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Born of a revolution, this country began with a pledge — liberty and justice for all. Over 200 years later we are still striving for these goals. We have the freedom today to work peacefully toward these goals. Let's celebrate that freedom on July 4th and honor our nation for what's been achieved. Then, let's join together, with a renewed sense of purpose, to reach our goals.

SALUTES FROM THE EDITOR

As Editor, I get to hop up on my soap box every now and then and let you know my opinion on a variety of subjects. I'm quite willing to share my soap box with anyone who wants to write an editorial or two, but sometimes (like this month) I'm glad I have the opportunity to talk to the community at large.

I am so glad to be able to be out and around in the community. There are lots of good things happening and lots of good people working hard to make our community a better place to live. Let me salute just a few of them.

A salute to Alma, owner of The Chesterfield, for the special concern she shows when one of her girls is having problems. Salutes to Wayne for the Max and Carla, Duane, and Joe from ICON's board for the superb job they did on the June cookout for organizations in the state. There's an article and several pictures in this issue of *The New Voice* to give you an idea of the spirit of community and cooperation that was present that afternoon on the patio at the Max.

Lots of applause to Sabrina Golightly for her performances in ICON's Stepping Down Show. There were lots of good acts but Sabrina insisted on doing numbers that challenged the audience. She did a superb job on *It Will Never Be The Same Again* while showing a video clip from the Harvey Milk documentary. It will never be the same - we can never go back once we've started on the road to freedom. Very powerful presentation, Sabrina.

A special salute to the founding members of OLDS (Our Love Is Special), a support and social group for "women of all colors." These women knew what they wanted and they took a year laying the groundwork so their group would be strong and viable.

A personal salute to several unnamed individuals who are HIV+ or PWA's and are still out there in the middle of things: working, volunteering, performing, parenting, going to school, worshipping, and helping others. They aren't about to give up and call it quits. I wish I had 1/10 of their courage. A standing ovation to these very special people.

A salute to Jean Mortensen for her dedicated contributions to *The New Voice*. I look forward to getting those envelopes from Lincoln. I never know what she'll write about, but I can count on it being well done.

A salute to Tom Geist for his work in the Kearney/Grand Island/Hastings area. He's putting an end to the myth that there are no Gays or Lesbians outside of the big cities.

A salute isn't enough to say how I feel about the volunteers who make up *The New Voice* Steering Committee. They're a very diverse group, a very strong-willed group, and a very vocal group, but there's a magic that happens when all those talents work together and the result is a magazine that doesn't have to take second place to any regional magazine in the country. Thanks to Pat Phalen, Sharon McCartney, Terry Sweeney, Dick Brown, Amy Muek, Carla Petersen, Mark Maser, and Lee Donohower; it just keeps getting better all the time.

Well, I guess I've probably used up my allotted space so I'll stop for now. I have lots more people that I want to recognize, but I'll save them for another time. Do you know someone who deserves a salute? Drop us a line and we'll see that they get that pat on the back that all of us need from time to time.



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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY



Dear Ms. Van Butsel:

In the June issue of *The New Voice* (Page 5 - Local News) you included a reprint from the P-FLAG newsletter addressing AIDS funding. We appreciate this opportunity to clarify how 1991 funding decisions were made by the Department.

It is true that the Nebraska Department of Health (NDOH) HIV/AIDS Program received level funding for 1991 (the same dollar amount as in 1990). In putting together the 1991 budget, after allowing for normal inflationary costs, the following costs were accommodated:

1. The need to offset the increase in HIV testing.

Unexpected increases in utilization of CTRPN (counseling, testing, referral, and partner notification) were observed in 1990. NDOH was funded \$15,100 for these services and actual costs were \$26,700. We expect this increase in utilization to continue, therefore, we budgeted \$32,000 for 1991 (a total increase of \$16,900 was incorporated). This amount is administered by NDOH and paid directly to laboratories providing the service. All Nebraska residents benefit from this, since all CTRPN services are without cost to the client.

2. The need to address HIV/AIDS in minorities.

In 1990, CDC did not award the requested \$70,000 needed to continue our support of minority initiatives. Fortunately, we were able to fund these important services by redirecting dollars and using 1989 carryover funds. In order to continue the support of these priority efforts, we made appropriate budget adjustments in the 1991 funding without the benefit of carryover funding.

Given the above circumstances, the Department decided to reduce by approximately 10% the 1991 funding to all HIV/AIDS contractors, rather than totally defund one or two of them. At this point, no additional funding can be awarded. If carryover dollars become available, they will be distributed on the basis of performance, contract compliance, and program needs.

The NDOH HIV/AIDS Program provided CTRPN services to almost 3,000 Nebraskans last year, in addition to supporting the local health departments and community-based organizations and promoting education efforts statewide. We remain committed to ensuring the most extensive services possible within the amount of available funds.

Again, we appreciate this opportunity to remedy any confusion.

Sincerely,
Virginia F. Wilkinson, R.N., B.S.N.
Administrator, HIV/AIDS Program
Disease Control Division

LOCAL NEWS

COMMUNITY CENTER?

To: All Interested Parties

A Nebraska Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Resource Center; is it merely a dream of many within our community or can it be a reality? Join us on July 18th at 7pm on the 4th Floor of Bennett Martin Library, 14th & N' Street, Lincoln to help make this dream come true.

We are looking for input from every aspect of our culture. We need to know what you as individuals and the groups you belong to need from a resource center and what you might have to offer to get this center off the ground.

If you are interested in helping, have input to give, or want more information but can't attend this meeting please call 475-0539 and leave your name and number and we will get in touch with you.

Hope to see a great crowd there.
Paul M.

A.N.G.L.E. ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR RECOGNITION AWARDS

The 14 nominees for the first community Recognition Awards were announced at the June 4 meeting of ANGLE (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors). While all nominees are to be recognized at the June 29 Recognition Luncheon, one nominee in each of three categories will receive a special award based on their service to the Gay/Lesbian Community. Awards are open to gay/lesbian or gay/lesbian sensitive individuals, professionals, or organizations.

The nominees in each category are:

Organizations:

EAGLE

The Imperial Court of Nebraska
Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha

Professional:

Bob Ewing
Harry Noes
Cindy Seescher

Individual:

John Coc
Harry Dilise
Kathy England
Tom Geist
Carla Petersen
Pat Phalen
Don Randolph
Sharon Van Buisel

A full report on the Recognition Luncheon and the awards will appear in the August issue of *The New Voice*.

CHECK THE PHONE BOOKS

Coming Out may be a little easier thanks to a new heading in the U.S. WEST Directory, appearing as a result of the efforts of ANGLE (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors). Under the heading "Gay & Lesbian Organizations," you will find the ANGLE Referral Line listed 558-5303. The members of ANGLE hope that in the near future other Gay and Lesbian Organizations will be listed, making organizations more accessible for individuals new to the area or just coming out.

KEARNEY NEWS

Update

The Empty Closet tri-city "Adopt-A-Highway" clean-up took place on May 11th. Nine people walked the interstate picking up trash. Since this was the first time the section of road had been cleaned, there was more trash than we had planned on (you really don't know how much junk's out there 'till you walk it). The State Department of Roads have put up signs indicating we cleaned the roadway. Since there was still a lot of junk to be cleaned, a second clean-up took place June 22nd and 23rd.

The AFFAIRS BAR in Grand Island has offered to let the Empty Closet have the first Saturday of each month at the bar as a fundraiser of sorts. We supply the bartenders & fun and all the tips go to the Empty Closet. Tom F., from Kearney, donated his bartending skills free of charge last month and will again this month in order to help out (what we need are more Toms like that). Between 10-11pm, anyone with singing talent, drag talent, or otherwise, can perform "On Stage" at the bar. This is not a competition and no prizes are being given out. If you're not shy and are willing to have some fun, be at Affairs on the 1st Saturday of each month. If you have questions, call (308) 234-6500.

