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A GENERATION
OF PRIDE
20 years

OUR TURN

VIEWS AND OPINIONS BY STAFF ▼

It's June and thoughts turn to Gay and Lesbian Pride. This year is the 20th anniversary of the riots at the Stonewall Bar which marked the beginning of the Gay Pride Movement. Omaha is looking forward to a busy week with activities to interest almost every member of our community, culminating with a

Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and a Community Picnic. Good times, proud times, times that let us stand up together and be counted. So why are my feelings so mixed as I write this? Partly because an important member of our community sits in jail, far removed from friends and family. Partly because there are still so many of our community who hide in the supposed safety of their closeted lives. Partly because we are so intolerant of each other and so quick to criticize. I've been out only 3 years and I've found these last 3 years to be the most fulfilling of my entire life. Since I decided to accept the fact that I am Lesbian I discovered that this honest self acceptance opened a hundred other doors. I've rediscovered the spiritual side of my self and have found that I can express this spiritual side freely at MCC-Omaha with whatever amount of involvement is comfortable for me. I've made dozens of new friends and even more acquaintances (and for

someone who was a social isolate that's pretty good). I've found a great volunteer activity to fill my spare time (writing and editing for

As I contemplate this year's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week I am proud of who I am and of those who will march beside me.

The New Voice definitely takes care of spare time). Most importantly, I've found a relationship that is healthy and based on mutual trust and respect. So my thoughts about

my sexuality are mixed with sadness and joy, with frustration and a sense of accomplishment. As I contemplate this year's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week I am proud of who I am and of those who will march beside me. I am also proud of those who cannot march but support us in a hundred other ways. For me, Stonewall 20 does in fact represent a generation of pride. ▽

Sharon Van Butsel
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EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS AT US WEST

Employees of US WEST have undertaken a task that was risky and not always easy, establishing the sixth chapter of EAGLE (Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians). EAGLE's stated purpose is "to strengthen the supportive environment with US WEST so the unique issues of gay and lesbian employees are addressed and resolved while furthering corporate goals.

"History was made on March 1-3, 1989 as EAGLE held its first regional conference in Seattle, Washington, home of the founding chapter. This was a 14-state conference sponsored by and for lesbian and gay employees to explore issues concerning them in the corporate environment. Some of the business resulting in action plans are as follows:

1. A regional standing committee to look at participating in and helping develop a plan relating to domestic partnerships. To assist civic development as well as corporate development. While some of these issues may be part of the bargaining package, we will also be looking at items not covered in the bargaining package, such as death benefits.

2. A regional standing committee to address a proactive marketing posture by US WEST as it relates to lesbian and gay businesses as well as the customer market base. We consider the lesbian and gay market base substantial as well as viable and wish to no longer be excluded from those areas that will, indeed, assist our business leaders to become more successful in the business world.

There were other action plans as well as a lot of good feelings as we finished the conference with a presentation by Joan E. Biren (JEB). Nearly 100 people were on hand to enjoy dinner and JEB's presentation, "For Love and For Life." At the end of the evening we felt empowered and ready to continue the work as a valued resource group within our company.

While, as stated, the task was not always easy, we appreciate the support and understanding we have received from other resource groups at US WEST Inc. The following is a sample of that support in the form of an interview published in US WEST WOMEN's ALLIANCE newsletter, here in Omaha. We especially wish to acknowledge US WEST WOMEN for their steadfast encouragement and support.

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS: A TALK WITH THE CO-FOUNDERS OF NEBRASKA EAGLE

Doris Goemmel

"The fact that people are having trouble with the issue explains the reason for the resource group."

How many of us could not have said those words at some time in our lives? Wasn't the primary reason for the original formation of US WEST WOMEN(MWA) the fact that both the individual women and their predominately male colleagues were having problems reconciling years of heritage and tradition with the reality of women in the professional workplace? Would the Nebraska Black Managers Association have formed if there were no conflicts? Would SOMOS have organized if there were no problems?

The quotation above is from a statement by Terry Sweeney, one of

the co-founders of the Omaha chapter of EAGLE, the US WEST resource group devoted to the elimination of discrimination directed at Gays and Lesbians. EAGLE in Omaha has been the subject of controversy and explosive feelings from many corners. The Alliance spoke at length with Sharon McCartney and Sweeney, the two founders of the Chapter, in an effort to learn the facts about the organization and the reason for the embattlement.

The stated goals of EAGLE are:
"1. To support US WEST's vision statement on Pluralism, that 'our culture will be devoid of racism and sexism and all other forms of discrimination. Equal opportunity will maximize the contribution of all

individuals to the profitability of the business.'

"2. Domestic partnership - to ensure that benefits are assigned to all employees equally - regardless of marital status or sexual orientation. To work towards our benefit packages being more mindful of equality in their labels and language.
"3. Serve as a support group for gay and lesbian employees so that our maximum potential is realized and utilized by our company.

