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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## RSVP

Dear New Voice Staff:

This letter is LONG overdue—about six months worth by the time you receive and (hopefully) publish it.

It's always fun to get together and parties. And the meaning of RSVP. For those of you unaware of the meaning of "RSVP," it means "Please Reply." Most of us are educated enough to know that. But it seems that those who do know lack in social graces. I'm referring to a New Year's party (1989) in which invitations were sent with "RSVP" printed on them. A few people replied (very few) and the rest of the so-called guests showed up. The hostesses, rather than we have enough food, ordered enough food for the intended number of invited guests—only by the way, were (supposedly) invited. These "Wimps" not only didn't reply, they didn't show up! Now these ladies are very dear friends of mine and have seen me through some stressful times. It infuriates me to see them instead like they were. All a taken is a telephone call to let someone know if you're going to attend a function or not. A simple "yes" or "no" is sufficient. You don't even have to make an excuse. An "I already have plans" will do.

To people if you receive an invitation with "RSVP" on it, take a couple of minutes and let someone know whether you'll be attending or not.

Of course, I don't really expect anyone to read this letter and be polite, but at least I feel better for having written it.

On

P.S. The editorial to party was also an anniversary party which makes the occasion twice as depressing because the hostesses were asking more people they thought were friends to join them in the celebration of their first anniversary of their Holy Union.

## FORTE DE SADE

Dear Editor:

I was doubly saddened on the Gayweek letter from Forte De Sade.

We met about a year ago at "Chaos" and she was a great impression and good friend to me from the moment we spoke.

She was always there to help when I needed a friend—whether it was running me to the car when I was too drunk to stand much less walk or offering words of wisdom and guidance while I was going through a very painful break-up. She gave friendship and support, in person when possible or over the phone when necessary, never asking for anything in return and probably wouldn't have accepted more than a verbal "Thank-you".

There is one of very few who genuinely cares for people and is not just seeking self-

gratification.

We've lost contact that to busy school schedules, phone bills and having half of the time between us, but she remains my mind frequently. I will always remember and owe a lot to Forte.

If anyone keeps contact with her, please let her say, "Hello, thank you, love you and may the gods bless and protect."

Love and Light,

Sue H. in North Platte.

## TO THE NEW VOICE AND THE NEBRASKA COMMUNITY,

Efforts, immediately, I will not be involved with any volunteer activity at the gay/bisexual community and the New Voice. The past seven years have been filled with thousands of activity and it is now time for me to withdraw and take care of personal matters—career, education and growth.

I have felt a great sense of personal pride from my experiences with people and hope that my dreams for the University of Nebraska community and the state carry on. I can remember days when there were no support services at UNL, no non-discrimination policy, programming committee or viable support for the gay/bisexual students. Now, all of these are in place and even have grown. What I consider very events during my activities include: establishment of the UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, creation of a gay/bisexual programming committee, UNL, Creation Day, creation of a Gay Men's Support Group, the birth of the New Voice after six years, the institution of the scholarship fund and finally, several occasions as a presenter and class at UNL. (The years 1980-1991) Undergraduate Handbook for it, journal of just individual characteristics. There are many other accomplishments, but all of them add up to victory you can do what you see fit to do.

People that I feel are women and people I would like to recognize is a much influence in my life are: Larry Diers - United Minister to Higher Education for her love and devotion, Margaret Mullin, Ph.D. - UNL, Community Health for her dedication, Kathleen Taylor for her insight, feedback and inspiration, Louise Orsinger for her example of courage and perseverance since UNL (A very admirable person), Lois Diaz - Professor for always being there and Arthur Gilchrist-Louisiana County Health for her personal dedication to the community and to AIDS education. Others, who shall remain name-



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

less, I thank you and will do so personally.

I hope this I have had an impact on many people's lives and people will continue to carry on some of my dreams. I have recalled them in various forums at LNC. Finally, thanks for the rare opportunity to serve as a catalyst for growth. I want to leave you with two of my own expressions for your benefit: "Personnel over payoffs, but not always," and "Everyone should be allowed expression, even if it should be allowed repression."

I will still be available for consultation as any time.

Sincerely, Shirley A. Bell 2

## TO THE COMMUNITY:

I would like to take some space here to say a few words to everyone.

Two years ago, I decided to run for the office of President for the Gay Lesbian Youth Organization (GLYO) at UNO. To my surprise, and immediate terror, I was elected to the office. I was 22, knew no one, had no contacts and no experience. I was President of a small group that had no treasury, few members and no other officers than myself. But I had a lot of ideas and a tremendous amount of energy.

I had some struggles. I was young and had to work in the clubs seriously by the University and other gay/lesbian organizations. I was willing to do anything, sit at a table on campus under a sign that read "Gay Lesbian Student Organization", mostly as a pride parade with a yellow banner proclaiming the group's name, and anything else that anyone asked for.

But I was victorious. I became known, respected and even much-loved, for the University paid my airfare to Durham, NC for the National Lesbian Conference in March 1985. L.C.O.N. liked so what the University would do. People were now asking me to write

things of importance, I had contacts, knew the right people and gained a wealth of experience.

Then, through a twist of fate, I was asked to be Lady Royale at Adlers II. I was crowned in December 1985. I took my duties seriously and worked hard.

In April of 1986, I started to put my education to use, and began to write for the New Voice of Nebraska.

At Commission X, I was generously surprised when I received a plaque thanking me for my service and dedication to the gay/lesbian community. I was surprised because there are so many people that have helped me. They too should be recognized.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the following people for their assistance, guidance, support and love through everything I have encountered in the past two years, and everything that will be encountered in the future: James, Greg, Lennie, Jerry, Bob, David, Erik, Wm, Carl, Maxine, Fern, Steve, Greg, Bruce, my employers and the list goes on, but my parents, who don't always understand me, but love and support me anyway. With Sixteen Love,  
Heidi Ingersoll-Hess

## "OPEN LETTER TO CARY"

Jimmy brother Cary, and to all loved ones and friends who have rejected us, people living with the HIV disease and AIDS.

Though we may not see him here (prototype in the past, don't use this disease to further distance us).

Though you may be have understood and accepted my sexuality, liberty and heterosexuality in the past, AIDS is not my punishment for what you and others may consider "sexual wrongs" on my part.

Though you might like to think I was "jugged" by the disease because of my

sexual preference, my behavior or the color of my skin, don't make the final assumption that you couldn't just as easily be filling my shoes with your own life's dream.