Oh, What A Feeling

Saturday, May 4th, was not a good day... it was a great day! It was just after the first of the month bills and the Empty Closet was empty in more ways than one. But then the mail arrived with a \$50.00 check from The Imperial Court of Nebraska. Later that day at the Empty Closet/Grand Island social, hosted by Chuck L., another \$50.00 check was given to the E.C. by Duane J. of Hastings. Later yet, as I spent some quality time at the Affairs "family" Bar in G.I., Roy K., who lives near Hastings, presented me with a check for \$100.00!! This really helps in several ways. Of course it helps pay the bills for the phone line, newsletter, and much printing, but it does more too.

Sometimes it feels like too much time is spent asking for people for a handout for the Empty Closet rather than working on programs that can lend people a hand. The occasional larger than average donations give us some breathing room but what makes it possible for the E.C. to keep the focus on helping others are the monthly dona-

tions made by those that have enjoyed the efforts of the E.C. or those that just want to be supportive of the gay community.

It may not seem like much to you... but that \$5 or \$10 a month that you could give the E.C. would do a lot. In the next few months as we expand services we will need more people willing to send monthly contributions. No matter how much you can afford, it will be appreciated. Thanks to ICON, Duane, and Roy. You made MY day and that of all those that this gift will touch.

Grand Island A.A. Makes A Difference

For so long, "family" members attending A.A. have had to choose their words carefully when describing their "special friend" or who they hang around with. Usually they could find one or two people at A.A. that they could speak with but still they just didn't feel like they could be themselves. And if we are going to deal with who we really are then sometimes we have to lay it out like it is.

The focus of the A.A. groups is sobriety. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees involved with belonging to this fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

In each of the tri-cities, the Empty Closet has contact people that are either lesbian/gay themselves or are supportive and are in A.A. If you would like to make contact with them please feel free to call Tom at the Empty Closet (308) 234-6500 for their names and numbers.

There is also a Sunday A.A. group that meets in Grand Island which is made up of gay supportive people. Many of them know what it's like to be lesbian/gay and alcoholic. They start at noon each Sunday at a private location (call for information).

So, if you have a desire to stop drinking and want to be in an anonymous A.A. group that will respect and understand, you don't have to put it off another day.

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TWO-WHEELERS OF OMAHA, M.O.C.

Bovine Bonanza

"Welcome to Bovine Country" was the call on June 7, 8, and 9 at the Nauga ranch, the country home of T.W.O. The occasion dubbed "Bovine Bonanza" was the 7th Anniversary Run of the Two-Wheelers of Omaha, Motorcycle Club.

Friday started with registration. Among a large packet of essentials was the run pin, in actuality a numbered ear tag for cattle (don't even try to understand this one). Dinner was served later, which consisted of a large meatloaf (devoured in no time), rice, and a veggie tray. Then came *Nature* (a long time friend of the T.W.O.) with his notorious *Buffalo Butt Kickers* (to be tasted, not described).

Saturday morning started out with a drizzle and a lot of heads in the low hanging clouds, thanks to Craig Otto, Mr. Leather Nebraska (Eye-openers? Really!). Breakfast - a large portion of Texas-style French toast with all the trimmings. After everybody got their morning PTA done it was time for the People Games (they were really sick, Geraldine).

It was just about time for a nourishing lunch which consisted of lunch meats, cheeses, veggie trays, and fruits (what else?). After lunch those over thirty-five (most of those at the run) went to compete in the *Veranda Club* events. After the games were over a brisk shower again put a damper to the outside events. Never fear, TFL is here. TFL (Jeff) managed to decorate the dungeon

for *High Tea* (Jeff - about the *Bovine Piss...* why don't you tone down the lemonade next year?).

During the next few hours there was free time (still showering a bit). Even that didn't spoil the fun; some sat around dishing, others played party games, and others just played around.

Time for cocktails and dinner with wine provided by the club. Non-alcoholic wine was supplied by *Knights of Leather*.

That moment dreaded for a week, a month, a year arrived - *The Run Show*. This is the only show that lets the audience see the dress rehearsal, the only rehearsal, the show. Words can't explain this ballyhoo but you may have a second chance at an encore presentation.

The *T.W.I.T. Alumnus* (Mitzi) cocktail party was next. No one was sure what the concoction was called, but it tasted like a chocolate shake with a punch. Rumor has it someone was out shaking a neighbor's Guernsey.

Late Saturday night - (censored).

Sunday eye-openers were provided by *Bear Paws of Iowa*. Due to early departures by some of the guests, brunch was rescheduled to follow award presentations.

The awards this year (Home-made cow plaques) were utterly ridiculous. First place club participation went to *Knights of Leather*. *Nature* walked away with an all time T.W.O. record of four trophies including the *Veranda Club* award. A local, Mick, won the first place in the people games and David and Mick won a new category, *tent and garden beautification*.

The *Knights of Leather* presented their club

colors to T.W.O.

The T.W.O. would like to thank all of our supporters and advertisers for making *Bovine Bonanza* a successful and memorable occasion.

Watch for *Mr. Gay Nebraska 1992*, being held on October 12, 1991. More details to follow. Hope to see you there.



TWO-BOVINE BONANZA



Closet Clearing II

River City Mixed Chorus Garage Sale
 August 10, 1991 9:00 - 4:00
 1315 South 52nd Street

Please let us know if you have any items you would like to donate. We will be glad to pick them up from you. Please call 558-9900 for information or to arrange pick-up time.



Proceeds going towards the 1991-92 Season.

LOCAL NEWS

UFMCC HOLDS DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN WICHITA by RJ

MCC of Omaha joined her sister churches of the Mid-Central District for their annual conference, held at the Marriott Hotel in Wichita, Kansas. In 1992, it will be held in Billings, Montana. In 1993, the District Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska.

The District Conference, held May 21 through May 26, was a very interesting experience - the first for me, who attended as an observer.

Business Session I was held at 10am on Friday and was a good workshop on how Church business is conducted. Four workshops were presented at 1:30: Lay Leadership; Who's On First?; I'm White And That's Okay; A More EXCELLENT Way; and How To Teach A Workshop And Facilitate A Discussion. Following at three o'clock was Laidy And DCOL.

After the break for supper, MCC of Omaha gave the evening worship service with the very able Reverend Matthew Howard presiding. Assisting was student clergy, Brian Hanlon, along with Mike Burger, Carla Petersen, Pat Phalon, and Sharon Van Butsel.

Upon conclusion of worship services, MCC of Topeka put on a Variety Show at 9:30. It was a show of many colors, much music, and singing. MCC of Topeka did themselves proud. I really enjoyed the closing number *I Am What I Am*.

After the show, everyone was on their own. Thanks to friends we met from MCC of Wichita

- Jim, Jim, Greg, and Bill - the contingent from MCC of Omaha had a real good time and was given a tour of the 'action spots.'

Saturday morning at 9am, worship services were conducted by MCC of greater St. Louis with the Reverend Brad Wilson presiding. Then, from 10:15 to 11:45, forums were held: the Candidates' Forum, the Elders Nominating Forum, and the Budget Forum.

At one o'clock a workshop was held by the Reverend Elder Freda Smith entitled 'Empowered.' This was followed by Business Session II which started at 3:30 and ran to 5:00. It was very interesting to see how the business of the MCC churches was conducted.

A worship service was conducted from five to six o'clock by the Reverend Elder Freda Smith and assisted by Reverend Ken Caton.

At 6:30, many at the conference attended the Crown Uplown Dinner Theatre. The food and the evening entertainment were very good. The stage show consisted of a number of skits. In one of the skits, the hero ran off with the villain instead of the heroine.

Afterwards there were a lot of tired people going back to the hotel. Some still had enough energy to 'make the rounds' one more time at the South Fort, the Barracks, or Fantasy.

Sunday morning worship services were held at First MCC of Wichita. The church was packed to the rafters with 268 attendees. It was a good worship service.

After services some left for 'back home' while others stayed for dinner at the Golden Dragon restaurant. It was a good place to eat and had very reasonable prices.

All in all, this was a good District Conference. It was my first and I really enjoyed it.

UNL CHALLENGES ROTC

The UNL academic assembly, or faculty senate, has said it will not allow academic credit for ROTC military science courses if the U.S. military does not change its ban on allowing gays into the service.

