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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHECK IT OUT!!

Dear New Voice Staff,

Enclosed are some articles I cut out of the *Daily Nebraskan* at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Every day, there seems to be some article or editorial on Gays & Lesbians. I just wondered if you already knew of what the *Daily Nebraskan* was up to. I think they are doing a great justice to the Gay Community and I think their efforts need to be merited by the established Gay Community.

signed
Curt

Policing Hate

The police chief in San Jose, California, took what many may call a radical step last week, announcing a drive aimed at recruiting gay police officers. Chief Lou Cobarruviaz said he hoped having more gay police officers would encourage victims of anti-homosexual hate crimes to report the attacks. Now, gay men and lesbians could be prevented from reporting the crimes because they may be afraid to approach the police, he said.

The drive merely expands on a minority recruitment program already in place in the San Jose Police Department. Cobarruviaz himself helped start the minority recruitment project during the 1960's.

Too often, gay men and lesbians are ignored in programs directed to help members of minority groups. But when it comes to hate crimes, gay men and lesbians rarely are ignored.

Sadly, "gay-bashing" is common in America. Worse yet, it is accepted - and condoned - by far too many Americans.

Hate crimes against other minority groups receive a great deal more publicity and outrage than attacks against gay men and lesbians. But the pain caused by such attacks cannot be ignored, even by the most closed-minded people.

If it succeeds, the San Jose Police Department's policy will help bring such crimes to light. And the path toward ending such hate crimes will begin when more gay men and lesbians are able to report the attacks.

Police should do all they can to make victims of crime more comfortable. In some instances, that means providing an obviously sympathetic ear.

Police departments without women officers to hear victims' stories of rape or without African-American officers to hear victims' stories of racially motivated crimes would be unthinkable. The same should be true for hate crimes against gay men and lesbians.

San Jose was not the first to begin such recruitment efforts. The San Francisco Police Department began recruiting homosexuals in the 1970s.

Nevertheless, Chief Cobarruviaz's "radical" move probably will not be popular.

Until Americans realize that all hate crimes cause needless pain, gay men and lesbians will have to rely on themselves for defense.

-Daily Nebraskan

I DARE YOU!!

To the Editor,

For many years I have given from my heart, soul, mind, and pocketbook to the gay/lesbian community. During that time, the straight community gave me more recognition than gays/lesbians.

I am challenging any of you to write to me while I am incarcerated, or visit. Please visit or write to: Rodney Allen Bell II, B.A., #42977, 2323 East Avenue J, Omaha, NE 68110-2789.

My plans after parole and release are to go where my talent is appreciated: near Kansas City, Missouri. So I will keep in contact with *The New Voice*. I helped found it.

Rodney Allen Bell II, B.A.
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Lee's reply: Before visiting, you must first write to Rodney, have him send you a visitor's form, fill it out, and return it to the penitentiary for approval by the powers that be.

ISOLATION BLUES

New Voice of Nebraska,

Tom Geist from the Empty Closet Support Group out of Kearney said I could get on your mailing list. I am in the Nebraska Correctional System. I sure would like to get on your mailing list. I feel sort of isolated from my contacts in the Tri-City area. Thanks much.

Sincerely,
Corrol P. Roach, #42920
P.O. Box 22800
Lincoln, NE 68542-2800

Please do not let me down!

Lee's reply: We wouldn't think of letting you down, Corrol! The New Voice of Nebraska's Prisoner Project sends free subscriptions to all Nebraska and Iowa inmates - both male and female (come on, ladies... we need to hear from you, too!). We also publish letters from prisoners seeking penpals and welcome poetry and artwork submissions from prisoners for inclusion in the magazine. Inclusion is a key word - we want our brothers and sisters behind bars to feel included in our family, whatever mistakes they may have made - and not isolated from the world they will eventually return to.

GUILTY CONSCIENCE

Dear Sharon,

Greetings from a solitary T.S. in redneck country! I wish to subscribe to the *New Voice*. The *New Voice* is a little like Nebraska ETV, after you use it for free, your conscience makes you pay. My check for \$19.⁰⁰ is enclosed.

Sincerely,
Michelle Howell

HATS OFF!!

Letter to the Editor & Community,

Hat's off to the great fund raising efforts of the Meat Packers and babes behind bars.

Fund raising is a thankless job, so, on behalf of my partner and I, thank-you for all the time and trouble you all went through to put on this show.

Halfway through the show, a young man in the audience yelled an insolent remark to the Meat Packer on stage. There was no need for this. How can we expect the heterosexual community to be kind to us if we can't be kind to one another. Being new to this community makes it easy to stand back and see the animosity between groups. This isn't just in Omaha. It happens from coast to coast. Just remember: "United we stand; divided we fall."

D.K. Brown

I LOVE IT, I LOVE IT!

Attention: Metro,

My name is David Bolkovac and I am writing you in response to you having "After Hours" on Friday and Saturday nights.

Thank you!!! I am 20 years old and am looking forward to visiting your bar more often when I am of age. There is a definite need for more activities for the youth in the gay community. I have been patronizing The Run for the last year, but the environment at the Metro is much more enticing. I drive from Lincoln to Omaha every weekend to party, and would like to continue coming to the Metro. I encourage you to continue your "After Hours".

One of your happy customers,
David Bolkovac



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FEATURES

THE DEBATE CONTINUES

To the Editors:

When I read Terry Sweeney's article in the April issue of *The New Voice* regarding the NAMBLA advertisement, I was first confused and then upset by these comments. The confusion is about why the steering committee does not differentiate its journalistic responsibilities from its marketing responsibilities.

This issue was never about censorship. It is about the marketing policy of a monthly periodical. Every other publication has to struggle with these issues of what advertisers to include and how does this business relationship coincide or conflict it's mission. There are no vitamin ads on Saturday morning television, no cigarette ads on any TV, and there will probably never be any ads in this publication for David Duke, White Supremacist, or organizations against civil rights. This is good solid business practice.

I was upset with the implication that if I did not want the NAMBLA ad in this periodical, that I had a closed mind. Information is not disseminated only through the advertising and this periodical is hardly the last resort for information.

However, this steering committee does have the journalistic responsibility to research issues such as this, to explain organizations like NAMBLA, and give people well-documented facts and data for each person to form their own opinions. Just because you don't allow the organization to advertise does not mean that you can't report the issue. I expect that from this publication.

Finally, I feel that Sweeney's editorial minimized the concerns that a lot of people would have should *The New Voice* have decided to run the ad. Child Sexual Abuse is a terrible problem that is certainly not limited to the heterosexual part of our community.

As a professional who works with the victims, as a person with too many friends that are survivors, I am disappointed that these people's pain was ignored. Many of us could not, in good conscience, support a periodical that would assist in promoting an organization that is so contrary to our beliefs.

Perhaps it would be wise for the steering committee to research and publish articles about how adults engaging in sexual acts with children affects this community. This is your journalistic responsibility. You will not be censored, but applauded for these efforts.

Sincerely, Rich Ketter

MAN-BOY LOVE CLUB CAN'T MEET AT LIBRARY

An angry group of parents confronted San Francisco Public Library officials recently to demand a stop to meetings held at their neighborhood library by the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA). The group promotes sexual relations between adult males and consenting boys.



By the end of the meeting, it appeared the parents had scored an immediate victory in that it seems unlikely that the association will hold future meetings at the branch.

Joyce Armstrong, a 20-year resident of the Potrero Hill neighborhood, told the standing-room-only crowd that the group shouldn't be allowed to shift its meetings to another branch site.

Joyce Kleiner, another area resident and a mother, said, "everything should be done to make those people so uncomfortable they won't want to meet here again."

The group has been meeting at the library branch for about two years, according to Neal Parikh, library chief of branches. The decision to allow the group to use the meeting room was approved by a branch librarian who has since departed, she said.

The group held meetings in an upstairs room at the branch on the first Saturday of each month, a time that distressed many parents because it is when many youngsters use the downstairs library.

Library Commissioner Dale Carlson said that a policy change regarding use of the meeting rooms would be discussed by a commission subcommittee. Carlson said that while he believed freedom of speech guarantees prevented officials from issuing a total ban on NAMBLA use of library meeting rooms, the matter would be referred to the district attorney's office for investigation.

BOOK REPORT

by Cheryl Westman

Transvestites

(The erotic drive to cross-dress)

by Magnus Hirschfeld, M.D., translated by Michael A. Lombardi-Nash, Ph.D.

If you're not one, this book is a good place to start a study of transvestites. I am one, and even though I seldom find non-fiction to my taste, I was able to read this from cover to cover.

The author, Magnus Hirschfeld, (1868-1935), was German by birth and a known homosexual. The introduction indicates that he may have been a transvestite. He was a scientist, compiling more than 20,000 volumes and 35,000 pictures and photographs with which he established the first journal devoted to the study of sex. It is thought that he was responsible for coining the term "transvestite." Due to his questionable background, the subject matter, and the fact that his style of writing German was difficult to translate into English this book was pretty much buried in obscurity until the translator brought it out of the closet.

The book is a scientific work. The author does not seem to be making any particular statement, but rather straight-forward observations. If there is a statement it would seem to be that transvestism is not necessarily a part of, or related to, homosexuality. While his findings show that homosexuals may be transvestites, they also showed that transvestites could be heterosexual or even asexual.



The first fourth of the book is a compilation of 17 case studies (16 men and 1 woman). For me this was the juicy part. The narrative in this part, while seeming analytical, described each individual in terms of physical characteristics, family background, interests, and a colorful description of the individual's involvement in cross-dressing.

From my point of view it was interesting to note that the interests, desires, and feelings of these people are so much like those of the people I have met in the gender community of today.

Part two deals with the authors' attempt to ascribe different types of diagnoses to transvestites. The categories included: homosexuality, monosexuality, fetishism, masochism, illusion, hallucination, mental conditions, and a theory of intermediaries. Ho-Hum.

The last half of the book, part three, was a history of transvestism by categories. The topics included: transvestism of children, and the law, and criminality, on the stage, on thrones, etc. The section on women as soldiers was particularly compelling to me (ugh, I hated being one).

I liked the parts about people, but would frankly rather read a spicy novel any day. The biggest value for me was to read about people of years ago struggling with the same feelings that we have today. It strengthened my belief that this phenomenon transcends time and that it is innate.

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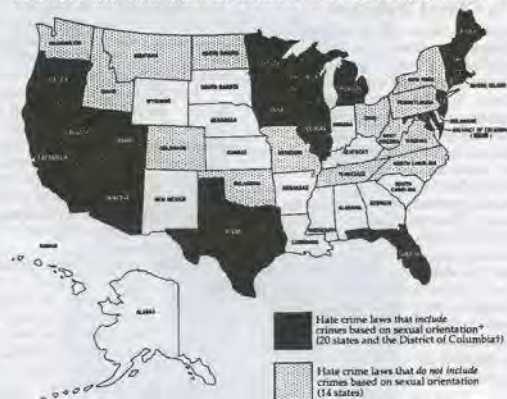
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VIOLENCE AGAINST GAYS SURGES

Where do the states stand on Hate Crime?*



In recent years a growing number of states have passed laws to monitor and counteract crimes motivated by bigotry. Despite a very large body of data to show that anti-gay violence is alarmingly widespread**, many hate crime laws ignore crimes based on sexual orientation. This map shows where the states stand on this critical issue.

As of March, 1992, legislation addressing hate crimes, including anti-gay violence, is under consideration in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin.

* Some state laws prohibit specific types of hate motivated acts (e.g., cross burnings, the wearing of masks or hoods, institutional vandalism) but do not address crimes motivated on the basis of specific characteristics (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation). Such laws are not indicated on this map.

† In Maryland and Michigan, hate crime data collection laws include sexual orientation provisions, but hate crime penalties laws do not.

** In addition, according to a 1987 study of bias crime sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, "homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims of hate violence" in America today.

Anti-Gay Incidents Documented in 1991



Data cited above were provided by the Community United Against Violence (San Francisco), the Fenway Community Health Center (Boston), the Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council (Minneapolis), Horizons Community Services (Chicago), and the New York City Gay and Lesbian

Findings in the seventh annual NGLTF Policy Institute report, *Anti-Gay/Lesbian Violence, Victimization, and Defamation in 1991*, reveal a disturbing increase in attacks on gay people in five major urban areas around the country. In addition, the report cites examples of 1992 presidential campaign defamation by Patrick Buchanan and others, and negative portrayals of homosexuals in Hollywood movies - including *Basic Instinct* - as fueling anti-gay prejudice.

A total of 1,822 incidents - including harassment, threats, physical assaults, vandalism, arson, police abuse, and murder - were reported to agencies in New York, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and San Francisco. The incidents represent a 31% increase over 1990 in the same cities.

Among the most serious incidents that increased were anti-gay murders, which more than doubled. Last year, eight people were killed for being gay, up from three in 1990. Physical assaults, or "gay bashings," leaped 15%, and acts of police abuse jumped 29%.

"Anti-gay and lesbian violence continues to be a widespread and critical problem, provoked by official gay bashing in politics and popular culture," said Kevin Berrill, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Anti-Violence Project director and author of the report. "Each attack sends a message of hatred and terror intended to silence and render invisible not only the victim but all gay people.

"Unchecked, these crimes of hate create an atmosphere of fear and intolerance that undermines not only the gay community, but the democratic and pluralistic foundation of our society."

Examples of Anti-Gay & Lesbian Incidents

* Outside a gay nightclub in Houston, Texas, on July 4, ten young men armed with wooden clubs and a knife attacked three gay men, killing one and injuring another.

* On June 2, a gay man in Superior, Wisconsin, was stabbed to death by a man who later told police, "I wanted to kill this fag. My whole life is devoted to killing faggots and child molesters... they spread AIDS."

* In Los Angeles on August 7, an African-American lesbian was called anti-gay slurs, assaulted, and terrorized by a man with a gun who forced his way into her home.

* In May, in Springfield, Missouri, members of the Ku Klux Klan paraded outside the home of a gay male couple, smashed the windows of their car, and threw eggs and tomatoes at their home.

* In a February 11 attack described by a judge as "lawless," New York City police officers charged a peaceful crowd of gay demonstrators and brutally clubbed a man, leaving him with a concussion and other serious injuries.

* On June 24, and again on August 15, bombs exploded outside a lesbian and gay bookstore in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The explosions damaged the building, shattered windows, and destroyed goods.

* At California State University at Northridge in October, anti-gay flyers announcing "gay bashing night" and "smear a queer" were posted across campus.

* Three bat-wielding teenagers on a spree in Pensacola, Florida, on June 15, bludgeoned to death a man whom they perceived to be gay. Relatives of the victim said he was heterosexual.

FEELINGS OF A TRANSGENDERIST

Part 1

by Cheryl Westman

Recently I've tried to talk to my mom about my early life and cross-dressing but she claims to have no knowledge. I can only say that I thank God for whatever enabled me to awaken my special feelings. While I wouldn't wish my past confusion about gender on anyone, I shall never deny or resent the feelings I cherish today.

My earliest recollections of feelings are not too different from the feelings I have today. I loved nap time when I might have a story read to me. My favorites were of princes, princesses, and romantic times. The warmth of snuggling next to mom or my Aunt Evelyn and listening to a loving voice entertaining me was very special. I recall vividly, after the story how I loved to lie and dream of being the princess or a little girl. To make my fantasies even more real I remember being dressed in silky clothing. I have no idea if someone dressed me in women's wear or if I managed to discover it by myself. I can't forget hoping and praying for a miracle to change me into a girl.