"Within each of these areas, EAGLE has identified specific objectives and avenues of action. So why all the fuss? According to McCartney, the explosive reactions encountered in Nebraska are hard to evaluate: "Fear - fear that something is going to rub off on them...I don't

EAGLE

know. Misunderstanding - fear because they don't know us."

Sweeney is more adamant: "I can't allow ignorance to be an excuse. Ignorance was not an excuse during the civil rights movement....They don't want to know. They're afraid of guilt by association. If they don't know, then why aren't they using the resource groups to learn and find out?"

EAGLE - the past year

Before officially founding the Omaha Chapter, McCartney and Sweeney spent over six months investigating the other chapters' successes and failures. Formal announcement of the Omaha Chapter was originally planned for June 1988, to take place during Lesbian and Gay Pride week, to coincide with the Nebraska Pluralism Council's awareness event on gay and lesbian issues.

The cancellation of the Pluralism Council events by local executives forced a rescheduling of the formal announcement to October. The October event was cancelled by "unnamed" people in the Eastern Region of US WEST. "No specific names have been given to us," according to McCartney.

Sam Pfeiffer, of the Nebraska Human Resources staff, finally agreed to allow announcement fliers to be distributed, but only after review by his office, which is not required of the other resource groups.

In addition to the furor and conflict at the executive levels of US WEST in Nebraska, there has been evidence of phobic reactions among some sectors of the employee body. A petition is

said to be circulating among outstate employees, demanding that their names be removed from the "all-employee" distribution of materials relating to discrimination against Gays and Lesbians, whether issued by the Nebraska Pluralism Council or by EAGLE. There is evidently a fear (there's that word again) that by receiving such fliers, these folks will be "labeled" as Gay or Lesbian.

The similarities to the battles fought and won by other oppressed groups are striking. Remember when, among the "good old white boys," the label "nigger lover" could precipitate violence? How many sensitive and loving men still cringe at the prospect of being identified as "pussy-whipped" or "henpecked"? The reactions are the same: *Anger*. The reasons are the same: *Fear*. Of course, as a resource group, EAGLE is required to be open to all employees, and therefore all-employee mailings are appropriate.

Omaha EAGLE has not taken any action to publicize outside the Company, either the fact of its existence or the problems encountered, but the word is spreading. Friends and families are sharing the struggles. Workshop leaders and facilitators are putting two-and-two together. Clergy are offering counsel. This informal communication is the same as that

in which we all engage when we go home and grumble that we don't know who our boss is going to be next week.

The Nebraska Civil Liberties Union is aware of the events surrounding the Omaha Chapter of EAGLE over the past year, and is monitoring the situation closely. One particularly disturbing aspect of all this turmoil is the fact EAGLE has successfully launched chapters in Washington, Minnesota, Colorado, and Arizona, without this degree of resistance. Are we that obtuse in the Big Red state?

Is It Worth The Fight? - The Invisible Minority

Gays and Lesbians are subject to discrimination in the workplace in both subtle and overt ways, much as women and other minorities have encountered in the past:

Gays and Lesbians are ostracized from the informal networks in which business information is shared (remember when a major complaint in the women's movement was the fact so much business was conducted in locker rooms and the men's room?).

There is reluctance to share knowledge with gay and lesbian co-workers, similar to the silent stone

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FEATURES



PROUD OF WHOM?

Jerry Peck

It is almost deadline time for the Pride Issue of The New Voice of Nebraska. I am in solitary confinement at the Jacksonville, Florida, jail. I am a victim of entrapment and they want to give me six months using a Florida statute that declares that Persons With AIDS are a threat to society. My treatment makes me recall the darkest ages of man's history. My situation makes it difficult to think of celebrating a pride in being a part of the gay/lesbian community. However, if it were not for the friends that I came to visit, and the friends that I know are concerned in Omaha, my situation would be more than hopeless. I also know that this Florida situation can change through actions by proud people who are not afraid to stand up for their friends. I have never been a part of any other gay/lesbian community except Omaha. If I am able I will be in the pride activities; not so much for pride in myself, but pride in the many gays and lesbians that have made Nebraska a place where a person can be openly and actively gay or lesbian. MCC Omaha has a 15-year history of people making gays/lesbians comfortable in worship. ICON has an equally long history of people providing social events and fund raising. For a complete list, see the resource list. We may not agree

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PHIL HOGAN REMEMBERS

Larry Wiseblood

Phil Hogan, co-owner and manager of the Boardwalk in Lincoln, will be relocating to San Francisco. On April 13, Larry Wiseblood, founder and former editor of The New Voice, interviewed Phil at the Boardwalk/Club, a popular meeting place for the Lincoln gay community for the past five years. In the interview Phil shared his memories and opinions about his service to the community in the past 16 years. The New Voice originated with Phil and Jamie. Flyers, distributed at the former Sanctuary, led to the initial staffing of the magazine. Many other activities, fund-raisers, and organizations have been supported by Phil over the years.