According to John Stroder, president of UNO's faculty senate, the UNO faculty senate is not currently considering similar action.

The UNO faculty senate, Stroder said, generally will not initiate such a proposal until a student, faculty member, or administrator issues a complaint.

Stroder did say that a university committee developing a new campus-wide policy on sexual harassment and discrimination will include sexual orientation in its findings.

Earlier this spring, the UNL academic senate issued a resolution protesting the military's ban on gays and urging the UNL chancellor to call upon President Bush, congress, and the secretary of defense to change the policy.

If the policy is not changed by January 1, 1993, the academic senate at UNL has urged that the university review its contract with the four ROTC branches at the campus - the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. UNO offers Army and Air Force ROTC programs.

G/L COALITION STARTING TEEN LINE

The Coalition is starting a Teen Helpline in Lincoln. Arrangements have been made for a 21 hour seminar (July 27, August 3 & 10) led by a variety of professional trainers. The Helpline number has already been assigned and will begin operation after the training. Volunteers are sought to take the training and be eligible for selection for staffing the line. Calls will be call-forwarded so you can take them in your own home. Parents-FLAG Helpline people are invited to participate in the training as well. This project has been a long time in the planning and is carefully and well thought out. Contact Pat at 435-1441.



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COOKOUT DRAWS CROWD

The MAX joined with the Imperial Court of Nebraska in hosting one of the most inclusive gatherings of Gay and Lesbian Organization leaders the state has seen.

Nineteen organizations sent their leaders to an information-exchange session complete with a cookout on the patio, Sunday, June 2.

Participating organizations included:
 Metropolitan Community Church
 Gay/Lesbian Student Association - Lincoln
 Committee Offering Gay and Lesbian Events - Lincoln

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 The New Voice of Nebraska
 Two-Wheelers of Omaha
 River City Mixed Chorus
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 OMEN - Omaha Men
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 Women's Support Group
 Omaha Mealpackers
 Employee Association of Gays & Lesbians
 Coalition For Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights - Lincoln
 ANGLE - Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors
 River City Bowlers
 Imperial Court of Nebraska

This gathering, the brainstorm of a few rather ambitious ICON members, was funded entirely by private donations and The MAX. Hosting the event were Don Flowers, ICON President; Wayne Tietzert, General Manager of The MAX; Duane Schomer and Carla Petersen, Vice-Presidents of ICON; and Joe Reed, Secretary of ICON.



P-FLAG MEETS by RJ

P-FLAG, Omaha Chapter, held their monthly meeting June 9. Besides co-moderators Dave and Kathy, seven people attended. One person was new to the group and there was one visitor from Kearney who gave good input into the meeting.

A number of subjects were brought up and discussed. One was a Lesbian/Gay Teen Support Group that has started. Great! Such a support group was very much needed. I understand that eight lesbian and gay teens met at the first meeting. Let's all pray this will continue.

A good time of sharing was had by all. The group was evenly represented by parents, lesbians, gays, and bisexuals; so each could learn from each other about coming out. All in all, it was a very good meeting.

Any parents (or even grandparents) or friends of gay/lesbian people who would like more information so they could better support their gay/lesbian friends, should really look into this chapter of P-FLAG. The co-moderators are super parents/people.

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LOCAL NEWS

NEWS FROM NAP

Happy Summer to everyone from the staff of the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP)!

May was yet another busy month at the NAP office. Patrick and Judith were fortunate enough to be able to attend the third annual AIDS: The Social Work Response Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference gave them a chance to network with national and international AIDS social workers and to bring back input from other case management programs around the country.

Patrick and Judith left the conference with a feeling of pride about being from Nebraska. On a day-to-day basis, it is easy to get discouraged about the lack of perfection in one's own program, but at the conference it was quickly apparent that Nebraska is more organized in its response to the HIV disease than many other places.

Suzie Miller Schoen, our Lincoln case worker, and a group of volunteers and clients from Lincoln attended the AIDS: Medicine and Miracles Conference in Boulder, Colorado in early May. The positive and light-hearted atmosphere of the conference made it a very refreshing experience for all who attended.

Pamela Preese, the Executive Director, and Barbara Braden, President of the Board of Directors, attended the Fourth Annual AIDS Update Conference in San Francisco. In addition to attending the conference, Pam and Barbara toured Coming Home Hospice and met with people who were instrumental in developing and running that hospice.

On May 26, the annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial in Omaha was held at Saint Cecilia's Cathedral. Candles were carried in honor of 161 people. The service provides a graphic reminder of the pain and loss to our state caused by this disease. In the midst of this pain, it's important to remember the future and the role that each of us can play in helping overcome the spread of this disease as well as alleviating the physical and mental stress for those personally affected by it.

During May, 1991, the State of Nebraska reported four new cases of AIDS, bringing the total to date to 216. The NAP client Statistics are as follows:

Clients as of May 1	126
New clients	14
Clients deceased	4
Clients moved away	2
Clients as of May 31	134

NAP provided \$559.50 in emergency funds to needy clients in May. A special thank you is in order to the Omaha Meatpackers whose efforts and talents raise much of these funds.

Caseworkers and volunteers provided the following services for clients during May:

Advocacy Services	180
Transportation services plus 26 bus tickets	61
Cooking, cleaning, sitting, and miscellaneous	152

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.



RIVER
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CHORUS PLANS CLOSET CLEARING

The performance season is over, the voices are resting, but activity within the River City Mixed Chorus isn't stopping.

Chorus members and friends are clearing their closets! For the second year, RCMC is planning a gigantic Garage Sale. This year's RCMC Closet Clearing is Saturday, August 10, from 9am to 4pm, once again at 1315 South 52nd Street, conveniently located in central Omaha (it's just up the hill from the Hy-Vee at 52nd & Center).

With sale items donated from over 40 chorus members and friends, this will be a great event for any 'garage sale.' Choose from antiques, collectibles, clothing, household goods, jewels, candles, whinnos, potpourri, frou-frou, and who knows what else! (Perhaps even Chiquita Banana headwear, if you offer enough).

For more information, or if you have items to donate for the sale, contact Toni at 558-9900. RCMC has limited pickup available for donations.

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NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT (ICON)

What did you think! Wasn't that Out-of-Towners' Show something else! I knew it was gonna be good - but how good - well, Gerald and Empress Erica really outdid themselves! Congratulations on a super event: Coronation XI. From the Brunch to the Victory Show: Simply Fantastic!

Congratulations to the newly selected Monarchs of Reign XI. The Board of Governors is looking forward to working with you throughout the course of your reign. Congratulations!

ICON, too, was pleased to be nominated for the Organization Award given by ANGLE at their Pride Luncheon. Thank you ANGLE!

Coming up in July you will want to mark those calendars first for the 4th of July Picnic and second for the Investiture of the new Royal Families. The Picnic will be at Progressive Park. Get out those maps you had in May. We'll be doing the pyramids and tug-of-war again, so get those teams together and start practicing. And we have exciting news! THE PICNIC WILL RUN 1 HOUR LONGER. Yes! The July 4 Picnic will run from noon until 6pm. See you there! It'll be a great celebration!

Investiture is scheduled for the 28th of July at The MAX. Hosting the evening will be Prince and Princess Royale of the X Reign: Gene Perren and Sabrina Golithy. They've promised us a wild and entertaining night. This will be your first chance to see the new Royal Families, so come on out and party with us as we celebrate the beginning of a new reign.

A brief accounting of our Memorial Day Picnic proceeds looks like this:

Income	\$2,162.00
Expenses (approx.)	\$1,504.54
Profits to be disp.	\$657.46

We'd like to extend a word of thanks to all of the organizations who sent representatives to the Pre-Coronation Cookout. We found the event profitable, and we hope that you did too! We encourage you to attend ANGLE on a monthly basis if you do not regularly do so. They are working hard to create the type of sharing and unity that we experienced at the Cookout.

*Til next month, that's it! See you in Court!

THANKS!

Hi Everyone,

I'd like to start off by saying thanks to all who supported my photo and button business.

My apologies for having to turn away the people who wanted their picture taken around 5 o'clock.