At about the age of four my family wasn't rich, dad was a carpenter, and mom was home with us kids. I now have a little brother. I have wondered if sibling jealousy could have helped foster my need for the comfort I've found in clothes. I prefer to dismiss the idea and enjoy the wonderful caring men that are my brothers today. I cannot recall ever feeling threatened by them.

My earliest memories of Dad are of two types. He was always a teaser, and he teased me about my pretty curly hair and my cute little butt that could have been a girl's. In general, I remember waiting for him to come home from work and worrying that he would die or get killed somehow. I have no idea why I had this type of thought.

I also remember clearly one incident: One night when Dad came home from work I was wearing a pair of panties and a slip. He teased me about them until I took them off and denied wanting to be a girl. This was a terrible hurt for me to have something I loved so much made fun of. I don't think dad had any intention of hurting me. I sincerely believe that all of his and my mom's efforts to straighten me out were founded in love and concern for me.

Mom found me friends. Teddy, across the street was my closest friend through sixth grade and maybe a little beyond. In fact the whole neighborhood was teaming with boys. I don't remember when I first discovered the two girls that lived close to us.

Throughout my life most people that met me liked me. I longed for approval, and could get it by striving to please others. At age four my playmates were boys. I'm sure this was because Mom felt that was "right", and my mother has always done the right thing. The Lord only knows that if I had the opportunity to play with girls, the neighbors might have found me running around in their daughters' dresses. My little "secret" might have become well known and my life ruined.

While I played with the boys and tried to behave like I thought they wanted me to, my feelings were different; I didn't like to fight, I

always tried to be "good" (other parents liked me a lot), and I loved to play dress-up. The other boys might dress up like their big brothers, dads, or some macho hero, but I would be a girl or lady depending on what clothing was available.

I needed more than a dress and shoes. For me it started at the bare skin with silky underthings and always ended in shoes, skirts and blouses, or dresses. I could take any ribbing from others when I had the opportunity to be the "girl".

Just before age five I remember vividly two things. Both of them related to my starting school. First there was the "talk". Mom sat me down one day and told me that I was getting to be a big boy and big boys didn't wear girls' clothes. In fact the other boys and girls would make fun of me and the teachers wouldn't like me either if I was different. I made my first purge at the tender age of four by promising not to wear women's clothing anymore.

I didn't want to go to school. All of the neighbors can and do testify to the crying fit I displayed that first day. No one but me realized that I didn't want to be a big boy. I didn't want to be a boy. Before the week was up I was doing well at school and liked by the class and dear Mrs. Lind. She was old, probably at least 25, but I loved her and I assure you I appreciated the nice clothes she wore every day and the way she smelled, smiled, etc. I was in love. Also by the end of the week I was experiencing shame, guilt, and fear because I couldn't help myself, I was back into Mom's closet and drawers. My fantasies were now of being a teacher. The only solace was that by the end of the second week no one at school seemed to know that I was different. The fear, shame, and feelings of dishonesty were still there, but I was surviving.

At that tender age I was embroiled in conflict. I wanted to be a girl but I wanted to be accepted by others. This led me to becoming a closet queen. To anyone observing me I was Charlie, the all boy boy. On the inside I wanted to be nice, soft, and pretty. These desires were the seed that grew into terrible guilt feelings. I couldn't tell anyone about my feelings because I was sure I would be rejected. I was the "only one". There was no salvation for me because I condemned myself. My only comforts were my fantasies and mom's closet and the more I indulged myself the more guilt I felt.

The miracle was yet to come. At five, I had feelings. Some were good, many confused. I was a long way from being grown up. I must have had hope because I'm writing this forty years later.

I'll pause here so that you can grab the remote and surf through the channels. If you tune in again the next episode will include sex.

Margins

a novel by Terri de la Peña

One of the first lesbian novels by a Chicana author, *Margins* is an insightful look at family relationships, recovery from loss, creativity, and love. Veronica Melendez has spent her life under the protective wing of her Southern California Chicana family. She is just beginning graduate school when a tragic car accident claims the life of Joanna, her longtime friend and lover. During the course of her recovery Veronica's lesbianism is discovered by a family member. While learning what it means to be an open lesbian in her supportive but sometimes suffocating family, Veronica finds new love with the fascinating Chicana filmmaker, René Talamantes.

"This lush story of the awakening of a 22-year-old Chicana lesbian uses Spanish dialog intermixed with English to effectively show both Veronica and the reader the value of bilingualism without making it a necessity. The process is all in this story. ... [Veronica] learns that with kindness but toughness she can face her family and the rest of the world openly."

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-Sandra Cisneros, author of *The House on Mango Street* and *Woman Hollering Creek*
"What a pleasure reading Terri de la Peña's *Margins*, to see our own Chicana lesbian world, for the first time, reflected without reservation in a novel. The world of *Margins* is not new to those of us who inhabit it, but it is seldom reflected in the mirror of literature. Here, Terri de la Peña gives flesh to the mestiza lesbica, makes love to her dark intensity, her coraje and her vulnerability, her creative cultural adaptations, and her relentless desire to embody all the aspects of herself."

-Cherríe Moraga, author of

Loving in the War Years

Terri de la Peña's fiction has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies. She has been awarded the Chicano Literary Prize from the University of California, Irvine, and has taught in the Writers' Program at the University of California Extension, Los Angeles. She is a native of Santa Monica, California. *Margins* is her first novel and can be ordered for \$10.95 from The Seal Press, 3131 Western Avenue, Suite 410, Seattle, WA 98121-1028.

MORE GOOD "DETAILS"

An excellent piece in January's *Details* magazine entitled *The Gay Marine*, by Charles Kaiser, looked at a model marine booted out of the service due to the military's anti-gay policy.

Details has continued its efforts at gay inclusion. The February issue offered an insightful piece called *Gay Men, Straight Women* by Mark Matousek, which tackled many "fag hag" clichés.

Then the March issue presented what may be the first fashion spread in a "mainstream" men's magazine to feature two explicitly gay men. The "Dream Date" section had several well-dressed men imagining their dream partners (shown in insets). Four men dreamt of women, while one imagined a trendy attire guy.

Unlike *GQ* and other men's magazines, *Details* isn't afraid of actively wooing gay readers with more than handsome models pretending to be heterosexual. Let *Details* know you appreciate these efforts and look forward to more. Write James Truman, Editor-in-Chief, *Details*, 632 Broadway, New York, NY 10012.

FEATURES



HARVEY FIERSTEIN APPEARS ON CHEERS!

Harvey Fierstein, the three time Tony Award-winning playwright and actor, guest starred on *Cheers!* in the episode entitled *Rebecca's Lover... NOT!*, telecast on NBC, Thursday, April 23.

Fierstein starred as Mark Newberger, Rebecca's old high school flame, who after many tears, makes a surprise visit to *CHEERS*. Oblivious to Newberger's sexual orientation (he is gay), Rebecca attempts to rekindle the passion they once had.

The role of Mark Newberger marks Fierstein's comedy television series debut. Fierstein chose the role on *Cheers!* because he portrays an honest, attractive, and romantic gay lead. The role also appealed to him because "when you are young and in high school, most people are sexually confused," as was he.

Fierstein's works include the plays, *Torch Song Trilogy*, *Safe Sex*, *Spookhouse*, and the book *La Cage aux Folles* (which the musical and film were based on). He starred in the films *Torch Song Trilogy*, *Garbo Talks*, and can be seen in the upcoming film *The Harvest*. He also starred in the ACE Award-winning cable telefilm *Tidy Endings*. His voice can be heard on *The Simpsons* as Homer's secretary. Fierstein is active in advocacy work for gay and lesbian rights and the fight against AIDS. Fierstein lives in Connecticut with his handsome lover and three beautiful Abyssinian cats.



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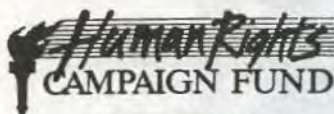
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NATIONAL NEWS



TIM McFEELEY ADDRESSES '92 MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES

Tim McFeeley, the executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, addressed the 1992 March for Women's Lives. McFeeley was the only openly gay man to be asked to speak at the rally. The National Organization for Women was the lead sponsor of the April 5th March, which was among the largest pro-choice demonstrations in American history. The Human Rights Campaign Fund was a sponsoring organization for the March.

"I understand the invitation was in recognition of the high priority the Campaign Fund has given to abortion rights and our efforts to defeat the gag rule and other anti-choice proposals," notes McFeeley. "Choice is an important issue for the lesbian and gay community and for the Human Rights Campaign Fund," he continued.

"We believe that the constitutional right of privacy must be upheld and that lesbian and gay Americans overwhelmingly oppose efforts to restrict that right."

BASIC INSTINCT: PSYCHO LESBIANS FROM HOLLYWOOD

Basic Instinct - one of the most "lesbophobic" movies to come out of Hollywood, opened March 20. Directed by Paul Verhoeven and starring Michael Douglas (as Detective Nick Curran) and Sharon Stone (as Catherine Tramell), *Basic Instinct* features the latest in man-hating, ice-pick wielding killer lesbians and bisexual women.

An example of its lesbian depictions is Catherine's live-in lover, Roxy, who slashed her little brother to death when she was 14 (she used her father's razor). According to the script, "She... just sort of did it on impulse." In a jealous rage, Roxy tries to kill Nick after watching him have sex with Catherine. Scenes of Catherine, Roxy, and other women dancing wildly together at a club are being used to hype the movie. Motorcycle jackets and stiletto heels abound. Not surprisingly, there are no sympathetic portrayals of women who love women.

After protests during filming in San Francisco, screenwriter Joe Eszterhas tried to rewrite his script to make it less gratuitously offensive. Director Verhoeven, however, refused to allow any alterations. Sadly, Hollywood's history of treating lesbians and gays as either psycho killers or clownish buffoons continues virtually unabated.

Join protests by your local GLAAD chapter or other activist groups. And be sure to write Paul Verhoeven, c/o the Marion Rosenberg Office, 8428 Melrose Place, Suite B, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Tell him he owes our community fair and accurate portrayals of lesbians and gays.

Copy your letters to the head of the production company, Chairman Mario Kassar, Carolco Pictures, 8800 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069, and the distributor, Tri-Star Pictures Distribution, 10202 W. Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232.



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The Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE) and *The New Voice of Nebraska* feel that it is important to know businesses who deal fairly with lesbians and gay people, both as employees and customers. Businesses that respond, as well as those who do not, are speaking loudly and clearly to you!

The Questions

1. Do you welcome lesbians and gay people as customers?
2. Would you hire a person, who was qualified, if you knew she/he were lesbian or gay?
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Jerry's Flowers Ltd.
Ken's Flower Shop & Greenhouses



NATIONAL NEWS

"FAMILY" VISIT TO RUSSIA

The International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) will sponsor a trip June 28 - July 13, 1992 to Russia and Latvia designed for parents and other relatives, lesbians and gay men, and friends who wish to visit and meet with families of lesbians and gays in those countries.

The trip is a result of correspondence with citizens of Moscow and Novosibirsk who met with IGLHRC Board Member Laurie Coburn - Program Director of PFLAG - at last summer's first international gay and lesbian conferences in Moscow and St. Petersburg and have since created PFLAG chapters in their cities.

Three lesbians who are starting a chapter in Siberia wrote to Parents FLAG, "Our main problem is our parents... We need the vivid example of your organization and movement of parents and friends in the U.S."

Moscow therapist, Dr. Nikolai Olehnikov, wrote, "We have already held some meetings of mothers where they could share their experiences and talk about the difficulties they have faced when learning that their child is homosexual. Hopefully it will lead to a calmer and more peaceful family life and an ability for parents to talk with each other, and help their children to gain freedom and the right to live and love... We would like very much to invite members of your organizations to visit Moscow, where they can... share their experiences directly, and teach us the

methods they use in their contacts with parents and their homosexual children."

In a recent letter to PFLAG president, Paulette Goodman, Congressman Barney Frank wrote, "I cannot think of anything that would have a more

positive impact on the lives of a lot of vulnerable young men and women than for proud parents of lesbians and gay men to show up in [Russia] and give very much needed encouragement to others to behave similarly."

TOYOTA "PROMOTING HOMOSEXUALITY"?

The American Family Association (AFA), an anti-gay censorship group, has targeted Toyota for "promoting homosexuals as normal family."

The AFA, which is capable of generating thousands of letters and influencing companies to change their ad policies, asserts Toyota is "one of the leading sponsors of pro-homosexual programs on network television," meaning shows that occasionally feature lesbian or gay characters - like *L.A. Law* or *Roseanne*.

Pre-printed post cards ask the president of Toyota to "stop sponsoring programs which promote homosexuality as normal, acceptable, approved, alternative lifestyle," and threaten to boycott Toyota cars unless this is done.

Wait, there's more! The fundamentalist group went bonkers when it learned a Toyota ad in the Australian gay publication *Outrage* showed two men (apparently a couple) and a Toyota under a caption that read "The Family Car."

"Toyota has made a conscious decision to help promote the homosexual lifestyle and to refer to homosexual partners as a family," fumed AFA president Donald Wildmon.

Toyota and its local dealerships are now under heavy fire to avoid the gay press as well as gay-inclusive TV programs. We think you'll agree Toyota should be encouraged to run ads in *American* gay magazines and to continue placing commercials on quality programs that happen to depict lesbians and gays!

Tell Toyota that America's 25 million gay and lesbian consumers appreciate advertisers whose ad policies are not determined by the crude bigotry of a small group on the extreme fringe of public opinion. Write Mr. Y. Togo, President, Toyota Motor Sales, P.O. Box 2991, Torrance, CA 90509.

AIDS

Counseling - Antibody Testing - Information
is available in Omaha by calling:

Douglas County Health Department
(402) 444 - 6875
8:30 am to 4:00 pm

For other testing sites call:

Grand Island-Hall County: 308/381-5175
Lincoln-Lancaster County: 402/471-8065
North Platte: 308/534-6780 ext. 134
Scottsbluff: 308/635-3866

W.W.T.M.C., Dept. W, Box 22
Walhalla, MI 49458 616-757-4766

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Serayah Carol
Cassiberry & DuPree
Carol Chaikin
Sara Cytron
Dance Brigade
Dos Fallopa
Mrs. FUN
Judy Grahn
Susan Jackson
Nedra Johnson
Kitta
Living On The Edge
Nattie Marbury
MASA & Osaka Jazz Women
Lee Pui Ming
Rashida Oji
Vicki Randle
Toshi Reagon
Catherine Roma & Festival Chorus
Dorothy Scott
Peggy Seeger
Terry Sendgraft
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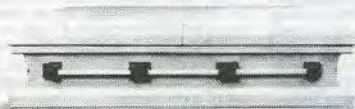
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in all sizes.



Baby Joe,
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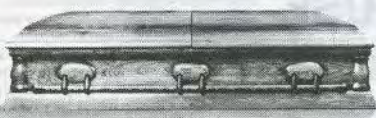
Christine,
age 7



Bob,
age 23



Betty,
age 32



Steve,
age 47

Donations to the Nebraska AIDS Project provides statewide AIDS prevention education. Help stop the spread of AIDS through education. Make your donation to the Nebraska AIDS Project today.