Though you hear from others that I am arrogant, coldhearted and dirty—I promise that I am no more dirty than when we were found playing together in the neighborhood mud puddle. Nor are infectious diseases of your making. And to those arrogant that say it's a "love for all mankind".

Though others may think I am bitter or isolated from "their" society, have we ever let "others" that want to hold onto the love or us in the past.

Though I'm the "bigger" brother, I remember you were always the one in reaching to others and even to my cousin. Though I no longer need reaching, I could see your support and strength.

Acknowledging my existence will not "black label" you. Denouncing and chastizing you as uneducated and backwards will not be useful with you, you remain.

Recognizing your shame, disappointment, sadness, anger and rage will not do anything but provide us with a starting point to play out our feelings with one another.

Showing concern by crying, screaming, begging, hitting and kicking doesn't understand you, the mutual acceptance both of us.

Let's not allow AIDS to supply us with excuses to isolate one from another.

Be willing to talk with you, to share, to argue, to cry, to laugh and to smile together as we bring it over.

AIDS has taken many things from us, but our love is what we don't hand to, one of which brings our friendship which can give and strengthen if we give it the chance.

Written and submitted by:  
David G. Tomaszewski



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## GOVERNOR DENIES PRIDE WEEK PROCLAMATION

Despite requests from at least four different Gay/Lesbian Organizations, Governor Kay Orr refused to issue a statement proclaiming the week of June 17-23 as Gay/Lesbian Pride Week in Nebraska.

The Governor did not respond to the request personally but had her Administrative Assistant, Doug J. Wynn, write short replies.

The replies reproduced below, recycled into the Gay/Lesbian community to get a big enough response in Nebraska to warrant such a proclamation. The Governor also indicated that such a proclamation would not benefit the common good of all Nebraskans.

I would challenge each of you to make your sentiments known to Governor Orr. Let her know in a brief letter or with a please call that you support the Gay/Lesbian community of Nebraska and how you feel about her failure to proclaim "Gay/Lesbian Pride Week" in Nebraska.

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## MAYOR P.J. MORGAN ISSUES WATERED DOWN PROCLAMATION

P.J. Morgan responded to A.N.O.L.E.'s request for a proclamation of Gay/Lesbian Pride Week in Omaha by offering a watered down version. In a statement to Waz Perry, Co-Moderator of A.N.O.L.E., Mayor Morgan

stated that for political reasons he could not issue a proclamation using the words Gay and Lesbian this year. Instead, the mayor agreed to issue a proclamation for "Understanding Our Differences: Respect for all Persons Week," he suggested a proletrally present the proclamation at the Gay Pride Rally on June 23. At the time of this writing, it is not known if the Mayor or one of his representatives will actually be present to make the proclamation. Look in the phone section for details.

## THOUGHT ON THE QUILT PROJECT

by RJ

The quilt is coming to Lincoln October 20 and 21 and through the commission are being set up in Lincoln. It will also take Omaha to pitch it. Omaha will set up commissions to work with commissions in Lincoln helping to bring the Quilt to Nebraska.

One standing block is where employing the proletrally the Quilt coming in Nebraska. Initially it was to be displayed in Agri Hall on the new fairgrounds, however there is a restriction in this building, and being that will be the big festival weekend, the restaurant will be open. The Quilt commission from San Francisco will not allow the Quilt to be displayed in a building with an operating restaurant. Thankfully, an accord was reached with the restaurant owner to keep the restaurant closed that weekend. \$1,000 was needed to rent the hall. However, in a town that can't even afford a restaurant, it is a very tall order. Another obstacle is removed and the Quilt is a step closer to coming to Nebraska.

But more money is needed to bring the Quilt. Roughly speaking, at least \$10,000

or \$13,000 will be needed.

Merchandising is strictly optional, only that which the San Francisco commission provides is allowed to be sold. Only one of the Quiltmakers allowed to sell the following items: authorized T-shirt sales.

Volunteers are needed to sell posters, buttons and the "Quilt" book. More work needs to be done with lending and loan discussions will follow. Volunteers are really needed! There are no small jobs, all are important. Very important. Who will share volunteer? A demonstration of those who come to the items were people who can, people who are HIV challenged, lovers of those lost to AIDS, Red Cross workers, parents, parents whose children are gay or lesbian, parents who have lost children to AIDS, persons living with AIDS, people from NAP, people from United Way of United Way itself will not be involved. People who love. People who care. People who give.

It is stressed that the meaning of the Quilt will NOT be AIDS 101. It WILL be Love & Compassion. That the parents won't look at blood people, God's children who loved, lived and dreamed. Children who had high hopes for the future, and were cut down in their prime, a great disease that has no boundaries. A disease that does not give a damn if the person is straight or gay, male or female, older or young. It gives no preference to race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. The disease is really non-discriminatory!

So, if you want to volunteer, your contact number call (in Lincoln) 476-3713 or (in Omaha) 291-6781, for more information. Show that you care. Show you want to, through your time, your donations, your talents, your spiritual gifts, whatever you want to give. It will be gratefully appreciated, and your donations are not deductible.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## SOMETHING NEW

Protesters/Free-walkers is forming a group in Omaha. This group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 PM at the First Southpark 32nd Ave. and Washburn St. and on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM at Brown Park at 58th and Military Ave (2nd Field parking lot).

## MISHPACHAT CHAVERIM REACHES "MAINSTREAM" PRESS

By Gary

Mishpachat Chaverim (a Family of Friends), Omaha's gay/lesbian Jewish organization, recently took what many believe is a giant step forward for both itself and our community. In March, it launched the Jewish Press — a nonsectarian weekly newspaper serving lesbians and gays.

After discussion (and some assistance from executive vice-president Rubin) the Press agreed to include information on Mishpachat Chaverim in its "Organizations" column. At first, the information provided was extremely, although accurately, sketchy. It simply described the group and its give a contact number.

But recently, when another press release was sent to the Press, it was printed verbatim.

"Mishpachat Chaverim (a Family of Friends), Omaha's gay/lesbian Jewish organization, is joining with other area gay/lesbian religious organizations to hold a joint Ecumenical Service

The Service will be June 17 to open Gay and Lesbian Pride Week activities.

Recent Mishpachat Chaverim events included a Passover Seder and a discussion group on the book "Twice Blessed: Being Jewish, Lesbian, and Gay." The group has also sponsored a joint summer event with L'Chai Shul, a similar gay/lesbian Jewish organization in Kansas City."

While speaking on "Tolerance" at the recent Ecumenical Service opening Gay/ Lesbian Pride Week, Marc K. was obviously overjoyed at the reported good news to these people.