But don't fret. I will be back on July 4th with new leather designs and lots of film. Please try to get your pictures taken early so we don't have to turn anyone away.

Also, I will be raffling off free photo buttons when you purchase one. You remember those 'tickets'? Well, this time they will have some worth.

I am designing some new buttons and leather bracelets, ankle ones too. I'm really excited about these new things. So, stop by and check them out or just stop by and say hi.

Thanks Again,

D & L

P.S. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to call 346-3412.



THE MAX IN JULY

by Gloria Revelle

July in Nebraska is known for being hot. THE MAX in July, is even hotter. The month opens with Kevin Andrews and The First Class Male Revue. First Class Male will take to the stage on Sunday, July 7. Kevin and his men made THE MAX heat in November and this July they'll probably blow the roof off. Due to the weather, Aunt Mike is moving Underwear Night to the patio on Thursday, July 11. I am expecting a wet jockey short contest since the fountain is so close by. Underwear Night 5 should be the hottest of them all.

Pageant time is here again. This time you can see who will become Miss Gay Nebraska America. This state title holder will compete in the Miss Gay America Contest in Dallas in October. Steve Lucart, the new owner of the pageant will also host, along with THE MAX, Miss Gay America Valerie Lohr. This should be one of the finest pageants in the Midwest so don't miss it.

Thursday, July 18, Phoebe Tate will host WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW on the patio. This traditional TV game show will take a new and gay twist. Contestants can win several different prizes, including free admission and drink tickets to the Midwest's hottest dance club, THE MAX. It will be a lot of fun that you won't want to miss out on.

Sunday, July 21, THE MAX, Wayne Tietson, Gloria Revelle, Dorian Drake, Velvet, and Mr. Don Flowers will host a very special benefit show for N.A.P. This fundraising effort will include the various talents of our community. Live vocals and the premiere entertainers of the Midwest are combining their efforts for this cause. It will be a fantastic show. Please remember The Nebraska AIDS Project and please attend.

Thursday, July 25, another WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW will be on the patio. This time the host will Mr. Max Michael. Come out, play the game, and win big. ICON will hold investiture of the eleventh reign on Sunday, July 28. THE MAX extends its best wishes for a successful year to the new monarchs.

Well, that's all for this month. I know you have a lot of entertainment choices, but there is only one club that has it all: THE MAX.

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LOCAL NEWS



MCC-O NEWS by Carla P.

June was an exciting time for us! Early in the month we were blessed with an appearance by the River City Mixed Chorus in a Morning Worship Service. Can they ever sing!

We were particularly pleased to be nominated for the Organizational Award being given by ANGLE during the Pride Week Luncheon.

Thanks goes out to Dale K. and Cindy from The Diamond for their generous giving to our Building Fund Drive. The Brunch was wonderful!

Mid-month a special blessing came to us during the message and slide presentation by Reverend Louis Kavar, the Field Director for Global Outreach for UFMCC.

Pride Activities: the Interfaith Service and the Vesper Service, as well as the Pride Parade and other special activities, gave us a time to broaden our church family and experience a greater sense of community.

The Church in Sioux City continues to strengthen its foundation under the leadership of our Student Clergy. We are looking forward to their attaining official mission status in the next few months.

Looking ahead to July, several MCCer's will be attending the General Conference of the UFMCC in Phoenix. That will be an inspiring and uplifting experience.

I invite you to join us each Sunday at 10:20 for our Morning Worship Service or at 7:00 for our Evening Prayer and Communion Service. Do remember the G/L Support Group that meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30 and the Women's Support Group that meets Saturday mornings at 11:00. See you in Church!

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DISCRIMINATION: ARE YOU A VICTIM?

Citizens For Equal Protection is beginning a grass-roots lobbying effort to add 'sexual orientation' to Omaha's *Civil Rights: Anti-Discrimination Ordinance*. Sexual orientation refers to a person being identified as homosexual, heterosexual, or bisexual. By including this in the ordinance, we will be legally protected against discrimination based upon our sexual preference in housing, employment, and public accommodations (i.e., restaurants, movies, places of business, etc.).

In order to substantiate the need for this protection, we need to compile actual incidents of discrimination and prejudice not only in these areas, but also in any other area where you have been refused a service, product, etc. because of your sexual preference or your assumed sexual preference. If you have any questions or if you would like to share an incident with us (specific details will be kept confidential unless permission is given otherwise). Please write to:

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Fantasy '91 - A World In Leather, will be in Omaha, Nebraska August 16 - 18, 1991, and is sponsored by Fantasy Productions/*The Leather Journal*. In the last 2 years Fantasy has raised over \$9,000 for its designated charities. This year's beneficiaries are The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, and Nebraska P.F.L.A.G.

Last year, Fantasy had the third largest draw of leather title-holders and dignitaries at an event with 42. This year, already over 50 have confirmed attendance at this annual fundraising, informational, fun gala.

The weekend will begin on August 16, with a leather fair at the host hotel during the afternoon and early evening. Later that night will be presentation of club colors (if you are a member of a club, please bring your colors with you) followed by introduction of title-holders and dignitaries.

August 17, the leather fair will reopen for the entire day at the host hotel, as well as seminars and demonstrations on the leather/SM lifestyle. That evening, sit back and get excited as you watch all of the titleholders and dignitaries sing, dance, speak, and perform their sexual fantasies.

After the show, it's off to an after-hours party sponsored by the Omaha Meatpackers. And on Sunday, the 18th, enjoy a farewell brunch at one of Omaha's newest bars.

All of this for \$25.⁰⁰ in advance or \$30.⁰⁰ after August 1.

For more information, or a registration form, please contact Fantasy '91, P.O. Box 6262, Omaha, NE 68106-0262.

Title-holders and Dignitaries confirmed as of

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"FIELD" OF DREAMS by Carla P.

Candidates for the XI Reign of the Imperial Court of Nebraska shared their dreams with a packed house of Chesterfield patrons on Sunday, June 2. Performances by Aspirants to the throne of Empress XI, Mae and Vanessa Anderson, charmed the mixed crowd. Emperor X Gerald (also an aspirant to Reign XI) spoke inviting all to come to Coronation XI.

I was particularly impressed by the entertaining of Empress IX Felice Whimsey, but then, she's always been just a bit special to me. June 2 was the beginning of the "field" of dreams for Reign XI - but for many in the community, The Chesterfield has long been "A Field of Dreams!"

LB396 ALIVE & WELL: Begin Campaign for Passage NOW!

by Joel I. Brodsky, Ph.D.

LB396, the "anti-hate-crimes" bill, is expected to remain in the Judiciary Committee until next year's legislative session. LB396 would increase the penalties for crimes of harassment and violence based on race, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation. It would penalize vandalism against schools, houses of worship, and community centers. It would also provide training for the police in responding to hate crimes.

The bill is very much alive. The only change made by the Judiciary Committee was a technical one as to which law enforcement agencies would be responsible for collecting the required statistics. Sponsors of the bill suggest that it is not too early to begin canvassing legislators to support the bill. The bill has wide support but many legislators have not given it much thought.

Contact your own senator's office now and tell them you hope they will support LB396 in next year's (1991-92) legislative session.

GAY/LESBIAN ROUNDUP IN CHICAGO

Chicago '91, will take place on July 19, 20, and 21 in Chicago, Illinois. This conference is sponsored by the *Chicago Gay and Lesbian Members of Alcoholics Anonymous*. This is the sixth annual conference, and promises to be the best yet. Features of this year's event include a new location, the Congress Hotel (on fashionable Michigan Avenue) along with the usual array of speakers, workshops, festive dance and banquet, and recovering camaraderie. As is our tradition, on Friday night we will have an original musical written especially for the event and performed by our members.

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Monogamy Rules, But More So With Women

Gay and lesbian relationships may seem revolutionary by some standards, but most organize their sex lives on the traditional principal of monogamy. In a national survey, 91 percent of female couples were found to be monogamous, as were 63 percent of male couples.

The survey of 1,266 same-sex couples was conducted by *Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples*.

Of the female couples who were not monogamous, seven percent were "monogamous with agreed exceptions" and three percent were non-monogamous. Male couples were less inclined to monogamy: 26 percent permitted "agreed exceptions" and 11 percent were non-monogamous.