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AIDS Hotline: 1-800-782-AIDS, in Omaha 342-4233

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Missouri Ave. Turn left & cross South Omaha Bridge.
Drive past Screemers to 36th St. (You should see a
realtor's sign with an arrow directing you toward the
Park). Turn right onto the gravel road & go two
miles. Progressive Park is about 1/2 mile past
the curve.

HIV+ GAY RUSSIAN MAN IMPRISONED



Article 115 of the Russian Penal Code sentences HIV+ individuals for up to 8 years imprisonment for infecting or exposing to the risk of infection another person.

Andrei Plotnikov was quarantined and imprisoned on Sept. 26, 1991, for allegedly infecting his lover, and now faces not only the 8 year sentence but also prosecution under Article 121 which criminalizes male homosexuality (an additional 5 years). Plotnikov's lover was aware of the risk, and provided a letter stating he does not wish to press charges. Even the head of the Moscow AIDS Center provided an official document stating it is impossible to determine that Plotnikov infected his lover since his lover had never been tested before.

This case highlights the absurdity of the Russian government's approach to the AIDS epidemic, offering no government policy addressing prevention but simply attempting to quarantine the disease at the expense of human lives. This, of course, only exacerbates the crisis, pushing those infected further underground, increasing the spread of the disease and denying treatment access to people infected with the virus.

To protest this policy and demand humanitarian treatment to people with AIDS and the release of Andrei Plotnikov, write to the following addresses: Boris Yeltsin, RFSFR, 103274 Moscow, Krasnopresnenskaya Nab 2, Russia; Minister of Justice, 103051 Moscow, 10a Yermolova, Russia.

PHYSICIANS IN INDIA REFUSE TO TREAT HIV+ PEOPLE

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) passed a resolution in February 1992 stating that doctors in Delhi would not treat any HIV+ patients. The ban did not cover nurses.

AIIMS is the premier hospital and medical institution with the best doctors and the most advanced facilities for medical care and treatment in India, and has become a powerful proponent of AIDS phobia, misinformation, and discrimination. To date, the Indian medical authorities have done nothing to overrule the AIIMS.

The ban currently only covers Delhi, but if it stands it could set a nationwide precedent. This resolution is the latest in a pattern of maltreatment of people with HIV and people with AIDS. Government clinics that treat sexually transmitted diseases routinely test all patients for HIV without their consent, and homosexuals are denied anonymous testing.

AIIMS is also an organizing committee for the Asian AIDS conference to take place in Delhi this November 8-12, and have barred gay speakers and workshops addressing gay issues from the conference.

To demand Indian physicians treat people with HIV and allow gay representation at the conference, write: Prof. A.N. Malaviya, AIDS Congress/Dept. of Medicine, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110029, India.

Demand from Prof. Malaviya and the Indian Health Ministry that the AIIMS rescind their resolution and treat all people with compassion and equal care, regardless of HIV status. Demand that gay representation be permitted to take part in the Asian AIDS conference.

According to the World Health Organization, estimates of HIV infection in India are close to 1 million and growing. It is clear that India needs a clearly formulated AIDS policy free from the bigotry and ignorance that only propels the spread of AIDS. Postage for a half ounce letter from the U.S. is 50¢ airmail.

MARVEL COMICS SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Northstar, a hunky Marvel Comics superhero, garnered unprecedented attention recently when he came out of the closet and made an emotional plea for AIDS awareness. "Do not presume to lecture me on the hardships homosexuals must bear," thunders Northstar. "For while I am not inclined to discuss my sexuality with people for whom it is none of their business - I am gay."

In *Alpha Flight #107* (March issue), Northstar adopts an infant with AIDS who was abandoned in a trash bin. The storyline includes a spirited debate about outing, homophobia, and AIDSphobia. Northstar realizes he must publicly come out of the closet because, as he says, "silence is death."

While lesser gay characters have occasionally turned up in comics, Northstar is clearly the most important to come out. This should be tremendously reassuring to young lesbian and gay readers. It will also teach heterosexual youths that gay people shouldn't be feared and hated.

Northstar's coming out has become a media event, earning coverage in *People*, *Newsweek*, and *U.S. News and World Report*. It even received a praising editorial in *The New York Times*, which called Northstar's revelation "a welcome indicator of social change."

Send praise to Terry Steward, President, Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. Kudos should also go to Scott Lobdell for his sensitive story and to editor Bobbie Chase for her input, at the same address.

LIFESTYLE CONDOMS: TAKING THE (AD) PLUNGE

Ansell-Americas' *Lifestyles* condoms purchased a half-page ad in a recent issue of *The Advocate*, the national gay and lesbian news magazine. Why is this significant? Because to date major condom manufacturers (and most other corporate advertisers) have treated the gay press like a pariah, fearful of being labeled gay-friendly while raking in millions of gay dollars.

The trade journal *Inside Media* reported that *Lifestyles*' decision to run the ad followed demonstrations by GLAAD against Carter-Wallace-maker of Trojan condoms - for that company's refusal to advertise in gay publications. In fact, GLAAD had encouraged executives at Ansell-Americas to make such a move.

We've heard that a showing of public support for more *Lifestyles* ads in gay publications would be extremely helpful. Show *Lifestyles* you appreciate corporations that recognize the power of the gay and lesbian market, praise the impact of these ads, and encourage more. Write Ted Fernas, Vice-president-sales, Ansell-Americas, 446 State Hwy. 35, Eatontown, NJ 07724.

Also let the makers of Trojan condoms know that its policy of only advertising in "mainstream" publications (such as *Penthouse*), even though studies show gay men buy more condoms per capita than straight men, is discriminatory and bad for business. Write Henry Hoyt, Jr., CEO, Carter-Wallace, Inc., 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105. You might even consider sending a *Lifestyles* wrapper to help make the point!

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.

Neb 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.

Neb 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.

Neb. Regional Hemophilia Center, UNMC,
600 S. 42nd St., 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, Chapin, & Walker, P.C., 201 N.
8th, Ste 242, Lincoln 68508, 476-3882: Jun.

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

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

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

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

Native American Community Development
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. 24th, Omaha, 68107. (402) 734-4100.

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

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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.

IOWA AIDS WALK MAY 2

Iowa faces an AIDS crisis. How we respond as a state to this crisis is a test of who we are as a people.

Iowa AIDS Walk is a statewide grassroots effort to address the crisis and raise AIDS awareness among Iowans through a nonpartisan, non-political public event. It is a coming together of Iowans from all walks of life who are committed to responding to the AIDS crisis with concern, caring and compassion.

The mission of Iowa AIDS Walk is to raise the AIDS crisis in our state by bringing Iowans "Together With Hope."

Join the walk to raise AIDS Awareness. Everyone is invited. It will be held in Des Moines on Saturday, May 2, 1992 at 12 noon. The walk will be from the Iowa Statehouse to Nollen Plaza.

If you'd like more information on the walk, please contact Phyllis or Margie at 515-244-6700. Tax deductible donations can be made to Red Cross AIDS Walk.

Access Line

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RECEIVES RENEWED GRANT FOR FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH AIDS

The University of Iowa College of Law Program received a \$91,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education which will allow them to renew their program to offer free legal service to people with AIDS.

Access Line

VERMILLION, SD, AIDS BENEFIT SHOW

Entertainers from Sioux City, Vermillion, and Sioux Falls joined together at the Stagle Auditorium on the University of South Dakota campus on March 25 for a benefit show for AIDS related education on the USD campus.

Sandy Schoonover, chairperson of the USD AIDS Talk Force stated that funds raised are used for education. She said, "We raise the money to fund educational projects."

She also expressed concern that students are not changing their behavior, still believing that AIDS is strictly a Gay disease. Earlier this year, the Task Force distributed a Safe Spring Break Kit, complete with condoms.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OF AIDS. ST. CECELIA'S 701 N. 40, OMAHA, SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1992 7:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, May 2

Gay/Lesbian Coalition 1st Saturday Event, Festival of films by gay and lesbian members of UNL class, 7-10pm, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, (also at the Panic—watch for details)

SUNDAY, May 3

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

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 6:30pm
Omaha, Call for location: John 553-0342

Lutherans Concerned, 7 - 8:30pm, Kountze Memorial Luth Church Lounge, 2650 Farnam, Omaha, For info call 345-4080 or 453-7137.

Evangelical Song Service, 7 p.m., MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th, 345-2563

ICON Presents "Closet Ball" at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

"Bad Boys", females perform male drag for laughs, The Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha

MONDAY, May 4

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, May 5

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

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

THURSDAY, May 7

PotLuck Dinner, Congregational Meeting Following, MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24, 345-2563

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Business Mtg Room 342, Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm.

SATURDAY, May 9

P-FLAG Youth Support Grp for gay, lesbian, & youth questioning sexuality, ages 13-21, Omaha, 291-6781

Candlelight Memorial Service in remembrance of those who have died of AIDS, 7:30pm, St. Cecilia's Cathedral, 701 N. 40, Omaha

SUNDAY, May 10

Deadline for articles, art work, advertising for the June Issue of *The New Voice*

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

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha, 1st Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, West Entrance, 291-6781, 2pm

Mae, Empress XI of The Imperial Court of Nebraska, Presents a Night of ICON Royalty and Introduction of Candidates for Emperor, Empress, and Athena of The Imperial Court. The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

MONDAY, May 11

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

TUESDAY, May 12

POLLS OPEN AT 8 A.M. FOR THE NEBRASKA PRIMARY ELECTION -- GET OUT AND VOTE

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

FRIDAY, May 15

MCC-Omaha "Night Out" at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, 5-7pm

"Roll Thru The Years" 8pm 50's/60's dance, \$500 in prizes for Best Greaser, Best Couple, Best Drag, Limbo, Twist, and Hula Hoop contest. 11:30pm Trash Disco from 70's, 80's, 90's. The Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha.

SATURDAY, May 16

Omaha Mr. Drummer Competition, D.C.'s, 1019 South 10th Street, Omaha

SUNDAY, May 17

A.N.G.L.E. Mexican Fiesta Buffet, 5 - 8pm, Includes Tacos, Burritos, Refried Beans, Rice, Salsa, Chips, Proceeds to 92 Pride Week, \$5, Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth, Omaha

"California Male" Strippers at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

First "Nebraska" Entertainer of the Year Pageant. Tasha Kohl, Miss America 1984, the first National Entertainer of the Year will perform. The Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha.

MONDAY, May 18

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 6:30pm
Omaha, Call for location: John 553-0342

TUESDAY, May 19

DC'93 Nebraska Contingency Planning Mtg, 7:30p.m., Omaha, call for location: 451-7987

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, 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

NAMES Project Quilt, Nebraska Display, Mtg, 7pm, Red Cross, 3838 Dewey, Omaha

"Sweet Dreams" female strippers, Former Penthouse Pets, Miss Best Breast in West '89, Ms. Hardbody Colorado, Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha

THURSDAY, May 21

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

FRIDAY, May 22 - Sunday, May 24

Heartland Roundup '92 — Gay & Lesbian AA Conference, Friday 6pm thru Sunday, Ramada Inn Airport, Abbott Drive and Locust, Omaha For Info: call Tim 556-8615.

SATURDAY, May 23

P-FLAG Youth Support Grp for gay, lesbian, youth questioning sexuality, ages 13 to 21. Omaha, 291-6781

Heartland Roundup '92 — Gay & Lesbian AA Conference, through Sunday, May 24, Ramada Inn Airport, Abbott Drive and Locust, Omaha, For Info: call Tim 556-8615.

River City Gender Alliance, For Cross Dress community. All welcome. No sexual encounters, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

"We Sing Together In Pride", River City Mixed Chorus Spring Concert, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, 66th & Dodge, Omaha, 7:05pm

Beach Party Indoors. Dance Floor Will be Filled with Sand. You can Dance, Play, All Weekend. The Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha

SUNDAY, May 24

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

Heartland Roundup '92 — Gay & Lesbian AA Conference, through Sunday, May 24, Ramada Inn Airport, Abbott Drive and Locust, Omaha, For Info: call Tim 556-8615.

Beach Party Indoors Continues
The Metro, 1516 Jones, Omaha

MONDAY, May 25

Imperial Court of Nebr. Memorial Day Picnic, 12noon - 5pm, Progressive Park, South of South Omaha Bridge Road, Council Bluffs, Admission \$7. Sorry, no pets.

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

TUESDAY, May 26

P-FLAG-Lincoln Chapter, 7pm, Sharing Session and Program: "Living and Coping with HIV/AIDS in Lincoln", Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', 435 4688, Youth meet in own session at same time

QUEER NATION Omaha Monthly Meeting, 8:30pm, Call for information 451-7987

SUNDAY, May 31

"The Stars Come Out For Pride", 9:30pm, Benefit Variety Show for A.N.G.L.E. and 1992 Pride Celebration, Featuring Live Entertainers, Leather, Lace, Lip Sync, & the Best in Female Impersonation. Produced by Stan (Inga) Brown, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

**IS THERE AN EVENT COMING UP THAT SHOULD BE LISTED IN THE CALENDAR? WE'LL BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE IT. JUST SEND THE INFORMATION TO:
THE NEW VOICE, P.O. BOX 3512, OMAHA, NE 68103
BY THE 10TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING THE EVENT.**

CALENDAR & LOCAL NEWS

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

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

Grand Island Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Meeting 12noon (308)234-8610.

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 Rehearse 7:15pm Lowe Ave Presby, 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) 234-8248.

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-LGAL AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7pm, Call AIDS Info Line: 475-2437

Lambda Plush Overeaters Anonymous Group, 7:30pm, Family and Friends Building, 3622 N. 90th, Omaha

SHOUT Support/Discussion Group, Meets in Grand Island/Hastings alternating Call: (308) 234-8248

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

THURSDAY

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Assoc, 8pm, Room 342, Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln

FRIDAY

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Open Mtg, 1st Plymouth Congregational Church, 20th & "D", 438-5214

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

SATURDAY

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

Kearney Alcoholics Anonymous Group, Open Mtg 12noon, (308)236-8610.

GREETINGS FROM THE OUTBACK

By Tom Gelst

Okay, so this isn't Australia, so sue me. At any rate here it is time to put in another installment of "What's happening in the Kearney area." And as the *New Voice* editor knows, I'm pushing the envelope back on the deadline submission date again. The time seems to fly doesn't it? Well to let the readers know what's happening, (you do wonder, don't you?), let me tell you.

The Kearney based SHOUT group, formerly the Empty Closet, is changing for the better. After over a year and a half of seeking responsible people to make a commitment to a democratic form of an organization, it is now coming about. In the past many have suggested such a group...a few have even fleetingly toyed with the notion...but until now a solid group of committed people had not been found. I believe that with such a group many great things will be accomplished. This is in no way to imply that SHOUT did not have a purpose or achievement as there were many. But one person can only do so much.

As the founder and head facilitator of the group, I have come to see many, many "family" members with little pride grow to be proud of who they are rather than ashamed. As I feel that it is time to turn most support group functions over to the newly forming group, I walk away proud. For whatever one might say about the last year and a half, it is obvious that without it there would probably not be a "NEW IMPROVED"

group to follow. The torch is being passed. I would like all those that have made a contribution to the well-being of the Empty Closet and of SHOUT to give your full support to this new organization. Some of my friends may wonder where I personally go from here. As a member of a group bringing the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to Kearney in September, much time will be spent with this.

