabaret music, and produces shows that tour with a home base in Lincoln. i want to stress that being gay is not an issue in the company. i don't think it matters for theatre or art (whether you are gay or not).

c: so where is the cabaret going to show?

r: i'm putting it on at the clayton house hotel.

c: why there?

r: i picked the clayton house because it caters to the audience as far as seating and parking, etc.

c: are you worried about homophobia?

r: no.

c: i've got to go soon, any final words of advice to beginners?

r: i like bad drag and i'll tip it any day. it's not easy to get up on stage...bad drag is funny. i'm not laughing at the person, but what they are trying to do. the older queens who sit around, laughing and making fun of the individual, forget that they were once there too. some of them who laugh have the crowns, but no audience. if someone asks me for advice, i'll evaluate them and give them guidance. they don't need titles to sell their act. the best thing to remember is that if it's bad, change it. there are no bad audiences, just bad acts.

the show runs september 4,5,6 at the clayton house hotel in Lincoln, at eight p.m. tickets are \$6 at the door.

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CHORUS NOTES

by Stan Brown

The River city Mixed Chorus is very pleased to announce our co-directors for the 1991-92 concert season, John Bennett and Jonathan Cole. We are very fortunate to be able to work with both of these very talented directors.

John Bennett is new to the Chorus as director but has been supportive of our organization for many years. John is currently taking a leave of absence as music director of the Omaha Community Playhouse. He has provided musical direction for most of the musicals on the main stage as well as many of the musicals produced by The Nebraska Theatre Caravan since 1976. John also created the musical arrangements for the nationally acclaimed Playhouse production of "A Christmas Carol." Besides the Playhouse, John has served as the Director of Music (Organist/Choirmaster) at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral since 1982 and is an active member of the American Guild of Organists and the Association of Anglican Musicians. Recently John performed his arrangement of "Fanfare for the Common Man" at our Pride Concert in June.

Jonathan Cole is returning to direct us after a very successful season and will be combining his talent with John Bennett's to create a very diverse musical season. Jonathan has served as an Associate Artist for the Omaha Community Playhouse. His original scores include "Julius Caesar" for the Playhouse and "Macbeth" produced by The Nebraska Shakespeare Festival. Other original scores for theatre include "Conestoga Stories," "Alice; A Curious Adventure," and "Spa," plus he has arranged many pieces for the Chorus this past season. Jonathan is currently serving as music director of the Playhouse for this next season.

The new season will be very exciting for the Chorus, as well as for you, our audience. Our Winter Concert will be Saturday, January 25, and the season will conclude for the Chorus the week of June 28-July 5. We will be traveling to Denver to participate in The Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses Festival IV. In between will be our Pride Concert and many other mini-performances in the community. Many of our members will also be traveling to San Diego over Labor Day weekend to attend GALA's Leadership Conference. We always bring back lots of new ideas and enjoy learning how to make our Chorus even better. For more information about the Chorus or if you would like to be on our mailing list, please write: RCMC, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103-0267, or call Toni, 558-9900.

Finally, a big thank you to the community for your support of our garage sale! With your help we had another very successful fund-raising event to help the Chorus as we start our eighth season.

AIDS COALITION SEEKS QUILT VOLUNTEERS

The display of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Ames on November 15-16 will become a reality only with the efforts of a large number of volunteers.

The AIDS Coalition of Story County, sponsors of the local exhibit, has announced appreciation to everyone who contributed at the showing of Common Threads. This fundraising kickoff netted nearly \$1000. The next fundraiser is a series of cabaret shows at the Maintenance Shop.

Additional volunteers with ideas and energy could be used in the following areas:

—Fund raising committee, to solicit major gifts and donations for the display;

—Media and publicity committee, to promote the display and generate excitement and interest;

—Education committee, to encourage other community groups to get involved in the display and to organize educational programs;

—Ceremonies committee, to develop and produce any special ceremonies, receptions, or programs associated with the display and

—Logistics committee, responsible for actual Quilt set-up and break-down, accepting deliveries, and shipping the Quilt back to San Francisco.

For information about volunteering, call the AIDS Coalition of Ames, Iowa, at 712-232-6590.

JOIN THE PFLAG PARTY!