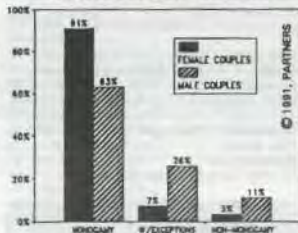
"While the category 'monogamy with agreed exceptions' is technically contradictory, it accounts for those relationships that allow outside sexual contact under special circumstances," said Demian, Ed.D., who edits the bimonthly newsletter with his life partner Stevie Bryant. "For instance, couples may permit or encourage outside sex with selected individuals or during extended absences."

Many partners whose agreements allowed outside sex were sexually exclusive in practice. Outside sex was reported by less than three percent of female partners and 26 percent of male

partners. Only 12 percent of all male partners had outside sex more often than monthly.

Interestingly, men reporting outside sex also had more frequent sex with their partners. In addition, the longer male couples had been together, the more likely they were to report outside sex. Neither of these patterns was observed among women.

The national survey also collected information on SEXUAL AGREEMENTS



Monogamy was preferred by the majority of the 1,266 same-sex couples surveyed by *Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples*.

tion on topics such as safer sex practices, discrimination, and length of relationships.

A free summary of results may be obtained by

sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to *Partners survey*, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. A detailed analysis appears in the newsletter's May/June 1990 issue, which may be ordered for \$3.95. A year's subscription costs \$21. Telephone inquiries may be made to Stevie Bryant or Demian at (206) 784-1519.

Same-Sex Couples Need To Cover Their Assets

Millions of gay and lesbian couples need to make better legal arrangements to protect themselves and their partners, according to Stevie Bryant and Demian, who publish and edit *Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples*. As evidence, the men cite their national survey of 1,266 gay and lesbian couples, in which the majority of couples had taken no legal precautions whatever.

"In the United States, same-sex couples have none of the automatic legal protections that are routinely conferred on married couples," says Bryant. "Consequently, lawyers generally recommend that we execute certain legal documents to protect ourselves and our partners. Most commonly mentioned are wills, powers of attorney, and partnership or living together agreements."

In the *Partners survey*, only five percent of the couples had executed all three legal arrangements.

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"Generally speaking, a will can ensure that your wishes are carried out in the event of death," Demian explained. "With powers of attorney, you can assign your partner the right to act on your behalf under specified circumstances, such as incapacitating illness. Partnership or living together agreements allow you and your partner to record the ground rules of the relationship, including how it would be dissolved, if necessary."

In all, 43 percent of the couples had executed at least one of these legal documents; 54 percent had planned to complete at least one (or one more). Survey respondents who had experienced discrimination as a couple were far more likely to have taken legal precautions.

Women appeared better informed about powers of attorney, since 69 percent had or planned to secure this power, as compared with 56 percent of the men.

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Deadline for all submissions is the 10th of the month.

THE BOOK REPORT *Ninth Life*

©1990 by Lauren Wright Douglas

This story will interest those concerned with animal rights. Set in contemporary Victoria, on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, private detective Caitlin Reece receives an odd parcel from a woman, code named Shrew, shortly before Shrew's car is involved in an "accident." The parcel contains a maimed and nearly-blind cat, and two rolls of film that could incriminate a cosmetics company on cruelty to animals charges. But this evidence comes from a spy from an animal rights group, one that is not necessarily taken seriously by the authorities. Then there is the splinter group forming to take radical, commando-like action to protect the cats and rabbits used in lab tests.

Caitlin believes in the cause and wants to help. All Caitlin has to do is get evidence that the authorities will consider, dig up dirt on the company executive, prove that Shrew was murdered, ward off a nasty Doberman, and figure out what Alison really wants, all before the Friday deadline when the splinter group will launch into action rendering any already-gathered evidence useless.

It's a story that held my interest in seeing just how one woman was going to pull all this off. Well, okay, Caitlin gets help from some friends. These extra people are fleshed out pretty well, though I think if there had been more attention

given to fewer of them, it would have worked better for me as a reader. I wanted to know more about the animal psychologist, rather than the various other activists beyond those absolutely essential to the story.

Written in the first-person voice, it was pleasing to follow along with Caitlin's thought processes as she reasoned out her methods, and we only find out the facts as she does. There was a good sense of authenticity to this character. However, unusual for a Naiad book, what little romance there is seems gratuitous and not very plausible. But maybe in the next Caitlin Reece mystery...?

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DANCING LEAF EARTH LODGE

by Jean Mortensen

Are you looking for something to do with the rest of your summer? Well, maybe you've never heard of Stockville, Nebraska, but there's a good reason to find it on the map (it's between North Platte and McCook). Located 1-1/2 miles north of tiny Stockville is the Dancing Leaf Earth Lodge.

Jan and Les Hosick have applied their intense interest in the Plains Indians culture to the recreation of an igloo-shaped lodge as it most likely appeared 1000 years ago, used by the ancestors of the Pawnee tribe. It seemed to me their greatest joy came from helping others learn about the ancient culture in a hands-on environment. Jan and Les will take you on a guided tour of the prairie grounds and talk on a variety of topics, including how the Indians used various plants, constructed their wren calendar, built their homes, and the spiritual beliefs of the people.

You must make an appointment and pay a fee to visit or use the property, but the Hosicks welcome you to stay a few hours, or overnight, or maybe the whole weekend. Better plan to book a month in advance. You may sleep in the lodge or in your own tent or camper. And you have the choice of cooking your own meals or letting them do the work of providing you with foods the Indians probably ate, such as a hearty buffalo stew.

My lover and I had the chance to visit the site in May. We turned to each other and said, "I can just see a bunch of lesbians using this place for a retreat." I saw only two drawbacks to spending a few days there: the only running water is Medicine Creek, and there are snakes (rattlers, in fact). But don't let that keep you away from the peace of the rolling hills. The site is fairly removed from any roads. The gentle swell of hill after hill stretching to the horizon is conducive to meditation. As for the rattlers, just keep your eyes open, move slowly, and give them a wide berth. They only want to be left alone with their own thoughts.

Much of the area is wheelchair accessible. You enter the grounds across a log footbridge, and before you lies the lodge itself near a cottonwood tree. Its name stems from this old legend: Voices of the Spirit live in the wind. When the Spirit song is strong, the leaves of all trees dance. When the Spirit voices whisper, only the cottonwood listens, and its leaves will dance in the slightest breeze. The lodge is open for use year-round. In summer, the temperature inside is usually a comfortable 75 degrees; in winter, with a fire in the hearth, it's usually around 50 degrees. Inside are displayed various artifacts from the region. Jan and Les are happy to tell you about them. They'll even encourage you to wrap the buffalo skin around your shoulders to feel its weight and warmth. I found that a welcome change from the behind-the-glass type of display in a museum.

A walk up the hill brings you to a large cedar tree. In front of it lies a circle of stones within another circle of stones. The Indians recognized that since there is a spirit within a person's body, and just as the earth is within the universe, their

marriage place should reflect that. This would make a lovely site for a union ceremony. The couple would stand inside the center ring, make their pledges to each other, then leave a gift tied to the Grandmother Tree (usually a personal item).

Further up the slope, at the highest point on the grounds, is laid out a Medicine Wheel made of stones arranged in a giant circle, with some stone in straight lines radiating out from the center. The Indians used this as their calendar, with the 'spokes' marking the rising and setting axis of the summer and winter solstices. The outer circle is formed by 28 stones, the number of days in the moon's cycle. A rock placed on top of a stone, and moved daily, tells what day of the cycle it is.

Down the slope, you cross Medicine Creek on a narrow bridge made of a single felled tree, leading to the sweat lodge. Jan or Les will help you conduct an introductory sweat, handling the hot rocks and interpreting the symbolism, if you're unfamiliar with the ritual. After the sweat has purified your body, mind, and spirit, it's only a short jump into the refreshing coolness of the creek. Canoeing is also available.

