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# OUR TURN

## WE'RE REALLY 8 YEARS OLD THIS TIME

By Sharon Van Butsel

Some of our dedicated readers may remember the March, 1991 issue when we put the announcement of our 8th Anniversary on the cover, only to have to admit the next month that we were only 7 years old. Well, this year we're really 8 years old. The first issue of *The New Voice of Nebraska* hit the streets in March of 1984, published in Lincoln by Larry Wiseblood in Lincoln. Three years and nine months later (January, 1988) the magazine began publication in Omaha, Nebraska.

So, what does all that mean? Basically it means that we've now been doing the magazine in Omaha longer than it was done in Lincoln and that I have been editor for over four years. So, what does that mean in the pages of history? Probably not even a footnote in the Gay/Lesbian Archives. It does mean for me personally that I have achieved a major goal—I survived chairing more than 48 steering committee meetings.

Joking aside, I do want to do some typical anniversary recognitions. First and foremost, I want to always acknowledge the deep personal debt that our community owes to Larry Wiseblood for starting *The New Voice of Nebraska*. The fact that *The New Voice* has survived in a field that sees hundreds of gay/lesbian papers and magazines come and go attests to the high quality work he did when laying the ground work for the magazine. I'd also like to acknowledge the excellent work done by Sandy Vocelpka during her term as editor during the most dismal days of the magazine. It would have been easy for some people to just quit and not care what happened to the magazine, but Sandy set the stage for others to take up the load and keep *The New Voice* alive. I regret that Jerry Pock is not alive today so I could personally thank him for the courage that he showed when he accepted the position of editor during the transition from Lincoln to Omaha, even though his health was beginning to fail.

I feel like this is a recitation of my roots, my family tree. Each person has built upon the work of the one before just as whoever succeeds me as editor will build upon what I have done. No, I am not announcing my retirement. I finally feel like I'm figuring out what I'm doing, so you'll have to put up with me for a while yet.

However, there are several others that I want to acknowledge before I close. There are so many who have worked so hard during the years that I have been editor. Sam, Don, and Bill worked to keep us on track and to keep us mindful of our heritage. Tom nearly wore his fingers down to the first knuckle typing the early issues here in Omaha. And there were Ron, Leyne, Doug, Shelley, Tony, and another Tony who were on the steering committee at various times. There was even Larry Adams whose disappearance at the same time our treasury disappeared forced us to work together and become a cohesive unit.

And, of course, there were all those who used to come to the basement of MCC and struggle to get pieces of copy to line up with little blue lines on paper before Rick and Nate taught us about typesetting on computer. There are all those who have written articles and columns for us, drawn cartoons and pictures, taken photos, and written such colorful letters to the editor. There have been so many others who have helped, like Bob Ewing and Printing Plus who makes the magazine look so good, but my special thanks go to the members of today's steering committee, Dick Brown, Treasurer, Sharon McCartney, Secretary and Distribution Manager, Pat Phalen, Amy Marie Meek, Mark Maser, Terry Sweeney, and our typesetter, Lee Donehower. Each of them bring special talents that go together to make this one heck of a magazine.

There is one other person I need to acknowledge—my spouse, Carla Petersen. Carla was on the steering committee for over a year but now

devotes herself to the behind the scenes activities, writing articles, designing ads, laying out the local and regional news sections of the magazine, etc., etc., etc.

So, before this list gets any longer, let me just summarize my thoughts for you:

**THANK YOU!!**

**TO THOSE WHO  
STARTED THE  
MAGAZINE.**

**THANK YOU!!  
TO ALL THOSE WHO  
HELPED THROUGH THE  
YEARS.**

**THANK YOU!!  
TO THOSE WHO HELP  
TODAY.**

**BUT, MOST OF ALL,  
THANK YOU!!  
TO OUR READERS.**

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DONE IT WITHOUT  
YOUR SUPPORT  
THROUGH THE YEARS!!**

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DEEPEST THANKS TO  
THE READERS OF  
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## NAMBLA BACKLASH

Dear Staff of the *New Voice*,

I read with interest the synopsis of your debate concerning the request of NAMBLA to place an ad in *The New Voice of Nebraska*. It appears that the debate was a serious one which explored a variety of issues.

As a social worker in the area of child abuse and neglect I feel compelled to comment. I have read material from NAMBLA and have heard several of their members explain their distinction between consensual relationships between men and boys and coercive relationships. I am familiar with their arguments that society denies that children are sexual and have sexual feelings because society is puritanical and afraid to deal openly and honestly about sex. That they are persecuted and censored because of society's repressive attitudes which inhibit and damage a child's healthy development and expression of his/her sexuality.

Our society is uncomfortable with sex and sexuality, especially in regard to our children. The often irrational and ignorant debates raging in cities and towns over the distribution of condoms, AIDS education, and classroom discussions of birth control are the most current examples. Histrionics become the norm in school board meetings when the suggestion is made for a teen support group for lesbian/gay high school students.

Censorship and persecution are dangers that must be fiercely guarded against. These topics are particularly sensitive for any repressed and persecuted group.

However, these pieces of truth only distract from several key issues.

"Consensual relationships" is a very nebulous term. Merely saying "yes" (or not saying "no") is not consent. Nor even is participation in an event, activity, or relationship. Consent implies much more.

Consent requires an availability of options, an awareness of those options, and the freedom to consciously choose among them. Consent implies an understanding of the circumstances of each option and the consequences of choosing one option over the others. It also requires an equality between or among all persons involved in the situation. As any or all of these elements become limited, the ability to CONSENT becomes diminished or is eliminated altogether.

Children and adolescents are dependent and vulnerable. They must rely on adults for all or

much of their financial support and physical needs. They are in the process of discovering themselves and how they fit into the world in which they find themselves.

Childhood and adolescence are times of idealism, experimentation, searching, and self-doubt. It is a time of learning, seeking approval from peers and a few selected adults. Children and teenagers are not emotionally prepared for the "wheeling and dealing" of which adults and society are capable. They lack the sophistication and experience to evaluate and understand difficult, new, and awkward situations in which they find themselves. They have yet to gain the self-assurance and skill of "trusting their guts."

I do not presume that children and teenagers are necessarily naive or sheltered from even the worst of what humanity is capable. Nor do I deny that children and teenagers must often make very difficult decisions and learn to survive. Many are forced to "grow up fast" and quickly learn to survive on the street. This does not mean that they are ready to do so psychologically or emotionally. The issues are quite distinct.

Any personal relationship that builds on the vulnerability and/or dependency of at least one of the partners is manipulative. Manipulation is always coercive regardless of the participants' awareness or admission. Such relationships are dysfunctional and destructive at least in the respect that they foster vulnerability and dependency rather than growth and maturity.

The decision to publish or not to publish an ad by NAMBLA should not be based on the issue of censorship. The issue is not one of censorship or persecution. Rather, it is one of protection of those who are vulnerable. As lesbians and gays we must strenuously guard against unfair censorship and persecution. We must also be aware of our sensitivities to such violations of our rights. We should not allow anyone to use those sensitivities for their own purposes.

Publication of an ad by NAMBLA could give the appearance of at least tacit approval or acceptance of the purpose and philosophy of that organization.

Should the *New Voice of Nebraska* decide to publish an ad by this or any similar organization, I could not, in conscience, continue to support *The New Voice of Nebraska* or any organization affiliated with it.

Sincerely,  
Harry J. Di Lise, M.S.W.

## NAMBLA FRONTLASH

Dear People,

I read with much understanding and sorrow *The New Voice Says NO TO NAMBLA*. RFD, the magazine I'm involved with also went through this process - mostly because some readers and advertisers were unhappy about our decision to run the NAMBLA ad.

You know, the best way to change an idea is to talk/write about it. As the sign above my desk states: Censorship Is Obscene.

In Solidarity,  
Gabby Haze  
Member Short Mountain Collective  
Publishers of RFD

## PRECINCT CLUB NIGHT

To: *The New Voice of Nebraska*  
RE: Proper attire at the Precinct Club Night (To drag or not to drag, February, 1992 issue of *The New Voice*)

We support the "proper attire required" dress code, which bans drag, of the Precinct's owners and staff, for Thursday's Club Nights.

We have friends and acquaintances who do drag and we occasionally enjoy attending a drag show. However, while we support drag and feel that there is nothing wrong with it, we also enjoy patronizing gay and gay supportive bars without the presence of drag. There is a time and a place for everything, in both gay and straight life.

Note that I say drag, not drag queens. Drag queens are welcome at the Precinct, drag attire is not. Many gay and/or gay supportive bars in other cities either discourage or ban drag. This is a courtesy to the gay/lesbian community members who do not care for drag at all, or who, like us, do not want to see it every time that we go out.

Our thanks go out to the owners, management, and staff for being supportive of the gay/lesbian community by providing Club Night and other events. We also apologize to them that they have had to endure harassment over this issue, particularly such embarrassing and uncalled for incidents such as the Queer Nation protest featuring two women in male drag.

The Precinct has gone out on a limb for the gay/lesbian community and deserves our thanks and support, not abuse and protest. Every aspect of the gay community does not have to be present in every gay setting.

Patrick Williams  
Larry Choquette

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## MORE, PLEASE

Dear NVN Editor,  
Greetings!

Once again, I would like to ask if you can increase the number of copies of *The New Voice of Nebraska* that you send us. An additional 20-25 copies would greatly be appreciated as the size of our group is growing.

When we have a new "family" member contact us for the first time and we meet with them, they receive a copy of *The New Voice*. This is, in most cases, the way they first realize what Nebraska has to offer them. National publications help but your magazine has a bigger impact. *The New Voice* is also given out at our support groups and other functions. In most cases, a single copy is being read by several people.

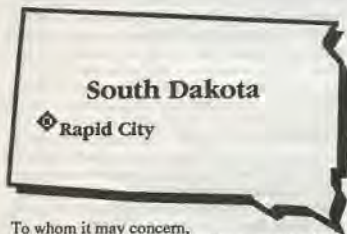
Thanks for your personal efforts and all on your staff.

Tom Geist, Head Facilitator SHOUT

Also, can you change our name and number listing? It should now read:

SHOUT  
P.O. Box 2381  
Kearney, NE 68848  
(308) 237-1222

Thanks again for all of your help.



To whom it may concern,

I am interested in information regarding bulk subscriptions. As an Education/Entertainment board member of The Black Hills Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, I would like to add your newsletter to our information table.

Enclosed, you will find a check for \$19.00 to cover my personal one year subscription.

From a former Omaha/C.B. native: Thank you very much!

R.L. Brown

## KEEP 'EM COMING

Dear N.V.N.,

I am a gay male at L.C.C. and I recently came upon your magazine. I really appreciate this link to the outside and the gay community. The person I get your magazine from is about to leave, so do you think I could get a free subscription? I find it reassuring to read it once a month and know there are people who understand my situation. I will be writing more in the future.

Wes Ziegler, #42258  
P.O. Box 22800  
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*Wes, I have added your name and address to our free prisoner's subscription list. Please ask your friend to let us know if he's going back to the free world so we can free up his subscription for another 'insider'.*

*Lee Donehower, NVN Prisoner Project*

## EXCUSE ME?

Letters To The Editor:

This letter was sent to Group M Productions in Arkansas.

Sincerely,  
Robert

Dear Group M Productions/Bill Myers:

I regret writing this letter because I have enjoyed your *Video Marketing Letter* as a subscriber for some time now.

In your December 7, 1991 issue of *The Video Marketing Letter* on page 4, you wrote about establishing your presence in the local marketplace and creating opportunities to show your video work to the local community. Further on you get more specific. You advise to pick your clients carefully and "don't pick a group that's likely to offend other people (Dikes on bikes would not be a good idea)." First of all the word is "Dykes".

I have seen the "Dykes on Bikes" contingent at the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade and Celebration each year when 500,000 people show up for the event. Let me tell you, there is a thriving market for the Gay and Lesbian community and I am serving them through my video business here in San Francisco called Powell Street Productions. My first video was called *AIDS Survivors and Thrivers* and was about longtime survivors with AIDS. It did very well. My other videos being produced this year reach out to the gay community even more as each tape covers a specific topic of who we are and where we're going. A local AIDS health care center here has asked me to get involved in creating a tape on the services they offer. I wouldn't be surprised if the Dykes on Bikes called and said how about doing a video on our "local nonprofit charity organization" (as you say in your marketing letter).

I am pleased to announce that Powell Street Productions opens itself up to the gay community as a whole but does not exclude the straight community. I wish you would be more considerate in addressing your subscribers because one day a Dyke on a Bike may pull into your driveway and want an explanation.

By the way, congratulations on your recent marriage to Karen there in Arkansas. My lover Phillip and I are doing very well also.

Sincerely,  
Robert Meslinsky  
Powell Street Productions

## MEA CULPA

2/8/92, 4a.m...

dear sharon and all others

just wanted to ad a little cover letter to sort of apologize for all of the mistakes, white-out and bad 'phraseage'.

currently, i'm sitting in my church 'd (i'm not even gonna correct that) office, escaping from the sixty or do adolescents(?) that are here for the lincoln uu conference. i've been here for two days w/three and one half hours sleep. so please forgive... if you don't hear from me next month, you'll know i've died and gone where ever good unitarians go. the kids will get me with a jelly overdose, im sure.

regardless, hope this finds you all well. take care

cheri loofe-bavaard

## LOGO COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

The National Steering Committee announces the competition to create an official symbol/logo for: The 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, & Bi. Equal Rights and Liberation.

The logo must convey (1) the location - Washington, DC, and (2) the community participating in the march. Logos should be submitted both with and without the words: "For Lesbian, Gay, & Bi. Equal Rights & Liberation", as merchandise will be offered with and without this byline. You may also consider incorporating the following into your logo:

- Racial, gender, and ethnic parity
- April 25, 1993
- March on Washington
- March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, & Bi. Equal Rights & Liberation (It is recommended that 3 separate lines be used for the march title)
- Your own unique ideas

The winner has the honor of having their artwork appear and they will receive publicity and samples of all promotional materials on which the logo appears. Winners will be announced in April, 1992. The MOW Merchandising Committee is in the process of inviting community celebrities to be part of the judging panel.

There is no entry fee. Please send one entry form per design and indicate your name, address, city, state, zip code, daytime and evening phone numbers on the back of your artwork. Submit entries to: The March on Washington Logo Competition, c/o 13231 Spruce, Southgate, MI 48195. Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 1992.

Render each logo in b&w and color (limit 4 colors please, if black is used it is considered as one of the colors). The color version may be in b&w with a tissue overlay indicating colors with PMS numbers. Send two sizes of each b&w logo: one on an 8.5" x 11" area and another reduced to a 1.5" area. Do not send the original artwork. No entries can be returned unless accompanied by a self addressed, stamped envelope. Questions? Call: Valerie Saleski at 313-285-9031.

The logo becomes the property of the March on Washington National Steering Committee, which will copyright the design and be responsible for licensing the use of the logo for commercial purposes. Any use of the logo must be approved by the MOW Merchandising Committee.

## LETTER POLICY CHANGES!!

Effective immediately, The New Voice will publish only those letters to the editor which include full name and either address or phone number so we can verify authenticity. Recently situations have arisen in which letters have been sent to The New Voice using fictitious names or initials and innocent people have been accused of writing letters that were critical of some business or organization. As a result, we will consider your letters only if they are signed and if we are able to contact you to verify that you did write the letter and that the contents are what you intended.

## ABORTION AND GAY RIGHTS

by Jim Chandler,  
Mr. Leather Colorado 1991

To many of us the two subjects, abortions and gay rights, couldn't be further disconnected. To the average gay man, or lesbian who isn't anticipating childbirth, abortion is a subject which has no connection to our lifestyle. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Since the women's movement early in this century, through the black movement of the '50's, to the gay rights issue we are presently dealing with, we have all been struggling for the same recognition, same freedom, and same responsibilities, the struggle has been the same, the subject has been the same, and the outcome seems to remain a constant vigil to retain any and all that has been gained in the past, while still working toward the future. Nothing is ultimately resolved, like basic freedom, a constant watch must be maintained in order to keep it.

The abortion issue isn't about morals, it isn't about birth & pregnancy, it's about whether the government has control over what a woman wants to do with her body, or whether a woman retains this right. This is no different than the right to die issue recently voted upon in Washington state (and lost). Does the individual have control over his or her own life or death or does the government? For gays it's our right to choose who we go to bed with versus the government's right to dictate our bed partners. For leathermen and women it even goes so far as to cover what we wish to do when we go to bed, and who's choice that is. Do we really want the government to tell us what we do with our bodies, our lives, or how we have sex?

It seems quite obvious that none of us want the government involved with our lives, yet often we not only allow this to happen, but whole heartedly invite controls. You see, the other half of the rights issue is responsibility. Whenever we give up our rights to another we also relieve ourselves of the responsibility for our actions. If abortions were made illegal, for example, then the responsibility for making a decision regarding childbirth is removed from the mother. She no longer has to be responsible for her decision regarding the birth, she does what the law says, it is out of her hands, and she no longer is responsible for the action taken as long as what she does is in accord with the law set down by the government.

People have been doing this for centuries. By using the terms "it is God's will," or "God will punish me if I do that," they were removing responsibility for a decision and putting it on the church. The responsibility for free thinking was removed and the people were put under the protection of the church and the actions dictated by a higher up, removing responsibility for their actions. It must have been comforting to those involved in the crusades or the Inquisition to know they weren't responsible for their actions since they were following the guidelines of the church and their god.

The same is true of government, the bigger and more complex our society gets the more we

give up our personal freedoms for the good of all (whatever that means). We have to give up a percentage of our income in taxes, we have to go to a government approved school, we have to obey traffic laws, we have to buy a permit to improve on our home, we have to buy a business license if we want to go into our business, we have to do any one of dozens of things in our everyday lives for the overall good of society.