LARRY: *When did you start getting involved with the gay community?*

PHIL: In 1974 I became involved in Coffeehouse. We met every Sunday night with a live DJ, cookies, popcorn, and soda pop. Everyone was welcome; students and non-students. In 1975, I met Jamie for the first time at Coffeehouse, with his boyfriend, Joe. They had both just gotten out of the Navy. Things were shaky between him and Joe and they broke up. I started running around with Jamie and he got involved further with Coffeehouse. My dad owned a restaurant called Hogan's Cafe at 27th and O. Late in 1975 we decided to ask if we could use the restaurant on Sunday nights

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The Second Most Important Room in the House

Hedda Lettuce

Can you believe it, girls? The year is almost half over, the longest day of the year is coming up, and all those young, beautiful bodies are out of school and running around in shorts and tank tops!

But, alas, I digress. Let us get cooking. Today, girls, we're going to throw together some potato salad. So we have to talk potatoes.

Rule #1 is DON'T use yesterday's cold boiled potatoes; they have lost all of their flavor and goodness. Probably the best kind of potato to use is the small, red waxy ones; they hold their shape well and don't crumble when sliced or diced. Also, medium-sized Idaho potatoes can be used.

Rule #2 is boil the potatoes in their jackets and peel and marinate while they are still warm. When you go shopping for potatoes, try and get them all the same size; this helps insure they are all cooked to the same degree of doneness.

So here we are, the potatoes are done, you have removed the skins, although the skins should just about slide off the potato. You have them sliced or diced. Now, while the potatoes are still warm, you should marinate them in a little bit of french dressing, about a half cup or slightly more to every 2 cups of potato.

A quick word about French Dressing, it is NOT the red stuff you buy in the store, it is oil and vinegar and perhaps a bit of dry mustard, some salt and pepper. Have a quantity of this French Dressing

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heated and pour it over the warm potatoes. I usually put this into a zip-lock bag and let them sit in the fridge overnight. The next day the dressing should be absorbed into the potatoes. You can add just about anything to the potatoes, hard cooked eggs, olives, cucumber slices, pickles, onion, green onion, capers, radishes, green and/or red pepper, etc. Some people even put tomatoes in their salad. At this point gently stir all the additions into the salad and return it to the fridge. This lets all the ingredients chill and meld their flavors without becoming soggy.

After an hour or so, add mayonnaise or salad dressing, some paprika, salt and pepper (a few grains of cayenne pepper doesn't hurt). Some parsley and/or chives can also be thrown in. Toss this all together and refrigerate at least an hour longer.

That's it this month. I've got to heat up my favorite luke warm body. ▽

General Mills Supports Greg Louganis?

The following letter was received from General Mills, Inc. on March 25th 1989, and is printed in its entirety.

Dear Editor: This letter is intended to correct misinformation appearing in the media regarding Olympic champion Greg Louganis and one of the General Mill's breakfast cereals, Wheaties.

Recently the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) urged readers of its monthly bulletin to protest Mr. Louganis' absence from the front of the Wheaties package, an athletic recognition that has been awarded to only a select number of Olympians in the 65-year-old history of the cereal. GLAAD also quoted a sports marketing executive to the effect that Mr. Louganis wasn't "macho."

Many readers have erroneously assumed that the executive who made the "macho" statement is from General Mills. He is not - nor does he have any association with General Mills or Wheaties. Mr. Louganis and other outstanding American athletes who participated in the 1988 Summer Olympics were not selected to appear on the Wheaties package because at the time the cereal was negotiating a long-term contract with basketball star Michael Jordan.

Wheaties is proud of the accomplishments of all the athletes who represented the United States in the 1988 Summer Olympics.

Sincerely R. C. Shulstad, Director of Media and Financial Relations, General Mills, Inc. ▽

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with every thing each group has done, but they have tried. As individuals we each have an opportunity to participate to whatever extent we choose. For some, marching in a parade is a great step forward, but we have to step out, or we could return to the dark ages and be stepped on. In June there are gays and lesbians across the country remembering Stonewall. My situation is one of apparent prejudice against People With AIDS; however would this be the case if AIDS had not been so long related to the Gay community? The stereotype of a Person With AIDS is a Gay male. That stereotype is of one in the shadows or in the closet doing all sorts of things that they would never do in the light of day. Many in Florida believe that gays are not capable of safer sex. We are seen as animals

and treated as such in jail. Take part in Pride Activities. You may just find that you are able to be proud of others and yourself. ▽

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for an after-Coffeehouse breakfast. He said, "Sure," so Jamie and I would run up there, open it up, and cook breakfast for 35-40 people every Sunday from 12:00 to about 3:00 in the morning. This went on for about six months. Then gays and lesbians started hanging out at a local bar called Casey's, but the regular clientele basically ran us out because they didn't want us to take over the bar.