Mishpachat Chaverim is proud to be a part of Omaha's gay/lesbian religious community, and welcomes new members. For more information, call 331-8510.

## PRIDE IN THE MIDLANDS!

300 people marched in the first Lesbian/ Gay pride Parade in Wichita, Kansas! The parade on June 17th started in city hall and ended with a city sponsored reception. During the parade, fund-raising for First Photo, an area model center for the women's movement for Gynecoid, marched along the opposite side of the street to parade of the parade.

Participation in the parade described (by name).

The parade committee in Okla. Missouri was supported by numerous units which forced participation of the parade, however some were not allowed as the city's gays and lesbians celebrated with a "Don't Rain On Our Parade!" party Saturday evening.

## CLOSET CLEANING by Gary

After a successful week where members of the River City Mixed Chorus have been going (gasp!) BACK INTO THE CLOSET.

And they're been sitting, writing, arranging, studying, and generally raising our eyebrows. What's left over will be sold for a song (or to speak) at a CLOSET CLEANING, (more accurately known as a GARAGE SALE) Saturday, August 11, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 6115 South 72nd Street, Omaha.

Now, there are two ways you can help First, why not contribute through YOUR closet (guitar, trunk, back room, etc.) and come up to 100 water-tight boxes (or whatever) enough for the Chorus to sell. They call 555-8352 and they'll arrange to pick up your stuff from Brownrigg, Sully/Cadet, Oak Street garage, or power tools.

Why are you're a BUYER, not a SELLER? Have they got a deal for you? Come on by August 11 and they'll give you a deal. You won't believe the prices. You won't believe the items to sell.

What else do you have to do with playing music? Hey, it's NOT CHEAP as our a Chorus. That's why you only a small part of the expense. So, why not a FUN fund-raiser?

Did you circle August 11 on your calendar yet? Come to think of it, do you really NEED this calendar? What to do with it to be safe?

Tell 'em you read about it in the New Voice!



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### MCC NEWS

by Carla

MCCO announces two new meetings taking place weekly. The first, a Prayer Group, meets each Wednesday from 7pm until 8pm. Anyone is welcome to participate. If you are unable to attend the group, but have prayer requests, you may phone these in to the Church office, 343-2565. The Prayer Group does not follow a formal structure, but includes a time of praying, praising, study and praise rock work. The Prayer Group is led by Rev. Jan Knox.

Starting Saturday, July 14, a Women's Support Group will meet in the church at 11:00a.m. All women in the community are invited to come and participate. The Support Group will be led by Linda and Steve. They invite all women to join them at 420 S. Oak Street for the first meeting.

In other church news, we are happy to welcome five new members to the church: Bill, Harry, Dale, Tracy, and Sally.

### WMEN

New to the neighborhood and proud to welcome new members, Mark and Pat from Omaha, as well as candidate members, Bob and Nick of Chicago, Roger and John of Kansas City, and Robert of Iowa City. And just in time, as we have a busy schedule for spring. Ministers have already gone to the Kansas City Pioneer's run and to Chicago for the International Women League contest. As well, Omen members are going to help with Parlay '91. Additionally, we are looking forward to an upcoming spring membership drive.

Now, just answer serious ones. They have been member questions about membership in Omen since its founding. What follows is a brief description of membership policies as set forth by our constitution. However, I would like to add that Omen meetings are open (with some special exceptions) and visitors are welcome to participate in discussion without voting privileges.

Omen has three classifications of members. This is due to the fact that amount of interest in any organization varies depend-

ent upon the individual. The three types are: Candidate Membership, Associate Membership, and Regular Membership. It is expected that members will start as Candidate Members and progress as their interest leads them.

**CANDIDATE MEMBERS** are members interested in being informed about, and welcomed to, Omen meetings and activities, but have no responsibilities in club operation. They are not required to attend meetings or activities and cannot vote at meetings. Candidate Membership is a \$10 lifetime membership and includes an Omen t-shirt as well as club mailings.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** are Candidate Members who show more interest in club operation and wish to be more involved. They must attend one regular Omen meeting prior to application, and require a 2/3 vote of regular members for membership. Associate Members are expected to help with club meetings and functions whenever possible, but do not attend regular club. They have a cumulative vote, and dues are \$10 per year.

**REGULAR MEMBERS** are those Associates of a minimum of 2 - 3 months standing, who show the highest amount of interest and the utmost willingness to help at meetings and functions. Regular members are required to attend two of every three meetings (exceptions can be made, but must receive a full vote at meetings). Regular Members are accepted by 2/3 vote of Regular Members. Dues are \$30 per year (\$20 for the first year if Associate Membership dues were paid in the current year.)

If you are interested in Omen membership, or just want to know about upcoming activities, write to: Omen's Min., Omen, P.O. Box 3677, Omaha, NE 68116.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## GET READY - FANTASY '90

July 20th and 21st, 1990 Omaha, Nebraska will once again be the place to be! The event is Fantasy '90 - A New Decade of Unity in Leather, sponsored by The Leather Journal's Man of the Year 1990 Dennis Logan and The Leather Journal.

A few of the special guests for the weekend are: Mark Ryan - Mr International Leather '90, Gabriela Amalovich - International Ms Leather '90, Brian Dewey - Mr Drummer '89, Ian Lyon - Mr NLA '89 and Woman of the Year '90, Dave Rhodes - publisher of The Leather Journal, Alan Selby - Man of the Year '89, Marcos Hernandez - columnist B.A.R., Leslie Shepherd - DGLL

'89, Dan Noel - Mr Mid Atlantic Leather '91, Chuck Enslow - Director IML, Pat Sullivan - Mr Oklahoma Leather '89, Jody Taylor - Mr Carthy - DGLL '87, Jim Richards - co-chair NLA, Stan Carr - DGLL '88, Bill Kinsoff - Mr Florida Drummer '89, Chuck Higgins - Mr Southwest Leather '90, Linda Vickory - Ms Southeast Leather '89, Howard Martin - Mr Washington Leather, Jeff Norman - Mr Floyd Leather '89, Gail Vinton - Ms Colorado Leather '90, Julianne Terney - Ms Sacramento Leather '89, Alan Porter - Mr Colorado Leather '90, William Whitner - Mr San Diego Leather '91 and MORE.

The event will begin with a registration party at the Max, Friday July 20th at 8:00 PM. A pub crawl will begin at 7:00 PM and there will be a bar available to take you to all of the Omaha bars. At 9:00 PM at the Max will be presentation of subscribers for all the various clubs coming in. At 10:30 PM will be introduction of title holders and guests at the Max.