Giving up some of our freedoms may be necessary, but is all of it? And how far should we allow government to interfere with our personal lives? Is it really for the general good of all to force an individual to stay on life support systems when they want to transcend into another less painful reality? Is it really for the general good of all to force a woman to have a baby when the child is unwanted and won't be cared for properly (or for any other reason the mother may have)? Is it really for the general good of all for the government to tell you who you may sleep with, or what you must do when you go to bed? Perhaps government control of our lives should stop at the tip of our fingers. Perhaps they have gone far enough in regulating and controlling our lives. Perhaps we should all stand up and support those fighting for their individual rights, no matter what the cause, in the interest of individual freedoms. Those same basic freedoms that our forefathers fought for so long ago.

And, as we let the government take our right to bear arms, smokers rights, and all the other rights we have possessed in the past, we are inviting them to take even more of our rights as well. Where does it stop? And who draws the line? At that point have we allowed enough of our rights to be taken under the flag of democracy that we no longer are a democracy, but rather a totalitarian state like communism - which we all know doesn't work?

This may not be a fight for rights at all. All we are asking for is the freedom to make our own choices regarding what we do with our lives, and our bodies, and accept the responsibility for those actions without judgment or controls by any group, church, or government. We are all asking for the same thing, the freedom to be ourselves.

We don't have to be a member of a group to support their cause, we don't even have to support them morally, but we must recognize their rights under the law. Perhaps then some of them will also recognize our rights, our fight, and stand next to us in our fight for freedom. Not only recognizing our rights to be different, but actually celebrating that difference which makes each of us unique. Only then will we be the type of country our forefathers envisioned where all people are not only equal but also free to live their lives in whatever way their hearts take them.

Let's support all minorities, and all causes in the interest of freedom. As the black movement before us has shown the way, perhaps one of the other issues of freedom by another group will help us on our path toward recognizing our own freedom.

## thoughts on sisterhood...

by cheri loofe-bavaard

i was six years old when i decided that girls were "neater" than boys. i was thirteen when i learned that the way i felt was called being Lesbian, and i was eighteen when i gathered up enough guts to tell the world (or at least the channel 10/11 viewing area) about it.

at eighteen, i thought i knew it all. i was gay-a-dyke and i loved women. case closed. i'm not that much older now, but i have learned there is so much more to being Lesbian than loving women.

women loving women, of course, is the biggest and most basic requirement for being a dyke, so in my continuous quest to gather and share knowledge, let me expand on this specific aspect of dykedom.

the best 'woman thing' that i have learned from being Lesbian, is that every kind of woman is beautiful. although i'm sure almost everyone else has their specific 'types', for me it's the inside that is important. i know - it sounds too cliché for words, but it's true. the shape, size, age, or color of a woman is an enhancement of herself.

another thing i've come to value is the experience of loving, and making love to, a woman. the touch of the skin, a caress or even a simple kiss is so much more rewarding. so much better now than when i was pretending to be straight.

sex and love may be the best parts of being gay, but that definitely isn't all there is to it. when i started delving into my Lesbian-ness, i was very surprised to find such a rich culture. in lincoln where i live, the different networks of dykes, be it through potlucks, dances, sports, or the bar, or any varied aspect of our lives, are strongly intertwined. everyone knows everyone, or so it seems.

i also learned that the lesbian stereotype is a joke! this city is graced with Lesbian mothers, artists, performers, writers, craftswomen, white/blue collar workers, teachers, policewomen, and politicians. both 'butch' and 'fem', all beautiful. i don't think i could find a much better place than lincoln to live as a Lesbian.

Lesbian culture, though, is hardly limited to lincoln. all throughout the country, and the world, in fact, dykes thrive. we've got our place in herstory with Lesbian lands, festivals, farms, papers, organizations, leaders, entertainers, etc., etc.

and everyday more and more women are coming forward and claiming their Lesbian heritage, up front and in public. and as we progress through the present, we are discovering more of our sisters in the past. willa cather, gertrude stein, and alice p. were only three of many that helped pave the way for the future's women of power.

from before sappho, Lesbians have had their roots dug deep into society, although society may not want to recognize it. the minute the rest of the world realizes that Lesbians, and our gay brothers, are a growing, learning, and loving part of culture as a whole, with the same dreams and goals as everyone else, the world will be a healthier, more productive, and less fearful place to live.

this is all i've learned so far in my young life of lesbianhood. i've got so much more to learn. one thing's for sure - the more i discover, the more prouder (?) and grateful i become for being Lesbian.

# FEATURES



**JOHN ALLEN NEEMANN**

June 19, 1961 -

November 25, 1991

Vice President of Shelley Investments, John came to Dallas, where he has been a resident for the past 10 years, from Omaha, Nebraska. John grew up in the farm towns in western Nebraska where he learned the basics of life. That is, he was a man very concerned for humanity. He wanted all men to be treated fairly and honestly and have the best from life.

In his short life he made many friends and touched many lives with his sincere and loving personality. In Dallas he lived with his 10-year companion Marvin Shelley and resided at 4011 Turtle Creek for six years of that time, where he will be known as a great host for his wonderful and decorative Christmas parties. He greeted everyone as a friend with a most beautiful smile.

John spent his childhood in Ames, Nebraska, and later moved to Los Angeles before moving to Dallas. He attended the University of Nebraska, Southeast Community College, and North Bend Central High of Nebraska.

He was very active in theatre, vocal, and piano playing. His most favorite music centered around beautiful love stories in which he lived one himself, for he was a beautiful romantic, rare person. He was a dreamer that this world would become a better place for all.

The following is an excerpt from a Thanksgiving prayer John had written, he did not live to give, but he left for us:

"May you grant the serenity to accept the things we cannot change and the courage to change the things we can. Living day to day accepting these hardships as a pathway to peace. Taking, as you did, this world and its people as it is and not as we would have it. Trusting that you will make all things right, if we surrender to your will, and that we may all be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you in the next. In Jesus Christ's name we pray."

**Voter Registration Deadline**  
April 12 (by mail)  
May 1 (by 6pm in person)

*If you have close non friends who isn't registered to vote persuade that person to register. Better yet go with them and celebrate after they're registered!*

## LEATHER HYGIENE

by Jim Chandler

### Mr. Leather Colorado 1991

Smell is a very powerful sense. Often we can recognize a smell long after the vision and memory has left. For that reason smell can be a very strong part of the lasting effect of a particular scene - either good or bad. If I say that I find a good clean masculine scent a real turn-on for me, someone else would state that the raunchier the better. For me it could be a clean sweat, while for another it's smelly pits and 'head cheese', so it is a personal experience.

There are a few points of personal hygiene that should be considered universal, however. For one, if you engage in any form of anal sex cleanliness is very important, not only for hygiene but also safety. Any foreign matter could break a condom or lessen your protection. But most of my suggestions really deal with being too clean. This may sound ridiculous, but there are many things having to do with cleanliness that can be quite distracting.

When you are getting into a scene don't wear any deodorant or antiperspirant, especially antiperspirant. You've probably never licked your deodorant stick, but the chemicals in these products can taste pretty awful. It can be really distracting when someone is licking your 'pits' and comes up with a mouth full of magnesium sulfate. For the same reason avoid heavily perfumed soaps or deodorant soaps for much the same reason. If you are concerned about body odor and still want to keep a natural scent under your leather for a long period of time I would recommend the use of a glycerine based soap containing a natural antibacterial ingredient. (I personally use the Metaleuca Gold Bar, although there are others on the market.)

Another big blunder is to wear cologne or after shave. *English Leather* smells about as much like leather as your Aunt Bertha's kiss could be considered erotic, plus again, the taste is awful.

In general, unless your buddy has something special that turns his crank, the more you can let your natural scent and the smell of your leather be the dominant smell for your buddy, the more you'll turn him on. This also goes for distracting outside smells like incense, room deodorizers, and sweet smelling sprays.

Have fun, and enjoy your buddy, with all the interesting smells he provides.

## OUT IS OUT FOR NOW

I've included a letter we received from *OUT*. This publication is not unlike *The New Voice*. It was published monthly, by a volunteer staff, in a metropolitan area of a state that is primarily rural. *OUT* is a magazine normally of 16 pages and they print about 500 copies each month. They may, in fact, be at the place where *The New Voice* was a few years ago when there were only two people left to publish the magazine and it looked like there was no choice but to stop publication.

Please remember that we need you. *The New Voice* survived that crisis and never missed an issue, but the magazine is published entirely by volunteers, from ad sales to reporting to typing to layout to distribution. The magazine will not survive without dedicated volunteers. Could you be one of those volunteers? We especially need reporters, artists, typists, and policy makers for the steering committee. If you're interested, call me at 556-9907 or contact any member of the steering committee.

We do have a happy ending to the story. Our typesetter & layout artist extraordinary, Lee Dونهower, called Boise, Idaho, and talked to the folks at the *OUT* office. He learned that the letter was successful. They have new staff members and will be putting out a magazine this coming month.

Congratulations, Idaho! Hope the years to come are as good to you as they have been to *The New Voice*.

In Boise, ID. Your Family Friends and Neighbors (YFFN) bought a 1/4 page ad in the *Idaho Statesman* and held a vigil at the State Capitol to recognize National Coming

## DEATH:

### A GAY EXPERIENCE?

Is death, like life, different for gays and lesbians compared to heterosexuals? This is just one of the many questions a new research project hopes to answer. Many people throughout the world have had "near-death experiences" including gays and lesbians. Do these NDE's have anything to teach us about "real death," or possibly even about life itself?

Any gay/lesbian, bisexual, or transgender person who has had an NDE is encouraged to take part in the study. Write: NDE Study, P.O. Box 708, Cloudcroft, NM 88317-0708.



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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

The five major Democratic candidates are all pro-choice on the abortion issue and all want to establish some form of a national health system; but, when it comes to specifically Gay or AIDS issues, they begin to differ.

Brown and Tsongas are willing to support the federal Gay rights bill; Harkin and Kerrey have repeatedly declined to cosponsor it; Clinton has not been confronted with the issue yet. Clinton, Harkin, and Tsongas are on record as opposing the military ban on Gays. Harkin and Tsongas have also expressed, in some of their campaign literature, their opposition to discrimination based on sexual orientation.

There have already been some public stumbles and fumbles by Democratic candidates. Kerrey antagonized many in the Gay community by telling a sexual joke involving Lesbians. The joke, according to D.C.'s *City Paper*, involved a pun about "wanting to lick Bush." Harkin lost his temper at a Minnesota campaign stop and exclaimed his defiance at responding to questions about his refusal to cosponsor the Gay rights bill.

Courtesy of the *Washington Blade*, we present summaries of the views of the five major Democratic candidates.

## Bill Clinton

Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton has done virtually nothing on Gay and AIDS issues in his home state. But he appointed an openly Gay activist to a committee of his top 10 advisors.

Now in his fourth term, Clinton has never spoken out publicly in Arkansas against anti-Gay bias. When asked by the Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Task Force (AGLTF) in 1989 to proclaim Coming Out Day, his office refused, saying the event did not affect enough Arkansans.

Last year, a bill to repeal the state's sodomy law drew a lot of attention, but the governor took no position.

AGLTF's David Harris says that with fundamentalists still a powerful force in Arkansas, "the man could not be reelected to statewide office were he to come out and say we need to do away with the sodomy law or we need to give Gays and Lesbians full constitutional rights."

According to Harris, Clinton backed a bill to provide "very minimal" state funding for AIDS programs, but he "didn't make a big push for it." All money for these programs comes from the federal government or private sources. Clinton signed a bill last year allowing doctors to test for HIV without the patient's consent.

Recently, Clinton has met with some Gay activists around the country to seek support. He told the *Los Angeles Times* that he would have backed the Gay rights bill vetoed by California Governor Pete Wilson. And, in a speech, he pledged to sign an executive order ending the Pentagon's anti-Gay policy.

But when asked by a delegate at the Florida meeting to issue an executive order banning anti-Gay discrimination in Arkansas state employment, Clinton said only that he would "consider it" and wanted to "determine if there has been discrimination."

## Jerry Brown

At the time Jerry Brown completed eight years as governor of California in January 1983, Gay rights leaders credited him with creating the

strongest Gay rights record to date of any governor of any state.

Shortly after assuming office in 1975, Brown issued an executive order banning discrimination against Gays in state employment and by all state agencies. He appointed numerous open Gays to key state jobs, including three openly Gay judges. Activists say Brown met often with Gay leaders and consulted Gays on all issues that were likely to have an impact on the Gay community.

Gay activists say he set an important precedent when he launched his campaign for the 1980 Democratic presidential nomination. With dozens of national political reporters in tow, Brown addressed a crowd of more than 600 Gays at a Washington, D.C., Gay disco, becoming the first major-party presidential candidate to openly court Gay votes. During that campaign, Brown said he would issue an executive order banning federal government discrimination against Gays. He said he would sign a Gay rights bill passed by Congress and would end the Pentagon's refusal to accept Gays into the armed services. He promised to urge Congress to repeal a law prohibiting foreign Gays from visiting or immigrating to the U.S., an action Congress finally took in 1990.

At the end of his second term as governor, Brown ran for a U.S. Senate seat and lost to Republican Pete Wilson. During that campaign, Brown continued to support Gay rights and spoke out for increased federal funding to combat the then emerging AIDS epidemic. But California Gay rights leaders and political pundits note that Brown's unconventional lifestyle - which included living in a small apartment rather than the governor's mansion, shunning a state vehicle for an old car, and dabbling in Zen Buddhism - helped his critics apply to him the nickname "Governor Moonbeam." "It's partially because of the view that he's not electable that few Gay and Lesbian activist [in California] have yet to jump on his bandwagon," said John Laird, the former mayor of Santa Cruz, Calif., and a long-time Gay activist.

## Paul Tsongas

Paul Tsongas is generally acknowledged to have the best record on Gay issues of the major Democratic contenders. But most Gay activists are holding back from supporting the former Massachusetts Senator because he is being pictured in the media as an underdog who has virtually no chance of gaining the nomination.

In his freshman year in Congress, Tsongas introduced the federal Gay rights bill for the first time in the U.S. Senate. In 1980, he successfully fought at the Democratic National Convention for a Gay rights plank in the party platform. He lobbied to help defeat the McDonald Amendment to the Legal Services Corp., which threatened the access of Gay citizens to the federal program. He opposed President Reagan's appointment of anti-Gay Rev. B. Sam Hart to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Since declaring his candidacy, Tsongas has been by far the most outspoken of the presidential hopefuls on Gay and AIDS issues. In a position paper on Gay rights and in a letter to potential Gay contributors, he promised that as president he would work to pass the federal Gay rights bill.

Tsongas also pledged to lead "the first comprehensive federal fight against AIDS," asserting he would support universal health care, increased

funding for AIDS research, quicker approval of experimental drugs, and full funding for treatment and prevention programs under the Ryan White Act. He said he would appoint a Special Assistant to the President to oversee the AIDS effort.

Tsongas promised to sign an executive order banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in federal employment. He said that on "Day 1" of his term he would sign an order prohibiting anti-Gay discrimination in the military. He has expressed amazement that "so many so-called 'progressive' legislators remain silent on the issue of Gay rights" - a clear slap at two of his opponents, U.S. Senators Bob Kerrey and Tom Harkin.

## Tom Harkin

Iowa Senator Tom Harkin's campaign slogan makes Gay people flinch: "Traditional Values, New Ideas." His campaign literature makes clear that he doesn't mean "traditional values" the way anti-Gay agitators mean it. But his choice of words underscores what most Gay activists see as a basic, some say calculated, insensitivity.

Harkin heralds himself as "liberal," and his campaign's white paper on civil rights says he has compassion and understanding for victims of discrimination based on "sexual orientation." But he hasn't cosponsored the federal Gay rights bill. The literature also says he would favor an executive order ending the ban on Gays in the military. But he hasn't cosponsored a Senate resolution calling for an end to that ban.

He championed the new law which outlaws discrimination against people with AIDS, and his voting record has improved significantly in recent years. But that record still includes his vote for Jesse Helms' stinging "no promo homo" amendment in 1987, and, in person, he uses terms such as "lifestyle preference" which some activists say shows he is out of touch.

At a public meeting in Minnesota last August, Harkin unleashed his "temper" when pressed to cosponsor the Gay rights bill. Pointing to a 92 percent score on a National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Senate vote "report card," Harkin said, "I don't know if I'm going to support that bill or not. I may or I may not. Now, if that's your cutting issue, and you say that [report card score] isn't good enough, by God, so be it."

AIDS lobbyist Tom Sheridan credits Harkin with leading a successful fight to defeat Helms' amendment to ban HIV-infected people from jobs as waiters and foodhandlers. But at a campaign stop in West Hollywood just last month, Harkin, in front of a group that was largely Gay, had to be goaded into even mentioning AIDS. When a reporter challenged him for "evading the issue," Harkin responded, "Do you want to just feel good about yourself, or win and then make a change?"

## Bob Kerrey

Bob Kerrey, a member of the U.S. Senate from Nebraska since 1989, has a record on Gay issues that begins in 1981, when he served as a private citizen on the Lincoln, Nebraska, Human Rights Commission.

Then Commissioner Kerrey voted in favor of sending a proposed Gay rights ordinance from the commission to the Lincoln City Council, which later passed the measure. Kerrey was

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attacked by Republican opponents for supporting the ordinance, and some Gay activists in Nebraska say the criticism may have prompted Kerrey to back away from supporting Gay rights when he was elected governor in 1983.

While expressing general support for equal rights for Gays, Kerrey refused requests by Gay rights leaders to issue an executive order banning discrimination in state employment.

Kerrey returned to private business endeavors after completing one term as governor, then ran and won a U.S. senate seat in 1989. The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national Gay rights lobbying group, reports that Kerrey voted in support of Gay rights and AIDS issues on nine out of ten bills or amendments from 1989 to 1990, giving him a 90 percent "favorable" record. But HRCF reports that Kerrey's "favorable" percentage dropped in 1991, when he voted in favor of Gay rights or AIDS positions deemed important by Gay leaders in only two out of six roll call votes.