And since I put much of my private and work life on hold for the last year, I hope to "get a life" again. I'm really quite excited about a business opportunity that I've recently encountered which contains both monetary and personal rewards for me. (Ask me about it some day.)

Soooooo, at this time I will end my duties of keeping you abreast of what's going on here and turn it over to the new generation. To the vast majority of those that I have had the pleasure to work with, I would like to say "THANKS." To the two or three that whined, belly-ached, and pooh-pooed me or the group, I say "Up your nose with a rubber hose." (Okay, it's not original, or very clever, but at least it's printable.) And to those few special people in other small towns in Nebraska that have considered trying to start a group, I say, "Go for it!" It doesn't take more than one person to put the ball in motion. And the rewards for all are well worth the time.

Thanks again for your support.

PLAYWRIGHT COMPETITION

Original, non-musical one-act plays are eligible for the Kansas City Gay and Lesbian Playwrights Award, sponsored by Gay Talk.

They must be unproduced, unpublished and they must deal meaningfully with the Gay and/or Lesbian experience.

Playwrights must be residents of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, or Nebraska. Character, set and costume requirements of the plays, which will be judged by a professional panel, must be minimal.

First place winner will receive \$200, second place \$100, and third place \$50. The winners will be announced in conjunction with Pride events in June. Winning plays are scheduled to be produced July/August 1992.

Submission deadline is May 30 and Gay Talk reserves the right not to name a winner.

For guidelines and an application, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Gay Talk,
Box 32592,
Kansas City, MO 64111.

For more information, call (816) 931-4470.

Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph

"GAY RIGHTS BILL" DEFEATED IN IOWA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On March 26, the Iowa State Senate passed S.F. 2201, the "Gay Rights" Bill. The bill would have minimized or eliminated discrimination in public accommodations, employment, on-the-job training vocational schools or housing. It would have exempted owner-occupied dwellings and religious institutions.

However, the bill was defeated by a narrow margin in the Iowa House of Representatives on a April 15 vote. Even if the bill have passed the Iowa legislature, Governor Terry Branstad had said that he would veto the measure. His press secretary Richard Vohs had told the *Des Moines Register* that the Governor "didn't want to make it a protected class, which involved quotas."

If the bill had been passed by the Iowa House Iowa would have become the sixth state to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination. The five states that currently have such laws are Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Hawaii, and New Jersey.

From an article by Dave Hays
-Access Line

GAY/LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL

By Cheri Looft-Bavaard

The Lincoln Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights is offering a gay/lesbian film festival for its First Night event on Saturday, May, 2nd. The films are the products of a University of Nebraska, Lincoln film making class. Five of the students who happen to be gay/lesbian have decided to show their stuff which ranges in content from a lesbian's point of view on coming out, to AIDS subject, to gay male erotica. All films are silent mood pieces although some may have a corresponding nonsynchronous-sound track.

There will be a discussion-question answer session directly following the viewing of the films. The event starts at seven p.m. at the Cornerstone Church at 640 N. 16th, Lincoln. Admission is by donation only. If you happen to miss the first night, look for details at the Panic, 18th and N St., Lincoln. The same five, twenty minute films will appear there along with a wine and cheese reception.

LOCAL NEWS

FIFTY IS NIFTY

By Carla

When I arrived, the festive air was building. A silver and black motif designed by the community's premier set designer, Tom Cech, adorned the downstairs bar of The MAX. Then I caught a look at the bay window area—WOW! Candelabras two foot tall and a floral arrangement with colors that perfectly matched both the carpet and the cake frosting. What color coordination! A wide array of goodies sat in anticipation of the arrival of the "Man of the Night." The bartenders, of course, were decked out in their black and white and on the landing a white table cloth topped each table. Wayne Tietzort, General Manager of The MAX was providing Omaha with a truly exquisite setting for the celebration of Stosh's 50 birthday.

About half an hour after I arrived, there was a flurry of activity and in through the front door came Stosh with a host of friends. It seems they had picked him up early in a white limo, visited the local bars, played a few games of Keno, and now, the party was about to begin. Stosh took a seat at the bar amid the well-wishers and began opening his cards. Before long we all headed for the goodies and were busy satisfying one of our appetites when out of the corner of my eye I spotted Jim Gau, show director at The MAX, coming down the stairs for what seemed to be the fourth or fifth time. Well, this isn't too unusual, but every time Jim was accompanied by the same women. Now they looked pretty good to me, but most of the crowd was waiting in anticipation of the good-looking guy decked out in a tux that followed. It was time for the stripper! Well, you know what happened after that, I'm sure.

All I can say is "Yo, Wayne, let's see now 1—2—3—4—5—6—7—8—oops—7 years and 3 months, yeah, that's when I'll be fifty. And, gosh, I could live with a nifty fifty night like Stosh's. If you start planning now, well, who knows, it could even be more spectacular!"

THE STARS COME OUT FOR PRIDE

On Sunday, May 31, at 9:30 p.m., the "Stars" will shine brightly on the stage of The MAX in a benefit variety show for A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors).

Inga (AKA Stan Brown) is bringing together some of your favorite female impersonators, country/western dancers, comedy numbers, and live vocal performers for one terrific show. Proceeds from the show will help ANGLE with funding for promoting Pride Week activities June 14-21 with guest speaker Peri Jude Radecic from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C.

Among those scheduled to perform are: Miss Gay Omaha, Amanda Foxx; Miss Max VII, Phoebe Tate; Mr. Max III, Rick; Mr. Max II, Michael; Miss Gay Nebraska America, Jennifer Jett; Empress XI, Mae; Empress XI, Gerald; Athena III, Tami; Ms. Nebraska Leather, Amy; Mr. Nebraska Leather, Emerson; Sharon Van Butsel, Carla Petersen, Ron Walters, MC's for the evening, Pat Phalen and Vince Percy, plus many other surprises.

Please come out and support these entertainers as they help to make this year's Pride Week the best ever. Take it to The MAX on May 31!

A GAY MAN'S VIEW OF THE WOMEN'S MARCH

April 5, 1992 was a bit windy but yet the sun's beauty was a sight to see—so was the Pro Choice Rally held at Memorial Park. Omaha's Pro Choice rally was one of many held throughout the country held simultaneously with the Pro Choice March on Washington.

As I showed up early, with my gay paraphernalia and "93 March on Washington" stickers, I noticed some of the people arriving early were taking the time to read my stickers and few showed expressions of questions. Myself, never being at a loss for words, explained why I was there.

You see, a woman's right to choose is important not only to women but to everyone. Through my years of activism, both gay and other causes, I have noticed that the main issue of pro choice has been clouded by the reality of abortion. Whether a woman has an abortion or not is not the issue. The issue is whether a woman should have the right to choose to have one. Reproductive freedoms are guaranteed by the Constitution and so a constitutional right to privacy in matters of sexuality, family, and reproduction all go hand in hand.

Once the Supreme Court (if the Supreme Court overturns *Ros v. Wade* via *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, later this year, it will be up to the states to protect a woman's right to choose. Once that right is taken away, the Bush administration, as well as the fundamentalist religious right, will seize the moment for a woman's right to choose as a stepping stone for equal rights for gays and lesbians.

The March's theme was "We Won't Go Back." We is all inclusive. The presence of the gay and lesbian communities at the Omaha rally as well as on the national level was a sure sign of unity within our country.

The idea of women losing their right to choose is a scary thought. We must stand up and fight to protect not only a woman's right to choose but also an individual's—every individual's—right to privacy.

ANGLE HOSTS MEXICAN BUFFET AT GILLIGAN'S

On May 17, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., members of A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors) will host a Mexican Fiesta Buffet at Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth, Omaha. The Mexican Buffet will include tacos, burritos, refried beans, rice, salsa, and chips for a cost of \$5 per person. All proceeds will go to fund the 1992 Pride Celebration, which will be held this year from June 13 to June 21.

GAYS AND LESBIANS ARE NEWS IN KEARNEY

"Confronting gay barriers initiated at Kearney Confab" was one of the headlines on the front page of the March 9th issue of the Kearney Hub, the 18 page, 2 section newspaper for Kearney, Nebraska. The article, by Barbara Lemke Mais, Hub Staff Writer, described the conference "Issues of Inclusion: Sexual Orientation in Community, Family and Church" which was presented March 7 by the Lincoln organization, Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons and Their Families Joint Strategy and Action Team (JSAT) of Lincoln.

The article was well written and presented several quotes from panelists, some without using names if the panelist did not choose to be "out". The article was accompanied by another article which encouraged churches to take positive steps to welcome gays and lesbians into their congregations.

The following Sunday, another article featured the presentation made by Rev. Matthew Howard, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, in which he reviewed and debated the issue of Scriptural justification for regarding homosexuality as a sin. We offer a salute to the Kearney Hub and Staff Writer Barbara Lemke Mais for the coverage of the conference.

NEWS FROM THE MAX

by Gloria Revelle

Summer is upon us. THE MAX is ready. We have a lot of surprises and specials planned to make this summer Omaha's hottest.

Memorial Day is traditionally the start of the summer. I.C.O.N.'s annual picnic is a great way to start the season and to keep that terrific mood all day. Stop by THE MAX after the picnic to cool off, relax and enjoy yourself. Our D.J. will start up at 6 p.m. so you won't have to stop celebrating all right long.

Congratulations to our new Mr. Max, Rick. Rick can usually be found in Stosh's Saloon on the weekends. Rick is planning a full year for events for Omaha. Rick and Lisa are always in the Saloon on Fridays and Saturdays showing off their two step skills. Stop by and find out what's so exciting about Stosh's Saloon and Rick!

If you enjoy Fiesta Thursdays with \$1.00 Margaritas and all the chips and salsa you can eat, we've added something new: Peach Margaritas. This is another of Wayne's recipes that we can add to his famous original and strawberry concoctions. Come in and try one or two!

I.C.O.N. sponsors its annual Closet Ball on Sunday, May 3 at The MAX. Former contestants have really made their mark on Omaha. Miss Max 4, Katrina Kane; Miss Max 5 and Show Director, Gloria Revelle; Miss Max 8, Phoebe Tate; Kymber Leigh; Sammi Bennett; Roxy; Pepper; and Miss Ricki De Schlong are some of the Closet Ball Alumni. Who will be Omaha's newest Star?

Empress XI, Mae, will sponsor a night of I.C.O.N. Royalty on Sunday, May 10. Mae will be hosting former Imperial court title holders.

The candidates for Reign XII will be introduced this evening as well. Come see and support your future representatives.

They're bigger, they're better, and they're back with an all new show. It's California Male on Sunday, May 17. Brian, Lee, and Chris return to THE MAX with some new talent that can only be broke in THE MAX way!

The hottest men in the country can always be found at THE MAX.

A.N.G.L.E. will be at The MAX on Sunday, May 31, for their annual Pride Show. This year's show, under the director of Stan B., promises to be quite a night of entertainment.

Let's show A.N.G.L.E. that we support their efforts to promote pride in our community.

Keep your summer calendar clear because THE MAX is going to fill you up all summer long.

There is only one. The original. THE MAX.

LOCAL NEWS

D.C.'s HOSTS WESTERN SKAG DRAG BENEFIT FOR DC'93

Lipstick, blue jeans, sequins, high heels, nuns' habits, lip sync, comedy, female impersonators, line dancers, beards, fake eyelashes, diapers, polished performances, missed cues, short skirts and cowbells all went together to make up one of the rip-roarin' 'est Good Times that Omaha has ever seen as Dan and Charley opened the doors of D.C.'s to the first fundraising event held for the Nebraska Contingency of the March on Washington '93.

The evening was an overwhelming hit as over 100 people crowded into D.C.'s to help the cause. \$550 was raised thanks to the generosity of the audience and the performers.

The show, produced by Toadie, Empress III of the Imperial Court, opened with a demonstration of the best line dancing that D.C.'s has to offer and featured both experienced performers and newcomers to the stage.

Ron Walters, a very talented musician, was the emcee for the evening and sang live country/western. Also performing live was Joel Cassen (AKA Amanda Foxx).

Newcomers to the stage included David Brady and Phil Lister who appeared as bearded nuns and performed "We're just a couple of sisters" and "Sister Amnesia" from "Nunsense", Scott who performed "Looking for Something in Red" and "One on the Way" with the help of some diapered dandies, and Kevin who performed live comedy as "Geraldine".

Excitement for the evening was provided by Torgy who brought the show to a complete stop when he made a wild dash up the stairs from the dressing room only to realize he had forgotten his wig. Then the music had to be rewound and the tape refused to cooperate. By this time Torgy took charge of the microphone, gave explicit instructions to both audience and the sound person (a very patient David), and was finally able to perform. We all breathed a collective sigh of relief at that point.

A definite crowd pleaser was Dan White, who was lovely in sequins, long sparkling eyelashes, and beard as he performed "Tangerine", a difficult lip sync number.

Among the other performers were the lovely Pepper, who shows her long, lovely legs to full advantage in a short skirt; Viktoria Towne, appearing in an outfit far removed from her usual glamorous gowns as she performed "Saturday Morning Confusion", Michael performing "When Will I Be Loved", and, of course, Toadie Lee Marvelous, who was at her regal best. Cheryl made a special cameo appearance with David Brady as they closed the show with "Happy Trails".

However, probably the most unusual number in the show was the debut performance of the "Cow Chip Chorus", a quartet of spotted creatures with tails and cowbells who performed their own versions of such classics as "Sioux City Mooooo" and "We're Marching to the Milking House". The Cow Chip Chorus (brainchild of Ms. Carla Petersen) was made up of Carla, Sharon, Amy, and Blake.

Congratulations and thanks to all the performers and patrons who made the show such a success and so very much fun.

ARBOR MOON

By Wally

I'm not sure what happened, but alternative book buyers seem to have disappeared. Book sales at the Panic and Precinct have been way down, so our absence from the Precinct and Panic have not been related to any controversies. Maybe it's the economy, maybe it's separatism. Whatever the reason, I'm sorry to report that plans for expansion are on hold until further notice. We will maintain Saturday hours at The Gathering Place, and bring alternative books to conferences and special events. However, the time does not seem right for opening a bookstore of our own, even though many continue to have the dream of doing so. Jewelry, crafts, music and periodicals have been so slow that we will no longer carry them. Bestselling alternative books and buttons will be our lines. We're not leaving, but accommodating a changing market. The dream will be kept alive. Stop in some Saturday. Even if you don't buy anything, it will be good to have the company. Wally will continue psychological counseling and will add financial planning to services offered. Don't hesitate to call her at (402) 489-4634 or (402) 476-7398 if you need alternative books or buttons; would like a display of alternative books; or are in need of any of our other services. We'll soon have an address on the Cyberspace Computer Bulletin Board, thanks to a special backer! Many Summer Rains' new book, *Daybreak*, is her sixth book in her extraordinary 'No-eyes' series, based on visionary wisdom of an Indian shaman. Check out *The Sacred Hoop* by Paula Gunn Allen, *The Spiral Dance* by Starhawk, and *Lesbian Love Story* by Joanna Russ.

Arbor Moon had a display at the Women and Diversity Conference held in Vermillion, South Dakota and at the Women in Theology (WIT) Healing the Earth — Healing Our Spirit Faith Journey IV held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Lincoln.