LARRY: *Wasn't there an assault that happened at Casey's?*

PHIL: Yeah, it started us looking elsewhere. I was there the night of that fight. Somebody got hit with a pool cue at the front door, so we

were all a little nervous about going down there.

LARRY: *What happened after Casey's?*

PHIL: From there, we went to the Office Lounge. Jay came up to us and said, "Let's all meet down there on a Friday night." Jerry, the owner, said that if we could bring in a lot of people, he would think about it. After the bar closed that night, we went to the Capitol and asked everyone to come down there on a Saturday night. We got about 45 people in there. That was more business than Jerry had ever seen in his life.

LARRY: *When I first went to the Office, there were all straight people in there and there was a fight over the pool table. We were scared to death, thinking that if this was going to be the new gay bar, we were either in the wrong place, it was the wrong night, or something was really wrong.*

PHIL: There were apartments in the building and they would throw

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beer bottles at us as were walking through the front door, trying to hit us in the head. This kind of assault went on for about six months and then we started coming in through the back door. At that point in my

LARRY: I always thought the Amoco station the women owned was first.

PHIL: That was later. Amazon Amoco. So anyway, we started advertising at the Office bar for

business, and people would drive way out there for gas and to buy batteries and tires from us. Later I decided to dissolve the

"Oh, God, now what are we getting into?" We took over the bar one afternoon, Jerry changed the locks on the door, and we re-opened it for business that night. We ran the place for about 3 years. Then a friend of mine named Michael came into the picture, also in law enforcement at one time, and we got to talking about why did the straights have to own the gay bars in Lincoln? We knew the owner was laughing all the way to the bank, taking our money and we weren't getting anything in return. The opportunity arose to talk to Gloria, who owned the Alternative. At first she didn't want to talk to us, because she thought we were trying to buy the bar for Jerry so he would have a monopoly in the city. We had to convince her that wasn't the case. Eventually she believed our story and sold us the bar.

LARRY: Readers should also know that she had financial problems and was really struggling.

PHIL: We knew this and we offered her a fair price for the business.

life, this being 1980, I was hanging out at the Office Lounge and I was working for the Harvard Police Department. We had just gotten back from California. We were out there for about a year after things didn't work out too well in Lincoln. Jamie and I were back together again after splitting up for about six months during that period. Jamie kept saying that it would sure be nice to own a bar. One afternoon in early 1982, Jerry, who was the owner of the Office bar and also had an interest in the Sanctuary with Joyce, approached me and asked if I had ever thought about running a bar and quitting law enforcement. I said, "No, not really." He said, "Why don't you think about it?" At that time I had also owned Hogan's East O 66.

LARRY: What was Hogan's East O?

PHIL: It was a Phillips 66 gas station on 84th and O, which I owned. Jamie and Rodney worked for me, running the gas station during the week, and I would come down on weekends from Harvard and help. So it became Lincoln's first gay-owned gas station.

business and accept Jerry's offer to manage the Sanctuary, so I walked up to Jamie at the station and said we were going to run a bar. He said,





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June 1, 1984, we took over the bar, which became Lincoln's first 100% gay-owned-operated bar. When we walked in about midnight, Gloria stood in the front door, handed us the keys, and started crying about the 3-4 years of her life she put into the community. It was an emotional night for all of us. For us it was emotionally high and for her it was emotionally low. We started remodeling, having people from all walks of life come down to help us hammer, paint, pound, tear down, put up, and recreate the Boardwalk site in just seven days. The name came because Jamie wanted to come up with a name, like The Boardwalk, that would associate the situation with the game Monopoly because it broke up the monopoly of straights owning gay bars in Lincoln. Also, when we were in California, Jamie and I used to hang out at a beach in Santa Cruz called the Boardwalk and he always loved the name. We opened on June 7, 1984. We eventually decided to use the north end of this building to make a quiet lounge. By this time the Office had closed and there was no quiet bar. So Donny, Steve's lover, and Jamie sat down and started drawing up plans. After six months, with occasional help from the rest of us and lots of money, the bar opened. Jamie came up with the name, The Club, because it meant a place for people to go. He wanted the gay community to know it was their bar.

LARRY: *So it was Don and Jamie who did The Club?*

PHIL: Yeah, Donny did all the construction and electrical and Tom, a plumber in our community, did all the plumbing. We tried to keep as much of the money as we could in the community. We had a very good first two years. Then the bad news started hitting with the AIDS epidemic and, over the years, a lot of friends have been lost, including

Jamie. This stood Lincoln on its ear. Jamie had been my personal friend for 13 years, and I still have a hard time dealing with it. I feel that people have to be warned but I couldn't do it while I was a bar owner. I'm a friend of all of you and I'm telling all of Lincoln and Omaha that they have to stop playing around. The bar scene on the west and east coasts has completely changed. In the large cities, everybody goes to the bars for a couple of drinks, to meet friends, talk, and then dance their asses off all night long, burning up all that energy. Then they're ready to go home with no sex. They don't need it, because it's too much fun to go to that dance bar the next night and know that all of your friends are there. Nebraska doesn't understand that this is happening. They're still going to the parks, the bathrooms, the bookstores, and they do things without thinking.