Among the issues in which Kerrey voted against the position of Gay rights leaders were on two amendments introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) - one called for killing a government funded study of the sexual behavior of young people for purposes of developing AIDS prevention strategies and the other called for ending funding for the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) for all projects that address homosexuality. Kerrey later reversed himself on a second NEA amendment and voted against Helms' NEA amendment.

Since beginning his presidential campaign, Kerrey has said he would issue an executive order ending the military's ban on Gay service members and that he would sign a Gay rights bill, despite his refusal to become a cosponsor of the bill while in the Senate. Kerrey told a meeting of Gays in Minneapolis that he supports the "right of Gays to adopt children," according to his campaign worker, Patrice Hopman.

## ATTENTION ALL BODYBUILDERS

On Saturday, June 13th, The Arcadia Bodybuilding Society will present the sixth annual International Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships, Physique '92. We have moved from Mission High to Lowell High in the heart of San Francisco. Physique '92 will be sanctioned by the A.A.U. for the first time. The Amateur Athletic Union is a prestigious sports organization that was founded 104 years ago and it was the organizer of the modern Olympic Games which began in 1894.

The International Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships is a natural contest and entry requirements include drug testing for anabolic steroids. The A.A.U. will conduct the testing via urinalysis.

Physique '92 is also a qualifying event for the National Natural Mr. U.S.A. competition which will be held in Virginia this year.

For the first time trophies will be given to the three winners in each division. We have age groups and weight categories. All bodybuilders who are interested in entering Physique '92 either write ABS at 1230 Market Street, Suite 221, San Francisco, CA or call George at (415) 431-6254.



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## Let's Talk About Life and Choice

by Andrew Sullivan

My name is Andrew Sullivan. I'm not gay. I am pro-life and I have participated in Operation Rescue. However, I've been active in Amnesty International. I opposed the Gulf War and attended and spoke at the protest against gay bashing which was sponsored by Homosexuals Against Hate Crimes outside The Run. I even informed people to stay away from Lyndon LaRouche followers (read the book *Lyndon LaRouche and the New American Fascism* by Dennis King).

The reason I write is because I know Archbishop O'Connor of New York doesn't represent all pro-life activists and ACT-UP doesn't represent all gay and lesbian people. In fact, once you get away from the television set and the wall it has created, you may be surprised at who stands where on what issues. Once this wall is removed, gays and lesbians may achieve greater recognition and learn how other issues affect them.

For example, the "pro-choice" advocates are usually upper and middle income women. They ignore and even find fault with poor women who "choose" to give birth to a child over an abortion. What the "pro-choice" advocates don't realize is that *Roe v. Wade* liberated philandering men and gave women liberty only on the condition that she have surgery (read: abortion) in the event of pregnancy. If she gives birth she is abandoned to

poverty. Men see no obligation for children they help beget because women "choose" to give birth and not men. How are men to be subjugated to someone else's choice? If you think I am a fool take a look at the increasing feminization of poverty.

Finally some feminists are coming around to the realization that *Roe v. Wade* turned women from baby machines to sex machines that still revolve around men (don't take my word for it... pick up a pen and write: Feminists for Life of America, 811 East 47th St., Kansas City, MO 64110).

You can find fault with the all male Catholic Church all you want but it is an all male Supreme Court that gave us *Roe v. Wade* and men still rule Congress. Seeing how bad the situation is, perhaps gay and lesbian marriages should teach heterosexuals how to make a commitment and raise children in a two parent family. After all, what is more important: commitment or how you have sex?

There is now talk that homosexuality may have a genetic cause. If this is so, tests that screen for homosexuals before birth may lead to the extinction of the homosexual community. People are already aborting babies because they are "less than perfect" (but don't take my word for it... Pro-life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians, 1500 Massachusetts Ave., #360, Washington, DC 20005).

Even the talk of safer sex could provide more support for gay and lesbian marriages. Face facts, those glowing-in-the-dark condoms won't do and a bit more commitment to one partner could have and still can save many lives.

The national disaster of AIDS has given a boost to the euthanasia movement, which I believe is a major threat to AIDS victims since they are so quickly shunned by family and friends. In fact, the suicide book *Final Exit* may have been deliberately put out because of the AIDS crisis. This is something gays and lesbians should be concerned about since that community has been hit hard by AIDS. The rest of society has to learn that the HIV virus is stupid: it doesn't know sexual orientation. Also, AIDS is not like getting in a car accident where doc-

tors are more than willing to help you, and family and friends don't shun you. So, comparing a condom to a seat belt is not exactly accurate.

There is also one problem that separates gay and lesbian people from certain parts of the activist community which I call the bull of Sodom and Gomorrah and Bible phobia. First, some gay and lesbian people need to actually read what the Bible says before they go Bible bashing. Secondly, a closer reading of the Bible shows that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of a lack of social justice: the same sort of social injustice exists today. Just look at how negligent and violent the American culture is. Thereference made to condemn homosexuality is done not because it is a sin but because the ancient tribes of those times faced being conquered and wiped out of existence if they did not have plenty of children to make an army. If you read the Bible, you will note the numerous battles that take place. Finally, homosexuality isn't condemned in the Ten Commandments.

However, the issue of homosexuality is often exploited to keep money flowing into the hands of many churches. Gay and lesbian people could make a major change by telling churches to stop exploiting the issue unless such churches seek continual confrontation. Churches should be encouraged to condemn gay bashing even if they still think homosexuality is a sin.

Finally, I am still trying to find why any employer would fire someone for being a homosexual. It does not make sense to fire a person who is honest enough to tell you they are gay and yet keep a homosexual who lies to keep their job. Such policies don't discriminate against homosexuals but discriminate against honest people. Thus the workplace becomes full of a bunch of liars! I can understand religious institutions discriminating against homosexuals from teaching, though, because at one time all teachers in a Catholic school had to come from a religious order.

Well, I hope this dialogue will break the ice and cause people to talk more. I hope dialogue can be accomplished between some gay and lesbian activists and pro-life activists like myself. Our nation is in shambles and we should not ignore the fact that we can do something about it.

### DOLLARS AND SENSE

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## GOLDEN THREADS



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Entertainment will be provided by Robin Tyler. A banquet will be followed by dancing with our own DJ, mixing in the pre-rock oldies. Sing-alongs and rap sessions will be offered. Attendance to the Celebration is limited to 250 women.

In existence since 1985, GOLDEN THREADS is a worldwide social network of Lesbian women over 50, and women who are interested in older women - no Lesbian woman is excluded. A contact publication, *GOLDEN THREADS*, is published four times a year. It lists many self-descriptions of Lesbian women, resources, book reviews, all addressing the interests and concerns of the older Lesbian woman.

For more information please contact: Christine Burton, GOLDEN THREADS, P.O. Box 3177, Burlington, VT 05401-0031.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

### PRAYER OF A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

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I asked for health, that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy; I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men and women; I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life; I was given life, that I might enjoy things.

I got nothing I asked for—but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all women and men, most richly blessed.

## MOST HOMOPHOBIC MAGAZINE IN USA?

*Reader's Digest*, which sells 28 million copies monthly, may be the most anti-gay general circulation magazine in America.

In the September *That's Outrageous* - a column purporting to "spotlight absurdities in our society" with the aim of "eliminating them" - featured an item condemning the Centers for Disease Control for funding safe-sex education programs sponsored by "a homosexual group called the National Association of Black and White Men Together." Said the item by arch-homophobe Cal Thomas, "This bolsters homosexual efforts to give their sexual behavior the same kind of legal approval that minority groups have..."

GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) received no response from its letter of protest. Then the October issue excerpted a virulently anti-gay article by John Leo titled *Has Anti-Catholicism Become Respectable?* (originally titled "The Gay Tide of Catholic-Bashing" when it ran in *U.S. News & World Report*).

The piece blamed gay activists for a "hate campaign." Gays were said to "repeatedly" disrupt religious ceremonies and harass parishioners. The press was lambasted for refusing to report this "foot-stomping bigotry toward Catholics."

No mention was made of actions by the Catholic Church against our lives and liberties, such as strong-arm tactics by the Catholic hierarchy to stop employment and housing protections for gay people and to ban government supported safe-sex education.

Nor was it said that most lesbians and gays oppose disrupting religious services.

Ask the self-proclaimed "World's Most Widely Read Magazine" whether it plans to remedy the distorted picture of gays presented in its pages. Write Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Editor-in-Chief, *Reader's Digest*, Pleasantville, NY 10570.

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## PRIME TIME SHINES

Some good news from TV land! Last season *Roseanne* introduced two gay characters: Roseanne's boss, Leon Carp (Martin Mull) and his lover, Jerry. In October, Leon came out to Roseanne's husband, Dan (John Goodman) and his friends during a poker game; the show was the highest rated prime time show that week, seen by millions of viewers!

*Roc*, a new show on Fox about a working class black family, was both pro-gay and pro-family. *Roc*'s uncle Russell (Richard Roundtree, of *Shaft* fame) returned home, told his family he was gay and got married to his white lover in the family's living room. His relatives embraced him, and even his crotchety older brother Andrew, *Roc*'s dad, came around, realizing Russell had to do what was right for him.

Finally, on a recent episode of *Dear John* macho Kirk learned his wife left him for a woman. "I didn't decide to turn gay," she tells him. "One day I met Donna, and I just started getting these feelings that I'd never gotten for any guy. I was falling in love."

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I'm tough I don't play  
What fool ever said  
You had to be Gay

I'm waiting for you  
Just give me a chance  
I'll call you in early  
Before the last dance

I'll bury your daughter  
I've killed lots of sons  
I'm just getting started  
I'll take anyone

I'm so hard to handle  
I'm tricky you see  
Life was so simple  
Then there came me

Better talk to the children  
Better get the job done  
Cause everybody knows  
That I like the young

I'll tell you a secret  
Promise not to share  
I've got so much power  
Ronald and George didn't care

One more little secret  
Oh please do not tell  
That Senator Jesse  
I want him as well

My numbers are growing  
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My name is HIV  
And yes, there's no cure  
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Always Blossom whatever  
Be the weather. Whose fragrances  
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times we spent together

This verse says a lot about the  
good times. The parties, stories and  
long talks will be missed by all.  
The memories, good memories that people  
create throughout the years  
Are sure to last a lifetime.  
And The Beat goes on.

-Gary Christiansen



## OH MAGIC

by Marta

OH MAGIC OH MAGIC  
You thought you could fly  
And now you are grounded  
But real men don't cry

OH MAGIC OH MAGIC  
How could this be  
I know how you feel  
It happened to me

OH MAGIC OH MAGIC  
We'll pray for you dear  
Unless we find out  
That some how you're queer

OH MAGIC OH MAGIC  
It's hell, wait, you'll see  
No need to worry  
We've got Social Security

OH MAGIC OH MAGIC  
We're sick, can you help  
Society says  
It's the hand we was dealt

OH MAGIC OH MAGIC  
Talk to us, you'll see  
Our Country don't care  
We can't trust George B.

OH MAGIC OH MAGIC  
The panel is a sham  
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It's just another scam

OH MAGIC OH MAGIC  
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got silver.  
and when she laughs, all things evil run and  
hide.  
she moves as a woman self-possessed,  
self-satisfied.  
her touch is that of the gentlest breeze  
on the most beautiful day,  
kissing my skin with warmth.  
the angels smile down on her as she smiles  
down on me.  
this woman is love  
this woman is you.



## IS AIDS A LESBIAN ISSUE?

by Laura A. Moore

I am a lifelong lesbian connectionist/separatist not because I hate men, but because I love myself and other women. I am questioning whether AIDS is a lesbian issue not because I view it as a disease that does not affect lesbians, but because I view AIDS as only one of many critical issues i.e., breast and cervical cancer, health care in general, but particularly for older and disabled lesbians, economic survival and housing, redefining family, etc., in a lesbian agenda that has been coopted into generic homosexual agenda in which lesbians have been manipulated (if even unconsciously) by gay men into a subordinate (caretaking, supportive) position. We are in fact, emulating the heterosexual male-dominated system.

According to Beth Elliot's commentary *Does Lesbian Sex Transmit AIDS? GET REAL* in the November *ooob* off our backs, she says, "We are no longer lesbians: we are now Mrs. Homosexual. And our rights are at risk because the best weapon against AIDS backlash (that) lesbians and gay men have - the reality of lesbian lives - is something gay men do not want to face... (Our) most virulent enemies will not abandon homophobia on humanitarian grounds. They will continue to say AIDS is contracted through immoral acts, and that homosexuality must be suppressed to safeguard public health. Lesbian and gay activists could effectively rebut the religious right by telling the truth: lesbian sex sure looks like safe sex "according to statistics presently available in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*" and from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

According to CDC as noted in Elliott's commentary, "of the nearly 10,000 HIV+ women in this country, 89 are lesbians; 84 contracted the virus from IV drug use, and the other five from transfusions." (Author's note: the term lesbian used by CDC means, of course, self-defined.) The question as to whether there has been an undercounting of such cases is relevant to uncovering and fighting methodical lesbian oppression and leophobia, but I do not see it as a substantial argument against my own positions stated in this article. In fact, I see AIDS as a human problem and medical epidemic. All women with HIV/AIDS should be treated and counted the same as men no matter what their sexual orientation, race, ethnic, or cultural background. Lesbians should not have a false sense of security because they belong to a "safe group."

I am writing this commentary in order to encourage dialogue. I am not asking that we as lesbians ignore the AIDS issue. What I want is that we as lesbians recognize AIDS is a universal issue and not act as though it were the only issue in the lesbian and gay community requiring intense energy and activism. Furthermore, whether lesbians are at risk, low risk, or no risk is not at all the issue except that to loudly acknowledge our basically HIV free status could serve to deflect the homophobia/lesophobia stemming from the fundamentalist right. It would not hurt at all for them to hear loudly and clearly that lesbians may indeed be the chosen people.

Lastly, it is not historically a part of women's experience to see their sacrifices in a time of crises later traded off for political support for

women's issues. Even during a period of real reform in this country when suffragettes rightfully threw their support and energy into the abolitionist movement, there was no John Brown to come forward in favor of women's enfranchisement. And let us not forget ERA and the continued struggle for abortion rights. We cannot afford to put a critical lesbian agenda on hold or trust our equally pressing (if less universal) issues to the eventual efforts of others. Again, according to Beth Elliot, "protecting what rights we have, and fighting for the rights we should have, means speaking up about the fact that lesbians are women - and therefore different from gay men, even if we are both queer. It means articulating lesbian issues and concerns, because they will be (author's note: CONTINUE to be) ignored otherwise." Lesbians were first coming to grips with their unique identity again became subsumed in the AIDS struggle. I am not asking that all lesbians act out of a connectionist/separatist consciousness; it is not MY intention to co-opt a broader lesbian agenda. I am willing to take the heat from other separatists who will question my putting this commentary in a lesbian journal, one that can be unfortunately accessed by straights. I want to encourage, prod, provoke all lesbians to put their own particular needs first, and if they are not ready to do so now, when will they be?

Les Talk

## SHEDDING SECLUSION THROUGH SUPPORT

by Ron

Support: 1. To carry or bear the weight of; keep from falling, slipping or sinking; hold up. 2. To give courage, faith, or confidence to; help or comfort.

As of January, 1992, I began my twenty-seventh month of living with AIDS. However, for the first nineteen months following my diagnosis of AIDS, I, like so many others afflicted, succumbed to a lifestyle of secretiveness and seclusion. I shared the knowledge of my illness only with immediate family members, my medical team, and eventually a buddy (a person professionally trained to befriend someone with HIV/AIDS) matched for me by the Nebraska AIDS Project.

Shortly after my diagnosis, I was informed of various support groups that were available to me. However, my fear of entrusting to strangers the knowledge that I had AIDS, together with the subsequent possible consequences to my family and me if this information was made "public" by these strangers, kept me a far distance from such groups!

Thus, in the beginning, my family and doctors provided me with the love and support I needed to sustain me as I settled in with my new companion, AIDS. However, after fifteen months, I realized that something was lacking in my life: that I wanted and needed to communicate with someone more closely associated with the subject of AIDS. So, through my request, a buddy was placed in my life. This was the first step out of my safe cocoon, the one step that helped pave the way to other avenues.

Eventually, however, my inner need to actually communicate with someone with AIDS began to surface. I wanted to share like-feelings,

fears, ups, and downs. I had so many questions to ask and also wanted to share my own experiences in regard to AIDS. While my buddy encouraged me to look into the support groups as a possible means to fulfill these needs, I knew that I could only pursue that route within my own time.

And that time eventually came. I attended my first support group meeting filled with much apprehension and distrust and with the uppermost fear of losing my long-protected anonymity. In fact, when I first arrived, I looked into the room and saw an acquaintance of mine. I was immediately engulfed with fear - what if this man tells our other mutual friends? So I went through a little internal battle right then. Shall I leave now or shall I take a chance that I can trust this man? I decided to take a chance.

My nineteen months of stockpiled fears and distrusts were immediately dissipated.

What I found was other HIV/AIDS challenged persons reaching out to one another, sharing their strengths, fears, and hopes. There was much love and caring extended to me and exchanged within the group. I knew immediately that I had come to the right place. And, to dispel any fear that anonymity would not apply, it was made clear that the motto, "What's said here, and who's seen here, remains here," applies at all group meetings.

Later learned that, while this group was open only to HIV/AIDS challenged persons, other groups consist of parents and other family members of same, friends of same, men, women, young and old, and people who just care, in addition to the HIV/AIDS challenged persons.

Since my first encounter with the support groups, I have developed quite a network of support from my new found "family". Even though I live alone, I do not have to be alone, for today getting or giving support is just a phone call away for me.