Friday, September 13 will be an evening filled with the magic...a party to celebrate PFLAG Cornhusker's tenth birthday. A Decade of Being There...for parents, for friends, for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, people with AIDS and for one another.

Everyone is invited! The place is the Unitarian Church in Lincoln, 6300 "A" Street. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., program at 7:15, dance at 9:00. Dinner's by reservation only—\$12.00 per person. Mail a name and money to PFLAG Party, P.O. Box 4374, Lincoln, NE before Sept. 9.

Alan Hanson will emcee for the evening, with friends sharing moments of PFLAG history. Barbara DiBernard and George Wolf will perform "Acts of Omission," dramatic readings of gay/lesbian poems that are not taught in school.

At 9:00 one of Lincoln's favorite all woman rhythm and blues bands will tune up for the dance. Tickets for the dance are \$4.00 per person and may be purchased with dinner reservations—or at the door. Even if you don't come to dinner, come to boogie.

September also marks the tenth anniversary of the national organization of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

by Tom G.

The news from Kearney. . .well, we just didn't have any for this last month. Actually the Empty Closet took a break from the printing of a regular newsletter because it's summer and the editor was gone.

The Empty Closet continues to thrive in the tri-cities. Our ongoing search for money and materials to staff this last outpost to western Nebraska is starting to pay off. As with any new organization, in a small population area, it's hard to get people to contribute until you have a track record. But as we increase our numbers and sustain our programs more people are helping out. So far, knock on wood, the income has matched the outgo. Thanks to all the people that continue to make this group possible. As was mentioned by Kathy E. of the Omaha P-FLAG in last month's edition of the NVN, The Empty Closet and the Kearney P-FLAG made a presentation to U.S. West out of Grand Island recently. It was a long day for P-FLAG's Kathy T. and Tom G. of the Empty Closet, making three presentations in a seven hour period. We know of several of those attending that our message hit home to.

Coming up for the Empty Closet will be a presentation to some 83 resident assistants

at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. And plans are in the works to speak to a couple of church groups and more colleges.

On a different level, the E.C. has been receiving an average of two calls a week from people that are just beginning to question their sexual orientation. For some of these people, this is taking place after being married for 10-15 years. One common phrase we hear is, "Where were you a year ago?" or "five years ago?" etc. The need has always been great to have a support group.

John R., a VERY big helper of E.C., took a position with a college out in California in July. He has mixed emotions about leaving the tri-city area because of his involvement with our gay community. John put in many hours making copies and working on special projects for us. It will be hard to replace him on many levels.

One quick note. The Empty Closet is working on a one year party/dinner to be held around December 6, 1991. We are looking for some entertainment for the night to accompany the food and a possible dance.

Plans for a statewide get-together of lesbian/gay/bisexual organizations still progress, but at a slow pace. We await responses from many organizations that we sent questionnaires to.

Soooooo, that's about all for now folks. Please keep in mind that the Empty Closet keeps working because of your support for it. Services, money or other things you can donate will be appreciated. Thanks.

MCC-O NEWS

by Carla

The members and friends of MCC-O were saddened this month with the announcement by Rev. Howard that he would be terminating his contract with the Church effective January 1, 1992. Rev. Howard has been the pastor at MCC-O since May of 1989. He plans to remain in Omaha and continue working on his Master's Degree in Social Work.

Accepting Rev. Howard's resignation, the Board of Directors has begun the process of filling the position. I'll keep you posted on the progress of that search.

In other news—At the Congregational Forum on Aug. 11, two committees were formed to continue our movement towards a new church building. One committee is busy checking the city codes affecting churches, and the other is planning a fund-raising campaign to increase the money available for a down payment and the move.

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SUNDAY, September 1

Delores Berry, Evangelist
Morning Worship, 10:20am
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th

Ice Cream Social, 12noon
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th
Proceeds: NAP/ICON PWA

Two Wheelers of Omaha, M.C.
Monthly Meeting, 12 noon
The Diamond Bar, 712 S 16
Write: Box 3216, Omaha 68103

Women's Riverboat Ride
Midnite Sunday to 3am Monday
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MONDAY, September 2 LABOR DAY!!

ICON Labor Day Picnic, 12 - 6pm,
Progressive Park just south of
South Omaha Bridge Road on
35th Street, Council Bluffs, \$7 adm
Sorry, no pets.