On Saturday, July 21st, the day begins with an indoor picnic at the Center Lake Warehouse at 11:00 AM. There will be aerobics, demonstrations and a leather fashion show on one end, while the other end will have leather, rubber and art booths with items for sale and display, as well as game and informational booths.

At 8:00 PM at the Max will be the highlights of the weekend... FANTASY '90. Performer will be performed by all of the title holders and guests present. There will be singing, dancing, speaking and performances of their actual fantasies live on stage.

Registration forms may be picked up at local establishments. The cost for the weekend is \$25.00 (\$30.00 AFTER JULY 4th). The Registration packets that you receive on Friday June 20 will have tickets to all of the events as well as informational brochures.

Registration packets may be picked up at any of the Fantasy events.

All profits from Fantasy '90 will be given to the University of Nebraska Medical Center Viral Systems Clinic and the National Leather Association for their AIDS work. Profits from T-shirt, poster donations as well as performers' tips will be split between the New Voice of Nebraska and the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha.

This will be one wild and exciting weekend that you won't want to have missed. Fantasy '91 will be in Little Rock, Arkansas.

FANTASY '90 IS NOW WAY MEANT TO PROMOTE UNSAFE SEXUAL ACTIVITIES. THE FANTASIES ARE JUST THAT... FANTASIES!



## PEOPLE OF COLOR IN DES MOINES

The *Des Moines People of Color* (POC), a new support group for gays and lesbians and their friends and families has formed in Des Moines. For information, contact GLBC at 4271 Grand Ave., Des Moines IA 50312 or call (515) 277-3454.

## SIOUX CITY NEWS

For some time Sioux City has been without any organized Lesbian and Gay group. This is changing, as support groups have formed in Sioux City. For information contact LSG, PO Box 2063, Sioux City, IA 51104.

## STEERING COMMITTEE VACANCIES

We are currently seeking applicants to fill two vacancies on the Steering Committee of the New Voice. The persons selected for the Steering Committee will assist with policy and procedure decisions related to the magazine and will also have an opportunity to volunteer with the ongoing activities related to publication and distribution.

For more information, contact any member of the Steering Committee or plan to attend the regular meetings held on 3 pm on the first Sunday of every month at NVC, Omaha, 420 S. 24th.

## PFLAG PICNIC

On July 29, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Lincoln chapter will hold their Annual Picnic and Potluck. All are welcome as Omaha and Kearney PFLAG members join in the fun. Location is the Lincoln Lutheran Church from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Sunday.

## ENTERTAINING IN DES MOINES

Gay playwright Chris Jackson will be in Des Moines for a production of his musical *Three Acts*, this is a story about three gay men and their relationships. The play will be performed at the Universal Church on July 5 through 8. For information please call OCTM at 315 246-5113.

## NEWS FROM THE (OLD) MONARCHS

The BIG news is, of course, Commission 90. Congratulations to all the candidates for water conserving shows during the campaign. "You were terrific! That was such a load on us water! You did a super job. Thank you for your effort! And as Gerald and Joyce DeVay, a special CONGRATULATE! We wish you a wonderful, successful year."

A final report for those of you who attended the Memorial Day Picnic. Thanks to your attendance, we were able to contribute \$300.00 to the group being the Pioneer Project Club in Nebraska. By the way, don't forget the July 4th Picnic. See you at the Washburn between 12th and 5th. (It's on the 4th, of course.)

Coming up the 13th of July, the new monarchs will be introducing their most favorite at the Investment Show at the Mack. The show is hosted by Prince Royal IX, Duke M., the Princess Royale IX, Vanessa Anderson and Lady Royale IX. Good show because it is their last official responsibility.

The monarchs of the GC reign made \$100.00 contribution to Fantasy '90 and PFLAG with their proceeds from the "Sleeping Queens" show. The Wave of Time. If you missed the show, you missed a great one.

Thank you for your support this past year. It has been a pleasure to work on your behalf and serve the Gay and Lesbian Community. Let's continue to work together to make the annual parade of the Imperial Court of Nebraska even better.

Carla, Billy and Joe



## OVERLOOKED OPINIONS

*Overlooked Opinions, Inc.* (O.O.I.) is the nation's first opinion research firm dedicated to assessing the attitudes and opinions of the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community. has formed a National Opinion Panel of lesbians and gay men and bisexuals.

"Panel members are paid surveys on a regular basis," says Jeffrey J. Vitek, President of O.O.I. "With each survey, we include a brief summary of the responses from the previous questionnaire. All responses are confidential. O.O.I. will not release the data and analyzes the results. In short, "Work on this." It is our goal to provide information to the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community and to advance the social movement. We are interested in discovering how our attitudes and social beliefs as lesbians, gay men and bisexual persons affect the function of the society as a whole. Our preliminary findings have uncovered a whole lot of surprises. In fact, the phrase "the gay 90's is going to take on new meanings in the next few years."

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# ◆ FEATURES

## ◆ GAY PANIC DEFENSE

by Stan Wittmann

Something new has been developing recently in our country's judicial system. It's called Gay Panic Defense, and it's being used with increasing frequency to defend acts of violence against gay men and lesbians.

Here's how it goes, as exemplified by an actual case: Frankie Hale and Stephen Mayruda went to dinner together one night. Afterward, they went to Mayruda's home. Hale alleged that Mayruda made a pass at him. Hale reacted in panic, he claimed, not knowing what to do when another man came on to him. Hale beat Mayruda unconscious. He then put socks over his hands to cover his fingerprints while he walked for the apartment. During the robbery, Hale heard Mayruda shout for help. Later, police found Mayruda's body with his stomach stabbed and an electrical cord wrapped around his neck.

In court, Hale's lawyer told the Gay Panic Defense tactic. The lawyer wanted "expert" witnesses to testify that the alleged sexual advance would be blamed for the

violence, that the subsequent murder was an uncontrollable, panic-induced reaction. The judge, however, believed the acts of robbery and careful avoidance of leaving fingerprints to be inconsistent with the acts of an "uncontrollably panic-ridden" person. Therefore, he did not allow outside testimony. In October 1987, Hale was convicted of Stephen Mayruda's murder. The case went to the California Court of Appeals on the basis of the flawed testimony.

The National Gay Rights Advocates group is challenging injustice and prejudice in our courts by fighting this defensive tactic and tracking down all judges who issue light sentences for hate crimes. The NGRA's March 1988 newsletter proudly announced that their convictions were upheld in the California Court of Appeals. The NGRA wants to get the message out that there can be no excuse for violent crime.