What great strides from those early days of secretiveness and seclusion.

Today, I encourage anyone to avail themselves of the harvest that can be reaped from the support groups.

You won't regret it. Trust me.

Ron  
A Person Living With AIDS



### LIVING WITH AIDS

Columnist, Darrell Cole, was temporarily hospitalized during February and so does not have a column appearing in the March issue. He is home, recovering quickly, and will be back in print in April.

# AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

\*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept 2200 StMary  
Lincoln 68502, 471-8065 Testing, counseling

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LEGAL

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

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

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

## PASTORAL CARE

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

AIDS Interfaith Network, 215 Centennial  
Mall So., Rm 411, Lincoln 68508, 474-3017,  
Services: 7pm, 4th Mon, St Marks, 14th & R

## HIV TESTING\*

\*We urge you to inquire about anonymity  
& confidentiality before testing.

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

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

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

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept, 2200 St.  
Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 (402) 471-8065  
Alternate test site available 2nd Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

HIV Anonymous, "Living in Hope" 12 step  
recovery group for at risk/HIV challenged.  
Sunday, 4pm, Lincoln General, Prairie Rm,  
Lower Level, 2300 S. 16th Street, Lincoln.  
Write: Box 67185, Lincoln, 68506

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

Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243

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

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

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

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

## MEDIA FOCUS ON MAGIC

by René Durazzo

During the recent media feeding frenzy around Magic Johnson's announcement that he has HIV, I received a phone call from a San Francisco reporter who wanted to get background information for a feature she was doing on what it means to be HIV positive and the care and treatment issues that an individual must handle.

She wanted to interview a person with HIV whose situation resembled Magic's - someone who had not progressed to AIDS (assuming Magic does not have AIDS) and was getting early care and treatment. The reporter wanted our office to refer her to a heterosexual male living with HIV. The person could not be gay; she made that clear. When pressed on why the person had to be heterosexual, the reporter did not have much of an answer nor much awareness that she was perpetuating a profoundly destructive bias against gay people with HIV. Apparently she believed this type of story was not worth doing if she had to focus on HIV care and treatment issues through the eyes of a gay man. Nothing to be learned, nothing to care about.

Finally, the reporter acknowledged the bias and the conversation moved on. However, this particular incident and the entire Magic Johnson episode form a grim reminder of the damaging distinction that continues to exist in the HIV crisis: As long as HIV predominantly affects gay men, people of color, the poor, and injection drug users, the problem will not be

taken seriously by governmental policy makers, the media, and the general public. Unless, of course, you happen to be a national celebrity - a star like Magic Johnson.

Maybe some good will come out of Magic Johnson's courageous announcement. It has certainly refocused the nation on a horrifying epidemic that has yet to peak and that continues to ravage hundreds of thousands of lives each year. The brutal impact of HIV among African Americans and other communities of color is receiving more attention, which could translate into more targeted prevention and care funding in these communities. And certainly for the time being, a broader spectrum of the general public is seeking out HIV prevention information. SFAF's Northern California AIDS Hotline has been averaging 2,000 calls a day since the Magic announcement - four times the normal rate, with most of the calls coming from heterosexuals.

Will the Bush Administration and the Congress finally take this crisis seriously and implement a fully funded comprehensive response to the nation's HIV epidemic - one that provides full resources for HIV prevention, research, and care and treatment services? It is unlikely.

Discrimination and racism are tough barriers to overcome. Maybe at best Magic Johnson's misfortune will begin to reduce some of the bias against people with HIV - particularly gay people.

-Advance

## BIG MEN MEET



Each year a chapter of the Affiliated Big Men's Clubs, Inc. (ABC) holds a regional conference for heavyset gay men and their admirers. This conference allows heavyset men and their friends from all over the country to converge in one city for a regional meeting and social event.

Girth and Mirth of San Diego (GMSD) has been selected to host the annual ABC Western Conference for 1992. GMSD has chosen Las Vegas as the site of the conference, attempting to keep costs at a minimum while providing a central and exciting location. There is always something going on in the "24-hour city" and the BIG BOYS from sunny San Diego plan on leading the way.

The conference will be held at the Resort Hotel Ramada San Remo, 115 East Tropicana Avenue from May 15th through May 17th, 1992. Cost for the event is \$45.00. Your registration fee includes an active Hospitality Suite for 3 days with a full bar and a welcome party on Friday night. Also included is a luncheon buffet on Saturday, a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, plus snacks, music, free drawings, souvenirs, and "TONS" of hot men!

Rooms for ABC Convention attendees at the Ramada San Remo are specially priced at \$45.00

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT OUTLAW GAYS IN COLORADO

by Tea Schook

After scoping possibilities in several states, right wing extremists from the gay-bashing Traditional Values Coalition have targeted Colorado and Oregon for constitutional amendments which would outlaw civil rights protections based on Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexuality. Campaigns have been organized in each state to combat this radical right threat to civil liberties.

In Colorado, Equal Protection of Coloradans (EPOC) is acting as the statewide coordinator for the defeat of this proposed amendment. The national right wing effort, based in southern California, is fronted here by a group calling itself "Coloradans for Family Values" (CFV). This "local" group is based in Colorado Springs, a city long recognized as a bastion of conservatism in the state. The extended agenda of these "family value" groups includes curriculum mandates, censorship, and anti-choice efforts.

CFV is getting funding and other support from all over the country. They have recruited to their ranks former U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong, known for his assaults on Washington, D.C.'s civil rights law. Armstrong has already sent a letter to his own campaign contributors which

solicited funds based on a series of misrepresentations.

Defeating this attempt to put discrimination in Colorado's Constitution will require a coordinated and well-funded campaign. Financial contributions are needed from friends, family, and every person invested in the support and perpetuation of civil rights.

To help with the Colorado battle send campaign contributions to EPOC, P.O. Box 300476, Denver, CO 80203.

**Actual Initiative Language:**  
PROPOSED INITIATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO:

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Article 2, of the Colorado Constitution is amended by the addition of Section 30, which shall state as follows:

**NO PROTECTED STATUS BASED ON HOMOSEXUAL, LESBIAN OR BISEXUAL ORIENTATION.**

Neither the State of Colorado, through any of its branches or departments, nor any of its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities or school districts, shall enact, adopt or enforce any statute, regulation, ordinance or policy whereby homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct, practices or relationships shall constitute or otherwise be the basis of, or entitle any person or class of persons to have or claim any minority status, quota preferences, protected status or claim of discrimination. This Section of the Constitution shall be in all respects self-executing.

*EPOCColorado*

## GAY ACTIVIST APPOINTED JUDGE

Florida Governor Lawton Chiles has selected labor lawyer and gay activist Rand Hoch to serve as a Judge of Compensation Claims in Daytona Beach.

For many years Hoch has been in the forefront of the battle for gay and lesbian rights. He has served on the Boards of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, and Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America.

At the Florida Democratic Convention in December, Hoch, as Chair of the Florida Gay and Lesbian Caucus, arranged meetings for gay and lesbian activists with four presidential candidates: Bill Clinton, Tom Harkin, Bob Kerrey, and Paul Tsongas.

Hoch also served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Task Force, a gay rights organization which maintains a Tallahassee-based lobbyist on gay and lesbian issues. In 1991, Hoch was instrumental in lobbying the Florida Legislature to include "sexual orientation" in his state's hate crime laws.

In Palm Beach County, Hoch co-founded the area's first two gay and lesbian political organizations: the Atlantic Coast Democratic Club and the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council, Inc., of which Hoch has served as president since its inception. Working for these organizations, Hoch drafted laws which now prohibit discrimination against gay men and lesbians in housing, financing for housing, public accommodations, and public employment for both Palm Beach County and the City of West Palm Beach.

## FORMER SCOUTS

### ASKED TO COME OUT

National Coming Out Day (NCOD) has become a "Member Organization" of Forgotten Scouts, the visibility organization of gay and bisexual men formed to challenge the biases of Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

NCOD founder, and former Cub Scout in Los Angeles in the mid 1950's, Dr. Rob Eichberg states, "My own experience as a Scout, and sharing with my father as Scout Master, was invaluable in my growth. Many young people do not yet know they are gay when participating in Scouting. If honesty and integrity are being taught it is essential that boys be validated in telling the truth and that they are supported to develop self-esteem whether they are heterosexual or homosexual."

To assist Forgotten Scouts in creating a chronicle of participation and to help BSA accomplish its mission without prejudice against particular classes of people, NCOD calls for all former Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, or Explorers to write Forgotten Scouts or the NCOD office detailing:

1. Name and address
2. What city and Scout program they were in
3. The approximate dates they participated
4. And what they got out of Scouting that has contributed to their adult life.

This is an opportunity for former Scouts to acknowledge what they learned from Scouting and make a dent in anti-gay bias practiced by Boy Scouts of America.

The aim of Forgotten Scouts is to prove that gay people have always been an important part of the BSA's success and that many gay people are excellent role models for both children and adults.

For more information, or to send your documentation to Forgotten Scouts, please call or write National Coming Out Day, P.O. Box 8349, Santa Fe, NM 87504-8349, 505-982-2558 or Forgotten Scouts, 1072 Folsom St., #383, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415-905-6120.

## FILMING COMPLETED ON CLAIRE OF THE MOON

Demi-Monde Productions, Inc. announces completion of principal photography on *Claire of the Moon*, slated for release in Mid 1992. A contemporary Lesbian love story, *Claire of the Moon* explores the universal themes of intimacy and sexual discovery. It is a film of the 90's, targeting the vast Lesbian and Gay audience along with the sophisticated adult-fare and art house market.

*Claire of the Moon*, now in post production, is currently being edited in Los Angeles under the direction of Michael Solinger. Demi-Monde Productions plans to show *Claire of the Moon* at select film festivals worldwide and is actively seeking placement at the 1992 Cannes Film Festival.

In addition to the theatrical release Demi-Monde Productions is producing a documentary encompassing the making of *Claire of the Moon*.

## BACK BAR OPEN

Fridays and Saturdays  
9PM-1AM  
(Available for "Private Parties")

## NOW OPEN

2PM-1AM

## HAPPY HOUR

5PM-9PM

### Nightly Specials

#### MONDAY

Canadian Club \$1.35  
Jackoffs \$1.50  
(1/2 Jack & 1/2 Baileys)

#### TUESDAY

Kessler \$1.35  
Mounds Bar \$1.50  
(1/2 Dark Creme D Cacao &  
1/2 Malibu Rum)

#### WEDNESDAY

J.B. Scotch \$1.35  
Blowjob \$1.50  
(1/2 Creme De Banana & 1/2 Barleys)

#### THURSDAY

Jaegermeister \$1.50  
Schnapps \$1.00

#### FRIDAY

Cowboy Cocksuckers \$1.25  
Baccardi \$1.35

#### SATURDAY

Queervo \$1.50  
Jack Daniels \$1.35

#### SUNDAY

Margaritas \$1.50  
(On the rocks or blends)  
Gill Marys \$1.50  
BeeFEEter's Gin \$1.35



1823 Leavenworth  
Proper ID Required

**St. Patrick's Day**  
**Tuesday, March 17th**

**Cornbeef Sandwiches**  
**Coleslaw**  
**Sauerkraut**

**Green Beer**  
**Drink Specials**



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, March 1

Names Project Memorial Quilt, Ahearn Fieldhouse, Kansas State, Manhattan, KS

New Voice Steering Committee, 1pm.  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th, All are welcome

Benefit Auction, 5pm, Variety show follows, The Panic, 200 S. 18th, Lincoln, Funds to P.A.L.S. (People, Animals, Living, Sharing)

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 6:30pm  
Omaha, Call for location: 558-8121

Mr/Ms Leather Nebraska Contest, 9pm  
Sponsored by Two Wheelers of Omaha, M.C.  
The Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16th St., Omaha

Jennifer Jett, Miss Gay Nebraska, Performs,  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

## MONDAY, March 2

Imperial Court of NE Board of Governors Mtg  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 6:30pm.

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

## TUESDAY, March 3

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, 6:30pm  
Call for info: (308)234-6500.

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

## WEDNESDAY, March 4

Ash Wednesday Services, MCC-Omaha,  
420 S. 24th, 345-2563, 7pm

## THURSDAY, March 5

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business  
Meeting, Room 342, Nebraska Union, UNL,  
Lincoln, 7pm.

## SATURDAY, March 7

ANGLE Phone Line Volunteers Meet, 1pm,  
The Diamond, 712 S. 16, Omaha

Gay & Lesbian Coalition 1st Saturday Event,  
"Mardi Gras" Dance, 7-10pm, All Welcome,  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln

## SUNDAY, March 8

Omaha Men (OMEN) meeting, 1:30pm.  
Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha 68103

Parents-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha  
"Journey to Awareness, Acceptance and  
Advocacy", 1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, West  
Entrance, 291-6781, 2pm

Black Night: Explosion of Fantasies, Hosted by  
The Imperial Court of Nebraska at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

## MONDAY, March 9

AIDS Interfaith Prayer/Healing Service, 7pm  
St Cecelias, Neb Chapel, 701 N. 40, Omaha

## TUESDAY, March 10

Free & Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster  
County Public Health Department, 5 - 7 p.m.  
The Panic, 18th & N Streets, Lincoln

## WEDNESDAY, March 11

Lesbian, Gay, Multicultural Book Discussion  
Arbor Moon, 1448 E. Lincoln, 489-4634 7pm

## THURSDAY, March 12

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Film Festival, 1-9pm,  
Mary Reimpa Ross Film Theater, Sheldon Art  
Gallery, 12th & R, Lincoln

Womyns Video Showing, Arbor Moon 1448  
"E", Lincoln, 7pm, For information: 489-4634

## FRIDAY, March 13

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Film Festival, 1-9pm,  
Mary Reimpa Ross Film Theater, Sheldon Art  
Gallery, 12th & R, Lincoln

MCC-Omaha Night Out, 7 - 9pm, Free Sloppy  
Joes for Patrons, Staff, and Friends of The  
Chesterfield, 1951 St. Mary's Ave

## SATURDAY, March 14

P-FLAG Youth Support Group for gay,  
lesbian, bisexual youth 13 to 21. 4pm,  
1st Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 291-6781

Ron Walters Performs Live Country/Western  
D.C.'s, 1019 S. 10th, Omaha

## SUNDAY, March 15

Deadline for submitting logo ideas for '93  
March on Washington-Nebraska Contingency

"Write-Out", Write to Local, State, National  
Politicians, 6pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 "A",  
Lincoln, Pizza, Soda, Addresses & Stamps  
courtesy P-FLAG, Lincoln Chapter,  
Bring writing materials

ANGLE Fundraiser for Pride Week/NCOD  
Hot Sandwiches & Chips,  
\$3 donation per serving  
The Chesterfield, 1951 St. Marys, Omaha

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 6:30pm  
Omaha, Call for location: 558-8121

Amanda Foxx, Miss Gay Omaha, Performs,  
Help send Amanda to Miss Gay U.S.A!  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## TUESDAY, March 17

St. Patrick's Day  
Check for Specials at Your Favorite Bar

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Grp, 7:30pm  
Call for info: (308)234-6500.

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

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights Board Mtg,  
St. Marks, 13th & R, Lincoln, 7:30pm

## THURSDAY, March 19

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business Mtg,  
Rm 342, Nebraska Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

REMEMBER!  
JUNE WILL BE THE CELEBRATION  
OF GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE

## FRIDAY, March 20

"The Importance of Being Earnest", 9:00pm,  
Readers' Theater Production by The Wilde  
Bunch, at the Antiquarium, 1215 Harney,  
Omaha, Benefit for Nebraska AIDS Project,  
Tickets \$10 at Door or call 342-4233  
(outside Omaha, 1-800-782-2437)

After Hours Fun Bowl, 1 a.m. SkyLanes,  
Center Mall, 42nd & Center, Park on Level 3,  
Bowlers — \$10, Spectators — \$3. Sponsors:  
A.N.G.L.E. and River City Bowling League,  
Proceeds fund Gay/Lesbian Information Line

## SATURDAY, March 21

P-FLAG Youth Support Group for gay,  
lesbian, bisexual youth 13 to 21. 4pm, 1st  
Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha, 291-6781

River City Gender Alliance, For those who  
enjoy Cross Dress community. All orientations  
welcome. No sexual encounters,  
Write: Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

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(outside Omaha, 1-800-782-2437)

## SUNDAY, March 22

Parents-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke Episcopal  
2304 2nd Ave, Call (308) 237-3870, 3pm

"Wilde Tales", 7pm, Readers' Theater  
Production by The Wilde Bunch, at the  
Antiquarium, 1215 Harney, Omaha, Benefit  
for Nebraska AIDS Project,  
Tickets \$5 at Door or call 342-4233  
(outside Omaha, 1-800-782-2437)

Indoor Rodeo, Watch for Details,  
D.C.'s, 1019 S. 10th, Omaha

MR. MAX 3, Applications/Rules Available at  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## MONDAY, March 23

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Network Service,  
St. Marks, UNL Campus, 13th & R, 7pm

## TUESDAY, March 24

P-FLAG-Lincoln Chapter, 7pm, Sharing  
Session and "Dealing with Religion"  
Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', 435-4688,  
Youth meet in own session at same time

## WEDNESDAY, March 25

DC '93 Nebraska Contingency Volunteer  
Meeting, Call for Location, 451-7987, 7pm

## SATURDAY, March 28

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns,  
Call for location: Cleve 733-1360

## SUNDAY, March 29

Country/Western Comedy, Skag Drag Benefit  
Show, D.C.'s, 1019 S. 10th, Omaha

Phoebe Tate, Her First Show as Miss MAX 8,  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

# LOCAL NEWS

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church  
420 S. 24 Street, Omaha, 345-2563.  
Worship 10:20am, Communion Service 7pm

Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers, 10am.  
Running/Walking Club, Various Locations

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous for Gay/  
Lesbian, Open Meeting 12noon (308)234-6500

River City Mixed Bowling, Sky Lanes,  
The Center, 42 & Center, Omaha, 3pm

### MONDAY

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

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

### TUESDAY

"Out In The 90's" Gay Broadcast News  
Service, Cable Channel 14, Lincoln, 7pm

SHOUT Support/Discussion Group, 7pm  
Kearney meetings (308) 234-6500

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

SHOUT Support Group, Meets Grand Island/  
Hastings alternating, Call: (308) 234-6500

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 7:30pm  
14 & R, Nebr Union, Women Resource Center

Overeaters Anonymous, Lambda PlushGroup,  
Family & Friends Building, 7:30pm  
3622 N. 90, Omaha 341-7716/978-8777

### THURSDAY

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association, 8pm  
ComerStone, 640 North 16th St, Lincoln

Arbor Moon Book Display at Precinct, Lincoln

### FRIDAY

AIDS/HIV Support Group, Omaha  
GROUP DISSOLVED. CONTACT NAP.