Support Group for Bisexuals
Open to All Sexes, 7:30pm
Comerstone (Upstairs)
640 N. 16th, Lincoln

Meatpackers Show, 10pm
Proceeds: ICON PWA fund
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

TUESDAY, September 3
A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New
Gay/Lesbian Endeavors) 7pm
UNO Religious Center
101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha

WEDNESDAY, September 4
"Cabaret in Boylesque", 8pm
Sheza Mann Productions
Clayton House Hotel, Lincoln,
Tickets: \$6 at door

THURSDAY, September 5
"Cabaret in Boylesque" 8pm
Clayton House Hotel, Lincoln

FRIDAY, September 6
"Cabaret in Boylesque" 8pm
Clayton House Hotel, Lincoln

SATURDAY, September 7
Coalition 1st Saturday Event
"Parents' Panel", Comerstone,
640 N. 16th, Lincoln, 7-10pm.

SUNDAY, September 8
New Voice Steering Committee
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th, 1pm
Omaha Men (OMEN), 1:30pm
Write: PO Box 3706
Omaha, NE 68103

Parents-FLAG/Omaha, 3pm
1st Methodist Educational Wing
7020 Cass, 291-6781

THE MAX Saloon Opens with
Jeff Miller, Country/Western
The Max, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

MONDAY, September 9

ICON Board of Governors Mtg, 6:30pm
The Max, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm
St Cecelias, 40th & Webster, Omaha

FRIDAY, September 13

Parents-FLAG Cornhusker Chapter
10th Anniv Party/Dance, Unitarian
Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 11:30-12
Dinner/Programs 6:30pm. Reservations
Required, Call 471-7716. Send check
before Sept 9 to Box 4374, Lincoln 68504
Dance (Live Music) Tkt Only \$4

River City Gender Alliance
Additional Meeting Time/Place
Write: RCGA, PO Box 650
Council Bluffs, IA 51502

SUNDAY, September 15

Parents-FLAG/Keamey, 3pm
St Johns, 2nd Ave at 23rd St
Call for info: (308) 237-3870

Jennifer Jett, Miss Gay Omaha
Stepping Down Show, 9:30pm
The Max, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

TUESDAY, September 17

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rts.
Board Meeting, 7:30pm,
St Marks, 13 & R, Lincoln

FRIDAY, September 20

THE MAX's 7th Anniversary
Register for Las Vegas Trip
Free Champagne 9 - 10pm
The Max, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

SATURDAY, September 21

THE MAX's 7th Anniversary
Register for Las Vegas Trip
Free Champagne 9-10pm
The Max, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

SUNDAY, September 22

"Elite Men" perform at the MAX's
7th Anniversary Party, Drawing for
Las Vegas Trip. Must be present to win
The Max, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

Gay/Lesbian Student Org (GLSO)
Organizational Meeting, 7pm
UNO Religious Center,
101 N Happy Hollow, Omaha

MONDAY, September 23
Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Service
St. Marks, UNL, 13 & R, 7pm

TUESDAY, September 24
Parents-FLAG/Lincoln, 7pm
Unitarian Church, 6300 A,
Program: "Listening, A Major
Part of Communication",
For Info: 435-4688
Gay/Lesbian Youth Invited
Separate Group at Same Time

SATURDAY, September 28
Metro Club "BallGames" Day
Write: PO Box 31331
Omaha 68131

SUNDAY, September 29
Miss Gay Omaha Pageant, 9:30pm
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

Metropolitan Community Church
of Omaha, 420 S 24, 345-2563
Morning Worship: 10:20am
Prayer/Communion: 7pm

Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers
Running Walking Club 10am

Monday

Queer Nation Nebraska, being
Re-Formed, Watch for Info

Alternate Test Site, 7-10pm
NAP, 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsal
Lowe Ave Presbyterian,
1023 N 40, Omaha, 7:15pm

Tuesday

"Out in the 90's" Gay News Service
Cable Channel 14, Lincoln

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30pm
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24, 345-2563

Wednesday

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

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

Empty Closet Support Group
Grand Island/Hastings Alternate
Details: (308) 234-6500