Spent only a brief afternoon and evening there. I guess if I could sum up my short experience there in just one word, it would be spiritual. I admired the way the Native Americans know how to live in harmony with nature, taking no more than what they needed and always remembering to offer thanks to the providers. I realized how far away our society has grown from that. The Dancing Leaf Earth Lodge would be an ideal place to recapture some of that wisdom. The sun slipped beneath a low bank of clouds in the west as we walked down the hill from the Medicine Wheel. From the north came the *scree* of two circling red-tail hawks. It seemed an appropriate end to the day.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, July 1

ICON Board of Governors Meeting, The Max, 1417 Jackson St., Omaha, 6:30pm.

Support Group for Bisexuals. Open to all sexes, 7:30pm, Cornerstone (Upstairs), 640 N. 16th Street, Lincoln.

TUESDAY, June 4

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

Absolutely Positive, 9pm, Nebraska Education Television. Peter Adair's documentary on HIV+ persons. Great viewing!

THURSDAY, July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Imperial Court of Nebraska Community Picnic, 12-6pm, Progressive Park, located off South Omaha Bridge Road, Council Bluffs, Iowa. \$7.00 admission.

SATURDAY, July 6

Sixties Dance. Coalition 1st Saturday Event, Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', Lincoln 7-10pm

SUNDAY, July 7

New Voice Steering Committee, MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th Street, 1pm.

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization. GLSO Information: 558-8121, 6:30pm.

MONDAY, July 8

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

SUNDAY, July 14

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

Parents-FLAG/Omaha, 3pm, 1st Methodist Church (Educ. Wing), 7020 Cass. 291-6781.

TUESDAY, July 16

Gay/Lesbian Coalition Board meeting, 7:30pm, St. Marks, 13th & R, Lincoln.

SUNDAY, July 21

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

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization. GLSO Information: 558-8121, 6:30pm.

NAP/PWA Benefit Show, The MAX, 1417 Jackson Street, Omaha, 9:30pm.

MONDAY, July 22

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

TUESDAY, July 23

P-FLAG/Lincoln, 6pm, Summer Family Picnic. Call for details: 435-4688

SATURDAY, July 27

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns. For info: 733-1360.

SUNDAY, July 28

Investiture of Reign XI, ICON, The MAX, 1417 Jackson Street, Omaha, 9:30pm.

Planning meeting for Nebraska Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Resource Center, 7pm, Bennett Martin Library, 4th Floor, 14th & 'N' Streets, Lincoln.

TWO-BOVINE BONANZA



WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers Running/Walk-ing Club, 10am.

The Max, 1417 Jackson St., Omaha. Shows at 9:30pm.

MONDAY

Queer Nation/Nebraska, Lincoln Bennett Martin Library, 14th & N St. Call Queer Line at 489-3326 for details & meeting time.

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

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsal. Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40th, 7:15pm.

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Empty Closet Discussion/Support Group, Grand Island/Hastings alternating. Call for details: (308) 234-6500.

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

THURSDAY

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 8pm.

Empty Closet Support Group Kearney meetings (308) 234-8248.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

CAPITOL VIEW

by Kevin Moriarty

The U.S. House of Representatives spent the early days of June working on civil rights legislation, with Democrats attempting to garner enough support to override a certain Presidential veto. President Bush objects to the civil rights legislation, calling it "quota" law; business interests lend substantial weight to this sentiment.

Despite compromises, revisions and new initiatives, (such as caps on damages for women and minorities) the version which eventually passed the House—the Brooks-Fish bill—fell 17 votes short of the 290 needed to override a veto.

Attention now turns to the Senate, where no Democratic bill has yet been introduced. Senator John Danforth (R-Missouri) with eight other Republicans have, however, introduced a package of bills meant as a compromise. One bill is identical to the House-passed provisions (but not the President's) overturning five Supreme Court decisions. Another deals only with disparate impact and is closer to the House version than the President's. Another deals only with damages, and would place different caps on damages depending on the size of a business. Watch for movement on these before the August recess.

Turning to other matters, the Senate Labor Committee approved 12-5 the "gag" rule prohibiting federally-funded family planning programs

from informing women of their option to have an abortion. One reason this is of interest to lesbian and gay Americans is that sets precedent for government interference in the doctor-patient relationships of anyone using publicly funded health services. The bill should come to the Senate floor soon, where it is expected to pass, although President Bush has threatened to veto it. The House subcommittee on Health is, at this writing, marking up companion legislation.

AIDS-related activities during June included reauthorization of funding for the National Institutes of Health (H.R. 2507), which passed the House Energy and Commerce Committee 27-16. Also, the House Human Resources Subcommittee began hearings to revise the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) definition of AIDS; AIDS is defined in part by its symptoms, and women with HIV disease often exhibit symptoms not seen in men and, hence, are usually diagnosed later in the course of the disease. They are thereby denied important health and income benefits, and their survival period from diagnosis to death is shorter than for men. The Human Rights Campaign Fund, representing lesbian and gay Americans, submitted testimony to the Subcommittee.

Several Members of Congress marked the tenth anniversary of the first CDC report of AIDS

with floor speeches on June 5. The floor event was organized by Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-California) who was joined by eleven other Members in recounting the first years of the epidemic and in calling for renewed efforts in prevention, research, care and education in this public health disaster.

The House voted 240-173 to restore \$1.9 billion for the space station that had been deleted by the Appropriations Committee. This will mean cutting some \$200 million for public housing programs. Those funds most likely will come from newly-funded programs, some of which are specifically for persons with HIV disease. This fight will be renewed in the Senate later this summer.

Plans by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to lift the ban on immigration by persons with AIDS were postponed for at least 60 days last week. Officials said about 40,000 people responded to a request for comments on Secretary Louis Sullivan's proposal to end the restriction; approximately 36,000 responses urged keeping the ban in place, while only about 4,000 favored ending it. The Christian Action Network organized a mass mailing campaign: "Are there not enough homosexuals in the United States with AIDS that we need to import more?" asked the group's president in a direct mail letter. "That's exactly what's happening—more homosexuals, more AIDS, more death... thanks to the liberals within the Department of Human Services," he wrote. If past mail campaigns are a predictor of the future, AIDS and gay rights groups will have a steep battle to counteract the Christian Action Network campaign; such conservative, restrictive movements usually generate more mail than those favoring progressive policies on AIDS. Action needed: write a letter or postcard supporting removal of the ban, saying AIDS cannot be transmitted by casual contact, and pointing out that the ban violates the human rights of foreigners seeking to enter the country, which places the United States in the same category as "police state" countries such as Cuba, Iran and China, which have similar policies. Letters should be sent to Charles McCance, Director, Division of Quarantine, Center for Preventive Services, U.S. Center for Disease Control, Mail Stop E-04, Atlanta, GA 30333.

Support for the Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights Bill grew again in June. At this writing, 13 Senators have cosponsored, and 89 Representatives. It is probable that more will have signed on by the beginning of July.

Congressional and Administration action on all fronts—civil rights, women's health issues, AIDS—is certain to speed up as Washington tries to complete business before the August recess.

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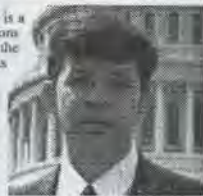


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ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AIDS:

Opinion by NGLTF

Ten years into the AIDS epidemic - a horrific anniversary marked this June - homophobia continues to harshly undermine effective health policy. Anti-gay and lesbian prejudice has derailed government AIDS initiatives and shamefully contributed to the illness and deaths of thousands of gay people.

Gay men make up a majority of reported AIDS cases in the U.S. According to CDC estimates, 65 percent of reported U.S. AIDS cases are among male homosexuals and bisexuals. Forty-two percent of all reported AIDS cases among blacks are male homosexuals and bisexuals; 46 percent among Hispanics; 30 percent among adolescents and young adults.

Yet little if any federal funding is targeted toward the gay and lesbian community. Federal "no promo homo" legislation bans funding of explicit, gay- and lesbian-specific HIV prevention programs. Meanwhile, AIDS projects around the country report an alarming "relapse" in unsafe sex practices among gay males, and an increase in HIV prevalence in gay youth.