The Hale case is typical in many ways of anti-gay victimization. The people charged with the attack often claim the victim was coming on to them. They say they lost control and thus were not responsible for their actions. The Gay Panic Defense ex-

plains the fear and ignorance of our homophobic society. And every time it works, the courts send a message that violent crime against gays and lesbians will be excused.

Sometimes attackers claim that the very fact of a gay person's existence or expression of love to a partner is enough to "provoked" an uncontrollable violent reaction. That's what Stephen Roy Carvel claimed when he went on trial. He had been taking the Appalachian Trail when he happened across Rebecca Wight and Claudia Bremer. He covertly tracked them to their vacation home. Seeing them making love "provoked" him to go on a bloody rampage that left Rebecca dead and Claudia critically wounded.

It is high time we put our collective feet down. It will not do for us to simply "be careful and hope it doesn't happen to me". Really, that's no way to protect ourselves or each other. If the Gay Panic Defense is not stopped, people like Carl Hale and the Skin-head and neo-Nazi hate groups will finally be able to go away with murder.

I urge every person who reads this article to actually do something about it. I am a member of the NGRA, and I'd like to challenge everyone to take the money you'd normally spend on last-minute Saturday night at the bar and give it to the NGRA instead. NGRA's work is unique in that it's attacking the heart of "the system", to correct the court's problems at their source. And that's a lot of work left to do. For each victory, there's still another battle. A recent Washington Blade reported that in April a Salt Lake City jury acquitted a man of second-degree murder. He claimed he acted in self-defense when he stabbed a man who tried to attack his partner. NGRA needs help to go on lawsuits out there where they are needed.

Anti-gay violence is not "okay". But if we don't speak up about it, what will our voices mean—that we don't stand against being hit with a legal leg to stand on? Will our attackers sense that we are so passive that we are only prey? Let's not let them get away with murder anymore. What if the next victim is you?

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## ◆ HOW TO FIND THE ORGANIZATION FOR YOU

by Vicki Joanne Hays

There are hundreds of organizations in Nebraska alone. Thousands across the United States. Organizations promoting everything from a clean environment to promoting survival tactics.

How do you decide which group to become involved with? First, you should think about which kinds of groups you are most interested in. For example, if you are a vegetarian, the Beef-Environmentalist would most likely be ruled out.

Next, through a very careful thought out plan of attention, decide which groups pertain to you and meet your criteria. Write a list for yourself to refer to.

Now it gets down to the most interesting part: Write or call each organization on your list, find out the important things, ask questions. You will need to know the following: 1) What does the group meet? When? 2) What are the membership requirements? 3) Are there dues or fees? How much? 4) What kinds of things do they do? Be specific when asking questions, the person you write or talk to is used to these kind of questions and should be qualified to answer them intelligently. Keep a log of this information and use it to eliminate groups that don't fit your schedule or criteria.

The next step is very important and may be difficult. Attend a meeting or activity of each organization on the list. Call the contact person that you spoke with and confirm meeting time, place and date. Tell them you will be there and are looking forward to meeting them. By doing this, you have established a dialogue with someone that sometimes respect Catherine they would not be as contact person.

This relationship will be beneficial to you as you will not be a total stranger when you walk through the door.

When the big day approaches, you will probably be a little apprehensive, this is to be expected, try to relax. First impressions are important, dress for the occasion, wear clean clothes without holes in them, washing socks, don't forget the deodorant (especially in the summer!). You will be sure face and people will notice you.

Now comes the big kick. Attend the meeting about DO NOT overreact or your friends go with you. Going alone will leave you just enough and most others. If a friend goes along, the meeting will be spent chatting with your Great other than

getting acquainted with the organization.

When you get to the meeting, politely introduce yourself to someone and ask where your contact person is. When you meet your contact, introduce yourself saying something like, "Hi, Greg, I'm Mary. I spoke to you on the phone about this organization. It's nice to finally meet you." Ask them to show you around and introduce you to people. Remember relax, be yourself and participate in the meeting. Don't be a bystander.

When the meeting is over, be sure to thank your contact person for their help and don't forget yourself everything you. Take time for yourself as consider the pros and cons of the meeting before you jump head first into something that you may regret later.

It is important that you try all groups of your list before making a decision on which one to join. You need all the facts to make an intelligent choice.

Choosing an organization to join can be a long process, but well worth the effort. You will meet new friends, have fun things to do and you'll feel good about contributing to a successful organization.

Good Luck!

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## ◆ JILL &amp; JACK

"Dear Jack & Jill" is a new month column appearing in the New Voice Magazine.

Whether it be personal, medical, or professional, we will respond with our opinion (or advice) if we can't help, then we'll be able to find someone who is capable.

My name is Jill. I have 22 years experience as an RN. I have cared for individuals with AIDS, AIDS Virus, Cancer, as well as other cases. I feel that I am a very open-minded person, and I always (as I am told every second) speak out!

My name is Jack. I have done years experience as a Doctor in a local clinic open to the Lesbian/Gay community. I have had hospice training for terminally ill patients. I currently work in a medical care facility for persons with multiple disabilities. My personal studies of sexuality, homosexuality as well as spirituality have given me much open-mindedness.

Please feel free to write us, and we will give the best we have to offer. You may use a fictitious name or your true. You may address your questions to one of us or to both, but we will both probably respond. Please have questions to us by the time so that we can respond by the end of each month. In a case where we should get many questions, they will appear in the order that we receive them. We are both members of the Lesbian and Gay Community!

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Jill

Letter to Women of the Community

I have been asked by a member of the Lesbian community why we cannot discuss gay men. I would have to say my feelings. Please send us your thoughts on this issue! Thanks!

Jill

# PRIDE IN REVIEW



**JUNE 1990**



# ◆ FEATURES

## ◆ MUSEUM TO OPEN THAT LEAVES HELMS SATISFIED

by Rev. Jim Roche

If Jesse Helms gets his way he may just close every museum in the country. But don't be discouraged. He has a plan to take care of your cultural cravings. Those deep inner feelings which few of us can explain or understand. Now, to be in the know about culture, you won't need to go to museums filled with sexual filth. Instead there will be museums without sexuality. Museums without sex. Without passion. What might these museums have in them? What might their subject be? What would Jesse Helms approve of? How about a Jesse Helms Museum? Well, as easy as it sounds, that's just what the State holds. This art lover has decided to open his own museum. Called the Jesse Helms Citizenship Center it will be located at Wingate College, his alma mater. Some of its executives Post War's Play House without any title (or his) you write. I write a W.G. SE. because Jesse Helms has already revealed willing to defend his model

\$1 million for construction. It will house his archival papers, a research center and a full scale replica of his Senate office. It will be the first such museum devoted to a living member of Congress. But the funding, now there is something provocative!