Lesbian Discussion Group, 7:30pm
Lincoln, UNL Nebraska Union,
Women's Resource Center, 14th & R

Lambda Plush Group, 7:30pm
Overeaters Anonymous
"Family & Friends" Building
3622 N. 90 St, Omaha
Info: 341-7716 or 978-8777

Thursday

Alternate Test Site, 7 - 10pm
NAP, 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Assoc, 8pm
Room 342, Nebraska Union, UNLincoln

Empty Closet Support Group
Kearney Meetings (308) 234-8248

Friday

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
345-9916, 8pm, Pella Lutheran
303 S 41, Omaha

Saturday

Women's Support Group, 11am
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24, 345-2563



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LOCAL NEWS

(cont'd from page 13)

Both committees will report their workings at the October Board of Directors' Meeting.

Also coming up in October is EXCEL—a weekend retreat to strengthen Lay Leadership. For more details, contact the Church Office.

Please join us Sunday for Church. Our services are at 10:20 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! See you in Church!

METRO CLUB ALIVE AND WELL

Metro Club (The Metropolitan Club) has revised its description to avoid misunderstanding and to point out its emphasis on the social aspect of the organization. If you wish to "network" with other individuals in our organization, as our old description stated, please feel free to join us at our events.

We have been somewhat inactive lately. However, the Metro board has taken some action to remedy this. Rather than continue with our *Spur-of-the-Moment* activities, we have decided to pinpoint dates and assign them activities. We started the fall with an ethnic potluck and volleyball get-together August 25 in Elmwood Park. Members brought a main dish, side dish, or dessert

from the ethnic group of their choice.

For the remainder of the year, we are planning a "Ball" game day for September 28. This will feature a not-too-terribly-serious softball game. We'll also include other "ball" games for your enjoyment. October will feature a costume dance to help celebrate Halloween. There may even be an added activity that month depending on membership interest. November will see a favorite—movie night. There has been talk among Metro board members of having those attending come in costume from their favorite movie, bring some item depicting their favorite movie, or even making it a pajama party theme. We'll have to see what develops! December will round out the year with the Metro Club's annual meeting and holiday event.

Please watch for additional information about these events. Join us if you can or write to us at P.O. Box 31331, Omaha, NE 68131-0331 for more information. If you happen to know one of the board members, ask them—they're always willing to share information with you.

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JOURNAL OF HOMOSEXUALITY INCLUDED IN SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX

The Haworth Press, Inc., announces that the *Journal of Homosexuality* has been voted for selection in the *Social Sciences Index* published by H.W. Wilson Company.

The *Journal of Homosexuality*, launched approximately 18 years ago, is under the editorship of John P. De Cecco, PhD, Professor and Director of the Center for Research in Sexuality (CERES) of San Francisco State University.

Periodicals are included in the prestigious *Social Sciences Index* only by a popular vote of the library-subscribers of the Index itself. Inclusion in the SSI indicates strong usage of the journal in both academic and public libraries.

The *Journal of Homosexuality* is also the only scholarly journal dealing with specifically gay/lesbian issues now included in *Index Medicus* (National Library of Medicine) and *Social Science Citation Index* (Institute for Scientific Information).

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AIDS SUPPORT GROUP HOSTS SPEAKER

by RJ

On a Thursday evening at the First Unitarian Church on July 11, an AIDS Support Group hosted an open house with guest speaker, Mr. Arthur Dutkey, Vice Chair and founder of the Committee for Hypothermia Awareness.

It was a thought-provoking presentation. I had only seen two articles on this subject. Fortunately, packets were passed out, putting more light on the procedure. I think I would have been more comfortable if someone was there during the presentation with a medical background so that more questions could have been answered. Whenever any doctor prescribes medication and/or treatment to me, the first question I ask is, "What harm can it do?" So, it bothered me to see (to my knowledge) no one there from the medical profession.

This is a difficult article to write. I'm not in the medical profession, nor am I HIV+. So I can't see through someone's eyes who is, nor can I feel as they feel. But I can sense a very possible danger here, as well as a false hope. I have poured over my notes, studied the handout packet, and agonized over this writing.

I did go to the medical profession and ask them, "What harm can this method or treatment do? What can happen when blood is heated to 108° for two hours?" I can only quote from the article in the packet taken from the *New York Times* of September 3, 1990.