President Bush recently said, "...I've tried to be very sensitive to the question of babies suffering from AIDS, innocent people that are hurt by this disease" (*National Catholic Reporter*, April 12,

1991). In a recent front-page banner headline, *USA Today* proclaimed, "AIDS: GUARDING THE INNOCENT" (Friday, May 17).

These two incidents reflect the deeply rooted stigma and underlying anti-gay contempt that have shaded the specter of AIDS since the original "Rare Cancer Seen in 41 Homosexuals" story appeared ten years ago (*New York Times*, July 3, 1981).

Children and babies with HIV are "innocent." Gay people are "guilty." This stigma has shaped government health policy, media coverage, legislation, and public perception since the beginning of the epidemic, and does so now.

Sound health policy is being held hostage by politicians who play political football with people's lives to appease Far Right conservative forces. HIV exclusion of immigrants and travelers is an example of how medical and scientific facts are ignored. AIDS funding, in particular for the Ryan White CARE Act, remains woefully inadequate. HIV protocols for women and people of color are almost non-existent, even though people of color are more likely to die within six months of diagnosis.

The 10th anniversary of AIDS gives us an opportunity to pause and contemplate the unahomable. Since 1981, more than 174,900 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS. About 110,500 have died. More than a million Americans are infected with HIV. About 215,000 of them will die within the next three years - more than during the first 10 years of the epidemic.

The fight should be against AIDS, not the

victims of AIDS. We need to be proactive, not reactive. If the President wants to protect all citizens from AIDS, he must advocate for funding of targeted education and prevention programs. He must back up his calls for compassion with leadership and action.

If there is a glimmer of hope in this horrible and unspeakable tragedy, it is that gay men and lesbians have been sparked into bold action by the scourge of AIDS. Enraged by a negligent government, compelled to fight the contempt of a public that loathes homosexuals, the gay and lesbian movement has been galvanized into a battle that will continue until the epidemic ends and long beyond.

FRONTRUNNERS MAKE GIFT BASKETS

Many people with AIDS have very little to look forward to. For several months now, for major holidays, John and Gary have been making special gift baskets for Omaha PWA's. This project originally started with Dennis.

The baskets, which include such items as paperback books, candy, candles, etc., have been a big hit with both PWA's and their loved ones. The cost per basket is usually around \$20 to \$25, and money is needed for the July 4th baskets. If you would like to contribute to this project please send donations to:

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Human Rights CAMPAIGN FUND

100 COSPONSORS FOR LESBIAN & GAY CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

The Human Rights Campaign Fund announced that Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA) and Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) have become cosponsors of the National Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill, bringing the total number of cosponsors in this session of Congress to 100.

"This is an important breakthrough. For the first time in the long history of this bill we have reached the milestone number of 100 cosponsors. This is a direct result of the lesbian and gay community's unprecedented commitment to achieving passage of this bill in the coming decade," noted Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Campaign Fund. Both Lantos and Mikulski indicated their support for the bill following lobbying visits by members of the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Leadership Conference which was held in Washington recently.

"The Campaign Fund is committed to increasing cosponsorship and sending the message that this bill deserves the support of every member of Congress who opposes discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Never before have we seen such broad support, from Democrats and Republicans alike. We intend to continue building on this support until the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill is the law of the land," McFeeley stated.

The Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, has made passage of the bill a high priority for the 90's. In the past election cycle, the Campaign Fund's political action committee contributed over \$500,000 to pro-lesbian and gay candidates for Congress.

"In the coming weeks, we expect additional cosponsors as a result of the continuing involvement of lesbian and gay Americans in the political process. I am encouraging every member of our community to take an active role in bringing this legislation to final victory," McFeeley stated.

For more information on how you can help, contact the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Constituent's Division at (202) 628-4160.

Editor's note: No Nebraska or Iowa senator or representative is a cosponsor. If you have an opinion on this subject, please contact your senator and representative and let them know how you feel.

1991 Lesbian & Gay Civil Rights Bill Cosponsors Total: 88 House/12 Senate (Senators in capitals)

Arizona: Udall (D)
California: CRANSTON (D), Beilenson (D), Berman (D), Boxer (D), Brown, G. (D), Campbell, T. (R), Dellums (D), Dixon, J. (D), Dymally (D), Edwards, D. (D), Fazio (D), Lantos (D), Levine, M. (D), Martinez (D), Matsui (D), Miller, G. (D), Panetta (D), Pelosi (D), Roybal (D), Stark (D), Torres (CA), Waters (D), Waxman (D)
Colorado: Schroeder (D)

Connecticut: DeLauro (D), Gejdenson (D), Kennedy (D), Shays (R)
District of Columbia: Norton (D)
Florida: Lehman, W. (D)
Georgia: Lewis, John (D)
Hawaii: AKAKA (D), INOUE (D), Abercrombie (D), Mink (D)
Illinois: SIMON (D), Collins, C. (D), Evans (D), Hayes, C. (D), Yates (D)
Maine: Andrews, T. (D)
Maryland: MIKULSKI (D), Cardin (D), Hoyer (D), Mfume (D), Morella (R)
Massachusetts: KENNEDY (D), KERRY (D), Atkins (D), Frank, B. (D), Kennedy (D), Markey (D), Studds (D)
Michigan: Collins, B.R. (D), Conyers (D)
Minnesota: WELLSSTONE (D), Sabo (D), Sikorski (D), Vento (D)
Missouri: Clay (D), Wheat (D)
New Jersey: Andrews (D), Dwyer (D), Payne, D. (D), Torricelli (D)
New York: MOYNIHAN (D), Ackerman (D), Engel (D), Green (R), Lowey (D), Mrazek (D), Owens, M. (D), Rangel (D), Scheuer (D), Schumer (D), Serrano (D), Slaughter, L. (D), Solarz (D), Towns (D), Weiss (D)
Ohio: Feighan (D), Stokes (D)
Oregon: AuCoin (D), DeFazio (D), Kopetski (D)

Pennsylvania: Coyne (D), Foglietta (D), Gray (D), Kostmayer (D)
Rhode Island: CHAFFEE (R), PELL (D)
Tennessee: Ford, H. (D)
Texas: Washington (D)
Vermont: Sanders (D)
Washington: ADAMS (D), McDermott (D), Miller, J. (R), Unsoeld (D)
Wisconsin: Moody (D)

LESBIAN DENIED CUSTODY

In District Court in Foster County, North Dakota, Dianne Schlottman's request for custody of her children was denied and her visitation rights taken away until a counselor decides that visitation can be resumed.

Schlottman had fought her ex-husband, Jon Johnson, for full custody of their two children, Holly, 12, and Travis, 9. Schlottman claimed that Johnson was turning the children against her. The difficulties started when Johnson remarried in March 1990.

Schlottman and her attorney, William Kirschner, are shocked by the ruling. They plan to appeal Judge Hoberg's decision to the North Dakota Supreme Court.

Ella Huwe, Schlottman's partner, said, "The ruling is worse than the worst case we imagined." "Dianne was literally wiped out of the kids' lives," said Laurie Kirschner, William Kirschner's assistant.

William is cautiously optimistic about the appeal, claiming that Hoberg used factual inaccuracies, disregarded all of the evidence, and abused his discretion in transferring power to a counselor to decide visitation.

Schlottman's defense took three full days in court, with considerable expert testimony. Johnson used only one expert witness, a psychologist who was impeached on the witness stand.

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THOMPSON DENIED GUARDIANSHIP

Karen Thompson announced that she will appeal Judge Robert Campbell's decision denying her guardianship rights of her mentally and physically disabled partner, Sharon Kowalski.

The ruling awarded Karen Tomberlin "neutral" guardianship rights even though Tomberlin never filed a petition. Thompson and the Kowalski family were awarded visitation rights.

"For 7-1/2 years Sharon and I have been battered by our court justice system," Thompson said. "I dared to hope that his time there would be justice. What really is at stake here I believe to be basic human rights."

The appeal addresses two areas of Campbell's decision: that the ruling was illegal and that Campbell disregarded state statute laws regulating guardianship criteria.

"I'm stunned that Judge Campbell has so flagrantly violated the law (by awarding guardianship) to someone who did not even apply," Thompson said.