Arbor Moon Book Display, The Panic, Lincoln

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous 8:15pm  
Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha 345-9916

### SATURDAY

Womens Support Group, 11am  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th St., 345-2563

Video Seminar on Gay Life, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.,  
The Arbor Moon, The Gathering Place, 1448  
"E" St., Lincoln, \$1 donation at door



## A.N.G.L.E.'S 1992 RECOGNITION NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

A.N.G.L.E. invites your participation in the second annual recognition of members of the gay/lesbian and gay/lesbian sensitive community. The process continues as persons/organizations are nominated for their accomplishments and major contributions towards betterment of the community's reputation, image, and success.

The initial categories are personal, professional, and organizational. These categories will serve as preliminary guidelines in the nomination process. So that this process can begin, please complete a nomination form with the name of the nominee, a list of the activities and/or services performed within the community, how these activities and/or services benefited/affected the community, and why you would give the nominee special recognition. The only stipulation is that a nominee for a particular category should not have received special recognition in that category in the past three years.

The nominees will be recognized at a recognition banquet to be held Friday, June 19. (Watch for further information.) Special recognition will be given to those who have exemplified qualities such as giving unselfishly to community involvement and awareness, promoting strength of unity within diversity, and by establishing themselves as a positive role model.

The deadline for nominations is May 5, 1992. Please submit nomination forms to A.N.G.L.E., P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131.

Forms will be available at numerous locations or call the A.N.G.L.E. Information and Referral Line at 558-5303 to find out more.

We encourage all serious nominations because we know that many have given of themselves and now is the time to say, "Thank You!"

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## PHOEBE TATE IS MISS MAX VIII

Enthusiasm, flawless style, and a high energy talent performance resulted in Miss Phoebe Tate being named as the winner in a close race for the title of Miss Max VIII during "Girls on Film", the Miss Max VIII pageant held January 26 at the MAX. Candidates Roxy, Dietra Snow, and Phoebe Tate competed in the areas of Costume and Character, Swim Wear, Talent, Evening Wear, On Stage Interview, and impromptu Questions and Answers.

The evening featured the talents of Miss Max alumni, Muffy Rosenberg, Gloria Revelle, Veronica O'Rourke, Viktoria Towne, and the farewell performance of Miss Max VII, Dorian Drake. Toadie Lee Marvelous, a former Empress of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, appeared in a special performance.

Miss Max VIII was produced by The Miss Max Alumni, \*STAR Inc\*, and Glo-Rev Productions.

# LOCAL NEWS

## LESBIAN-GAY-BISEXUAL FILM FESTIVAL

by Tammy Taylor, K.B., and Kendal Garrison

Voguing without Madonna, naughty nuns, compelling hairdos, flirtation in small spaces, a Wilde ballad.... What do all these have in common with you? Everything. That is, if you join us for the 1992 Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Film Festival. Come immerse yourself in this collage of compelling, romantic, political, and thought-provoking films. On March 12th and 13th we will be filling the seats of the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, at 12th & R Streets. Cost for one's first series is \$3.00 for non-students, and \$2.00 for students and Friends of the Ross Film Theater. Each additional series is \$1.00.

Something for everyone will be featured among the main attractions. For instance, *Before Stonewall* depicts everything from the sexual experimentation of the Roaring Twenties to the scapegoating of homosexuals during the McCarthy era and the development of the gay and lesbian rights movement. Rita Mae Brown narrates this documentary, which includes interviews with poets Audre Lorde and Allen Ginsberg, author Ann Bannon, and Harry Hay, co-founder of The Mattachine Society. *Damned If You Don't*, on the other hand, deals with a young nun's struggle with her sexual desires. It's a story of seduction, as well as a series of comments and sketches on repression and fantasy.

*Mala Noche* is a stunning, ultra-realistic

glance at a young gay man's unrequited love for a 16-year-old Mexican. Walt, who is openly and happily gay, lives and works among the transients, winos and migrant workers who make up Portland's skid row. When he meets Johnny he develops a hopelessly doomed passion that he knows is pointless—but he can't seem to shake it.

*Lifetime Commitment: A Portrait of Karen Thompson* is the story of Karen Thompson and her legal battle against the family of Sharon Kowalski for the right to see Sharon and care for her. This empowering feature documents Thompson's transformation from a closeted lesbian to a leading activist for the rights of lesbian and gay couples and the disabled.

*Just Because of Who We Are* focuses on the neglected issue of violence against lesbians. Interviews with a range of women, including writers Cherrie Morgan and Barbara Smith, reveal stories of unprovoked violence, physical and psychological harassment and attempts at institutional "cures".

*Women Like Us* explores the lives of sixteen lesbians, ranging in age from 50 to 80+, from diverse backgrounds, telling about their lives from the 1920s to the present. Moving and intimate portraits explore the experience of women during World War II, butch/femme roles, the emergence of modern feminism, and coming out later in life to husbands and children.

Interspersed among the main attractions are a number of short features including *Voguing: The Message; Laura, Ingrid and Rebecca; I Got This Way From Kissin' Girls; Family Turns; Affirmations; The Lesbian Impress Card; Exposure; Elevation; Alfalfa; Beauties Without A Cause; This Is Not An AIDS Advertisement*;

*Honored by the Moon*; and *Ballad of Reading Gaol*.

The first series of films to be shown Thursday at 1:00 pm and Friday at 7:00 pm includes: *Voguing: The Message; Laura, Ingrid and Rebecca*; and *Before Stonewall*.

The second series, showing Thursday at 3:00 pm and Friday at 9:00 pm, includes: *I Got This Way From Kissin' Girls; Family Turns; Affirmations; The Lesbian Impress Card; Lifetime Commitment; Exposure*, and *Damned If You Don't*.

Showing Thursday at 7:00 pm and Friday at 1:00 pm is series number three, which includes: *Elevation; Alfalfa; Beauties Without a Cause*, and *Mala Noche*.

The fourth series will be shown at 9:00 pm on Thursday and Friday at 3:00 pm and includes: *This Is Not An AIDS Advertisement; Honored by the Moon; Ballad of Reading Gaol; Just Because of Who We Are; and Women Like Us*.

This program is sponsored by the University Programming Council's Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events, the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, the Gay/Lesbian Student Association, the Lincoln Legion of Lesbians, UNL Women's Studies Program, UNL Affirmative Action, and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays-Lincoln.

For a complete list of film descriptions and screening times, call or visit the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, (402) 472-5353, located in the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, 12th & R Streets, or the Gay/Lesbian Student Association, (402) 472-5644, 342 Nebraska Union, 14th & R Streets, Lincoln.

## LEATHER WEEKEND IN THE ROCKIES

By Blake

DENVER, CO—The Leather/SM community is one of the most diverse and eccentric in the whole of our gay, lesbian and bi family. I had the opportunity to learn this first hand when I attended "Leather Weekend in the Rockies," sponsored by the National Leather Association-Denver. I had never seen so much black leather in my life—or so many friendly smiling faces.

The weekend began with a fundraising beer bust at The Triangle, one of the most famous, or infamous, leather bars in the world. There were patrons there in leather chaps with nothing underneath, there were men and women sporting whips, chains, and motorcycle hats. There were people in full cowboy regalia and people in regular street clothes who looked as nervous as I did. As I walked in the bar, I glanced at a big scary man all in black standing by the wall, expecting him to growl at me or something. He just gave me one of the most beautiful smiles, as friendly as a teddy bear.

Saturday I attended workshops on "SM101" and "Advanced Techniques." I was pretty sure what I would hear in the "101" workshop—I'm not that naive, but I really wondered about that "advanced" stuff. I mean, how many different ways can you tie someone up?

What happened in reality was far different than my imagination had conjured up. The thing

both workshops stressed the most was the concept of "safe, sane, and consensual"—caring for the people you play with physically, mentally, and emotionally. This is the basic tenet of the NLA.

It's true that people into SM really do tie each other up, spank each other and use the whips you find on their belts. I used to think SM was just violence, pain and sickness. What I found is the 1) they like it—they really do and 2) they are very careful of each other while they do it.

Sometimes I wish "vanilla" people (that's what they call those people not into SM) had as many safety precautions as SMers do. If what my lover does to me is emotionally painful, I wish I could stop her with a safe word, like they can stop "a scene" by yelling "red."

One thing I hear over and over again that weekend was that the leather community puts up with a great deal of prejudice from the rest of the gay community. They are ostracized and scorned for something they do in the privacy of their bedrooms (or dungeons). This sounds a lot like what the straight community does to us for being gay. Hopefully we can rise above our fear of what we don't understand. If we are prejudice against each other, how can we expect the straight community to be any better?



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# LOCAL NEWS

## BLACK NIGHT: AN EXPLOSION OF FANTASIES AND NEWS FROM THE REALM

by Phoenix Fallentino, Princess Royale XI

Fantasies! Fantasies! Fantasies! The MAX will be overrun with fantasies of all sorts March 8. Comedy fantasies - men, men, men - Western fantasies - women, women, women - individual fantasies - Leather fantasies - group fantasies - Musical fantasies - Duane and his Black Night Committee have planned it all. Fantasies will be performed at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 with dance breaks in between. Don't miss this EXPLOSION of fantasies!

ICON is pleased to announce that one of Empress Mae's royal family members was recently crowned Miss Max 8. Congratulations and best wishes to our very own Phoebe Tate. We are looking forward to working with you throughout the year.

Now in the bars around the city are application forms and copies of the recently revised by-laws. Pick up both if you plan to run for Emperor XII, Empress XII, or Athena IV. All entry rules and campaign rules are explained in the by-law book. Applications MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 1992. See a related article in this issue of the NVN for more details or contact any board member.

The annual CLOSET BALL contest has been scheduled for Sunday, May 31! So all you butch men have another month to walk around the house in your heels while trying to figure out how

to slip into Mom's closet and grab that gown. This year's entry fee is just \$10. Applications will be available in the bars around March 15. Our reigning Closet Ball Queen, Kymber Leigh, promises this to be another great show!

April 10-12 will be Denver, Colorado's coronation. A van full of us is heading west. Mae and her royal family are hoping to bring home a trophy for best out-of-town entrance. We plan to show some true Nebraska pride.

And keep your calendars for June 19-21: the biggest weekend Nebraska has ever seen. Not only does it fall in Gay Pride Week, but it is coronation weekend. We hope to see all of you then.

ICON congratulates MCC-O on their recent successful benefit show held at The MAX.

Well it's time to start digging in the closet for that perfect bonnet in anticipation of Easter next month. Happy Spring-time and see you all in court - the first Monday each month at The MAX

## 50s/60s NIGHT

by Carol

AKA Maynard

Remember the letter I wrote to the editor last month? Come on. Sure you do. The one where I got sidetracked reminiscing about the 50s/60s dance night a few years back? Well, folks, we may well have a taker! And wouldn't you know it's the club that does so much for our community—The MAX. I met with Wayne T. last month and we tossed around some ideas. He's not at all adverse to the idea. In fact, the possibility of having it on a Saturday night might even work if we have it in May. In any case, Wayne will run the whole thing by Stosh. So how about stopping by The MAX to see Wayne or give him a call and let him know how you feel? He's there Monday thru Friday til 1 a.m. and the number is 346-4110. He assures me that the dance will not hinge on verbal response. So come on—dust off the cobwebs, toss aside the canes, get out of the rocking chairs and let Wayne know you want a 50s/60s dance!

## 1991 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW: THE HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

By Marta

Six to fifteen people meet weekly to share fears, hopes, or sometimes just conversation. We know the pain of HIV/AIDS. We also know the risks involved when we share, but the risks are worth it. We are trying to survive in a world where our time is limited. We have had seven deaths in our group this last year. The pain and losses are tragic. We survive with the love, friendship, and kindness we receive from the support group and the Gay Community.

The group has saved my sanity this past year. When I first started going, I was fearful and unsure. I was an HIV positive heterosexual woman. Would I be accepted? Would the people involved want me there? I was immediately accepted. There I met the people who have been my lifeline for survival this past year. I would not make it without the support of our group. Our group is sponsored by the Lincoln PFLAG. The facilitators, Jean, Arlene, Randy, and Ivan volunteer their time and love with our group. We owe a special thanks to them.

Since our support group has suffered many losses this past year, sometimes I wonder, "Why do I remain in the group?" It's because of the friends I've met. These people give me strength and hope. These people give me the courage to live and be proud. Ultimately, these people will teach me how to die with dignity. These people keep me involved.

In May we enjoyed our trip to the annual AIDS conference in Boulder, CO. We plan to attend again in March 1992. We also had a fun Halloween party enjoying the costumes. It was fun to forget for an evening, to laugh and enjoy friendship. We attended the HIV/AIDS support group's party in Omaha this Christmas. It was a good time with our friends in Omaha. Our own Lincoln Christmas party was festive. We brought treats and exchanged grab bag presents. In the back of my mind, I couldn't help but think of the friends who were at last year's party, friends who are no longer with us. Arion, Joe, Dwight, Luis, Bob, J.D., and Mitch—all these beautiful people—lost to a tragic disease. I only wish I could have met them without this disease.

As we look forward to 1992, we have the hope, strength, and unity of our group. We are grateful for the support of PFLAG and other organizations. We will continue to be strong, but at times, we must cry. Even through the pain, 1991 has been a year of great joy and happiness. I thank everyone for their kindness, support, and love.

A Quote To Remember: "[We have]...the potential to do more to educate the public and bring about understanding than any church, synagogue, (or religion) that I know of...and[are] in a far better position to do this than any of the several gay/lesbian groups working for understanding...it is really 'Family' to me... [One] association defines FAMILY as, 'two or more persons who share resources, responsibility for decisions, values and goals, and have commitment to another over time...' I would like to see that idea made clear to people like Jesse Helms... et al who do not understand that WE ARE FAMILY...not only in that sense, but in the sense that one out of every four families, in the nuclear family definition, contains one of us...."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE HOLDS WINTERFEST

On Saturday, February 14, 30 members, friends, and guests of the River City Gender Alliance gathered at the New Tower Inn in Omaha for a day of socializing, support, and education.

An afternoon seminar was followed by a banquet, at which several members of the group as well as professionals from the community were recognized for their activity and support of the Gender Community. RCGA president, Rena, Connie, Cheryl, Judy, Gloria, and Joanna Awards also were given to Dr. Ellie Hites and Dr. Jack Wisman for their support and willingness to work with gender issues. Speaker for the evening was Sharon Van Buitel, editor of *The New Voice*, who spoke on her personal coming-out journey and the importance of acceptance of oneself at each stage of the process.

At the close of the banquet, Kimberly Anne presented special recognition awards to Rena, Cheryl, Connie, and Judy. She has granted *The New Voice* permission to share her comments about RCGA.

*Dear River City Gender Alliance members, significant others, friends, and professionals.*

*Hi! I am Kimberly Anne and I am from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Tonight we are gathered here to have a meal and to share some fun, but mostly we are here tonight to be our fem selves and to share with others that part of us which some of us only see once a month.*

*Most of us were kept in the closet until we reached out to join together. Some of us are*

*crossdressers, others are transsexuals, still others are wives and friends. We join together tonight for one of our organization's most honored events, the "River City Gender Alliance Winter Banquet".*

*A couple of months ago when I started writing this, I thought about where we would be without members like Rena, Connie, Judy, and Cheryl. Each of them has brought something special to the group as each one of us has also. Without Judy and some of you, RCGA would not have been born and most of us would still be in the dark. Rena, Cheryl, and Connie have given so much of themselves. They have brought us into the light!*

*It is my honor tonight to present each of them something very special. A few months ago when I wrote this, it was Christmas. Tonight it is our Christmas. Each one of them made all of this possible. Without them, we would be out there in Omaha, Lincoln, Peterson, Storm Lake, Sioux Falls, Fort Yates, and other places in between. I cannot say enough about what they have done except to say they are our special friends and our special sisters.*

*I think River City Gender Alliance has just begun to reach out to a lot of the sisters that are out there. I know they reached out to me when I needed it.*

*Each one of us probably deserves an award, but I cannot think of anyone who deserves them more. I think when I speak, I speak for all of us.*

*Rena, Connie, Judy, and Cheryl, To each of you I would like to present a very special award that I have helped create — The 1991 River City Transformation Award. This is presented to Rena, Connie, Judy, and Cheryl in honor of the important work they have done for us in the past year and this is to recognize them for the achievements they have made in 1991. For they and we are what River City Gender Alliance is all about. Thank you.*

The banquet was attended by RCGA members, spouses, significant others, and friends from Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Group membership is open to anyone interested in the cross-dress community. The group includes transsexuals, cross-dressers, transgenderists, and others of all sexual orientations. For more information, write: RCGA, PO Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

After 21 weeks of bowling, D.C.'s holds down first place, six games in front of 6 balls and a Old Bag who are now in second with 92 games. Gilligan's has slipped to third place with 91 games and Gilligan's #2 is in 4th place with 84 games. Diamond D.J.'s and 3 + 1 are battling it out for the last place slot with 47 games apiece.