The largest component donor was the Philip Morris cigarette company, the second largest was the Brown and Williamson Tobacco company. (Helms, by the way, often refers to AIDS as a self-inflicted disease. He takes his museum's funding from corporations which manufacture the means by which people end up with self-inflicted cancer and all the death and addiction it will government subsidize... well... -Senator Helms!) What's most fitting is that this obscurity of obscenity was discovered, not by a newspaper reporter, not by a congressional committee, but by a special prosecutor he lured by a New York state Hans Haack while creating his anti-fisher work called Helms's Dream. An investigation from a newspaper is not taking place. I guess Jesse Helms was right. Artists get inspiration.

## ◆ ASK DOCTOR D OUTSIDE SEX SEEN FROM THE INSIDE

by Dennis, Ed.D.

Q: My lover wants to have sex with other people and I don't. I can't stand him to be safe, but the thought of him having casual sex with other people, then coming home to me for warmth and security drives me bananas.

I realize that neither of us is the other's "perfect" best person, but I still can't shake this feeling of being used. He says that our relationship should be strong enough to handle things like this, and, besides, I could have all the casual sex I want and he wouldn't mind at all.

I don't find casual sex personally enjoyable, and I can't understand why he has this very strong urge to act that way. Of course, he thinks that I am paranoid. He does have a more active sex drive than I do, which explains most of our differences of opinion.

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Most couples haven't made a contract in writing, but all couples develop IMPLICIT contracts over the years. Now you have a good opportunity to consciously design one.

The first step is deciding exactly what you want. If you want a sexually exclusive relationship, that's what you should ask for. Of course, this position makes no further negotiation possible, and your demand for exclusivity could feel like an ultimatum to him.

There is another option that may tempt both your souls. A sizable number of couples give each other permission for outside sex. **UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS...** For example, outside sex might be allowed only during times when you are otherwise unable to be together.

In Patrons' National Survey of Lesbians

& Gay Couples, "necessity with exceptions" was the preferred option for 26 percent of the men and 7 percent of the women. Eleven percent of the men were "sex-monogamous," as were 3 percent of the women couples.

While the issues of sexual behaviors is important, there may be more at stake here. To find out, ask yourself a few questions:

To have a sexual arrangement that will make both of us happy?

Have I clearly communicated to my partner what I want?

Have I clearly heard of his concerns?

Is sexual exclusivity the only major problem in my relationship, or is it just one area of miscommunication?

Are there other things that make me feel like I am being used or that

"drive me insane"?

Ultimately, it will be the making and keeping of agreements based on mutual concerns that can enrich your relationship.

If sexual exclusivity is absolutely necessary for your well-being, you need to get an **UNCORRECTED** agreement from your part-

ner. The first step is to have discussions free time together to talk things over and not just before sex or bedtime. Assistance from a third party is often helpful—particularly someone with counseling experience. Ethics and other issues have been brewing for a long while, so it may take time to sort them out.

Should your partner be unwilling to work on this issue, it is a good indication that he either doesn't possess or a problem or he feels threatened by the confirmation. Should this be the case, your independence may bring you to question the wisdom of staying in this relationship.

Dennis has a doctorate in education (S&LJ audio co-publisher) and is editor of *Patrons' Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples*. Send your questions about gay and lesbian relationships, for possible use in future columns in *Patrons*, Box 9085, Seattle, WA 98129.

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# ★ NATIONAL NEWS

## ★ GAY VETERANS CALL FOR END OF BAN

by Nick Barwickson

Gay veterans organizations waited on Capitol Hill calling for an end to the Department of Defense's policy of banning gays from the military. The agreement is only the fifth time that members of the gay community have testified before a Congressional body on gay issues not related exclusively to AIDS.

Before a House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, Cliff Aronson, president of the New England Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans, said that lesbians and gay men in the armed forces face "the dual issues of prejudice and discrimination inherent in the military."

"Gay, lesbian, and bisexual veterans have fought and died for our country," Aronson testified. "Nonetheless, many of us have received less than honorable discharges. In sum, we have been effectively precluded from gaining access to vital medical and educational benefits, particularly (from) the DVA (Department of Veterans Affairs)

health care system."

To rectify these problems, Aronson recommended that action be taken to repeal the DOD policy that forbids gays from serving in the military.

"It is not in the best interests of the U.S. military — nor our society — to maintain impediments and exclusionary policies toward gay, lesbian, or bisexual people who want to serve our country."

Kenneth Huntington, co-founder of the Texas Gay Veterans, focused on the problems that veterans with AIDS or HIV antibody positive status are facing.

"Overall, the DVA does a better job than others in AIDS care for patients," said Huntington. "The DVA needs an expanded capacity to provide in-home care for patients. In-home care provides more flexibility for DVA staff (and) is also less expensive than in-hospital care."

Huntington also asked subcommittee members to investigate the possibility of eliminating the phrase "admitted homosexually" from the discharge paperwork of veterans who are separated from the military because they are gay.

Chuck Schorn, a representative of the

California organization Veterans Council for American Rights and Equality, and a 19-year veteran of the Navy, discharged on the basis of homosexual activity, said the subcommittee that dis honorable discharges because of sexual orientation are "directly the cause of denied (DVA) entitlements."

"I especially recommend that this committee initiate action in Congress that will direct (DVA) to issue (DVA) eligibility certificates to all those veterans who have had paper (a less than honorable discharge) due to their sexual orientation," said Schorn. "The government caused this problem, so the government should reach out and wipe it."

Representatives from several gay veterans organizations formed the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America, a nationwide association to address the concerns of gay veterans.

Group co-organizer Miriam Ben-Shimon, a lesbian whose legal appeal for readmission into the Wisconsin Army Reserve Corps was recently refused, said the organization will primarily work to ensure the military's policy prohibiting gays from serv-

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ing in the armed forces.

In addition, said Ben-Shalom, the organization will be forming a "witchhunting strike force."

"We will go to places where 'witchhunts' happen: gay men and lesbian service members are in progress," she said, "to ensure due process and all legal rights are preserved."

The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America can be contacted through the New England Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans at P.O. Box 1392, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117. Or call (617) 247-2189 or (617) 723-8127.