"Till next time we'll keep hanging in there!"

GREAT PLAINS MR. DRUMMER TO BE HELD JUNE 26-27

It's getting to be that time of year again. The time of year when HOT men in leather compete for the 1992 Great Plains Drummer title.

The weekend of June 26 & 27 will mark the second year that Fantasy Productions (the same people that sponsor "Fantasy") will be sponsoring the contest.

Local contests are being held in Des Moines, Iowa at the Blazing Saddle, St. Louis, Missouri at Nites II, Kansas City, Missouri at The Dixie Belle, Wichita, Kansas at the Barracks, and Omaha, Nebraska at D.C.'s.

The winner and first runner-up from each of the local contests will be eligible to compete for the Great Plains title, as well as any men from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana that wish to enter since no local contests are planned for those 3 states.

Contestants running for the title are judged by a panel of 7 judges in Prejudging Interview, Jockstrap competition, Leather Image/Speech, and presentation of his Fantasy with high and low score for each contestant being dropped, thus using the Olympic scoring method.

The winner of this year's Great Plains contest will win airfare and lodging to San Francisco in September to represent our region at this year's International Mr. Drummer contest.

Last year's Mr. Great Plains Drummer, Woody Bebout, went on to win the International Title.

Previous Mr. Great Plains Drummers include:

- 1988 — Walter Thompson III from St. Louis,
- 1989 — Dustin Logan from Omaha,
- 1990 — Vance Reger from Memphis,
- 1991 — Woody Bebout from St. Louis.

Plan on attending this year's contest to see whose name is added to the list.

Look for more details in your local bars.





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DAILY DRINK SPECIALS

'92 PRIDE CELEBRATION

JUNE	7 SUN	8 MON	9 TUES	10 WED	11 THUR	12 FRI	13 SAT	
Celebration Of Pride June 13 MCC-O Family Picnic Turner Park June 14 Interfaith Service June 19 Pride Recognition Dinner Ramada Inn-Airport June 20 Pride Reception with Peri Jude Radicek	1992's PRIDE CELEBRATIONS are cooperative efforts brought together by ANGLE: Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors! JUNE 13 - 21 OMAHA, NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION  PRIDE = POWER 1992 For more information, see articles in this issue of the New Voice of Nebraska magazine, or contact the Gay Lesbian Information Line 558-5303.						MCC-O Family Picnic SAT 13	
							Pride Recognition Dinner FRI 19 *special speaker Peri Jude Radicek	SAT 20 Pride Reception with Peri Jude Radicek
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							Gay, Lesbian, Bi Pride Celebration commemorates the 1959 riots at Stonewall, NYC. The City of Omaha's Government is proud to be the beginning of the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Movement.	
							Interfaith Service SUN 14	
						Gay, Lesbian, Bi Pride Parade SUN 21 Gay, Lesbian, Bi Pride Parade		

A NEW ANGLE ON PRIDE

Tickets are now available for A New Angle On Pride, the June 19th gay/lesbian pride event put on jointly by A.N.G.L.E., River City Mixed Chorus, and the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

Called a "combination plate" by a local gay/lesbian leader, A New Angle on Pride is three big events by three of Omaha's largest gay/lesbian organizations, unified for the first time. It's Friday, June 19, at the Ramada Inn Airport, Abbott Drive & Locust Street. That evening, you can experience the Second Annual Recognition Banquet of A.N.G.L.E. — Achieving New Gay and 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.

The evening will begin at 6 with a social hour, where you can meet your friends and make new ones. Following that, at 7, enjoy a delicious buffet dinner. Then, at 8, the Second Annual A.N.G.L.E. Recognition Ceremony, honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to the gay and lesbian community. Following the ceremony, the featured speaker will be Ms. Peri Jude Radicek, Legislative Assistant for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C.

At approximately 9:15, RCMC will perform the music they'll be taking to the International GALA Choruses Festival in Denver. 75 mixed, women's, and men's choruses — over 3,000 singers — from around the world will be attending the Festival, and RCMC will be representing Nebraska! Experience this exciting performance by the music ambassadors of Omaha's gay and lesbian community!

Finally, at 10, one of the oldest organizations in our community, ICON, will be kicking off its

Pride Week activities by welcoming participating Courts from other states, including Texas and Colorado. Come see your favorite local celebrities mingle with some of the best from out of town.

Tickets for the entire evening are \$15 per person, and are available by phoning the A.N.G.L.E. Information and Referral Line at (402) 558-5303; Becky W. of A.N.G.L.E. at 344-0610, Duane S. of ICON at 323-1606, or Toni P. of RCMC at 558-9900. Or, you may attend just the evening's RCMC concert absolutely free; phone 558-5303 or 558-9900 for information.

Don't miss this first-time event in Omaha — Friday, June 19. Join in the effort to demonstrate what a proud, strong, and powerful community we are!

For more information about A New Angle On Pride, phone the Information and Referral Line or write A.N.G.L.E., P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131.

LAST CHANCE FOR NOMINATIONS

By ANGLE Nomination Committee WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Gay/Lesbian and Gay/Lesbian Sensitive individuals, professionals, and organizations.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE? To recognize individual, professional, and organizational accomplishments and contributions towards betterment of the community's reputation, image, and success.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE? May 5, 1992. **WHERE ARE THE NOMINATION FORMS?** Forms are at various locations or call the Gay/Lesbian Information Line at 558-5303.

WHY SUBMIT A NOMINATION? To say "Thank-you" by acknowledging those who have made a difference.

Please submit nomination forms to:
 A.N.G.L.E.
 P.O. Box 31375
 Omaha, NE 68131

GAY, LESBIAN AND BI PRIDE WEEK NEWS

Planning continues for Omaha's 1992 Gay, Lesbian, and Bi Pride Week Celebration. The City of Omaha is processing our permit for our parade route and has issued our permit for Turner Park, the starting and finishing location for the parade. We will announce the parade route as soon as we receive written confirmation from the city. Congratulations to Sharon Van Bursel, winner of the logo contest. Sharon did a fine job of putting her idea of the national theme, PRIDE = POWER, into a logo. Nebraska Governor, Ben Nelson, and Omaha Mayor, P.J. Morgan, will both be asked to issue a proclamation recognizing June 13th to the 21st as Gay, Lesbian, and Bi Pride Week. Watch the New Voice for their responses to our requests. A media and publicity committee has been formed and is making contacts with the press and news stations to gain their support and obtain maximum coverage on all of the events. Other Pride Week activities will include a family picnic sponsored by MCC, an interfaith service with various gay and lesbian religious organizations, and MCC's vesper service following the rally. RCMC, ICON, and ANGLE have tickets on sale for the gala evening hosted by all three organizations. The theme for the evening will be: "A New Angle On Pride". Please contact a member of these organizations or call 558-5303, the ANGLE Information and Referral Line, for information on ticket sales. We'll see you there!



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LOCAL NEWS

LINCOLN OFFERS GAY-LESBIAN-BISEXUAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM

Lincoln Lancaster Drug Projects now offers an outpatient gay-lesbian-bisexual substance abuse treatment program with dual focus addressing chemical dependency and affirming one's sexuality. The program includes individual, couples, and family sessions; affirmation, education, and counseling groups are also offered. Special focus groups will be available including men's issues, women's issues, skill building, aftercare, and alumni groups. The program is staffed by lesbian and gay counselors as well as other gay-sensitive staff. Residential

treatment services are also available on site for those needing more intensive programming.

The Lincoln Lancaster Drug Projects is providing these services in response to growing awareness that gay men and lesbian women are disproportionately affected by alcohol or drug addiction compared to one out of ten in the heterosexual population. Traditional treatment programs have not been sensitive to the gay community or to the issues of lesbians and gays, including homophobia, coming out and identity issues, HIV/AIDS, and other discrimination.

The Lincoln Lancaster Drug Projects is a non-profit agency which was founded in 1972.

Outpatient and longterm residential programs for youth and adults are offered; treatment is based on a "psycho-social" approach rather than a traditional, 12-step model. Services are confidential and fees are assessed on a sliding income scale.

The agency is located at 610 J Street in Lincoln; telephone (402) 475-5161. For inquiries regarding treatment services, contact Dennis Hoffman, Case Manager.

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LOCAL NEWS

LIVE FROM THE METRO

By Jesse C.

For those of you I have not talked to yet, my name is Jesse C. I promised we would do our best to entertain you. I think we succeeded. The variety of new artists brought to our stage was second to none in talent. Sweet Savage from Dallas and Kathy Kline from St. Louis "Rocked the House" at our 6 month anniversary. It was a wild party from start to finish. The \$500's blown on to the dance floor sure made people scramble. I have a feeling that there might be more money blown from those confetti cannons at some unsuspecting time. Paul Lekekis showed that he is as talented as he is handsome. We wish him the best of luck with his new single. We finished the month with our "Night of Royalty II", "Carl Thomas" (porn star), and "Jimmy James" shows.

I am determined to bring to Omaha the newest and hottest performers from around the country. I attended the Miss Gay Midwest Contest in Kansas City, and Jay (the owner of the Metro) and I will be attending the Miss Gay USA Pageant in San Antonio, Texas. We are continually searching the country to find the biggest and best stars. We hope to bring the new Miss Gay USA here before summer ends. Stay tuned for more details.

Let's talk about this month. I promised you variety and this month delivers. Sunday, May 3rd, "Bad Boys" take to our stage. They are females who perform male drag. I've seen the video and they are hilarious. Your side will hurt from laughing so hard. Definitely a surprising change from the normal "Drag".

"Roll Thru The Years" with us on Friday, May 15. To start off, at 8:00 we have a 50's/60's dance, complete with old time Rock and Roll. There will be \$500 in prizes. Contests include Best Greaser, Best Couple, and Best Drag. There will be limbo, twist, and hula hoop contests. From 11:30 on we will have trash disco from the 70's, 80's, and 90's. So come in your poodle skirt or white 3 piece suit. Let's party through the ages.

May 17 will serve as our third night of Royalty. It actually is the First "Nebraska" Entertainer of the Year Pageant. Tasha Kohl, the first National Entertainer of the Year will perform. She was Miss American 1986. She is the third

Miss America in three months. We are on a roll and you can expect many more Miss America's and Miss USA's to be here.

The pageant itself will be something you won't want to miss. Besides a talent competition, there is also a presentation competition in which the contestant has 3 minutes to do whatever she wants. Both are judged on creativity and originality. This truly is the entertainers' pageant. This will be the first time you can see everyone from new to old compete against each other. This will truly tell who exactly is the Nebraska Entertainer of the Year!! This pageant will also use the Olympic scoring system in which the highest and lowest scores will be discarded and the rest will be averaged. A true winner will win this night.

For a change, on Wednesday, May 20, it's Lady's Turn with "Sweet Dreams" — female strippers from Colorado: former Penthouse Pets, Miss Best Breast in the West '89, Ms. Hardbody Colorado. Girls, it's about time you had strippers of your very own. Enjoy! Stop by and check out the pictures. They are hot, hot, hot!!!

Memorial Weekend, May 23 and 24, we kick off summer with a Beach Party Indoors. Our dance floor will be filled with sand and you can dance, play, or bury each other all weekend. There will be tropical shots and surprises all weekend long.

If you haven't figured it out yet, our goal is to continuously bring you fun and exciting new shows and ideas. Every month we definitely want to have our "Night of Royalty" in which we will feature a former Miss America or Miss USA. Along with her we will also spotlight a local entertainer. We firmly believe that Omaha deserves some Nationally Known Entertainers.

Eddie, (our new D.J.) is spinning some hot records. The bar has purchased approximately \$1000 in new music from around the country. Come dance and enjoy the fun.

Finally, look ahead for a "Major" AIDS Benefit in early June. Check the bar for details.

As I've said before, Support our community, Support all our bars. Without you we are nothing. Peace, J.C.

5TH ANNUAL OMAHA AA HEARTLAND ROUNDUP

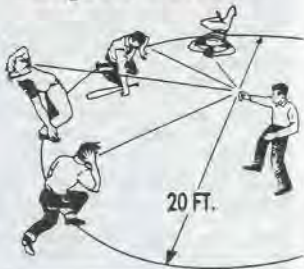


The 5th Annual Omaha Heartland Roundup '92, will take place Memorial Day Weekend at the Ramada Inn Airport, Abbott Drive and Locust, in Omaha. The Heartland Roundup is sponsored by members of the Omaha Gay and Lesbian AA Community. The weekend features workshops, entertainment, meetings, speakers, an evening banquet, and a continental breakfast. Featured speakers include Father Juniper, Escondido CA, Kim A., Dallas, TX, Doug F., Minneapolis MN, and Tom A., Minneapolis, MN. The wide variety of subject matter is intriguing. Granted, the basic concept is people in recovery from alcohol and drugs, but the realm of recovery issues included far outreaches drugs and alcohol. As people in recovery are learning, there's more to life than not drinking and drugging. As those of us who seem unable to "partake of the spirits" with control have

learned, using alcohol and drugs was a major symptom of an underlying problem. Once we recognize this, we can really start to work on making our lives to be one of quality. That's what is so exciting about the Heartland Round-Up.

Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22. Speakers begin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday. The Roundup concludes at 12noon on Sunday, May 24. Registration for the entire weekend is \$26. To register send a check or money order to: Heartland Roundup '92, P.O. Box 573, Omaha, NE 68101-0573. For those wishing to stay overnight, the Ramada Inn is offering reduced rates if you specify the Heartland Roundup when you register. For additional information, you may contact Tim at 556-8615.

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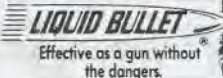


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LOCAL NEWS

BEVERLY BARBO RATES A "10+"

By RJ

This cool Wednesday morning I sit thinking back on last night's presentation by Beverly Barbo. It was an exceptional evening! Mrs. Barbo is quite the lady. She began with two dynamite phrases — "No one can give you the HIV virus unless you let them." Mull that phrase over a while. Then think this phrase over, carefully. "Those who are HIV negative DO have a choice."

Mrs. Barbo began her narration telling how, at age four, she knew Tim was "different". Tim was a frail child, with vision problems that took six surgical procedures to correct. Because Tim was "different, his peers would ride him unmercifully. Sound familiar? Children can be and sometimes are certainly cruel. At age 16 Tim tried suicide. Failing this, he confessed that he was gay. This rocked Tim's dad, Dave. But Mrs. Barbo said the "first miracle" happened. While Dave, whom Mrs. Barbo describes as a "converted Archie Bunker" didn't condone the lifestyle, Tim was still his son, come Hell or high water. Many children aren't so fortunate when they "come out" to their parents. Honesty sometimes brings grave consequences. Then a second miracle happened and Tim's six foot tall, 200 pound brother, Macho Mike, chose to accept his brother Tim just as he was.

After Tim got out on his own, he met Tommy. Both families gave Tim and Tommy much love and support. Then the axe fell. Tim became HIV positive. Tommy also tested positive. The trials

began that were to test everyone. Tim bore the brunt of the disease and quickly became full blown with Kaposi's Sarcoma that settled in his bowel. The tell tale lesions spread across Tim's chest and arms. Times became horrendous, but Tommy was there and Mrs. Barbo was there. They would stand by Tim and take care of him.