The Men's High Scratch Game is held by Bud Dodson with a 269, followed closely by Darwin Beuchler with a 268. Tony Orndorff has the third high men's scratch game with a 256. Marcia Keith has the Women's High Scratch Game with a 215, edging out Elyse Mueller who has the second high women's game with a 214. Elyse, however, holds the Women's High Scratch Series with a 529, followed by Cheryl Christensen with a 491, which Marcia Keith has the third high women's game with a 487. Darwin Beuchler holds the Men's High Scratch Series with a 701, followed by Dan Cooper with a 676, and Dan White with a 644. Darwin also holds the men's high average with 199.8. Ken Williams has the second high men's average with 189.8 and Dan Cooper has the third high men's average with 189.0. Elyse Mueller has the high women's average with 160.8, followed by Marcia Keith with 146.6, and Cheryl Christensen with 139.7.

Gilligan's holds the High Handicap Team Game (807) and the High Handicap Team Series (2279). Centerfolds (ranked 16th) have the second high team game with 796 while Gilligan's #2 has the third high team game (791) and third high

team series (2177). 3 + 1 (tied for last place) has the second high handicap team series with 2215.

High scorers during the 20th week of bowling were Darwin Beuchler with games of 232 and 227 and a 654 series, Terry Finck with a 630 series, Elyse Mueller with a 171 game and 469 series, Erika Safford with a 157 game, and Cheryl Christensen with a 406 series. Pete Ketchum bowled 97 pins over his average and Rich Parker bowled 92 pins over his average.

Complete standings after 21 weeks of bowling are:

	Won	Lost
1. DC's	98	42
2. 6 Balls & Old Bag	92	48
3. Gilligan's	91	49
4. Gilligan's #2	84	56
5. "Y" Knot DC's	79.5	60.5
6. Ernie's Book Store	79	61
7. Running Rebels	78	62
8. Real Men	77	63
9. The MAX	76	64
10. D.I.D.I.T.'s	69	71
11. The Golden Girls	68.5	71.5
12. Metro Mixers	67	73
13. Ex Lover	66	74
14. DC's Tool	60	80
15. 3 Men & Little Lady	58	82
16. Centerfolds	55	85
17. Consistently Inconsistent	54	86
18. Yosemite Sam's	54	86
19. 3 + 1	47	93
20. Diamond D.J.'s	47	93

## MCC-O NEWS

By Carla

I invite each of you to join us Friday, March 13 at The Chesterfield for free Sloppy Joes from 7-9 p.m. We've been going to a different bar every other month bringing a "goodie" to share with the patrons there just to say "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!" See you at The Chesterfield!

Wow, what a time we had! Heartsong was wonderful! MCCers packed the church to hear the sounds of this gospel quartet from Dallas, and what a sound we heard! All who attended were blessed.

What a crowd (63 to be exact) we had to join in a time of fellowship at the Thank You Dinner hosted by our Board of Directors Feb. 1. The dinner made a great start to the Anniversary Festivities that continued throughout the weekend. Entertaining during and following the dinner were Peggy, Garrett, and Rev. Howard and John. (see related story on show)

February's big news was that we had paid off the building at 420 S. 24th. The announcement brought cheers from all who heard it. Thanks to the money raised during our 18th Anniversary Celebration, the Building Fund has topped \$20,000. Community support has been tremendous. Thanks to all who joined in the celebration and supported our fundraising activities.

MCC-O has worship services at 10:20 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each Sunday. We hope you will join us this week. Until next month, that's it from my pew! See you in church!

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# LOCAL NEWS



Beverly Barbo and Son, Tim

## BEVERLY BARBO TO SPEAK AT UNO

The UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Organization (GLSO), along with United Christian Ministries in Higher Education (UCMHE) is proud to announce the appearance of Beverly Barbo on Tuesday evening, April 7, 1992, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Barbo—author, lecturer, and advocate—is the mother of a son who died from AIDS. She has traveled extensively telling her story and that of her son Tim and his lover, Tom. She relates the acceptance and love of Tim through the pain, agony, tears, joy and triumphs in fighting the AIDS virus, and bringing a family closer together. She also relates the troubles faced by many gay persons in everyday life.

"She was outstanding, and her remarks and personal story will have lasting positive social

effects...[Hers was an]...important message for our students and the academic and social strength of UNK," said Dr. Hal Bertelson, Dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences, University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Barbo will appear at the UNO Milo Bail Student Center in the Ballroom, second floor. There is no admission, and the community is invited to attend.

We do, however, wish to ask those of you who can and would like to contribute, to do so. GLSO has no operating funds and is relying basically on UCMHE for the cost of Barbo's appearance. Contact Steve Jackson at 558-8121 for more information. We encourage you to come out and support Barbo and GLSO.

## SAMMI'S SWEETHEARTS SHINE AT THE TRIANGLE

Under the direction of Sammi Bennett, The Triangle Bar in south Omaha came alive Sat., Feb. 8, with the talents of the Sweetheart Girls as they performed a special Valentine's Day Show.

Included among the entertainers were Vanessa Andersen, Amanda Foxx, Viktoria Towne, Jodi Karrington, Pepper, Tami (Athena III), Christyne Sands, and, of course, Sammi Bennett.

Tributes to the special men in their lives were given by Sammi and Vanessa, and these tributes were well received by the mixed audience.

Toadie (Empress III) was present and was introduced to the audience, as were the editor of THE NEW VOICE and her consort. Several friends of the performers also attended the show offering their support.

## A NEW ANGLE ON PRIDE

Friday evening June 19 kicks off Gay/Lesbian Pride Weekend in Omaha. This year's theme for the week long celebration is "Pride = Power." The special theme for the evening of the 19th is A NEW ANGLE ON PRIDE. And that evening will be powerful, as three of Omaha's largest gay/lesbian organizations collaborate for one event at the Airport Ramada Inn.

Just imagine—all in one place: the Second Annual Recognition Banquet of A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors); a special free concert for the community by the River City Mixed Chorus; and the Imperial Court of Nebraska's Out-of-Towners' Show. Three big events—unified for the first time!

The featured speaker for the A.N.G.L.E. event will be Ms. Peri Jude Radecic, Legislative Assistant for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. RCMC will perform the music they'll be taking to the International GALA Chorus Festival in Denver. ICON will be welcoming participating Courts from Texas, Iowa, and Colorado—to name a few.

Check a related story in THE NEW VOICE OF NEBRASKA for nomination criteria for the A.N.G.L.E. recognition event.

Mark June 19 on your calendar now. Single-price tickets for the entire evening will be available, or you may attend the evening's RCMC concert free. Join in the effort to demonstrate what a proud, strong, and powerful community we are!

If you are interested in helping with A NEW ANGLE ON PRIDE or any part of Pride Week Activities, please call the A.N.G.L.E. Information and Referral Line at 558-5303.

## RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS SINGS OUT

After weeks of waiting, the River City Mixed Chorus Winter Concert finally arrived on January 25. The largest singing group ever took center stage at the Strauss Performing Arts Center to perform before an overflow crowd.

The Chorus, under the twin batons of Jonathan Cole and John Bennett, were at their best as they sang selections ranging from 16th century Spanish "Villancicos" (Christmas Carols) to traditional American Folk Music, to bright and lively show tunes, to a passionate piano duo by the two conductors, to a New York City arrangement of "I Am What I Am", and to the emotion charged, flowing melodies of "Love Changes Everything" and "From a Distance".

Early in the performance, the Chorus recognized the extensive contributions that Nick Behrens has made during his years with the River City Mixed Chorus as singer, interim conductor, and accompanist. They performed with only a minimum of set to distract the audience and generally had a more informal air about them than usual, but their musical style and execution was superb, as was attested to by the cheers and applause of those attending.

The spring concert of the River City Mixed Chorus will be held May 23, in the Strauss Performing Arts Center at UNO. They will also be performing a free concert on June 19 as part of the ANGLE-ICON-RCMC combined affair which leads into the final weekend of Gay/Lesbian Pride Week. They will then be off to Denver to take part in the international GALA festival.

# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

The new year has brought new faces to the NAP office. Patrick and Judith are currently serving as task supervisors for three area practicum students who have chosen placement at NAP for the spring semester. Danette Harrington, a graduate social work student from UNO, will be providing 30 hours per week to the case management department. In addition, Danette is assisting in the coordination of NAP volunteers and counseling at the Alternate Test Site. Anne Laughlin comes to NAP from Creighton University's graduate nursing program. Anne's six week field placement focuses on nursing case management for the homebound PWA. Jennifer Piziger is an occupational therapy student also from Creighton. Jennifer will study the benefits of the incorporation of OT into the existing case management program. Her goal is that her findings may benefit future NAP clients. We are grateful to all the students who choose their placements at NAP. We hope that they receive an invaluable education and we are certain that their work greatly assists the NAP case managers.

Gary and Judith attended the Tri-City AIDS Coalition meeting held last month in Grand Island. The coalition members include Nebraska Health Department employees, drug and alcohol counselors, health care workers, HIV/AIDS educators, and representatives from schools and local colleges. The meeting allows networking for the local organizations and agencies offering services for HIV infected individuals. Meetings are held four times a year, with the ultimate goal of improved service to the HIV infected person in the Tri-City area. Judith also traveled to Scottsbluff, Sidney, and surrounding areas to complete home visits with clients and families.

The Nebraska AIDS Project speakers bureau calendar has exploded. NAP's staff, board members, volunteers, and clients are scheduled to speak at 30 events in the next two months to educate the public about AIDS. Most of these outreach engagements are titled "AIDS: Facts and Feelings." Usually a volunteer or staff member appears with a PLWA. More than a third of the events are in the following cities: Lincoln, Grand Island, Kearney, Wayne, Hastings, Wauneta, Mead, Millard, Ralston, and Fremont. Half of the engagements target high school or college audiences. The remaining presentations will be to nursing homes, churches, and civic

groups.

Mark your calendar for an upcoming NAP event. One hundred ten years ago, Oscar Wilde visited Omaha! To mark the delightful and improbable sojourn, the Wilde Bunch presents the first annual Wilde Thing, a spring festival celebrating the life and works of this most witty and compassionate of writers.

This series of performances will be produced in part as a benefit for NAP.

The festival centerpiece will be a reader's theater production of Wilde's farcical comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest," Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21, at 9 p.m. At 8:30 p.m. each evening there will be a pre-show reading from Wilde's impressions of being in America. The show will be at the Antiquarium, 1215 Harney Street.

After the show, guests are invited to stay for a soiree with the actors, sharing Victorian-style refreshments and listening to the violin of Omaha Symphony Concert-master, Richard Lohmann, and the piano of Phyllis Dunne.

These performances will be benefits for NAP. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door, or may be reserved by contacting NAP at 342-4233 (outside Omaha, 1-800-782-2437). For further information, contact the Wilde Bunch at 553-3736.

A live radio broadcast (with live studio audience) of "The Importance of Being Earnest" on KVNO 90.7 FM is scheduled for Sunday, April 12, at 8 p.m. on the UNO campus. Tickets are \$7.50 and may be reserved by calling the Wilde Bunch at 553-3736 or may be purchased at the door.

Directed by James S. Payne, founding member of New York's Jean Cocteau Theater and creator of KVNO's TekniKolour Radio series of radio plays, Wilde Thing's production of "Earnest" should bubble with Wilde's irresistible wit. "Wilde Tales" is an evening of stories—underscored by Mark Nelson's guitar improvisations—drawn from Oscar Wilde's "The Happy Prince and Other Tales" and "The House of Pomegranates." Although suitable for children, those exquisitely wrought tales, read by J. Michael Lee and Clarinda Karpov, have a depth and style best savored by adults. With adults in mind, milk and cookies will be served at intermission.

"Wilde Tales" will be presented as a NAP benefit at the Antiquarium, 1215 Harney St.,

Sunday, March 22, at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 at the door or may be reserved by calling NAP at 342-4233 (outside Omaha, 1-800-782-2437).

Wilde's March 21, 1882, Omaha visit was part of a North American lecture tour that took the celebrated Victorian dandy, poet, and wit from the fashionable salons of Manhattan to the silver mines of Leadville, Colorado.

The Wilde Bunch includes Jeffrey Bivens, Pam Carter, David Dechant, Terry Doughman, Phyllis Dunne, Bill Hutson, William York Hyde, Clarinda Karpov, Amy Kunz, J. Michael Lee, Richard Lohmann, Mark Nelson, James S. Payne, and Tom Rudloff.

Please keep your eyes open for other upcoming NAP fundraisers as they develop. We rely on those dollars to continue our education and support services.

NAP Case Management Cases January, 1992	
Open Cases as of 1/1/92	169
New Cases	11
Clients Deceased	6
Clients Moved From State (case closed)	6
Open Cases as of 1/31/92	168

Client Services Provided in January, 1992	
Advocacy	197
Transportation	159
Shopping, Cooking, etc.	100

1991 NAP Alternate Test Site Statistics	
Number of Tests	1280
Nebraska Residents (from 26 counties)	1188
Iowa Residents	80
Other States	12

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.

### ANGLE AT CHESTERFIELD

Sunday, March 15, A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors) will host a Hot Sandwich and Chips Supper at the Chesterfield, 1951 St. Mary's Avenue from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A donation of \$3.00 per serving is requested. Proceeds will go to fund Pride Week '92 activities and National Coming Out Day Activities.

ANGLE's Chili Feed at the Diamond in February raised over \$200 for Pride activities.

### Franklin Credit Union Book Project Continues

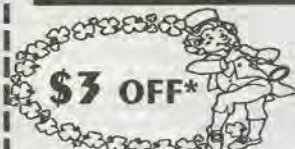
Author Stephen Bowman seeks information regarding the Franklin Credit Union, Larry King, and related subjects.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW FOR XII REIGN OF ICON

The Imperial Court of Nebraska announces that applications are now available in The Chesterfield, The Diamond, The Metro, DCs, Gilligans, The Run and The MAX for Emperor XII, Empress XII, and Athena IV.

A book of by-laws explaining the qualifications of candidates, the application procedure, and campaigning rules accompanies each application form.

Please call 556-9907 or contact any member of the Board of Governors for an application if you cannot find one in the bars.

Applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED** on or before April 15, 1992 and must contain the information required by the by-laws, as well as your application fee, for you to be eligible as a candidate.

Voting for Emperor XII, Empress XII, and Athena IV will be June 20, 1992 at the Airport Ramada Inn.

Plan now to attend all of the Coronation Festivities June 19-21. This year's theme is "A Night of Animation." Information regarding program advertising, protocol, etc. will be available soon.

## HERE AND THERE WITH RJ

Sunday, 12 January, and what a busy day it was! First, breakfast with Russ. Then out to Unity Church of Today, just off Maple. This is a different church—one that is not for just anyone. Someone with an open and inquiring mind will feel comfortable but those of a more conservative nature, who find conservative religion more to their liking, probably won't be. Regardless, give them a try and keep your mind open to a new experience. The Unity Church has a fine minister to lead them, the Rev. Colleen Engel, who gives a most thought provoking sermon. The services are taped so those who might want a copy can get one. Even with the large turnout Unity has, there is plenty of room to be comfortable, there are classrooms, and in the fellowship hall a large screen TV. I've always felt comfortable here and always have been made to feel welcome. For those with open and inquiring minds, seeking a spiritual home, this may be the church you are looking for.

Then that afternoon., PFLAG met as usual. Nine were present to hear Wes Perry give a most interesting talk on the latest on AIDS.

Evening saw another interesting presentation at First Central Congregational Church as Tom Boellstorff gave a presentation. He had attended

a symposium in Moscow on Gay and Lesbian Rights in the Soviet Union. While there, his group witnessed the attempted coup and also had a hand in keeping the coup from succeeding. Mr. Boellstorff's talk was most thought provoking. It truly makes us see, as bad as our plight is here in the U.S., it sure could be a lot worse.

On Friday, January 17, Russ invited me to B'nai Israel Synagogue in Council Bluffs for Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Seder, The Festival of Trees. I greatly enjoyed the Seder. If you ever get a chance to attend one of these Seders, do so. I continue to go over to CB whenever I can to worship at the synagogue. I always have felt welcome and accepted. For anyone or any Christian wishing to explore the very roots of their faith, this is the place to start. We all need to understand each other's religion to get along better. We sure can't do that by sitting on man's chief end.

The next Sunday, after breakfast with Russ, I headed to Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church. At 9:00 is a Bible study going over the scriptures for that Sunday, led by Rev. John Pettit. Rev. Pettit really knows his way around the Bible and teaches quite well. At 10:00 is church services. Here is another church worth considering, as a spiritual home. I was also invited to partake in a pot luck right after services. This church puts on a real good potluck, that's for sure. Plenty to go around and delicious! After the pot luck, a congregational meeting was held. I felt very privileged to be invited to both. It gave me a chance to see how the Presbyterian Church functions. Cleve, moderator of PLGC, also attends this church which is very open to our life style. Many thanks to Lowe Ave Presbyterian Church for taking in a wanderer and for making me feel so welcome.

The next Sunday saw combined worship services between Northside Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ on north 42nd. It was really neat. I continue to go to Wednesday night Brown Bag and Bible study at Northside Christian.

It is rather lonely, though, without Robbie. We used to go there regularly. Here is another very accepting church of our life style, so is the United Church of Christ, which is probably the most open of mainline churches. Either church would be a good spiritual home.

The last Wednesday of January there was a "Brown Bag" presentation at Job Services on Cedar Street. Lesa Vanderveen from Nebraska Department of Health gave an excellent presentation on AIDS. Too bad we only had an hour. Ms. Vanderveen knows her subject, that's for sure.