## ★ BARBARA BUSH SENDS LETTER OF SUPPORT

by Mark Sullivan, *The Washington Blade*

Pauline Goodwin, national president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, cried when she opened her mail recently. Among the letters was one from first lady Barbara Bush expressing her belief that "we cannot tolerate discrimination against any

individuals or groups in our country."

"I cried and cried," Goodwin said. "I was so full of joy and gratitude. I was just overwhelmed by her response."

The Gracely two-paragraph letter went on to say that the first lady's intention "always brings with it pain and persistent hate and malice. I appreciate so much your encouraging me to help change attitudes."

Goodwin said she first wrote to Bush a year ago about the need to "educate the public with the facts" about gays. She urged Bush to "speak kind words to some 24 million gay Americans and their families."

Goodwin said the letter was answered with a letter from Bush's secretary. So last month, when Goodwin attended the presidential signing ceremony for the Hate Crime Statutory Act, she handed a copy of the letter to a White House staffer and asked that person to relay it to Mrs. Bush.

Both President and Mrs. Bush have spoken out publicly against discrimination against People with AIDS and their families. Mrs. Clinton, with a group of gay men with AIDS at the National Institutes of Health. Also last year, the first lady took advantage of a press opportunity to report on a bag of

gay men with AIDS. But she May 10 letter is believed to be the first time a first lady has publicly expressed opposition to discrimination against gays.

## ★ GOOD PARENTING

The April issue of *Parenting* magazine features as the Monthly Profile two gay men (Mike and Paul) and the teenage girls they are raising. The article, "Their Two Daughters," begins by asking, "How does a gay couple bring up two teenage girls?" It then answers: "With open-mindedness and wisdom, humor."

Given our culture's reluctance to acknowledge the emotional depth and complexity in gay and lesbian relationships, it's rare to find an article this takes it for granted. This one does.

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## ★ SENATE PASSES AIDS CARE BILL

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The bill authorizes funding for hospital care in 13 major cities coping with growing numbers of AIDS patients. In addition, it authorizes funding for clinics, community health centers, as well as research and educational programs in all the states.

Senator Hatch attacked the gay community on the Senate floor, stating that the bill would discriminate against those who have been whipped up and vulgar on some, "and that it will encourage 'inverted' homosexual practices. If they [gay Americans] would stop what they are doing, there would not be one addi-

tional new case of AIDS in the United States of America other than those already in progress," Hatch stated.

Senator Hatch responded to his critics, "I do not agree with him that if all homosexuals quit having any form of sexual contact that there would end the AIDS crisis. I don't think it would. In fact, I don't think it would make a dent." Hatch stated.

The CARE bill is aimed mostly at providing relief for health institutions in major cities suffering from conditions such as overcrowded emergency rooms and shortages of trained health care personnel. In addition, it will provide funds for the states to develop HIV test programs such as community-based health services.

House Representative Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) worked closely on the bill with Senator Kennedy and Senator Hatch for over a year in order to secure approval in the Senate. At the time of the Senate vote, HRCF delivered thousands of "Speak Out" messages from around the country to Senate offices. "Speak Out" messages mobilize lesbian and gay Americans to inform legislators of their opinions prior to critical votes affecting our community.

The cities that will receive emergency funds are: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas,

Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, San Francisco, San Juan, and Washington, D.C. These cities have reported 2,000 or more cases of AIDS.

## ★ FDA, CANADA APPROVE OF HIV-2 TEST

Genetic Systems Corporation announced it has received both FDA and Canadian approval to market a test to detect antibodies to Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 2 (HIV-2), the second virus known to cause AIDS. The Genetic Systems test is the first such approved in either nation.

HIV-2 was first isolated in 1985 from a West African AIDS patient. Subsequently, more than 600 infected individuals have been identified in Africa, Europe, North America, and South America. At least 28 North American cases have been identified — 17 in the United States and 9 in Canada. HIV-2 is transmitted in the same manner as HIV-1.

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I am in New York, and out of the Class Guard. Please call 718-343-8714. Mydad is Saragomita.

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**GRWL 28,5'9", 150,** Brown/Blair, looking for best copman, under 40. I like arena, smokes, toys, and all-day w/e. Reply to P.O. Box 111044, Omaha, NE 68111.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR WANTED:** The River City Music Center is seeking a Music Director for its (990-91) season. Any interested person may respond by sending a resume and letter of application to RCMC, P.O. Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101-0315.

**Referral Man's Social Support Group** forming in Lincoln, NE. Anonymous mail should contact BMS521, P.O. Box 9811, Lincoln, NE 68501.

**TYPISTS NEEDED!** If you have access to a computer (preferably a Macintosh) and a printer, the New Voice needs you. A few hours each month is all that is required. For more information, contact Sharna Van Buren (556-9907) or Pat Phelan (455-1793).

**WANTED!**—Responsible mature person to help couple with house and formal dinner in exchange for room/board. Located 1 1/2 hours west of Chicago. Must love dogs. 815-732-2525.

**Get your tickets to  
FANTASY '90?  
GET 'EM!**

Do you like a favorite place or restaurant? Would your friends know about it? Appraisal and Promote activities in the New Voice!

Take your next step... Come Out!

## **PEOPLE CONNECTION DISCONTINUED**

The New Voice will no longer accept advertisements for "The People Connection." The income from the few ads placed was not adequate for the time involved in processing the ads.

For those of you who are still interested in meeting other people through letters, we suggest that you start a post office box. This place is regular classified ad, describing yourself to that special someone you're looking for, and have them write to the post office box. It's actually simpler than having an Internet letter and not really any more expensive. After all, a post office box is \$16 for six months. That's only \$2.77 per month.

The cost for placing a regular ad is only \$3.00 for the first 20 words and 25 cents for each word over 20.

For those of you who placed People Connection Ads in the past, we will continue to forward all replies we receive.

Thanks so much for your continued support.

## **The NEW VOICE OF NEBRASKA Classified Ad**

Write Your Ad Here:

Information: Classified ads in the New Voice Of Nebraska are \$3.00 for 20 words or less. Each additional word is \$0.20. Ads must be received by the 10th of the month preceding the month you wish your ad to appear.