Mrs. Barbo relates she found a whole community of loving, caring people as the gay/lesbian community rallied behind them, giving love, support, time and service. She said she could not have handled things without them. The whole community opened their circle and drew the whole family in. Tim, Tommy, and Mrs. Barbo.

Tim, knowing his time was getting short wanted to go back to his childhood one last time. His mother related that trip, how the family turned out in numbers, how loving, accepting, caring they were, and how Tim was dying.

October of 1986 Tommy had to go to a family wedding in Portland. Quite a way from Laguna Beach, but Tim seemed to be doing well. That Saturday Mrs. Barbo had to take Tim to the Hospital. His bowel had perforated. Tommy came rushing back because Tim was given no chance to live. But Tim hung on. November 11th, Tim's birthday, came and he wanted to go home to the home that he and Tommy had shared. But he couldn't — there were too many machines. A few days later, he was gone. At the age of 30, Tommy had never been to a funeral. So,

instead of a funeral they held a "celebration of life", Tim's life. At the conclusion of the "celebration", they went outside and released balloons into the sky.

Tommy is dead now, too. AIDS claimed him as well. It went quickly. An opportunistic infection brought on a fatal heart attack. In three hours it was over. His parents had been so supportive of both Tim and Tommy but after Tommy's death they closed themselves off and no longer want to be bothered about "This AIDS thing".

Beverly Barbo. The author of *The Walking Wounded*. What a wonderful Christian lady! What a loving, accepting mother! Bigots may say AIDS is "God's punishment on Queers" but I say that is bovine feces. My God, I believe, is a loving, caring, accepting, inclusive God! A giver of life, a creator of all! Not a giver of hate but a giver of love. Why would God turn on what God has so lovingly created? My God would not lovingly give life and then turn around and maliciously, hatefully, cruelly destroy what was brought forth. Not my God! So many people could learn so much from Mrs. Beverly Barbo. By being so loving, so caring, so accepting even of what she did not understand, Mrs. Barbo is an outstanding, shining example of what, truly, God is all about. More people should emulate her.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

By Steve Jackson

This is to say "Thank you" to all who came to the presentation by Beverly Barbo on April 7. United Christian Ministries in Higher Education and the Gay/Lesbian Student Organization were pleased with the turnout from the Gay/Lesbian community, and VERY disappointed by the absence of the University community.

Beverly presented a message that we in the Gay/Lesbian community have heard often — experiences that we have known from a different perspective; we have lost lovers and friends to AIDS, as well as family members; some are dealing with the AIDS virus on a personal level. The message cannot be stressed enough. What UCMHE and GLSO were hoping to accomplish by having the function in the University setting was to bring the message to the students, faculty, and staff of UNO. Maybe one day they will listen. Hopefully it won't be too late!

GLSO would like to thank those who donated financially to help defray the costs of bringing Beverly to Omaha. Among the donors were:

Sharon Van Butsel	Gary George
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These are the majority of persons who donated. If you donated and your name was omitted, please do not be offended. Your name was not written on the donation list.

A special "Thank You" goes to the United Christian Ministries and Rev. Darrel Berg, for extending the funding of the balance of the costs. Please call and express your thanks for his help! (558-6737) God bless you all, and thanks again.

Thank you!

On Saturday, January 25, the Black Guard of Minneapolis came to Des Moines for a fund-raising event at the Blazing Saddle. They hosted a triple hogger and raised \$485 which was given to the Iowa Red Cross Buddy Program in their name. It is in the spirit of giving and cooperation which has sanctioned the Pantherhood of the Black Guard and Des Moines' own Cornhuskers.

On Saturday, March 7, the Knights of Leather of Minneapolis ventured to Des Moines for an evening of outreach and building. They are a Lesbian leather club and judging from the reaction of the crowd, a large step was made by the Des Moines community towards erasing preconceived notions on not only the Lesbian and Leather communities, but the reaction to the leather Lesbians was much greater than we could have hoped for. Representatives of the Twin Wheelers of Omaha, the Iowa Bear Paws, the Des Moines B.L.R.C., the Cornhuskers L & L Club of Iowa, plus several national and local leather titleholders and other local titleholders were in attendance. Again, over \$200 was raised at the double hogger and was given to the Knights of Leather for their general fund.

On behalf of the entire staff at Blazing Saddle, we wish to say "Thank You" to the Black Guard, the Knights of Leather, the Twin Wheelers of Omaha, the Des Moines B.L.R.C., the Iowa Bear Paws, the Cornhuskers L & L Club of Iowa, and all who attended these events and made them such successes. Your support is what makes being part of the gay community the reward it is. It is the success of these types of events which emphasizes our motto.

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NEWS FROM P-FLAG: OMAHA CHAPTER

By Kathy England

April showers bring May flowers, but, without a seed or bulb to nourish, the spring rains fall on barren ground and the only changes we see will be a steady erosion of the landscape. Most gardens are the result of deliberate planning and planting. We know when and what will bloom. It is much the same with out children. We can plan for and nurture our children very carefully. We may even think we are prepared for when they "bloom" and become young people with lives that we expect. But life is not predictable. Beverly Barbo, author of *The Walking Wounded*, related the story of her family's awareness of their son, Tim's, homosexuality and later death from AIDS during a presentation at UNO on April 7. I had the good fortune to spend some time with her before she returned home to Lindsborg, Kansas (population 3,000). Her story sounded so familiar...a quiet, sensitive, bright young man who never seemed to "fit in." At last, old enough to venture out on his own, Tim made some choices that didn't fit the expectations of his parents. When they should have been watching their son "bloom," they struggled with his illness and death at the age of 27.

What a special lady. Through her book and presentations, she shares her thoughts about growing up gay, parenting a child that is "different," accepting a loving partner that didn't fit the early dreams, and sharing love and laughter and tears while caring for a dying son. If you missed

her, read her book and pamphlets and watch for when she will be in Omaha again. She is an inspiring, committed parent who makes you feel as if you have known her for years.

In April Dr. Cleve Evans shared his time, insight, and presentation with us about gay and lesbian couples who have been together for many years - some have even celebrated their golden (50th) anniversary. There are strong, positive, long term relationships in the gay community that can break the old stereotypes and serve as role models for our children and for us. If only people could be open, with no reason to hide their sexual orientation and relationships, then closets would be just for clothes and gardens could all bloom with bright colors and lovely patterns. No one would have to hide or feel like a weed that others might choke or pull out by the roots.

Neva is planning something "gay" for our second Sunday in the month gathering. May 10th is Mother's Day, so why not plan to bring your mother or family or friends to the PFLAG meeting and share part of your special day with us. For information, and to talk to a mother or a dad (their special day is in June, the month of Pride), please call 291-6781. We never know when we may plant a seed, how we may nurture or nourish it, but we can watch how it grows! Join us as we sprinkle our gardens with patience, joy, tears, words of sharing and understanding, and love. What beautiful and diverse blooms we will see!

MEATPACKERS UPSTAGED BY BABES BEHIND BARS IN BENEFIT SHOW AT THE MAX

The Premier Performers of Skag Drag took to the stage of the MAX on April 5 for their semi-annual Meatpackers Show to raise money for the AIDS emergency relief fund. This time they were joined by the MAX's own Babes Behind Bars for a Skag Drag competition with all proceeds going to the PWA emergency fund.

The Omaha Meatpackers led by Don Flowers is the oldest gay organization in the Omaha area and have been actively raising funds for AIDS related projects for many years.

The Meatpackers (Don, Gary, Michael, David, and Torgy) were joined by the Packettes (Sharon and Carla) as they competed with the Babes Behind Bars (Scott, Steve, and Tracy) to see who could raise the most in tips for the evening. Also performing were ICON's Empress XI, Mae, and Jennifer Jett.

At the end of the evening the winner of the contest was the Babes Behind Bars with \$941 in tips compared to \$546 for the Meatpackers. Thanks to a generous donation by the MAX from the door, the total for the evening was \$1725 which was donated to meet the emergency needs of persons with AIDS.

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NEWS FROM NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

The first quarter of 1992 (January through March) brings record breakers in many of our programs. The Alternate Test Site, which operates twice weekly, pre-tested 542 individuals. This great increase shows a greater need in volunteer support for our test site.

If you are interested in becoming a test site counselor or phlebotomist, please call the NAP office for a volunteer application. The first Sunday of each month is also a way the community can assist NAP with a lesser (but equally as important) amount of commitment. Volunteers get together on this date to put together folders which will be used at the test site. The group gathers at noon and usually has treats and snacks. Please come by if you have some spare time. We would really appreciate the help.

The Test Site advocates for safer sex practices, and just wants to remind you all to be careful. Be sure to use latex condoms, dams, gloves, etc....

By taking these measures your risk of getting HIV will be reduced. NAP, in conjunction with Douglas County Health Department, Nebraska Association of Farmworkers, and the support of Momapen (Metropolitan Omaha Minority AIDS Prevention and Education Network) sponsored

an outreach program during March at the Backstreet Bar. Condoms and informational packets were distributed. Plans are being made to continue this project.

NAP staff and Hotline volunteers answered 1913 calls during this first quarter. In addition, the Speakers Bureau filled 81 requests for presentations on AIDS education across the state of Nebraska.

At present AIDS education and prevention are the only means we have of combating the spread of this disease. It is our hope that the general population will continue to show interest in learning more about the facts regarding HIV.

The Wilde Bunch presented the first annual Wilde Thing commemorating Oscar Wilde's visit to Omaha in 1882. Patrons enjoyed the staged reading of *The Importance of Being Earnest* and a selection of *Wilde Fairy Tales*.

Ticket sales from the shows went directly to NAP and consisted of over \$900.00. Special thanks to Tom Rudloff and the Antiquarium for hosting the benefit and to Clarinda Karpov and the Wilde Bunch for their professional production. Be sure to watch for announcements of the second annual "Wilde Thing" production in 1993!

The second annual Cut-a-thon will be held on

June 7, 1992. The benefit will be held at both locations of the Capitol School of Hair Styling (3339 "L" Street and 2819 S. 125 Ave.). Volunteer stylists are needed, as well as customers to get their hair cut. If you would like further information, please call the Nebraska AIDS Project. Be sure to mark your calendars.

NAP CASE MANAGEMENT CENSUS March, 1992

Open Cases as of 3/1/91	173
New Cases	15
Clients Deceased	2
Clients Moved from State	2
Open Cases as of 3/31/92	184

Client services provided in March, 1992

Advocacy	194
Transportation	179
Shopping, cooking, sitting, etc....	156

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.

NEBRASKA — DC '93

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY. That's what we've been. Let's see, where to start.... We have held our first organizational meeting with a terrific turnout of ten people. We discussed our goals and plans for the year with many wonderful ideas coming forth. We are looking forward to benefits, meetings, auctions, and perhaps even concerts to help in our goals of raising money for the March this next year.

We have a winner!!! Terry Sweeney won our logo contest with his wonderful idea of incorporating the sower off the Lincoln capitol building. It shows the true spirit of Gay Nebraska!

Now we are less than a year away and it is approaching quickly. When we tell people that the March isn't until next April, they say, "Oh, well, I have plenty of time to buy tickets, or plan my trip." We wish it was so, but the next eleven months are going to be busy and the time we do have is short. Now is the time to buy your raffle tickets, make your donations, and buy T-shirts. This gives us the immediate funding needed to function. Right now we still have to turn in money to National, make T-shirts, go to meetings, and advertise. So, when someone approaches you, don't think about the date. Think about the cause.

We had our first benefit show on March 29th, and what a show it was (see the write-up about it in this issue). With the help of some wonderful performers and D.C.'s Bar, we managed to raise \$550 for our expense fund. We hope to have several more shows like this throughout the year. You will soon be seeing us at events at a table with info, T-shirts, etc. Look for our posters, provided by Bob at Printing Plus, for details on where we will be. Make sure to get info on the March itself and travel packages we will have to offer. Thanks also goes out to SHOUT in Kearney and the G/L Student Group in Lincoln. They both provided time for us to speak to them in April. If you would like us to speak to your group, please call or write to us. Our numbers are listed in the DC '93 ad.

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SCREAMING KUPCAKES SYNC OR SWIM By Cheri Looft-Bavaard

What do you get when you mix titillating adult humor, good choreography and innovation? Add a good director, superb casting and you get the Screaming KupaKakes! The climb through scaffolding, walk up a plankboard staircase, and falling in-o wet plaster at the not-yet-finished Lincoln Ensemble Theatre was definitely worth the effort. *Sync or Swim* is a risqué, avant garde revue that will make you laugh, stomp your feet, and get very warm, that opens with a tuxedo tribute to Warner Brothers and continues with the Triplets song from a 1953 Fred Astaire flick. An energetic "Coffee in a Cardboard Cup" and dancing condoms were a nice touch. Send the prudish to bed before the "F— You Tango", as well as the bold numbers from "Chicago." Joe Cocker's *You Can Leave Your Hat On* turned the heat way up when the KupaKakes donned their leathers with a shadow dance, suggestive S/M scenes, and interesting things done with hats!

Best performances came from David Brooks as Brooke Owens, canning roos Beth Muehling as herself, and Rick Swaink as Sheza Mann. Paul Pearson as Buddy Starr, Kelly Sheridan as Freida Lae, and Micki Dries gave outstanding support in this, an outstanding off-Broadway caliber show.

Belated congratulations to 1992 Miss City Sweetheart, Janelle Hart, 1st Runner-Up, Champaign Loraine, and Second Runner-Up, Melony Daniels!!!

THE RODEO COMES TO DC'S

By Carla

The action was underway when I arrived at DC's. I'd missed the scooter ride and the barrel race, but I got there just in time for the roping and the dart throw. I had planned to enter and my disappointment must have shown because when I mentioned that, the rodeo officials were quick to say, "Mr. XXX had to leave early. You can take his place in the rodeo." Then they added, "He wasn't doing very well!" Well—I'd planned to win, but since that was out of the question, I settled for just not making a fool out of myself.

When Emerson, Mr. DC Leather/Mr. Leather NE—the emcee of the evening, announced the roping I nearly jumped for joy. I could do that! My grandpa had taught me how to spin a rope by my side like the movie cowboys do it. Like all of the contestants, I was only slightly distracted by the cow. This cow stood on two legs and danced around dodging the rope. I managed to rope it once, which wasn't bad; unfortunately for me several people roped it twice, and one or two lucky contestants roped it on all three tries.

Between events Ms. Leather NE, Amy, made the rounds with a crew of volunteers selling 50/50 raffle tickets. DC '93 was the benefiting group.

The dart throw challenged us as we rode a wild broom horse across the dance floor and threw a dart at the same time. The darts got a little wild, but no serious mishaps occurred.

The officials were right. David, Mr. DC Western, confirmed the prediction that Mr. XXX and I wouldn't win. Shucks! Maybe next year!

Winners of DC's Rodeo were (1st) Tom H., (2nd) Jeri, and (3rd) Laurie. Yes! The women made an awesome showing! The winners each received a trophy, and they will be sponsored by DC's as they go to Kansas City late this spring to compete in the indoor rodeo at Sidekicks. The contest at Sidekicks is an open competition and anyone can enter. Watch for details!

Consolation prizes were given to Dan and Tom for their performances. Thirteen contestants participated, and I for one look forward to Omaha's next indoor rodeo! Yeehaw!