I've also had time to get to the Tuesday night G/L support group. I was rather surprised to see attendance fall so much. This group has a lot to offer if only others will take advantage of it. But this last Tuesday night was a good night, and, yes, there were two women present! It was a delight to see them. This is a G/L Support Group, but all too often, just the men are present. So it was good to see those two ladies there. Come on, you womenfolk, this group is for you as well. Your presence is very welcome.

How about the great weather we've been having. Really good weather for getting out and partaking of some of these activities. They need your support and your presence. These activities can't exist without public support. And guess what? You're the public.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS-OMAHA

One of the toughest things for many parents when they find that a family member or close friend is gay is the issue of the Bible and what it says about Homosexuality. There are several key passages often cited. In the past, the Reverends Matthew Howard and Nancy Brink talked about their views and interpretations of these passages and other faith issues.

This time, Reverend and Mrs. Lowen Kruse, long time members and friends, presented a program on the Bible and our Attitudes about Sexuality (both Heterosexuality and Homosexuality) at the February meeting.

Their words and ideas may be reruns to them, but were new and refreshing to the group that gathered to hear them. Angered and frustrated by discussion at the June, 1991, general conference of the United Methodist Church in Lincoln, the Kruses returned home to write a compassionate and straight (no pun intended) forward letter to the other pastors of the district which Reverend Kruse serves. An edited copy was included in the Nebraska Messenger, the state wide publication to the laity.

In it they clearly state that as Christians, there is a need for us to be open and accepting of all of God's children, including gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. How can we do anything less? As members of the clergy (Lowen is an ordained pastor of many years and Ruth is in lay ministry to families and youth), and as parents of a lesbian daughter, they are an inspiration to all of us. What

a pleasure to have them share their time, insights, and experiences with us.

Many people who call the HELPLINE tell us that "I don't have anyone to talk to.....I just don't understand.....I don't really know anything about homosexuality." Maybe those words have a familiar ring to you. How did you first come to understand more about your child or friend? Some people want to talk with another parent, others prefer to gather information and insight from reading. PFLAG tries to offer both by offering personal contact and through tapes and books ranging from the history of the gay movement, personal accounts of coming out, supporting families and friends living with AIDS, spiritual concepts and many other topics.

Members will be sharing some of their favorite and most helpful resources at the March meeting. Wherever we are along the "A" path — "Awareness," "Acceptance," and "Advocacy" — there is much to learn and share with others. We look forward to you joining us on March 8th.

As always, we meet the second Sunday of every month at 2 p.m. for sharing and support and a program planned by our Vice President, Neva. Check us out on March 8th. We are an open and caring group of parents, friends, and family, and members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community.

Board members have been calling members and others who are on the PFLAG mailing list to remind them of the change in time and place (2

p.m. in the classroom under Meade Chapel — west end of the First United Methodist building), sharing the message that the group is alive and well, and seeking input for program topics and ideas that might be of interest. What a pleasure to have such an active and supportive board. Should you be interested in knowing more about PFLAG, attending a meeting, talking with one of our board members, donating to or checking out information from our library, or receiving our monthly newsletter, please call the PFLAG information HELPLINE at 291-6781.

### P.A.L.S. BENEFIT

bark, bark, bark! meow, meow, bark, meow! oops! sorry- wrong language....today, sunday march 1st, starting at five o'clock, the festivities begin.

an auction begins the evening, with dinners, artwork and animal paraphernalia etc., and ends with a variety show offering everything from lip sync to jugglers to a stand-up comic.

p.a.l.s., or people, animals, living and sharing, is an organization that has been in Lincoln a little over ten years now. it promotes a better understanding between animals and people and better treatment of the former.

this is a non-profit organization trying to make the world a better place for all animals, regardless of how many legs they have. please help them out by showing up at panic with both your support and your rent money. bark!

## FEMALE IMPERSONATING SAILS TO NEW DIMENSIONS IN NEBRASKA!

With the dawn of a new decade, comes the birth of a new pageant for the female impersonators of our great country — The National Entertainer of the Year Pageant.

Born in the spring of 1991 by George Stinson and Associates, this fresh and innovative pageant was first held in November, 1991, in its home town, Louisville, Kentucky. For 36 contestants, it proved to be a record for any national pageant's first year, allowing its contestants to be more creative and show more individual diversity in a single competition than any other national franchise.

Nebraska was involved from the very beginning, thanks to Joel Cason, A.K.A. Amanda Foxx. As the owner of the new Nebraska Franchise, Joel is hoping to have the largest number of contestants in the last six or seven years.

Since Amanda Foxx began her career in Lincoln in March of 1985, Joel is hoping to hold his first year in the Capitol City. He also wants to encourage the impersonators in Lincoln to get involved again in the state's pageants. "I believe that presenting my first year in Lincoln will give them their first, fair, and convenient shot in the arm to run," says Cason.

There are a total of four categories, two of which are new and exciting. We stay with tradition in the Personal/Stage interview and the usual seven minute (maximum) Talent. Uniquely, Evening Gown has been modified to Creative Evening-Wear. This category is being brought up to current fashion standards for evening attire. And instead of an unjudged parade of contestants to open the evening's festivities, each contestant is judged in a three-minute (maximum) presentation, in which the contestant is required to state a short introduction of themselves, which includes their given and stage names, and where they are from. At the discretion of the entertainer, the remainder of the time can be used in any manner they so choose, in the way they feel they can best present themselves to the judges and audience. This format will ultimately peg Nebraska's E.O.Y. pageant the true performers' contest.

So, Girls, if you've had every title this state has to offer, and then some....Guess again! Watch for more information on Nebraska's Female Impersonator-Entertainer of the Year Pageant-1993; or contact: Joel Cason, 3019 S. 41st St., Omaha, NE 68105, (402) 558-5725.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL RESOURCE CENTER



by Paul Moore and David Bolkovac

Come join us for an exciting time at the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Student Association at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. We have planned several interesting speakers, discussions, and social events for this semester, ranging from a panel discussion on gay/lesbian issues in the workplace to a beach party. We welcome everyone; those just coming out of the closet, radical activists, and even supportive heterosexuals.

The GLBSA also runs the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Resource Center located in room 342 of the Nebraska Union, located at 14th and R Streets, Lincoln. The GLBSA is working to expand the Resource Center's office hours and outreach to the community by providing a resource library, support groups, referrals to local, state, and national agencies, a clearinghouse for many free publications, roommate/housing listings, safer sex information, and a speaker's bureau for classes, groups and organizations.

The Resource Center has several new additions to its lending library including Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men; Bi Any Other Name; Bisexual People Speak Out; Women, AIDS & Activism; and Gays in Uniform. These books and many others are available for all to borrow. We also accept donations of new and second-hand books.

Thus far this semester the GLBSA has sponsored a series of educational discussions on safer sex, same-sex relationships, and African-American issues within the G/L/B community in honor of Black History Month. GLBSA members also attended the Iowa Bisexual/Gay/Lesbian College Conference held at Drake University in Des Moines. And we are currently in the process of giving the Resource Center a new look. For more information on the Resource Center or on any of our events, call us at 472-5644, or write us at Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Resource Center, 342 Nebraska Union, Lincoln, NE 68588-0455, or feel free to just stop by for some coffee and chat with one of our volunteers.

## DARYL PLACES AT MOIST

Daryl Karlsson, one of the area's outstanding bowlers, placed well at the Miami Open Invitational Sunshine Tournament (MOIST). He placed 19th in both singles and all-events and was a member of the 4th place team. I had the opportunity to talk with Daryl about his bowling performance. He explained that he does not have an exceptionally high average, but he is a very consistent bowler, almost always bowling just above his average. Whatever the reason, his performance is one to be proud of. Way to go!

## THE NAMES PROJECT AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT

Started by a small group of activists in San Francisco in 1985, the Names Project AIDS Memorial QUILT has become a means of sharing the personal impact of the devastating epidemic that is sweeping the world. When our children went to Washington, D.C. for the last full display of this unique memorial in 1989, Dave and I shared a copy of the book *THE NAMES PROJECT AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT* by Cindy Ruskin with our congregation. It seemed a good way to share our pride in Scott and Laura's commitment to this project as well as a special way to help people in our community begin to understand what the Quilt represents. Several weeks later, an older woman approached me to say that she had read the book and was deeply moved. She was becoming aware of the fact that this is not just an exotic or phantom disease and that the names weren't just some part of one's imagination or impersonal statistical information.

"Those were all real people, Kathy. They were someone's son or daughter, husband or aunt or brother or sister. I know someone in Council Bluffs whose daughter-in-law had a transfusion and has tested HIV positive. I think I am beginning to see this in a different way."

Seems like such an obvious statement for you and me. Of course, the panels represented "real people," people like Mark, and John, and Gerry, and Ceola, and ... so many other friends and family members. Until Magie Johnson made his announcement about testing positive for HIV, very few people thought they knew anyone that was touched by this virus. Maybe they thought the numbers reported out of CDC were just a math exercise.

But you and I have known for some time that the numbers and names are all too real. But for others, who until now have not had an intimate experience with AIDS, the QUILT can help people begin to understand. It has a sort of magic, a non-threatening way of sharing the anguish, the joy, the despair, and the hope that so many people feel when they are touched by AIDS. It brings a message of awareness, understanding and urgency to the communities where it is displayed and to the individuals and groups who see it.

From the paper sheets on the federal building wall to the fabric of each panel, the QUILT works another kind of magic too. The traditional quilting blocks or panels often told a story of a family's celebrations - births, weddings, anniversaries and deaths.

This unique piece of folk art tells many stories. It represents the lives of many families, young, old, black, white, Native American, and many other ethnic and spiritual groups. They come together to share their grief as they design and draw or stitch their memories together. The panels are shared, often with great emotion, as part of the grieving and healing process.

The Names Project AIDS Memorial QUILT continues to grow and travel, sharing its messages of love and loss and hope. If you have had an opportunity to see it, you will understand how it seems to touch those who walk among its panels. You will hear laughter and softly spoken words and crying and silence. Perhaps you have noticed how it seems to draw people into its stories and images.

If you haven't had the experience yet, you may have an opportunity to feel and be touched

by it this year by traveling to Washington, D.C., in October for a national display or by visiting the display now being planned for December in Omaha. There is time yet to make your plans to visit either of these exhibits and, for those who want to help others experience it, there is time yet to be a part of the planning and the sharing of the QUILT.

In case you missed the first organizational meetings, take heart. We have a place for you and your friends or organizations. We are in need of workers who can commit some real time and energy to the planning of the display and the education and outreach which are a strong part of the message of the QUILT. Committees include MEDIA/PUBLICITY, FUNDRAISING, SITE/LOGISTICS, PANEL MAKING MERCHANDISE, OUTREACH, CEREMONIES, EDUCATION, and VOLUNTEERS.

There is also room for lots of folks who may not have the time to commit to monthly or weekly meetings and tasks but would like to help with one or two special events or for shorter periods of time. The important thing now is that we must know who you are and what you are willing and able to do. The formal request to the Names Project cannot be completed for a display until we have a steering committee, including committee chairs and representatives of organizations, and a budget firmly in place. The longer we are in forwarding our request, the tougher it will be to get final approval and the more difficult and intense our work will become to have a successful display.

An open meeting for the Omaha, Lincoln, and Council Bluffs communities will be planned for some time late in March or early April to announce formal plans for the display in December. We need your help - time, energy, ideas, money, skills (from addressing envelopes to technical work and networking know-how) and caring. There are lots of jobs to be done, none too small.

Everyone is welcome and becomes an important part of the team. Invite others to join you. Share the work and the joy of experience the QUILT with a friend or organization. Tell us if there are people we should call and invite to be a part of this opportunity. Don't be shy—bring others by!

If you are interested in working with the QUILT in any way, (we are a special ad hoc committee for NAP), please call or write today and let us know what you can do: Kathy England & Donna Hruska, Co-Chairs, Names QUILT Display, an activity of the Nebraska AIDS Project, 2912 Lynnwood, Omaha, NE 68123, 292-1312 or 291-6781.

Be a part of this unique memorial; help others become a part of the community of caring. SEE THE QUILT AND UNDERSTAND.

## GILLIGAN'S RAISES \$500 IN MEMORY OF RON WEBER

Patrons and friends of Gilligan's Pub joined together to honor a dear friend who died recently. In an informal fundraiser, Gilligan's collected over \$400 to be split between Nebraska AIDS Project and ICON PWA Emergency Assistance Fund. NAP received \$242.25 and PWA Fund received \$222.25 in memory of Ron Weber. *The New Voice* offers a tip of the hat to those generous patrons of Gilligan's.

# LOCAL NEWS

## THE MAX NEWS by Gloria Revelle

What a winter it's been. The past season has brought many new changes to Omaha and has given THE MAX an opportunity to show the community that we really do care what you think. We're always changing and always making things better for Omaha and the Midwest. Spring is the perfect time to get out from under your quilts, so come to THE MAX and see what we have for you. Remember Omaha, we're the only place where you can dance to the hottest new sounds of Disco 2000 with Mike & Eddie B., party the country way in Stosh's Saloon with Ed Murray and Wild Bill, learn the two step with Rick & Lisa, or sit and talk without all the noise in our Upstairs Bar. Whatever you're looking for, it's at THE MAX.

Congratulations to our new Miss Max 8, Phoebe Tate. This year's pageant was terrific with talented and creative contestants. Phoebe has quite a few ideas in her little red head and she is planning a fun-filled and exciting year for you. Thanks to everyone who helped with the contest, especially Stosh, Wayne, Lisa, Eddie, Tom, Carla, Sharon, Amanda (Joel) and Stan.

Miss Gay Nebraska, Jennifer Jett has been working her little fingers to the bone and working her little boyfriend to a frazzle creating costumes and new numbers for her show on Sunday, March 1. Come see entertainment at its finest with Jenny and her special guests. Sunday, March 8, ICON combines mystery and fantasy when they bring Omaha, Black Night. Come, experience, and see where your fantasies lead you.

Amanda Foxx, Miss Gay Omaha, will create her illusions of stars past and present when she headlines on Sunday, March 15. Amanda is on her way in April to compete in the Miss Gay U.S.A. finals, so let's all show her our support and help her bring back a national title to Omaha and THE MAX. It's all new for '92. It's the New Mr. Max Contest. We've changed things a little this year so get busy and you can be MR. MAX 3. Applications and rules are available on the cigarette machine.

There's no debate. We know she's great. She's the one they'll imitate. I hope this doesn't make her head inflate. The show is at 9:30, so don't be late. It's Miss Max 8, Phoebe Tate. I think she ran this year so everything would rhyme. Her first show as Miss Max will feature the new Queen of Omaha and her bevy of talented friends.

Always bringing new and exciting things to Omaha, THE MAX now features FIESTA THURSDAYS. Every Thursday, we take you a little south. We'll feature specials on Original and Strawberry Margaritas, Corona & Lime, Cactus Juice Shots, Curvo Shots with lime, Tequila Surprises and all the free chips and salsa you can eat.

With all of this why would you go anywhere else. There's only one. The original. THE MAX.

## ARBOR MOON PRESENTS VIDEO SEMINAR ON GAY LIFE

The Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore continues its video seminar on gay life which began February 22nd with the video on "Accepting Yourself As Gay". The seminar continues throughout March on every Saturday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. March sessions are on "Dealing with Family and Friends After Coming Out", "Relationships", "AIDS, Including Coping, Awareness, and Prevention", and "Dealing with Life—Being Gay at Work, Being Gay in Today's Soci-



## MCC-OMAHA BIG WINNER IN BENEFIT AT THE MAX

Pizza, dancing, and the talents of some of Omaha's best performers worked together for one of the biggest parties held at THE MAX to celebrate MCC-Omaha's 18th anniversary as a chartered church in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Church members and community supporters came together to crowd the disco bar at the MAX and enjoy pizza, door prizes, and dancing to a variety of musical styles during the early evening.

Then the performers took center stage to entertain and collect over \$700 just in tips. The Omaha Meatpackers were the top "tip getters" for the evening, collecting over \$300 which was all donated to the building fund. The MAX donated a total of nearly \$500 out of the door receipts, while the pizza party brought in another \$300.

A raffle brought a \$200 first prize to Jay Carson, one of the owners of the Metro, who donated \$80 of the winnings back to MCC. 2nd prize went to Kymn S. and 3rd prize went to Virgil L. That raffle and a smaller raffle combined with a \$150 donation for a piece of original stained glass, created by Craig Sloopes, to bring the total income for the evening to just over

\$2060, which was added to the MCC Building Fund.

With the addition of the receipts from this celebration, the building fund now stands at just over \$20,000. The building at 420 S. 24th St., which now houses MCC-Omaha, had been paid off in January, putting the congregation one step closer to a new church home.

The show was produced by Ms. Carla Petersen and featured the talents of the Omaha Meatpackers, the River City Mixed Chorus, a skit by members of EXCEL, Velvet, Pat Phalen, Roxy, Peggy, Garrett, Phoebe Tate, Kevin Jones, Felice Whitney, Clyde McNeal, John Coe, Chrystine Sands, Sammi Bennett, Dustin Logan, Inga and Brandon, Michael, Dick Brown, Gloria Revelle, and JoJo Morrison and the Baby Boomers. Emcees for the evening were Pat Phalen and Velvet.

Bob Ewing, co-producer of Fantasy, announced that MCC-Omaha will join the Texas Shanti House and the National Leather Association as one of the three major beneficiaries of Fantasy 92 which will be held in Dallas this summer.

## EQUAL RIGHTS BILL INTRODUCED IN THE UNICAMERAL

Last January Senator Tim Hall of Omaha presented a bill to the state unicameral which proposes to add age, sexual orientation, family status, marital status and disability to the existing Nebraska statutory law to ultimately enhance the protection of persons in Nebraska against any form of civil rights discrimination that infringes on that person's equal opportunity rights. Since then, a few members from Citizen's for Equal Protection and a Lincoln based group, Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights, have been working directly with Senator Hall's staff assistant in preparing LB 1270 for the February 20 hearing date before the Judiciary Committee. For information on how the hearing went and/or to answer any questions concerning this legislation, please call A.N.G.L.E.'s Gay/Lesbian Information Line—558-5303—or write to Citizen's for Equal Protection, P. O. Box 55548, Omaha, NE 68155-0548.