LARRY: *Even with the people we have lost, Steve, Jamie, the others?*

PHIL: Yeah, it has an effect, like Jamie, Steve, Martin. I could go on and on but everybody thinks it ain't going to happen to me or my friends. Let me tell you, it will and then you're all going to be sitting here wondering "What the hell happened?" You know, it's got to stop. People have got to listen. I just feel that Lincoln is a breeding ground. It's just going to blow up in our faces. We need to do other things, like support the gay foundations, organizations, and publications, because they're the voices that tell the straight world that we're here, alive and well. We

have some good bars in Nebraska and they aren't being supported like they should be. Now as a customer and not an owner/employee, I can



say that. People don't realize that every night for the past five years I sat down here, biting my nails, looking at the checkbook, wondering how I was going to pay the bills. People come out to the bars after midnight two or three times a month and then think the bar will always be there.

LARRY: *In the early days, people went out at 9:00 and stayed until 1:00. Now the nightlife seems just an hour long.*

PHIL: Lincoln has one of the nicest bars in a five state area. People don't realize that they could lose this nice bar. They get upset when the bar invites the straight, liberal kids down because they need the business. If the community would support the gay bars here in Lincoln there would be no need for the straights to even come here. A gay bar is a privilege. I have been to other bars downtown and seen so many of our customers there. This really bothers me. I go down there to find out where our community is. We also do shows twice a month and have brought in outside entertainment. People want to see this but they don't understand what it takes to put it on. We have small turnouts because of the lack of

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support. We had a benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project and 90% of the clientele were non-Boardwalk customers. The regulars weren't there.

LARRY: *That was one of the better fund-raisers that I have ever seen.*

PHIL: When I saw all of our regular customers stagger in about 12:00, I thought to myself "where the hell were all of you tonight? This benefit is for all of you and our friends who are infected, dying, or could be infected, and you weren't here to support one of the biggest causes in this country."

LARRY: *I feel there are a lot of people who are still in denial.*

Everyone wants to try to forget that it's here. People aren't thinking of reading or picking up a pamphlet. People aren't doing what they should be doing.

PHIL: No, they aren't. I've been to every gay bar in Nebraska and we were the only bar in Nebraska that has this large selection of literature available. We provide it all the time. They can't tell me it's never been available. Another policy we really believed in was giving the kids a place to go so they weren't on the streets, in the parks, bathrooms, and we became the only bar in the state to allow minors. It has been a problem for us because it's hard to control. We've suspended the program for months at a time because we found kids drinking. We came up with a new ID card program and made the kids sign a statement that they won't drink or do drugs or any of this stuff anywhere on our property or before they come to the bar. If a minor violates the policy, they are barred until they are 21 years of age. No second chance. This is serious business, because if they want a place to go, they have to obey the rules.

In conclusion, Phil talked about his future plans in San Francisco and how difficult it was to leave two businesses and all his friends in the Lincoln area. Phil plans to find

work in law enforcement or start his own business. He lived in San Francisco previously and has many fond memories. He also recalled vacations to San Francisco, including the emotional experience of taking Jamie's ashes to Seal Point. Phil seemed eager and excited about starting over and making a change. He also thanked everyone who has supported the bar and the community over the years. On June 7th, the 5th Anniversary of The Boardwalk, a special going away party is being held in honor of Phil and Todd. Everyone is invited to attend. ▽

DANNEMEYER SUES GAY PRESS

National Gay Rights Advocates launched the defense of the Bay Area Reporter (BAR), a local gay newspaper sued for libel by Representative William Dannemeyer, (R-Orange County, CA). Dannemeyer alleges in his lawsuit that the BAR reprinted a memo, drafted by the Charleton Research Group, exploring how Republicans could attack Democrats, during the 1988 elections, for being soft on AIDS. The memo said, in part, that Dannemeyer was "foaming at the mouth", "a live grenade", and "far too emotional to do any good" to the Republican Party with respect to the AIDS issue.

When asked if it is libelous to say that Dannemeyer was "foaming at the mouth," Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director said, "Truth is an absolute defense to a charge of libel." Graff, noting that Dannemeyer is his own attorney for the lawsuit, quipped "I'm sure Bill is aware of the old saying 'A lawyer who represents himself has a fool for a client'."

"The First Amendment and California law protects the right of newspapers to report freely on

public figures. This suit is patently frivolous and we expect the court to throw it out." said Eli W. Gould, who is leading the defense team for NGRA and the Bay Area Reporter.