Thompson added that Tomberlin testified during the proceedings that she didn't have time to be Sharon's guardian and that she might consider being co-guardian.

"The decision is clearly homophobic and heterosexist," said Ann DeGroot, executive director for GLCAC. "The (petition) would not have been questioned if it was a heterosexual union."

The second part of the appeal concerns the overall statute and who should be guardian. There are three parts to the law: the ward's preference for guardian, the quality of interaction between the ward and proposed guardian, and the ability of the petitioner to provide care for the ward.

"Karen meets them all," Wilson said. "There was not one piece of evidence, none, to the contrary."

Thompson and Wilson expect the court to hear oral arguments on the appeal within 12 weeks and a decision should be made within six months. Although Wilson expects the court to reverse Campbell's decision, Wilson said they will take it to the state supreme court or higher if needed.

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FLORIDA AMENDS HATE CRIMES LAWS

After extensive grassroots lobbying, the Florida Legislature enacted a bill amending its laws to define hate crimes as criminal offenses evidenced by prejudice based on the race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin of the victim.

Florida's law is the strongest in the nation, according to civil rights lawyer Rand Hoch, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and President of the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council, Inc.

"The new law not only requires law enforcement agencies to maintain statistics, but also provides for 'enhanced' criminal penalties for persons convicted of hate crimes. For example a person convicted of a first degree misdemeanor would be punished as if it were a third degree felony," Hoch explained. "Under the civil provisions of the law, victims may seek injunctions, recover triple damages, and be reimbursed for their attorney's fees."

LESBIAN CONFERENCE GETS MIXED REVIEWS

An estimated 2,500 lesbians attended the National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta, Georgia April 24-28. The Event was an impressive mix of concerns that provided a forum for the airing of many divergent views.

At the same time, it left many attendees frustrated and skeptical about the possibility of any organized national lesbian political movement in the U.S.

Two distinct processes appeared to be going on at the NLC: consciousness-raising and political agendas. "Anti-oppression" workshops were a major focus of the conference, with selected plenary guest speakers addressing issues such as ableism, ageism, and homophobia.

Political process appeared to be muted compared to the large number of social and culturally-themed workshops. On Friday night, however, in the midst of the plenary program, 60 women from the Lesbians of Color (LOC) caucus took over the stage to protest problems they had encountered with the conference.

Internal political problems aside, the conference had much to offer. The conference was attended by many lesbians with disabilities, deaf lesbians, and old lesbians as a direct result of conference policies.

Access coordinator Mary Frances Platt noted that the NLC was "one of the most accessible events ever."

At the Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta on Sunday evening, a group of a dozen dykes, mostly lesbians of color, waited for their plane. They were having a gay time, loudly retelling various incredible happenings at the conference.

"I'm going to go to a T-shirt shop and T-shirts made up for everybody her," said one woman. "It'll say, 'I survived the NLC.'" Everyone laughed and nodded their heads - clearly, they did indeed feel like survivors.

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Gay and lesbian couples looking for a couple support group, legal information, or a way to win domestic partnership benefits might start with a free list of resources available from *Partners Newsletter For Gay & Lesbian Couples*. The annotated directory, "Resources for Gay & Lesbian Couples," is available in a newly-expanded edition that lists two dozen social, political, and support organizations and more than 70 books, tapes, and films.

To receive a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to Partners resources, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.

Partners, a 16-page bimonthly, contains interviews, news, and features. According to publishers Sievie Bryant and Demian, "Partners supports our diverse community with timely information and ideas, and is a resource and forum supporting committed same-sex relationships." The newsletter's mailing list is never sold or traded. Available by subscription, the publication costs \$21. per year; \$3.99 for a sample issue.

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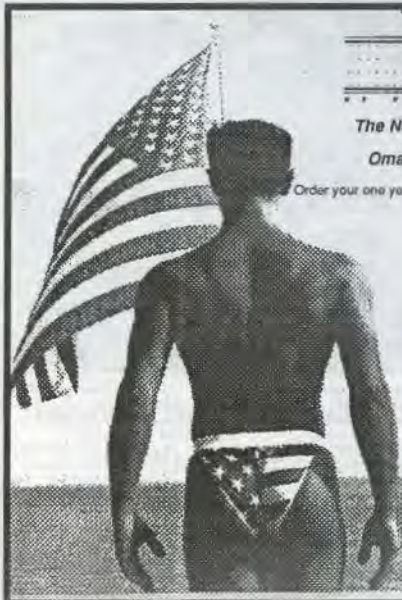
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PRIDE PLAYHOUSE VIDEO

The Out and About Pictures Pride Playhouse Collection kicks off with video versions of two of the most performed gay plays of the past decade, Robert Chesley's *Jerker* and James Carroll Pickett's *Dream Man*. Officially premiering at this July's Los Angeles International Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival.

Executive Producer Kevin M. Glover has packaged these videos to help fill the void of realistic gay images made for gay audiences who find themselves with few non-pornographic options if they want to see gay characters on their home screen. "Both *Jerker* and *Dream Man* offer the gay audience the rare chance to examine and celebrate ourselves honestly and graphically in a medium that is usually subject to the prejudices of a mass audience," says Glover (*Jerker* launched a national uproar and caused a change in rules for the FCC recently overturned by the Supreme Court when it aired on public radio). Thematically connected by the cord of phone sex, *Jerker* and *Dream Man* provide some of the most powerful gay writing and performance opportunities in recent memory.

Following their July premier at the LA festival, *Jerker* and *Dream Man* will be available at selected retail stores across the country. They are currently available via mail order from SYZYGY. The videos list at \$49.95 for *Jerker* and \$39.95 for *Dream Man*. Simply send check or money order to SYZYGY, P.O. Box 3003, North Hollywood, CA 91609 (California residents add 7% sales tax).



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

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

Nbr. Scholarship Fund for G/L Students
Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503. (402) 464-0371. Non-profit scholarship fund with NU Foundation.

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

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P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, 464-0371. Student organization for SCC students, Gays, and Lesbians interested in educational, social, and political activities.

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

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

UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni/Ae Assoc., Inc.
Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, (402) 464-0371. Social, educational, & political network for UNL's G/L alumni/ae, faculty, staff, & students.

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Women's Journal-Advocate
Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501.

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

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

Citizens For Equal Protection
P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131. Legislative action group working for Human Rights ordinance.

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Club
Box 31331, Omaha, NE 68131-0331. Networking organization of business/professionals.

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

Mishpachot Chavarn
Jewish Gays and Lesbians, (402) 551-0510: Gary.

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

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

OLIS (Our Love Is Spical)
P.O. Box 11355, Omaha, NE 68111. Support/ social group for women of all colors.

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

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns
(402) 733-1360: Cleve. Meets 1st Sat. of month Jan. - Oct. & 2nd Sat. of Dec. No Nov. meeting.

River City Bowling League
(402) 346-4110 [Scott] or (402) 493-6118 [Charlie].

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River City Gender Alliance
Box 315, Omaha, Council Bluffs, IA 51502. Support group for transsexuals, transgenderists, cross dressers. Meets 2nd Sat. of even numbered months.

River City Mixed Chorus
Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101 (402) 733-1703: Volunteer chorus for G/L/Sensitive people.

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

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103.

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

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

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power-Nebraska
P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, (402) 464-0371. Statewide militant org. to fight for AIDS improvements, homophobia, and all forms of discrimination. Coordinator: Rodney A. Bell II

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

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

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

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

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)

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

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

*2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, (402) 291-6781. Meets 2nd Sunday at First United Methodist, 6900 Cass Street.

Queer Nation
Meets every other Mon. (402) 489-3326. Activist org. to eliminate homophobia and heterosexism.

July at THE MAX

Sunday, July 7

**It's First Class Male
with Kevin
Andrews**

Thursday, July 11

**Underwear Night 5
on the Patio**

Sunday, July 14

**Miss Gay Nebraska
America
with Valerie Lohr**

Thursday, July 18

**Win, Lose or Draw
on the patio
with Phoebe Tate**

Sunday, July 21

**A benefit show for
Nebraska Aids
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Sunday, July 28

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