Dr. Fauci, federal AIDS researcher said, "There was very little rationale for the procedure, since some laboratory experiments had shown that heat actually increased the activity of the virus, rather than killing it. In addition, there is a substantial risk from the procedure, including blood clotting and heart failure, which can be caused by the heating and cooling procedure."

The latter part of the quotation, about blood clotting and heart failure, is what two people in the medical profession that I talked to commented on: Heating the blood breaks it down, causes it to clot, and could lead to a stroke, especially if one or several of these clots lodged in the head. The clots could also lodge in the heart and cause a massive coronary thrombosis.

There was also comment about treating one's self by use of a spa. Here again, this could be potentially dangerous.

I have tried to present this therapy in as fair a light as I can. After finding out about the dangers possible, I feel these, too, should be pointed out. Anyone considering such treatment should know both the pros and cons of this treatment.

When a life is on the line, one should explore every avenue open to them. That is why God gave humans the brains they have. To think, to reason. I would urge anyone

who is even remotely thinking of Hypothermia treatment, to really study this over carefully. Study all you can. Ask people in the medical profession for their opinions. This treatment, and self-treatment, is very controversial.

Be as knowledgeable as you can. Know both the pros and cons. Only you can make the decision as to the treatment's benefits, if any, and to the very possible dangers involved.

DEAR MOM & DAD

The following letter is intended not only to relay an important and vital message to my parents but also to be of hope and strength for other strained relationships due to this battle we are waging with AIDS.

Dear Mom and Dad,

This letter has been a long time in coming because I have been trying to give you bits and pieces of it over the last 56 months. And with your visit this past weekend during a crucial time for all of us, both medically and emotionally, I decided it was time to tell you what I have been trying to all this time.

First of all, your visit meant a great deal to me, probably more than you'll ever know. It was more healing than any medication could possibly be. I know it was hard for you both to come up and whatever caused you to decide to come doesn't matter. What matters is that you came. Though we had a real nice visit, there was so much I wanted to say and I sensed that you also held back. Whether it was due to an uncomfortableness with expressing feelings and emotions or just plain fear.

I think we have come a long way together through all of this and I don't want us to 'fall back' because we have a long and difficult road still ahead of us. And most of all, we need to be open and honest with each other... not holding things back from one another. We shouldn't be afraid of asking questions, showing emotion and expressing our feelings in fear we will offend or hurt one another. Whether it be anger, sadness, fear, uncertainty, or guilt, it can't 'get healthy' until it's brought out into the open... we can do it! Even you, Dad! The feelings are there... why not release them! It feels much better to do so.

If I learned one thing from this disease... it's this. That we are all given opportunities and choices in our lives and it's up to us, as individuals, what we do with what is given us. AIDS has opened my eyes, mind, and heart to this reality, in turn enriching my life tremendously. If we give it a chance it can enrich all of our lives. There are so many losses due to AIDS that I am angered to see even one of the few positive offerings being missed and passed up.

After my diagnosis in 1985, we were all thrown into a whirlwind of fear, uncertainty, hopelessness, and sadness. Boy, it seems

decades ago, but still painfully clear. I knew about AIDS as a medical condition 'others' were dying with but I was immune to AIDS as a human disease that had the possibility of affecting all of our lives. As a result, I was ill prepared to not only face and accept the disease as a person... now forced to confront it but also in providing information and support for your own acceptance. Somehow though, we came to numerous barriers that continued to confront us. We made many mistakes but we never failed each other because we gave it our all. We overcame what the government, medical profession, media, church, and the majority (heterosexual, morally self-righteous, white) was forcing on us. That we were faced with a fatal disease that was a 'payback' for the undesirables of society. Gays, people of color, IV drug users, and women. There wasn't and still isn't a simple one-step solution to being able to conquer this fallacy but we managed to do it by combining forces.

We accepted one another as one another. No lectures for change. No moral speeches. Just plain, unconditional acceptance that every individual has a need and right to choose their own way. Choices with our moral belief differing... we accepted that as being ours and not each other's.

We can together, though reluctantly at times due to our own fears of vulnerability and rejection. Your initial reaction to my diagnosis over the phone was to give me the biggest, most warm-felt hug that I have ever experienced. Remember? I'll never forget!