Bob Ross, the publisher of the BAR commented, "This suit was filed to intimidate us because the BAR is a

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gay paper. Well, it won't work; we'll fight this all the way. We intend to have thorough coverage of Congressman Dannemeyer's activities." Ross noted that the New York Times and Associated Press also ran the story but have not been sued.

Tom Horn, the BAR's corporate counsel said, "We will mount a rigorous defense because this case has profound implications for all newspapers. The constitution protects the press from libel lawsuits that have a chilling effect upon their freedom to report on politicians who attack minority communities."

The memo in question was published in the October 8, 1987 edition of the Bay Area Reporter. It was purportedly authored by Chas Rund, President Reagan's deputy campaign manager for polling in 1984. ▽



LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ▼

WINNER

Carla P. was the winner of the annual contest sponsored by the Bars and Organizations of Omaha to select a logo for Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. Carla's design, shown on this month's cover, shows the Omaha skyline as viewed over a stone wall. On the wall, in graffiti style, are the words "Omaha and Stonewall: A Generation of Pride." This logo was selected because of the way it carries out the national theme for this year's Pride activities, "Stonewall 20: A Generation of Pride." It depicts the barriers of fear and prejudice that still separate the Gay and Lesbian community from full participation in their home

Sharon Van Butsel

towns and also conveys our refusal to be kept out by these walls. Gays and Lesbians were in Omaha long before the Stonewall riots in New York and are still here, in greater and more visible numbers. We will not be denied our rights. Together we can break through even the thickest walls of prejudice and fear. The ACT-UP slogan "Silence=Death" applies as much to our basic rights as Gays and Lesbians as it does to the rights of PWA's. If we are to be accorded the rights due every citizen we cannot submit meekly. We must stand as they did at Stonewall 20 years ago. ▼

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CHORUS ANNOUNCES SUMMER CONCERT

The summer concert of the River City Mixed Chorus will be performed Saturday, June 24, at 7:05 p.m., in UNO's Strauss Recital Hall. This concert will be held with Gay Pride Week activities. The concert theme, "...A Little Travelin' Music", is intended to put the River City Mixed Chorus and its supporters into the spirit, as they prepare to depart for Seattle, WA, to attend the International GALA Choruses Festival III during the week of July 2-9. Tickets for the concert are \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door, and \$4.00 for students or senior citizens, and are available from any Chorus member. You will not want to miss this chance to hear your own River City Mixed Chorus perform in Omaha before their big debut in Seattle—get your tickets early! ▼

MCC NEWS

The biggest news, of course, you saw last month. Finally after almost a year long search and 3 1/2 months with an empty pulpit, we have a new pastor, Reverend Matthew Howard. The congregation invites all of The New Voice readers to stop by the church and meet Rev. Howard. We feel that he will be an asset to the total community. Sunday mornings at MCC have taken on a new look too. We now have a Sunday School/Bible Study meeting at 9:00 a.m. Our study is currently focused on the book of John. Attendance has averaged about eight. Everyone seems to be enjoying the study. Newcomers are welcome to join the group at any time.

Last year those driving by MCCO noticed some changes on the exterior of the building. This year MCCO has taken on a new look on the inside. April was "fix-up" month. We painted, plastered (yes, sometimes in that order), paneled, trimmed, re-carpeted, and pattered around in the building. Come see our new insides! Of course, there

are still a few tasks undone. On the social scene: MCCO's second annual prom night had a good turnout. Zoo Day was, of course, its usual hit. A skating party is on tap for June. Everyone is also getting excited about the upcoming Pride Week activities. See you there! ▼

Rights and Pride Weekend in Madison

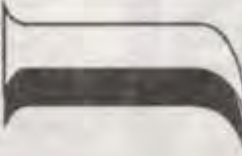
May 4-May 7, thousands of Gays and Lesbians from across the Midwest converged on Madison, Wisconsin, as the city celebrated its first Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride Weekend. The theme was "Come Out for Change!" The weekend was the brain-child of GALVANize, the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance. The purpose of the weekend was to provide a massive, visible coming out--to affirm Lesbian and Gay culture, to celebrate the commonalities and differences of all people, and to show unity for all civil rights. Events included Lesbian photographer JEB's multi-image show of the 1987

Lesbian and Gay March on Washington, the gay singing duo Romanovsky and Phillips, and the movie Torch Song Trilogy. Hundreds of people heard a presentation by Karen Thompson, an internationally-acclaimed activist dedicated to ending ableism, sexism, and homophobia, and to freeing her lesbian lover, Sharon Kowalski. Ms. Kowalski was critically injured by a drunk driver, and her family had prohibited Ms. Thompson from visiting her lover. Ms. Thompson stressed the importance of creating legal documents to protect lesbian, gay, and other non-legally