Ads are to be mailed to:

The New Voice of Nebraska  
P.O. Box 3812  
Omaha, NE 68182

# JULY

14 - Gloria Revelle's  
Ice Cream Social

8 - Brian Murphy  
as Pearl

15 - I.C.O.N.  
Investiture

19 - Leather, Lace  
& Levi Party

20 & 21 - FANTASY

22 - Girls Girls Girls

26 - First Class  
Male Review

29 - Amythyst

# THE MAX

1417 JACKSON  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

**Sunday, July 1**

New Voice Steering Committee  
MCC-Omaha, 429 S. 24th, 7 pm

**Monday, July 2**

Imperial Court of Nebraska  
Board of Governors Meeting  
The Max, 307 Jackson, 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, July 3**

A.N.D.L.E. (Achieving New  
Gay/Lesbian Excellence)  
The Stained, 702 South W., 7 pm

**Wednesday, July 4****INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

Imperial Court of Nebraska  
4th of July Picnic, Noon-5 pm  
The Warehouse, Carter Lake, IA

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, 7 pm  
Lincoln, Call 435-4039 for info

**Thursday, July 5 (See July 6)**

"Three Boys" by Chris Buckner  
Musical Play About 3 Gay Men  
Union Church, Des Moines  
Call (515) 246-5100 for info

**Friday, July 7**

Coalition First Saturday Event  
"It's Such a Joy", 7 - 8 pm  
Smoke/Nicotine-Free Event,  
Concession, 409 N. W., Lincoln

**Sunday, July 8**

P-FLAG/Omaha, 3 pm  
at United Methodist, 2629 Cass  
East Wing, Education Room 88

Omaha Max Club Meeting, 3 pm  
Write for info: P.O. Box 5796  
Omaha, NE 68163-6796

Depth Music, Crayfish Coney  
St. John's Lutheran, Level 7 pm

**Monday, July 9**

AIDS Interfaith Network  
Prayer Service, 7 pm  
St. Cecilia, 701 N 45, Omaha

**Friday, July 10**

Artforum/Omaha, 7 pm  
Call 556-7701 for info

**Sunday, July 10**

Artforum/Lincoln  
Wide for Text and Location,  
P.O. Box 3912  
Lincoln, NE 68501

Imperial Court of Nebraska  
"Sunrise", 9:30 pm  
The Max, 307 Jackson, Omaha

**Tuesday, July 11**

Coalition for Lesbian/Gay  
Out Rights, 7:30 pm  
St. Mark's, 114 S. Lincoln

**Wednesday, July 12**

Metropolitan Club, 4 pm  
Call 443-9377 for information

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, 7 pm  
Lincoln, Call 435-4039 for info

**Thursday, July 13**

Bazaar Show for  
Nebraska GOLF Project  
Papyrus (Formerly Bookworks)  
226 S O, 9:30 pm

**Friday, July 20 - July 21**

Fantasy '90  
Full Registration Required  
430 Weekend Package  
P.O. Box 4364  
Omaha, NE 68166-6634

**Sunday, July 22**

Signify "Gathering"  
Call 675-2812 for information

**Monday, July 23**

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Network  
Reading Service, 7 pm  
St. Mark's UMC, Campus, 114 S

**Sunday, July 29**

Parents/Friends of Lesbians/Gays  
Lincoln Chapter Annual Picnic  
Lutheran Methodist Church, 1-4 pm  
Omaha/Nebraska Especially Invited  
Everyone Welcome!

**WEEKLY EVENTS****Sunday**

Metropolitan Community Church  
429 South 24, Omaha, 345-2563  
Services: 9:29 am, 7 pm

Omaha Professionals/Professionals  
Networking/Walking Club, 9:00 am  
D&H Field Parking Lot  
Deseau Park, 434 Military Ave

The Max, 307 Jackson  
Shows at 9:30 pm

**Monday**

Alternate Test Site, 7-8 pm  
Nebraska AIDS Project  
3024 Learmonth, Omaha

River City Mand Chorus Refersal  
Lynn Avenue Presbyterian  
821 North 68th, Omaha, 7:00 pm

**Tuesday**

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30 pm  
MCC-Omaha, 429 South 24th, 345-2563

**Wednesday**

Omaha Professionals/Professionals  
Networking/Walking Club, 9:30 pm  
Ford Building, 12 Ave & Winthrop

Prayer Group, MCC-Omaha, 429 S. 24th  
7:00 pm, Call Requests to 345-2563

**Thursday**

Alternate Test Site, 7-8 pm  
Nebraska AIDS Project  
3024 Learmonth, Omaha

UMC, Gay/Lesbian Student Organization  
Room 302, Nebraska Union, 8 pm  
University of Nebraska/Lincoln

**Friday**

Adult Children of Alcoholics, 6:30 pm  
MCC-Omaha, 429 South 24th, 345-2563

Gay Neotronics Anonymous, 345-3796  
Pella Lutheran, 801 S O, Omaha 6:15 pm

**Saturday**

Women's Support Group, 10:00 am  
MCC-Omaha, 429 S. 24, (begins July 10)

**JULY**







#### MAYOR PROCLAIMS "RESPECT FOR ALL PEOPLE WEEK"

Mayor P.J. Morgan's Aide, Paul Welday, appeared briefly following the Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade on Saturday, June 23. Arriving 5 minutes late for his scheduled appearance, Welday commented that he was embarrassed to admit that he "got lost" on his way to the event. Welday began his presentation by stating that "My presence here does not mean that the Mayor supports Gay and Lesbian Rights but neither does he condemn them." Aaid boos from the 150 persons gathered there, Welday stated that Gays and Lesbians should have the "compassion" they deserve. He then read the following proclamation.

Whereas, equal opportunity will maximize the contributions of all individuals toward the betterment of society, and,  
Whereas, we should all work together and continue to construct a truly pluralistic environment, and,  
Whereas, discrimination in any form should not be tolerated and works to the detriment of our society,  
Therefore, I, P. J. Morgan, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17 - 23, 1990, as "Understanding Our Differences: Respect For All People Week."

After accepting the proclamation, Wes Perry, co-moderator of A.N.G.L.E., asked the crowd, "What does Omaha think of this?" Several minutes of boos and jeers followed.

Perry acknowledged that this was the first time the mayor's office has been represented at an event connected with the Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and that this proclamation represented a step in the right direction.

Welday declined to answer a question from the crowd as to why the Mayor had refused to use the words "Gay and Lesbian" in this proclamation when he had issued a proclamation for Gay/Lesbian Awareness Week last year when asked to do so by the Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians of O.S. West.

We at the New Voice encourage you to let the Mayor know your reaction to the proclamation and the comments made by his representative.

Letters can be addressed to:

Mayor P.J. Morgan  
Mayor's Office, Third Floor  
Omaha/Douglas County Civic Center  
1819 Farnam  
Omaha, NE 68102

#### ABOUT THE COVER

The cover shows the New Voice Steering Committee following the Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade on June 23, 1990. Not pictured is Amy Marie Weck who was unable to attend.