We unconditionally reached out, loved, and supported one another. We certainly had our rough spots at times but we never gave in because we knew we were worth it. We were worth the struggles and damn hard work. With love on our side, how could we fail?

We overdosed each other with hope, faith, and laughter. We became one and the same through tears, hugs, and screams. We supported one another by expressing our fears, anger, helplessness, hopelessness, and uncertainties. And we continued to strive, thrive, and live with this chronic, manageable disease because we are making full use of what has been given us.

I often say to others that I couldn't have made it through AIDS without my Mom and Dad. I don't say this out of my own weaknesses or your strengths, but because I am proud and thankful of the fact we chose to battle against the unknown forces and came through it not alone and isolated but together and loved.

Though the war isn't over or won, our battle will remain strong with our love, spirit, hope, faith, and unity. We will win this draining but enriching war with love and hope.

I LOVE YOU DAD AND MOM!!
Daniel Trzebiatowski

NATIONAL NEWS

LIVING IN LEATHER VI

The National Leather Association is proud to announce their 6th annual conference, to be held October 10 - 13, 1991 in Chicago. The Executive House Inn will be hosting the majority of Living in Leather VI events, including 3 days of workshops and vendors' exhibits.

In five years, Living in Leather has grown from a relatively small regional event, to an International Conference drawing over 700 people from many countries. The Conference represents a celebration and sharing of knowledge, spirit, and lifestyle among the Leather/SM/Fetish community. Both the NLA and Living in Leather draw from a pansexual membership, and welcome men and women of all orientations and interests.

This year's conference highlights will include the 5th annual National Mr/Ms NLA competition, Play Parties, and many social and political events during the four days of fun. This year also marks the first time LIL has been held outside the Pacific Northwest, and many new faces are expected from across the continent.

Registration information for LIL VI is available from NLA/National at PO Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107, or by calling (206) 789-8990. For Hotel reservations, call the Executive House, 1-800-621-4005, and mention Living in Leather. For all persons interested in the Safe, Sane, and Consensual lifestyle represented by the Leather, SM/Fetish community and the NLA, Living in Leather VI is an experience you'll never forget!

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BODY BUILDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On June 29th, several blocks from the heart of the Castro in San Francisco, athletes from the U.S. and Canada spent the day competing in the Fifth Annual Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships. Men and women oiled up, pumped up, and psyched up in anticipation of a gold, silver, or bronze medal. J.B. Brod of Dallas won a gold medal in the Women's Middleweight Division, James Michael Lavigne and Nicole Tracey Lewis from Montreal took home gold medals in the Mixed Pairs.

If you're a bodybuilder who's interested in competing in Physique 92 (next June) now is the time to get ready. Remember we not only have Mixed pairs but we have Same Sex Pairs, too! We also encourage older men and women to compete. We have 40 - 49, 50-59, and 60 and up categories.

For more information write to Arcadia Bodybuilding Society, 1230 Market Street, Suite 221, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call 415-431-6254.

VIVA ROSIE

Some positive developments from sitcom land! Martin Mull's character on ABC's top-rated *Roseanne* "came out". When his friend

Jerry came to pick him up after work, it became apparent they were lovers. Roseanne's reaction: a knowing glance exchanged with a fellow waitress (yet even this simple scene was enough to provoke protests from fundamentalist groups). The *Daily News* reported that Harvey Fierstein is writing a script for the show in which he would play Roseanne's gay brother-in-law.

Praise these developments and encourage the show to continue developing Leon and other characters who are openly gay or lesbian. Write: Marcy Carsey and Tom Werner, Executive Producers at Carsey-Werner Co., 4024 Radford Ave., Los Angeles, CA 91604.

Courtesy of Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

NGLTF CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE

Creating Change 1991 will feature 63 workshops plus provocative plenary speakers, networking sessions, an "agit-prop" swap shop, and social events. Creating Change will be held in Alexandria, VA, just outside of Washington, D.C., November 7-11.

On Friday, November 8, the Diversity Training Institute will help activists prepare for more effective multi-cultural leadership

and coalition work in their organizations, on the job and in society. Racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, classism, agism, and ableism will be discussed.