MR. MAX III CHOSEN

The third Mr. Max contest began with real sweat as the reigning Mr. Max, Michael Gaffney, was joined by contestants Frank and Rick for a work out on the fitness equipment set up on the stage at The MAX. Rick was named Mr. MAX III by the five judges. His costume competition was a favorite of the audience and the judges as he discussed the meaning of the term "drag" while he removed a dress suit to reveal tight denim jeans and a western shirt underneath and then removed those to reveal his studded leather harness. In addition to the costume competition, the contestants competed in swim wear, evening wear, and an on stage presentation/interview.



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NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

By Phoenix Fallentino, Princess Royale

Greetings, One and All!!!! ICON is busy with the exciting upcoming events it sponsors. Closet Ball, produced and hosted by Miss Closet Ball 1991, Kymber Leigh, is May 3, 9:30pm at the Max. Let's see all of you there supporting your favorite. This night is always an exciting evening, watching your favorite "stud" model evening attire only to return one hour later "sporting" more Maybelline, Aquanet, and sequins than you've ever seen. Don't be late! Who will be ICON'S next Closet Ball Queen????!!

We also want to wish Stosh a belated "Happy 50th Birthday!!" What a birthday party you had on April 8 at the Max. I certainly hope I'm around when you celebrate your 100th. Hopefully, you'll ask me to perform my fire baton, tap dance routine to "I Love You Truly."

A group from ICON attended coronation in Denver, April 10-13. To Empress Kinsey, Emperor Gregg, and the Imperial Court of Denver, we extend a big thank you for the "royal" treatment and warm hospitality. Thank You.

April 15 was deadline for applications for Emperor, Empress, and Athena XII. Introduction of candidates will be the middle part of May. Plan to attend and support your favorite candidate.

Thanks to all who came to the Chesterfield April 26 and supported the ICON show, hosted by Sharon and yours truly. Thank-you to Sharon for organizing the show, to Alma and her staff for their services, and to the performers. Sharon and

I thank you for the great show and your donations of your tips.

ICON, with much regret, accepted Duane's resignation as treasurer and board member, effective July 1. On behalf of ICON, Thank You, Duane, for the long hours behind the scene and the dedication you have given. You truly will be missed, but we count on you for advice through the years. Best wishes in future endeavors. You've done a tremendous job for ICON and the community. Many thanks, Duane, for the hard work.

Coronation '92 is coming fast. Ladies and Gentlemen, plan ahead!!! Tickets are now on sale for this spectacular event to take place June 19-21. Along with ANGLE, RCMC, ICON and local celebrities, there will be courts from across the land, all showing their New Angle on Pride!

While you have your calendars out, mark them for ICON'S Memorial Day Picnic to be held at Progressive Park from noon to 5pm on May 25.

Congrats to the successful show by the Meatpackers and Babes Behind Bars, hosted by the golden tongued Don Flowers and our own Empress XI Mae. What a fun night filled with excellent entertainment!! And the proceeds all going to the local PWA fund.

Well this is ICON'S busy time of year. Hope to see all of you at the many Upcoming functions this month of May.

And don't forget the first Monday of each month, 6PM at the Max, see you in court!!!!

LUTHERANS CONCERNED AGAIN ACTIVE IN OMAHA

Omaha is again home to Lutherans Concerned, a national society of gay, lesbian, and non-gay Christians working to foster within the Lutheran Church a climate of understanding, justice and reconciliation among all women and men, regardless of affectional orientation.

The Nebraska chapter of Lutherans Concerned will meet the first Sunday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Lounge at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church on Farnam Street. People wishing more information may call Gary George at 345-4080 or Harry Naasz at 453-7137.

Lutherans Concerned began in Minneapolis, June 17, 1974 and has members from throughout North America including laity and clergy; gay, lesbian, and non-gay; affiliated and non-affiliated Lutherans.

Lutherans Concerned/North America is a ministering community, celebrating God's presence among all people.

Lutherans Concerned is an autonomous pan-Lutheran organization affirming that all are justified by grace alone, through faith, and that one's Baptism is a call to active membership in the all-inclusive Body of Christ. Members are encouraged to maintain memberships and participate fully in the life of their local parish.

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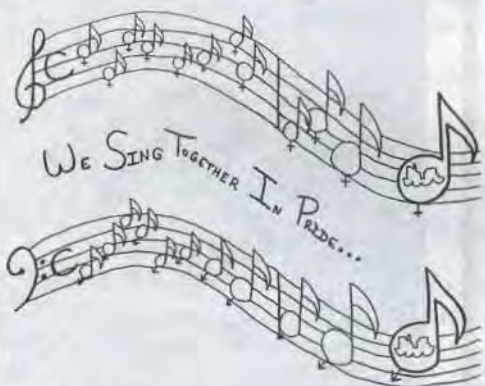
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NEBRASKA QUILT DISPLAY

What does ART mean to you? Folk art? performing art? art that tells a story? a sound? touch? skill? symbols? Art may be different things to different people. Art is a way of sharing one's thoughts, feelings, experiences even if the audience can't fully appreciate the artists' work. The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial QUILT is a unique piece of folk art -- a collage of stories, moods, fabrics, experiences, feelings, and symbols. While the visitor may not understand the full meaning of each panel, the artists have tried to share a bit of the life of someone who died of AIDS. Some pieces seem clear in design and message, while others simply say "you are missed." If you have experienced the Quilt, join us when a portion of the nearly 20,000 panels are displayed in Omaha (tentative approval is for three days early in December 1992).

Art is one way to communicate through symbols that have meaning and share thoughts. The AIDS Memorial Quilt Display Committee, a special committee of the Nebraska AIDS Project, extends an invitation to everyone to share their thoughts and experiences through art by creating (1) a symbol or logo that the committee may use to identify their work and (2) a poster or a series of posters that may be used to promote the display and goals of awareness, education, and caring for families and persons living with AIDS. This competition is open to all persons, regardless of age, abilities, or media techniques. RULES are:

1. Copy for the logo should be no larger than 4" x 4" in one color (so it can be reproduced for letterhead, on posters, etc.) and may include the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display and Dates (December 5th and 6th, 1992).
2. Copy for posters should be on standard paper stock (i.e. 11" x 14" for easy mounting in windows or larger for a designer/educational piece) and should include the following information: DATES: December 5th and 6th, 1992; PLACE: Omaha Civic Auditorium; TIMES: (leave space/ yet to be determined); WHAT: The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display; SPONSORED BY: Nebraska AIDS Project.
3. Art becomes property of the Committee.
4. Decisions will be made by the Committee based on the theme, clarity of information shared, and overall effect.
5. Winners will be notified by mail and asked to take part in some part of display activities.
6. All entries should be mailed or delivered to The AIDS Memorial Quilt Display Committee, 2912 Lynnwood, Omaha 68123 or in care of the Nebraska AIDS Project Office at 3624 Leavenworth, Omaha 68105. Deadline for receiving the copy is June 12th.
7. Questions about the competition or the Names Project Quilt, or requests for speakers, videos, and other resources may be directed to the AIDS Memorial Quilt Display Committee at 292-1312 or 291-6781. We will be happy to talk with you individually, with classes or groups, or with organizations interested in this project.

Suggested reference: *The QUILT: Stories from the NAMES Project* by Cindy Ruskin, Pocket Books, 1988. (Available in public libraries and bookstores or from the Committee) and *We Bring the Quilt*, video from the Names Project (available from the committee.)

R.O.T.C. PROTEST

By Cheri Looft-Bavaard

April 8th, 1992, marked the date of a nationwide Queer protest of university sponsored R.O.T.C. programs. Queer Nation is responsible for the event and had pickets, kiss-ins, and speeches read on college campuses across the country. This span included Lincoln, Nebraska.

R.O.T.C. is a military program that trains persons for officer's positions while still in college. The student gets college credit for R.O.T.C. classes, as well as scholarships and other benefits. Unfortunately, not all of the country's best are allowed to participate because the United States military does not allow homosexuals in its ranks.

The Constitution of the United States encourages each citizen to live in the pursuit of liberty and happiness. Yet, the U.S. military will not allow gay men and lesbians to serve in any branch of the Armed Services. The Pentagon says that homosexuals are a security risk -- more apt to lie or spy and that homosexuals cannot function in wartime or times of stress equivalent to heterosexuals.

The Department of Defense thinks that if homosexuals are openly in the military that they will seduce heterosexual barracks mates into performing sexual acts. However, heterosexual activity and pregnancy on coed bases is rising but not yet addressed as a problem. Military bases also fear that if homosexuals are let in, the AIDS virus will lambaste our armed forces. Maybe they haven't realized that the fastest growth of AIDS is within the heterosexual community. This all boils down to simple homophobia. Theories that the military uses for keeping gays out have no scientific backing. This is not surprising. Most of these same fears were used at the beginning of the century when African Americans wanted the right to serve in the armed forces.

The U.S. military is modeled after armies of Rome, yet the men who made up those armies engaged in homosexual acts and lovebonds as a matter of course, believing an army of lovers would fight together better than one of strangers.

Why, then, is the possibility of gay men and lesbians serving openly in the military feared so much? I can only guess the answer to be the fear of the unknown, for no military man is willing to admit or express the real reasons for his fears.

Besides homophobia, a good deal of sexism is also mixed into the reasons for the ban against

homosexuals. Over 90% of gays kicked out of the service are women. According to *Another Mother Tongue*, by Judy Grahn, "The Great Lesbian Purge" began after the victory of WWII. After General Douglas MacArthur watched the women soldiers disembark in Japan, he said to his officers, "I don't care how you do it, but get those dykes out of here."

A woman named Pat Bond was the first survivor of this catastrophe. Ironically, very few of the 500 women expelled were actual lesbians. These women were discharged simply because they broke the traditional role. They were muscular, intense, aggressive, passionate, and full of dignity. Because of this, they were stripped of their beliefs, self esteem, and any job responsibilities in the straight world. Yet, most of these women were straight.

Unfortunately, these occurrences are still happening today. Even the suspicion that you are gay is enough to get you thrown out, no matter if its really true. It seems that with the military, you are guilty until proven innocent. 10% of the population at the least, are denied the right to serve in the military because they are gay. This is something the military is afraid of with no real reason to be afraid.

The Marines say they want "a few good men and women." If they look closely and swallow their fears, they'll find us here, queer, and ready to serve. Members of Queer Nation Nebraska, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual student organization and a student group called Early Warning proved that by staging a rally at UNL's Military and Naval Science building. They waved placards, gave speeches, and held a kiss-in. This all in protest and to prove they were proud and had courage.

That's what the Marines want, isn't it? It was a brave and dangerous thing to do, for gay bashing is real and possible, even in broad daylight. Last year's R.O.T.C. protest was the site of a daytime bashing, when a R.O.T.C. member attacked and injured a Queer Nation member before UNL campus police could detain him.

The bashing, however, did not stop the protesters, and won't deter future events where they simply stand up for their rights. Hopefully, they won't have to do it too many more times before the military gets the point. I don't know though, this is the governmental branch that pays \$400.00 for toilet seats...



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GAY RIGHTS IN NEBRASKA

By Scott L. Lowther

Gay Rights. What does this term mean? We hear it frequently used in media coverage, almost certainly accompanied by a frenzy of controversy. On the one hand are gay activists, on the other are representatives of the "moral majority" such as fundamentalist churches, special interest groups, politicians, and so on. Representatives of the gay community point out that homosexuals aren't asking for special or preferred rights...we just want to enjoy the rights every other citizen in the United States enjoys under the Constitution. We want to know that gays will not be discriminated against in employment or housing because of our sexual orientation. We want to know that, as minority members, we can expect that companies' policies and procedures protect us in the same manner they protect our straight counterparts. For example, many companies prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace; however, when one reads the policy more closely, it frequently only describes the harassment of females by males. We're asking that this thinking be addressed through legislative means, like it has been regulated for race, color, gender, national origin, or religion. These rights are guaranteed to every person under the Constitution. It is inconceivable that anyone could consider our requests for inclusion under them to be "special rights."

Gays and lesbians have the unique ability to blend into mainstream society undetected. We're referred to as the "invisible minority." This has the individual and short-term benefit of allowing us not to suffer the blatant discrimination other more readily identifiable minority groups have historically endured. On the other hand, this invisibility has cost our community many political advantages. For example, we aren't counted by the U.S. Census Bureau as minority members. When do we ever get credit for voting the "gay vote?" As a result, we do not have the observable political clout other groups have obtained.

What can we, as individuals living in Nebraska, do about this situation? First, we can each be willing to do our part in supporting the collective efforts of our own political groups. Second, we can remain informed about legislative bills that affect our community and write our local legislators with our opinions, letting them know gay voices count.

Of course, it is an individual decision whether or not to "come out," but imagine the political clout the estimated 25,000,000 gays and lesbians could have in this country if we were each willing to stand up and be counted. Willingness to speak up and to remain informed are the keys to our collective success.

There are several legislative bills which already affect our community or have the potential to in the near future. These include L.B. 465 (1990), L.B. 692 (1992), L.B. 671 (1992), and the former L.B. 1270 (to be re-introduced in 1992). Senator Ernie Chambers sponsored L.B. 465, passed by the Nebraska Unicameral in 1990, which prohibits discrimination against individuals who suffer or are suspected to suffer from acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or its related diseases. It specifies that discrimination cannot occur in employment, housing, education, or public accommodations.

L.B. 696 was passed in Nebraska in the early part of this year. It goes into effect on January 1,

1993. It allows any adult to designate another adult with their "power of attorney" for health care decisions in the event he/she becomes incapacitated to make these decisions himself/herself. The bill outlines parameters in which these designations can legally occur. This is one of the legal benefits heterosexual married individuals enjoy. Through the use of this, as well as other legal documents, gay couples can now utilize existing laws to help legitimize and formalize relationships in ways that provide similar benefits to those straight couples enjoy.

L.B. 671 also passed and takes effect on January 1, 1993. This law provides that an adult can create a "living will" which provides direction to the attending physician, according to the instructions provided in the will, in the event of an "incurable or irreversible condition that, without the administration of life-sustaining treatment, would cause this individual's death within a relatively short period of time." Of course, this law outlines the parameters for the use of this law as well, but it gives terminally ill individuals the option to give instructions to their physicians before this type of medical situation arises.

Another bill was introduced to the Judiciary Committee of the legislature in 1992 by Senators Tim Hall and Ernie Chambers on behalf of Citizens for Equal Protection, a local legislative group working toward passing of The Nebraska Civil Rights Act of 1992. This bill did not pass Committee, but is expected to be re-introduced to the legislature later this year. This bill would prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, age, family, or marital status, as well as sexual orientation. Current law bans discrimination only on the basis of color, gender, race, national origin, or religion. The New Voice as well as the Omaha World Herald have printed other articles of a more detailed nature on this particular bill.

As mentioned, some bills already affect our community. In the case of these, we simply need to become informed about them in order to utilize them. L.B. 12760 remains pending and will require a great deal of support in order to pass. Some readers are hoping the bill will pass so they will feel comfortable "coming out" at work or in their neighborhood. They are justified in feeling this way. Others are willing to make their voices heard now in hopes they will benefit in the future. I believe it is the latter group who will make it possible for this bill to pass because they will not allow the gay community to remain "invisible."