Now, more than ever, we need your help. We need to prove to the unicameral that this legislation is needed. So we need you to tell us how you have been discriminated against in the areas of employment, housing, and/or public accommodations because of age, sexual orientation, family status, marital status, or disabilities. As always all names will remain confidential unless specific permission is given for them to be used. Call 558-5303 to report any of these acts of discrimination.

ety". Admission to the sessions is only \$1.00 per week. The Arbor Moon is located at The Gathering Place, 1448 "E" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. For more information, call 489-4634 or 476-7398.

The Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore is searching for a new space, but nothing is definite yet. However, a bookstore/women's center board is forming. Another women's incest survivor

group has formed and there are plans underway to start a men's incest survivor group, a women's anger work group, and men's anger work group, but facilitators are needed. If you are interested in helping with one of these groups or in joining one of these groups, call Wally at 489-4634 or 476-7398. Don't forget to check out the book displays at The Precinct, 226 S. 9th on Thursday evenings and The Panic, 200 S. 18th on Friday evenings.

# LOCAL NEWS



## DC '93 By Amy Marie Meek

**NEWS FLASH!** We have a name! Yes, ladies and gentlemen, we have managed to name our march. Do you realize what it takes to name one of these things? Try putting 200 opinionated, political queers in one room and get something done. We came up with everything from "The Love March" to "The 1993 March and Action on Washington for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transsexual and Transgenderal Rights, Justice, Peace and Liberation" (Whoa! I'm out of breath on that one!) to "Slut Dykes from Hell Take Over DC, Fags Can Come Too F\*\*k Me Silly in the Nation's Capitol, Ooh Baby." Though that last one was my personal favorite, we finally came to a decision. I am honored to present:

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

This grand name was born, christened and ratified. Amazingly, we managed to come away from the general meeting of the National March Steering Committee accomplishing even more. We seated delegates, selected the executive committee, and committed ourselves to local and regional financial goals. Somehow around all of the official stuff, we managed to organize, form committees and network. We closed the meeting holding hands and making wishes for the future.

We now come to Nebraska. The work has

just begun. To reach our goal of one million people in Washington, Nebraska should be sending 6,000 delegates to the march. This is quite a goal. The region as a whole has been asked to present \$1000 to the national movement at the May Steering Committee meeting in Dallas. It was agreed upon that one-third of all local funds raised should go for the work of the national committee. This sounds like a lot, but it does cost to organize such a movement. Local funds go to meeting expenses, advertisements, posters, flyers, conference calls, etc. Your help is needed. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD QUEERS!** Those of you who want to donate time, energy, money, or any combination of the three should contact me at (402) 451-7987. If you'd rather write, or send a donation, the address: DC '93-Nebraska, P.O. Box 34463, Omaha, NE 68134-0463.

We will be holding an organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 25, at 7 p.m. Call for location and details. Please remember that even if you don't plan to attend the march, your help is still needed. We can't all go, but we can all show our support. Every single voice counts. We must show the country that we have a place beside them. We demand equal right, not special privileges. How to hear from you soon!

P.S. Only 60 weeks to go!

## P-FLAG WRITE-OUT!

The Lincoln Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will sponsor a "Write-Out" to Local, State, and National Politicians. This event, to be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 15, at the Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", in Lincoln, will provide an opportunity to communicate with policy makers on issues of civil rights, gay-bashing, AIDS funding, civil rights legislation, gays in the military, etc. The entire community is invited to come together to meet and provide an environment of support from which to "Write-Out" to persons of influence about issues which affect the lives of gays and lesbians and their loved ones. Pizza and soda will be provided. Please bring your own writing materials. P-FLAG will provide stamps and addresses.

## THERAPEUTIC GROUP FOR MEN MOLESTED AS CHILDREN

If you are in need of a therapeutic group experience for men who were molested as children, call (402) 330-4440 and leave your first name and a phone number. A therapist will notify you when there is adequate interest for such a group forming in Omaha.

## SHOUT!! IN KEARNEY

"Hi" to all from your "family" in the middle of Nebraska. This last month brought a couple of changes to our group support system here in Kearney. The biggest thing is a name change. The Empty Closet has now officially changed its name to "SHOUT". I can not at this time give you the exact reason why other than that there was a problem with the Kearney phone book listing of the Empty Closet. It was felt that the best thing to do at this point was to do a name change and phone number change. The group SHOUT is the same group as the E.C. group but was just a different name. With the moral and financial help from all, we look to have another great year.

The name "SHOUT" did not come from a long exhaustive searching for a proper name to fit the group. Time was short and the name SHOUT stuck out more than anything else that came to mind. It really was the same way I came up with the name "The Empty Closet". It just felt right. SHOUT might be "She & He OUT = S.H.O.U.T. I also liked the fact that there are a couple of songs out that we might use as our theme song. One is the political type song "SHOUT" that U-2 sings, (Shout, Shout, let it all out.....) and the other is the lighter, fun song "Shout" from the Blues Brothers era.

I'm really excited about the progress we are making in this neck of the woods. We have been asked so far this year to speak at the University of Nebraska at Kearney to the students as well as teachers at three area high schools. Other speaking/educational programs are in the works, too! Our phone line has been busy fielding calls from "family" members that thought they were the only ones around here. The next few months will see several coming out stories written by these people. We have also been able to handle a couple of "family" emergency calls.

Mid-February our weekly support group pushed to include more women by making a separate group for them. Before both women and men met together in a single circle. Now we start the support group with both women and men together and then split off into two circles. The needs of both groups are better met and we still share some common ground. There are so many neat people here in the tri-city area that benefit from our efforts.

Due to our efforts we are also asking "The New Voice of Nebraska" for more copies of their magazine. Many people in the Lincoln/Omaha area probably take the New Voice in stride or for granted. You have many other wonderful "family" supportive groups around you such as the M.C.C., I.C.O.N., A.N.G.L.E., this and that support group, the bars, and on and on. The tri-cities area has P-FLAG and SHOUT. Our readers enjoy reading about what goes on in the Omaha/Lincoln area. And when they get the time they visit your fair cities. Keep in mind that there are many that now live in the eastern part of the state that once live in small town Nebraska. The New Voice is a great way for them to receive support. Thanks to the hard working staff of N.V.N.!

1992 looks to be a great year overall for our "family". Sure there will be some setbacks but they won't stop us from moving ahead in pride. Please keep the members of SHOUT in your thoughts. We are inspired by what we read and hear you do. We also hope you are encouraged by what we are able to accomplish. "Shout, Shout, let it all out....."



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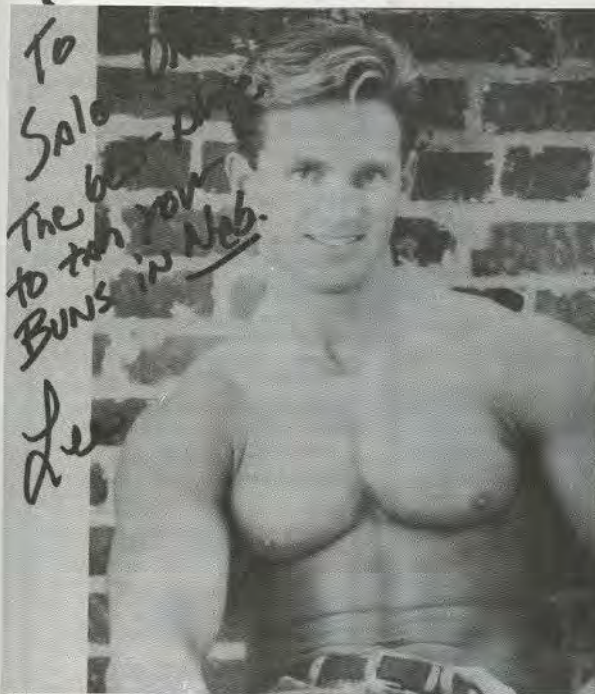
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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEW DIRECTIONS NO MORE

New Directions provided counseling and support, but has not existed for some time. Calls are taken by the Counseling and Education Department of the Lincoln YWCA, 476-2802, and callers are given information on resources in the Lincoln area that most closely match their needs. Our thanks to Margie Wimm of the YWCA for making us aware of this change. If you are aware of other resources that are no longer active or have changed their focus, please let us know so we are able to update our resource directory.

## TALKLINE A SUCCESS

Friday and Saturday nights, 7 to midnight, high school students, young adults, and college students call 473-7932 to talk with volunteers on issues about being gay, lesbian, bisexual, or just figuring out what they are. Topics include safe sex, AIDS questions, relationships, loneliness, family issues, coming out, religious questions, questions about activities and organizations. The Youth Talkline, staffed by volunteers with 21 hours of training, sponsored by the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, targets youth from 13 to 23, providing emotional support, information and referral, and knowledge that they are not alone in the world. The Talkline, which went on line August 16th, 1991, is funded entirely by donations from the gay/lesbian/bisexual communities. If you want more information, would like to volunteer, or want to make a donation, please write to the Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights, PO Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509.

## GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL YOUTH TALKLINE

The Talkline provides emotional support, community information, referrals, and up-to-date AIDS info to persons 23 and under. The Talkline is safe and anonymous.

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## CHRISTIAN WRITERS NEEDED

Gay/Lesbian Christians' stories are needed for a book of stories on the **Gay and Lesbian Christian Experience**. Particularly needed are stories about early spiritual life, how they have found a way back into the Christian faith, details about Christians' life now, and how to reconcile a gay or lesbian lifestyle with mainstream teaching that homosexuality is wrong. There are others searching for God who need to hear the success stories of gay and lesbian Christians.

These are just guidelines. Please write as the spirit moves and share with those who need to know that God loves them as they are.

Please send stories, typed or plainly written, (with a SASE if to be returned) to:

Candace Chelwell

P.O. Box 1251

Decatur, GA 30031-1251

Please include name, phone number, and address. All names will be kept confidential. If requested, either first names, full names, or no name will be published. Submissions accepted until September 30, 1992.

## KEARNEY PUTS CONDOMS IN VENDING MACHINES

According to a report in The Omaha World Herald, condoms will soon be showing up alongside chips, cookies and candy in vending machines at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The move is attributed to a growing awareness of AIDS and a desire to be responsible in regards to the students. Barbara Snyder, vice chancellor of student affairs, was quoted as saying, "If this helps save one student's life, then it's worth it."

The condoms will be sold in packages of two for 50 cents which will cover the cost of packaging and printing supplemental material. Each package will contain a disclaimer stating that condoms do not offer 100% protection from AIDS. Each package will also contain a sheet with information on AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

**GOT TIME ON  
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243-3965  
Club 504 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508  
The D & M 424 E Locust St.,  
243-9629

### Omaha (A.C. 402)

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys,  
342-1244  
DC's 1019 S. 10th, 344-3103  
The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595  
Downtown 619 S. 16th, 341-0751  
Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth,  
449-9147  
The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110  
Metro 1516 Jones, 342-2202  
The Run 1715 Leavenworth,  
449-8703

### Lincoln (A.C. 402)

Panic 200 S. 18th St., 435-8764

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

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

### Omaha:

The Chesterfield  
The Diamond  
D.C.'s  
The Run  
Gilligan's Pub  
The MAX  
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Metropolitan Community Church  
Nebraska AIDS Project  
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Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays  
Council Bluffs:  
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Lincoln:  
The Panic  
UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center  
Arbor Moon  
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays  
Women's Resource Center  
Nebraska Book Store

### Grand Island:

Support Group

### Hastings:

Support Group

### Kearney:

Empty Closet Support Group  
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays

### Des Moines:

Blazing Saddle  
Club 508  
D & M's  
Brass Garden

### Sioux City:

Metropolitan Community Church

Of course, if you find that your favorite place is always out of the magazine before you get there, you might consider subscribing. For only \$19 per year you can have The New Voice delivered directly to your door (in a plain, brown envelope, of course).

# The New Voice RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## LINCOLN

**Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore**, Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln 68502. For hours, etc. call Wally at 476-7389 or 489-4634.

**BIPALS (Bisexual People / Alternative Life Styles)**, P.O. Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501 Meets 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone, (upstairs) 640 N 16th. All sexes welcome.

**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Call 438-5214 for information.

**Gay Mens Support Group**, Counseling Center, 1234 Admin Bldg, UNL, Lincoln 68508. 472-3461. Confidential support for gay men

**Lesbian Support Group**, Womens Resource Center, Room 117, Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588. 472-2597, weekly discussion group.

**Lincoln League of Lesbians**, 624 N. 25, 68509 Feminist collective, newsletter, support

**Nebraska Bookstore**, 14th & R Streets, Lincoln, Alternative Lifestyle Section carries The Advocate

**Nebraska Scholarship Fund for G/L Students**, Box 30681, Lincoln, 68503. 477-1664. Non-profit scholarship fund with NU Foundation.

**New Freedom G/L info/support**, 466-4627

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

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

**Southeast Comm College G/L Student Assoc**, Bx 30681 Lincoln 68503, 477-1664  
Student, G/L, education, social, political

**University Bookstore**, 14th & R Streets, Lincoln, Gay Studies Section carries Books on G/L Life.

**UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association**, Rm 342 Neb Union, Lincoln 68588, 472-5644. Social/support for G/L Students, meets Thursdays 8pm

**UNL Gay/Lesbian Alumni/ae Assoc, Inc.**, P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, 68503, 477-1664. Social, education, political network for UNL Gay/Lesbian alumni/ae, faculty, staff, & students.

**UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center**, Rm 342 Neb Union, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644 Social activities, info & referrals, support.

**The Winmin's Show**, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo.

**Womens Journal Advocate**, P.O. Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501 Feminist Monthly Newspaper.

**Youth Talkline** (402) 473-7932, Friday & Saturday 7pm-Midnite. Emotional support, referrals, and AIDS info for callers Age 23 and under. Project of Coalition for G/L Civil Rights

**YWCA Counseling & Education Department**, 476-2802. Information and Referral.

## OMAHA

**Affirmation**, 556-7701 Methodist G/L Issues

**Alcoholics Anonymous, Live & Let Live**, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha Open Meeting 8:15pm, Friday 345-9916

**A.N.G.L.E., Inc.** (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors), Box 31375, 68131. Networking, consciousness raising, and PRIDE activities.

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

**EAGLE-Omaha**, Employee Assoc of Gays, Lesbians. Resource group US WEST. Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on Mall, 8th Flr, 68102.

**Frontrunners/walkers**, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 Running/Walking Club (Send SASE for info)

**Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line**, A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., 558-5303

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

**HAIR CARES**, Nat'l Foundation hair-dressers helping other hairdressers living with AIDS. 1-800-HAIRCARES Omaha, Judy 333-3329

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, Mailing Address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103 Services held at 420 S. 24th St., Omaha, NE Sunday Worship Services: 10:20am, 7pm

**Mishpach Chavarm**, Social/support group for Jewish Gays/Lesbians, 551-0510: Gary.

**Omaha Meatpackers, Leather/Levi Club** with focus on AIDS fundraising. Call: 455-6876

**Omaha Men OMEN**, Box 3706 Omaha 68103 Men interested in masculinity /masculine image Meets 2nd Sunday

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

**Overeaters Anonymous, Lambda Plush Group**, Wednesdays, 7:30pm, Family & Friends, 3622 N 90th, Omaha, 341-7716 or 978-8777.

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

**Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns**, 733-1360: Cleve. Meets last Saturday January-October, 2nd Saturday December, No Nov mtg

**River City Mixed Bowling League**, For info 346-4110 (Scott) or 551-0322 (Charley). Sundays Aug-May, 3pm, Sky Lanes, 42 & Center, Omaha

**River City Gender Alliance**, P.O. Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502 For all who enjoy cross-gender community. All orientations welcome. No sexual encounters. Meets monthly.

**River City Mixed Chorus**, P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267, 558-9900. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.

**Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.**, Meetings, information, support for Lesbians & Gays (402) 451-5631 or 1-800-4-GAY-SDA.

**Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club**, Box 3216, Omaha, 68103. Meets 1st Sunday, 12noon, Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16th

**UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Organization**, Box 134, UNO, Omaha 68182. Steve: 558-8121

**Women's Support Group**, MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th, 345-2563. Meets Saturdays 11am

**Youth Support Group**, sponsored by Parents & Friends of Lesbians/Gays. For gay, lesbian, bisexual youth ages 13 to 21. Meets 2nd & 4th Saturdays, For Info: call 291-6781.

## STATEWIDE

**AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power-Neb.**, Box 30681, Lincoln 68503 477-1664. Statewide militant org. for AIDS improvements, fight homophobia/discrimination. Rodney A. Bell II

**Alcoholics Anonymous, Grand Island**, Open Meeting 12noon Sundays, (308)234-6500.

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

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

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68102 Social org for advancement of gay society, Business Meeting 1st Monday

**The New Voice of Nebraska**, Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Monthly magazine for the L/Community.

**Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)** \*4011 19th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St Luke'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. Group for family of people with HIV, and G/L Youth Group same time & place.

\*2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, 291-6781. Meets 2nd Sunday at 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass Street.

**Queer Nation**, Box 34463, Omaha, NE 68134-0463, Grassroots militant organization working to increase visibility of Gay/Lesbian community. Contact Blake: (402) 451-7987.

**SHOUT Gay & Lesbian Support Group** Box 2381, Kearney 68848 Meet Tuesdays in Kearney; Meets Wednesdays in GrandIsland, Hastings alternating.



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Sunday, March 15  
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Sunday, March 8  
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5 to 9 pm

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Tuesday, 17th  
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Party  
Party

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Guest DJ  
Happy  
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Day

Thursday, 5th  
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Thursday, 12th  
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