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR ▼

- 1 Thursday:** Bars/Organizations of Omaha (BOO); MCC-Omaha
420 South 24th; 7:00 pm
- 2 Friday:** Affirmation/Omaha; call 556-7701 for location; 7:00 pm
- 4 Sunday:** New Voice Steering Committee; MCC-Omaha; 420 South
24th; All interested parties welcome. Come at 4 pm.
- 6 Tuesday:** SOLAG (Support Group for Spouses and Ex-Spouses of
Lesbians and Gays); 12111 Pacific Street; 7 to 9 pm;
330-1144
- 7 Wednesday:** Boardwalk; 104 North 20th, Lincoln; 5th Anniversary
Party "Phil and Todd moving to San Francisco after 16
years of helping Nebraska's Gay Community"; 9 pm to 1
P-FLAG AIDS Support Group; Lincoln; 7 pm; call 435 for location
- 10 Saturday:** Submission Deadline!!!; All articles, classifieds, art work,
poetry, and letters must be received by this date for
consideration in the July issue of the New Voice
- 11 Sunday:** Dignity; St. John's Lower level, Creighton University campus;
Mass at 7 pm
- 12 Monday:** AIDS Interfaith Network; St. Cecelias's; 701 North 40th;
Prayer Service at 7 pm
- 13 Tuesday:** P-FLAG/Omaha; First Methodist Church; 69th & Cass
(Northeast entrance); 7:30 pm
- 16 Friday:** ICON "Out of Towners Show"; Airport Ramada Inn, Omaha;
7:30 pm
- 17 Saturday:** New Voice Lay-out; MCC-Omaha; 420 South 24th Street;
Volunteers Welcome!!
Icon "Coronation"; The Max; 1415 Jackson; Voting 6:30 to 7:45 pm;
Coronation at 8 pm
- 18 Sunday: Happy Father's Day!**
ICON Victory Brunch; Airport Ramada Inn, Omaha; Noon
Affirmation/Lincoln; Write for time and location; PO Box 80122,
Lincoln, NE 68501
Ecumenical Worship Service; Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church,
40th & Nicholas, Omaha; 3 pm
- 19 Monday:** P-FLAG Open Forum; First Methodist Church, 69th & Cass
(northeast entrance), Omaha; 7:30 pm
- 20 Tuesday:** "For Love or Life"; Presented by JEB; Sponsored by
EAGLE; US West; 6:30 pm
Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights; The BoardWalk, 20th &
O, Lincoln, NE; 7 pm
SOLAG Support Group; (see Tuesday, 6 June)
- 21 Wednesday:** Metropolitan Club; call 449-9377 for location; 6 pm
P-FLAG AIDS Support Group; Lincoln (see Wednesday, 7 June)
- 22 Thursday:** Bar Night; "Support your favorite Bar"; Information tables
at all bars
- 23 Friday:** "Movie Night"; Sponsored by UNO Gay/Lesbian Student
Group; UNO Student Union Ballroom; 7:30 to 9:30 pm
- 24 Saturday:** River City Mixed Chorus; Summer Concert; Strauss
Performing Arts Center; UNO, 66th and Dodge; 7:05 pm
- 25 Sunday:** Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade (Omaha); 20th & Douglas to Turner
Park; Assemble at 20th and Farnam at 4:30 pm; Start at 5
G/L Pride Community Picnic; Turner Park; 30th & Douglas,
Omaha; Sack lunches available; 5:30 to 9 pm
ICON Victory Show; The Max; 1415 Jackson; 9 pm
- 27 Tuesday:** P-FLAG/Lincoln; call 435-4688 for location; Topic "Gay
Pride"; 7:30 pm



Weekly Events

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church
420 South 24th, Omaha
Sunday School 9 am
Worship Services 10:20 am & 7 pm

Lesbian Parenting Group
Lincoln, 3 pm
call 435-6309 for location

The Max
1415 Jackson, Omaha
Shows at 9 pm

MONDAY

Early Warning
Social Activist Group
Room 345, Nebraska Union, UN-L
check union calendar for time

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

TUESDAY

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
MCC-Omaha
420 South 24th
7:30 pm

THURSDAY

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

UNL G/L Students Organization
Room 342, Nebraska Union, UN-L
8 pm

FRIDAY

Adult Children of Alcoholics
MCC-Omaha
420 South 24th
346-0561
6:30 pm

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous
Pella Lutheran Church
303 South 41st Street, Omaha
345-9916

Play Safely in June

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sanctioned relationships. An estimated 1,000 persons attended the emotional opening ceremony for a portion of the NAMES Project Quilt, an international memorial to those who have died of AIDS. There are approximately 9,000 panels in the entire Quilt; 184 of the panels were on display in Madison. As the names were read off, the Quilt was unfolded, and the observers were encouraged to walk beside and read the Quilt panels. The Quilt was on display the entire weekend. Workshops were held on topics such as Alternative Conception, Bisexuality, Coming Out, Lesbian and Gay Parenting, and Lesbian Battering. A rally at the Wisconsin State Capitol drew an estimated 2,500 persons in the 35-degree weather to hear speeches by openly-gay and lesbian politicians and activists. The March followed, from the Capitol through downtown Madison, past Fraternity Row, and on to a picnic in the park. Estimates ranged from 2,000 to 7,000 for the number participating in and observing the March. Dozens of groups were represented in the March, and cheers were heard from observers as each group passed. All three major Madison television stations covered the event, as did a number of publications. For more info, contact GALVANize, P.O. Box 1403, Madison, WI 53701.