The People of Color Institute will feature a full day of discussions and workshops on the critical issues affecting activists of color in the lesbian and gay movement. Topics to be covered include racism in our movement, diversity, building and strengthening people of color organizations, and broadening the agendas of gay and lesbian groups.

Scholarship assistance is available for people of color, activists with disabilities and activists with limited income who would like to attend the 4th annual National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute Creating Change Conference.

The limited scholarship assistance, made possible by grants to NGLTF from foundations and individuals, will help defray conference fees. Individuals must obtain a scholarship application form from NGLTF, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009-4309, attention: SCHOLARSHIPS/Brian Albert. Applicants for scholarships must also submit one letter of support from an activist or organization with whom they work. Applications received after September 2, 1991 will be considered depending on availability of scholarship funds.

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Dinner.....\$12 by Reservation Only.....6:30 p.m.
(does not include dance)

Program.....7:15 p.m.



Dance

\$4.00.....9:00 - 11:45 p.m.
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For more information
471-7716

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Douglas County Health Department

1201 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE 68105; Tues./Wed./Thurs. 9-3 by appointment. (402) 444-6875.

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department AIDS Program, 2200 St. Marys Ave., Lincoln, NE 68502. By appointment. Also counseling & support. (402) 471-8065.

Nebraska AIDS Project

3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105; (402) 342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437] [statewide].

INFORMATION & REFERRAL

American Red Cross

1701 E St., Lincoln 68501. Call (402) 471-7997. 3838 Dewey Av., Omaha, NE 68131. Call (402) 341-2723.

Douglas County Health Department

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

INFORMATION & REFERRAL continued

Lincoln Cancer Center
64600 Valley Rd., Lincoln, NE 68510, (402) 483-1872; Barb Morton.

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department AIDS Program, 2200 St. Marys Av., Lincoln, NE 68502. HIV Testing, counseling, & support. (402) 471-8065.

Nebraska AIDS Education & Training Center
AIDS education to health care professionals. UNO Medical Center, 600 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE 68198-5130. (402) 559-6681.

Nebraska AIDS Project

3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105; (402) 342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437] [statewide]. AIDS Hotline, HIV Testing, support groups, practical support, counseling, AIDS awareness programs, and literature.

Nebraska Regional Hemophilia Center

UNO Medical Center, 600 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE 68198-5130. (402) 559-4227.

Veterans Administration Medical Center

42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, NE 68105, (402) 346-8800; Dean Pierce, Ext. 4119.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL continued

Viral Syndrome Clinic
University of Nebraska Medical Center, 600 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE 68198, (402) 559-6202.

LEGAL

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

AIDS Interfaith Network
100 N. 62nd St., Omaha, NE 68132. Brother William Mosger, (402) 558-3100. (Archdiocese Office - Chancery). Healing Service, 7pm, 2nd Monday, Nebraska Chapel St. Cecelia's, 40th & Webster, Omaha.

Lincoln Caseworker

(402) 474-2423

Nebraska AIDS Project

Omaha Office: 342-4233.

Open Door Ministry-Lincoln

(402) 474-2439; Fr. David

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)-Lincoln: AIDS Support Group, P.O. Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504. Meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm. (402) 475-2437; AIDS info. & support line.

LINCOLN

Arbor Moon Bookstore, 1448 "E" St, Lincoln, NE 68502. Wally 476-7389/489-4634, M-F 12-4pm, Th-F 7-9pm, Sat 1-5pm. Women's books.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous (402) 438-5214 A.A. central office for location.

Gay Men's Support Group
UNL Counseling Center, 1234 Admin. Bldg., UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588-0499. (402) 472-3461. Confidential support group for gay men.

Lesbian Support Group
Women's Resource Center, Room 117, Nebraska Union, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588. (402) 472-2597 Informal weekly discussion group.

Lincoln Legion of Lesbians
624 N. 25th St., Lincoln, NE 68503. Lesbian-feminist collective, newsletter, support.

Nbr. Scholarship Fund for G/L Students
Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503. (402) 477-1664. Non-profit scholarship with NU Foundation.

New Directions Center
(402) 476-2802. Short term counseling/support for coming out, parenting, & relationships.