However, if you are not comfortable making public statements or writing letters to your State legislator, take heart. We need your help also. Citizens for Equal Protection is beginning its work for the upcoming legislative session. We need help stuffing envelopes, distributing fliers, developing research, fundraising, and the list goes on. In other words, whether you're willing to speak out or not, we need you desperately.

If you would like information about Citizens for Equal Protection or wish to lend your support, contact us through the A.N.G.L.E. Information Line, 558-5303. For more information on the bills in this article or any legislative bill, contact the toll-free hotline of the Legislature at 1-800-742-7456. Please don't stand by and continue to allow our community to be known as "the invisible minority." Every voice counts. YOU COUNT.

50's/60's DANCE AT METRO

By Carol

"Just take them old records off the shelf. I'll sit and listen to 'em by myself. Today's music ain't got the same soul. I like that old time rock and roll."

For those of you who came out (no pun intended, y'all) for the 50's/60's nite a few years back, we're gonna do it again. Yep. It's definite. The only change is the location. The 50's/60's nite will be held at The Metro instead of The Max. Although we couldn't get a Saturday nite, we got the next best — Friday (definitely better than a Sunday). It's scheduled for May 15th, 8 p.m. to 11:00. There will be cash prizes for the Best Greaser, Best Bobby-Soxer, Best 50's/60's Couple, Jitterbug Contest, Twist Contest, Hula Hoop Contest, and Limbo Contest (how low can you go?) totaling (are you ready?) \$500.

Cover charge, you ask? Well, sure! A whole \$2.99 per person! Isn't that worth a shot at a share of \$500? Even if you don't participate in any of the contests, isn't it worth \$2.99 to turn the clock back one more time and show the youngsters how to really party with good music you can understand? Our music?? **ROCK AND ROLL!!!!**

The Metro, like the Max, is a nice club. We need nice clubs and, contrary to popular belief, Omaha can support two.

Jay, Arch, Steve, and Jesse want to have "something for everyone" and this might work into a 50's/60's nite once-a-month. They're having at least one 50's/60's night for us "old-timers." Let's give some support.

So come on War Babies and Baby Boomers — let's go for the gusto! For one night, let's hang up the canes, get out of the rocking chairs, join the party, and "Reminisce about the days of old with that old time rock and roll" at the Metro, May 15th, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. By the way.....don't forget to dress for the era! See Ya There!

ICON INVITES GROUPS TO MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

ICON invites individuals and groups to set up booths, Monday, May 25 at the Memorial Day Picnic at Progressive Park from noon until 5:00 p.m. Admission of \$7 per person covers beer and pop. Food will be available at an additional charge.

Individuals and groups may dispense information from a booth at no charge. Those who sell products or services from their booths will be asked to provide a written account of sales (i.e. 13 t-shirts @ \$8 = \$104 and 50 buttons at 25 cents each = \$12.50), and to make a donation to ICON based on the success of their sales.

The Memorial Day Picnic is a benefit for the NAMES Project Quilt Nebraska Display Project, the Lincoln Chapter of P-FLAG, Citizens for Equal Protection, and SHOUT (formerly the Empty Closet Support Group of Kearney).

NO GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL will be allowed to circulate through the crowd to sell items, dispense information, or solicit signatures. Activities must take place at the booth. To reserve a space, contact Jerry McGinnis at 455-2689. ICON also invites individuals/groups to provide info to be distributed at the Picnic. You need to have 300 copies of your flyer/information in the hands of Jerry McGinnis by May 16. You may leave the flyers at The Diamond Bar. Please, mark the package of flyers "For Jerry McGinnis—ICON." Thank You! We hope to see you May 25!

LOCAL NEWS

INTERNAT'L FRONTRUNNERS INVITATIONAL IS SUCCESS

The International Frontrunners Invitational (IFI) weekend was held in Long Beach, California, February 14 - 17. Omaha Frontrunners Roy M. and Jeff P. returned from the IFI weekend with plenty of stories to tell. Jeff put together some notes on the big event for an article which appeared in the FrontEar, the newsletter of the Omaha Frontrunners, and is reprinted here by permission of the Frontrunners.

The Shoreline Frontrunners of Long Beach did an excellent job of putting together a great weekend. Except for the weather, everything fell into place beautifully. Our host for the weekend was Donald of the Shoreline club. This was a great chance to meet new friends and see some old ones from Chicago. Saturday morning's 5K and 10K races were "a shiver" as participants waiting for the start huddled under umbrellas to try and stay dry. Everyone took advantage of the cold by snuggling up to other club members to stay warm. Roy and I finished 1st and 2nd respectively out of all the Omaha participants! Shortly after the "rain race" was over, the rain cleared up and the sun came out.

Seminars on Saturday afternoon included: sports massage, race walking, running shoes, and more. One particularly interesting session was on the Gay Games '94 to be held in New York. Tentative dates for the Games are June 25th through July 4. The availability of venues will affect the final dates. Gay Games organizers are expecting 15,000 participants and many more

spectators. Mark your calendars for a real event! The growth of the Games were held in San Francisco in 1982 with 1,300 athletes; Games II in 1986, again in San Francisco with 3,500 participants; Games III in 1990, Vancouver, B.C., hosted 7,500 athletes, 1,200 cultural participants and 20,000 spectators!

Saturday evening was a sit down dinner held at the Breakers Hotel on Ocean Boulevard. The principal organizer of this event was none other than our host Donald. The setting was elegant with plenty of delicious food. (*We should have expected no less from our host who delivered us to events in a Rolls Royce!*) Awards, comedy, and dancing topped off a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Sunday morning brought sunshine and the 25K relays at El Dorado Park. Each of the 5 relay team members ran a 5K before passing a baton (*or some other objects that were coveted by some of the baser persons in attendance*) to the next team member. Fast Roy and Slow Jeff were teamed with Johnnie from L.A., Debbie from San Diego, and Steve from San Francisco. All I will tell you is that we finished in the top third of about thirty teams (never mind that this included some race walking teams). This was followed by a great picnic hosted by Frontrunners of L.A.

In all, about 180 attended from 22 different clubs. Because of the great group of guys and gals, the weekend was great fun. Members of Long Beach Shoreline Frontrunners are to be congratulated and thanked for a wonderful event.



CHORUS NOTES By David Brady

Well, this is it! The last month of rehearsal before our concert on Saturday, May 23. We have a very wide variety of music prepared: some serious, some inspirational, some light, some fun, some folk songs, some bluegrass (no, no, just kidding) and we're very excited about this concert.

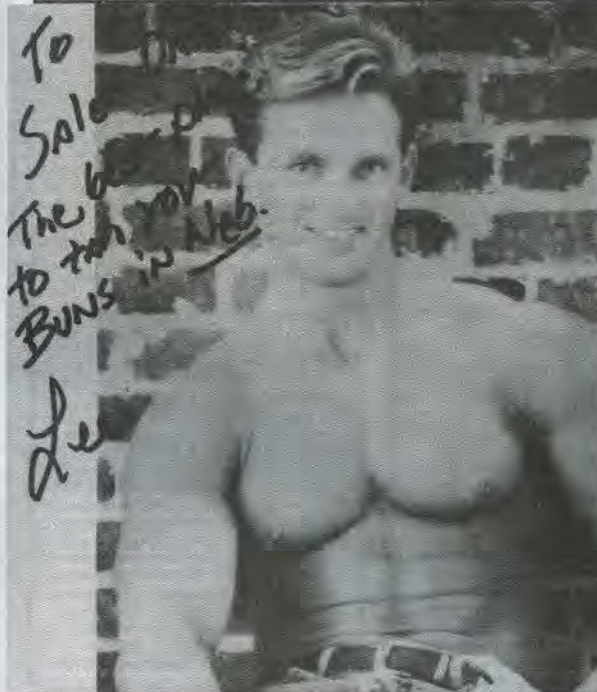
We're looking forward to performing for another great audience. See our ad in this issue of the New Voice for ticket information. Hope to see you there.

We have a mini-performance scheduled this month - for the AIDS Memorial Service at St. Cecilia's Cathedral on Saturday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. We also have an upcoming fundraiser. Watch this space for more information.

After May 23, the chorus will be taking a break from rehearsing and performing for the summer. Or was there something else?

GALA! That's it! We'll spend the end of May and all of June preparing for our performances at the GALA festival in Denver, June 28 through July 4. We've been looking forward to this event for a long time. The River City Mixed Chorus performs on July 2.

Also in June are a couple of mini-performances in Omaha. We'll tell you more in the next issue of the New Voice.



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THE MILK RUN By RJ

Well, here it is, going on to the tenth of the month. And we all know what that means, don't we? Get our buns in gear, get those stories written, and get them in. And, yes, of course, it's human nature to wait until the last minute.

So, let's start back on the 14th of March. This being a Saturday, I drove down to Lincoln to take in the video seminar series at "The Gathering Place".

Tonight's seminar dealt with "Relationships", but it was not quite what was expected. The video was excellent. It was entitled "Consenting Adults" and was an ABC Theatric Production starring Marlo Thomas and Martin Sheen.

The next day, Sunday afternoon, the Chesterfield had a benefit for A.N.G.L.E. They served corned beef sandwiches and cabbage most reasonably priced and very delicious. They were certainly doing a brisk business.

The next weekend, Old RJ went out to see what the religious news advertised as a seminar on "The New Age". Wanting to get information on the "New Age", I went. The title was rather misleading. It turned out to be a "frothing at the mouth" diatribe against the "New Age" by some young squirt who look like he was still a stranger to a razor.

Exited that place at noon and went to my very first Star Trek Convention. It was very interesting, most interesting were the Avians that had beamed in for the convention. There was a neat performance by a couple of gals — one dressed all in black and the other all in white. The one in black had a device in her palm that shot forth red light beams. The one in white had a device that shot off blue beams. The dance was neatly choreographed and well done. Too bad the girls at the MAX did get to see that number.

The next Sunday eve I drove out to Bellevue to Dave and Kathy's for Affirmation. Cleve, from PLGC, was a guest. There was a good turn out but one of the couples was leaving Omaha for new job locations. It was a good evening of sharing.

Mention was made, where was Affirmation going? Kathy brought up a real good idea since everyone is working for the same goal.

All groups could come together as one coalition of gay and lesbian religious concerns. Each group would, of course, keep their own identity. Affirmation would still be Affirmation. PLGC would still be PLGC. But all would meet together as one group, giving each other support. Currently there is Mishpachatch Chavarim, PLGC, Affirmation, Kinship, all working for the same goal. Dignity might be able to be revived, along the lines of this plan. I do know we need to get together. It really is worth giving some deep, careful thought over.

I've been able to get to Support Group on Tuesdays. It's picking up enough to split into two smaller discussion groups.

Several times, now, the Support Group has proved its worth, being there for a safety net for some really in need. Hopefully, the Group will keep on keeping on. Our fearless Leader has led for some time now, very faithfully. The Group really owes a lot to him for keeping things going. A big round of applause to him.

Girls, where have you been? You appeared, now you've disappeared again. Is it our after shave? Till next time.

CHICAGO OPENS INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS

Positive Lifestyles, the first midwestern inpatient mental health program designed to diagnose and treat the issues facing the lesbian and gay community opened in Chicago February 10.

Positive Lifestyles is a place where lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals receive individualized mental health and substance abuse treatment. Specially selected, trained staff help assure a program free from heterosexism and homophobia. Nazzareno Liegghio, D.O., stated "We saw the need to create a program that would address mental health needs and treat lesbian and gay persons in a positive and supportive way."

For information about Positive Lifestyles call toll-free 1-800-877-6848, 7:30am to 11pm weekdays and 11am to 7:30pm weekends.



MCC-O NEWS

By Carla

"Come on and munch with the bunch from MCC-O," says Par and Phil as they invite all of the community to join them as MCCers gather

Friday, May 15, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at The MAX for another MCC-O "Night Out." MCC-O will provide goodies to munch as a way of saying Thank You to the community for their support in 1991-92. As always, the gathering will be a time of fun and fellowship. See you at The MAX. Come and bring a friend!

May sees several from our congregation off to Billings, Montana, over Memorial Day Weekend to attend the 1992 Mid-Central District Conference of the UFMCC. In 1993, MCC-O will host that conference.

May 7 MCCers will gather for soup and sandwiches and an important congregational meeting. Starting time is 6:30 p.m. that Thursday. All friends and members of MCC-O are urged to attend. We'll be addressing the issue of purchasing a building, discussing issues to be voted on at District Conference, deciding whether or not to use name tags on a permanent basis, as well as other important issues.

Holy Week Services brought out a host of members and friends as we celebrated Palm Sunday; a Seder Service with our friends from Mishpachatch Chavarim; Good Friday Service; a Prayer Vigil; Easter Sunrise Service with P-FLAG, PLGC, and Affirmation; and Easter Morning and Evening Worship. The Morning Worship Service, moved to a meeting room in the Center Mall, proved to be the biggest success of all. We saw 109 people in attendance. Praise the Lord!

We invite you to join us this Sunday and every Sunday for Worship. Our services are at 10:20 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 420 S. 24th St. That's it from my pew, see you in church.

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Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln 68502. Open Saturday 1-4pm., 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 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 Legion of Lesbians, 624 N. 25, 68509 Feminist collective, newsletter, support

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

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

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

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

The Wtmmin'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, For info call: (402) 556-7701 Methodists concerned with Gay/Lesbian Issues

Alcoholics Anonymous, Live & Let Live Grp, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41 St., Omaha, Open Meeting 8:15pm, Fridays, Info: 345-9916

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endavors), Box 31375, Omaha, 68131. (402) 558-5303, Organization for Networking, consciousness raising, and PRIDE activities.

Citizens For Equal Protection, P.O. Box 55548, Omaha, 68105-0548. Legislative action group working for Human Rights ordinance.

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians. Resource group of US WEST. For more information: Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha 68102.

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

Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line. A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 558-5303

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, MCC-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

Lutherans Concerned, Meet First Sunday 7-8:30pm, Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church Lounge, 2650 Farnam, Omaha, For more information call 345-4080 or 453-7137.

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

Mishpachat Chavarim, Social/support group for Jewish Gays/Lesbians, (402) 551-0510: Gary.

Omaha Meatpackers, Leather/Levi Club with focus on G/L 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 Grp, Wednesdays at 7:30pm, Family and Friends Building, 3622 N. 90th, Omaha

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

Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, (402) 733-1360: Cleve. Meets last Saturday January-October, 2nd Saturday in December, No November meeting

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. John, 553-0342

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

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124-0712, Quarterly Magazine offers place for lesbian women's voices to be heard. \$5 for 4 issues.

Youth Support Group, sponsored by Parents & Friends of Lesbians/Gays Omaha Chapter. For gay, lesbian youth and those questioning sexuality issues, ages 13 to 21. Meets 2nd & 4th Saturdays, For Info: call 291-6781.

STATEWIDE

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

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

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

DC in '93, Box 34463, Omaha 68134-0463, Org for Nebraska Contingency in 1993 March on Washington. Amy Marie 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 Lesbian and Gay community. Deadline for submissions is 10th of the month for publication following month. Subscriptions \$19/year.

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 Reemie Baker (308) 237-3870.

***Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 455-4688. Meets 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St., Groups for family of people with HIV, and Gay/Lesbian Youth Group meet same time & place.**

***2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, 291-6781. Meets 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m., 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.

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