New Freedom
Gay/Lesbian info. & support. (402) 466-4627

Open Door Ministry (402) 423-8070. Orthodox spiritual counseling to all in need. No charge.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Southeast Comm. Col. G/L Student Assoc.
P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, (402) 477-1664 or 477-9216. Student org. for SCC students, Gays, Lesbians, educ, social, political activities.

Support Group For Bisexuals
P.O. Box 80913, Lincoln, NE 68501-0913. Open to all sexes. Meets 1st Monday at 7:30pm, upstairs at Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th Street.

UNL Gay and Lesbian Student Association
2 Nebraska Union, Lincoln, NE 68588-0455, 472-5644. Social/support org. for G/L Students, meets every Thursday night at 8pm.

UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Assoc., Inc.
Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, (402) 477-1664. Social, educational, & political network for UNL's G/L alumni/ae, faculty, staff, & students.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center.
342 Nebraska Union, Lincoln, NE 68588-0455, 472-5644. Social activities, referrals, & support.

The Wimm'n's Show
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Women's Journal-Advocate
Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501.

OMAHA

Affirmation-Omaha
556-7701. United Methodists for gay/lesbian concerns. Meets monthly.

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay Lesbian Endeavors), P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131-0375. Networking, Consciousness raising, and PRIDE activities in the community.

Citizens For Equal Protection
c/o MCC-Omaha, P.O. Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103. Legislative action group working for Human Rights ordinance.

EAGLE - Omaha
Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians. A resource group for employees of US WEST. Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on the Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha, NE 68102.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers
P.O. Box 4583, Omaha, NE 68104-0583. (SASE for info). Meet Wed., 6:30pm at Ford birth site, 32nd & Woolworth.

Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line
(402) 558-5303.

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th St., 345-2563. Meets Tuesdays at 7:30pm.

Metropolitan Club
Box 31331, Omaha, NE 68131-0331. A social alternative to Omaha's bar scene. Helps promote a positive perspective within our community.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC) Mailing address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103. Services at 420 S. 24th St., Omaha, NE 68103. Sunday worship: 10:20am, 7pm. 345-2563.

Mishpachah Chavarith
Jewish Gays and Lesbians. (402) 551-0510: Gary.

Omaha Meatpackers
455-6876 for info. A Leather and Levi Club with emphasis on fundraising for AIDS-related projects.

Omaha Men: OMEN; Omaha Women: OWOMEN
Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68103-0706. Men interested in masculinity and masculine image; Women's organization related to OMEN.

OLIS (Our Love Is Special)
P.O. Box 11335, Omaha, NE 68111. Support/social group for women of all colors.

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns
(402) 733-1360: Cleve. Meets last Sat. of month Jan. - Oct. & 2nd Sat. of Dec. No Nov. meeting.

River City Bowling League
(402) 3464110 [Scott] or (402) 493-6118 [Charlie].

River City Gender Alliance
P.O. Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502. Support group for transsexuals, transgenderists, cross dressers and those supportive of them. Meets monthly. Write for information.

River City Mixed Chorus
Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103-0267. Phone: 558-9900. Volunteer chorus for G/L/Sensitive people.

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.
Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131, (402) 451-5631. Meetings, info, & support for Lesbians/ Gays.

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103. Monthly meeting first Sunday at 12 noon, Diamond Bar.

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Organization
Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320. Call Steve: 345-8121.

Women's Support Group
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th St., 345-2563. Support group for women. Meets Saturdays at 11am.

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power-Nebraska
P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, (402) 477-1664. Statewide militant org. to fight for AIDS improvements, homophobia, and all forms of discrimination. Coordinator: Rodney A. Bell II

Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights
Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509. Advocacy/lobbies for G/L civil rights, newsletter, & social events. Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, St. Marks, 13th & R, UNL Campus; 1st Saturday Events at Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th St., Lincoln, 7-10pm.

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
Box 2381, Kearney, NE 68848. Call (308) 234-6500. Meets Thursdays in Kearney, Wednesdays in Grand Island, Hastings alternating.

Imperial Court of Nebraska
Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102. Social organization for advancement of gay society.

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

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#4011 19th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sun. at St. John's Episcopal. Call Bob or Reenie Baker (308) 237-3870.

#Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 435-4688. Meets 4th Tues., 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St. Special group for family members of people with HIV meets same time & place.

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