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walls many women have encountered in non-traditional jobs.

Snide comments and jokes. In our corporate environment we have taught our employees what not to say, at least in the company of a person of color or a woman. Because Gays and Lesbians are not visibly different from their co-workers, they find themselves the inadvertent butt of comments which may not be made if their co-workers knew their orientation. Thus the title "the Invisible Minority."

Overt hostility. In one recent instance, a co-worker of a gay employee made a ceremony of spraying the telephone handset with disinfectant before using it, only minutes after the gay employee had hung that phone up.

Collusion. In at least one case, a gay employee, after complaining to his supervisor about the discriminatory actions demonstrated by his co-workers, was advised the supervisor told the co-worker "Go ahead and do what you do, but be careful around this person..." (This writer remembers several similar instances in her own experience as a woman in a predominately male work group.)

Separation. As described by Sweeney, Gays and Lesbians are not free to discuss their families in the work place, as heterosexuals do. "There's no same shared sense of celebration as when a heterosexual comes to work and announces an engagement to get married. We can't share the mourning of a lost relationship. We can't grieve around our co-workers."

EAGLE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To support U S WEST's vision statement on Pluralism, that "our culture will be devoid of racism and sexism and all other forms of discrimination. Equal opportunity will maximize the contribution of all individuals in the profitability of the business" by:

- working with our corporate EEO and Union people to ensure the values in our corporate EEO statement, which does include specific verbiage on affectional orientation, are upheld.
- working with other Resource Groups in coalition to address common issues and ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all employees.
- working in partnership with Health Services in addressing Gay and Lesbian-specific normal, emotional and physical health issues. Serving as a resource for EAP (Employee Assistance Program) for support systems within local Gay and Lesbian communities. Serving as a resource for AIDS support systems and employee educational programs.

2. Domestic partnership - To ensure that benefits are assigned to all employees equally, regardless of marital status or affectional orientation. To work towards our benefit packages being more mindful of equality in their labels and language.

3. Offer ourselves as a resource to our company by:

- assisting with the language of EEO statements and pluralism visions and policies to ensure that the needs of Gays and Lesbians are addressed.
- providing Gay and Lesbian candidates to help the pluralistic make-up of state Pluralism councils and the Regional Pluralism Council.
- providing Gay and Lesbian candidates, who are willing to self-identify, for pluralism classes to see that our issues are included.
- offering our own awareness training classes on Gay and Lesbian issues, so that we represent ourselves to our company.
- helping U S WEST to tap the Gay and Lesbian Market. Current government figures estimate our population at 10-20% of the population, and we tend to have a higher-than-average discretionary income.
- representing U S WEST in a positive light with greater communities by representing U S WEST at local Gay and Lesbian events.
- volunteering for civic organizations and city festivals, and working on special events, such as the Special Olympics and AIDS walks.

4. Serve as a support group for Gay and Lesbian employees so that our maximum potential is realized and utilized by our company by:

- supporting one another in issues unique to Gays and Lesbians, such as listening, counseling and advising one another, addressing our relationships and partners.
- providing a safe and healthy environment to address our specific needs.
- having programs to address such issues as self-empowerment, and our own homophobia.

5. We the leaders of EAGLE hope to contribute toward dispelling the myths about Gays and Lesbians by becoming more visible, and serving as role models for who we really are — a culture of gifted and talented people who cross all educational, religious, racial, and professional boundaries.

EAGLE - The Future

According to McCartney, one of the major challenges facing gays and lesbians, both within and outside the corporation, is the self-education which can lead to increased self esteem. "We have to educate ourselves, and see what we're saying about ourselves. Each of our members is growing - because they have support, because they see that someone cares.

The focus for EAGLE, in particular, is more specific for 1989: Within the corporate environment, there is an obligation and an expectation that corporate policy be enforced.

The local chapter of EAGLE wants to aid in the education of the workforce about the discrimination which cannot continue.

EAGLE is already booking speaking engagements for various force groups, to explain the organization and those it represents.

Ultimately, EAGLE wants to help the corporation benefit by learning to market to gays and lesbians, which will add to company

profitability. Of course, that must wait until the corporation can understand and live the issues itself. The current question is: If US WEST treats its employees like this, how does it treat its gay and lesbian customers?

"Its ironic: so often, the rights that people want for themselves, the rights for which they would die, are precisely the rights they would deny others."
-- Stephen Dais.

This article was produced in the spirit of coalition and cooperation between USWW and other resource groups.

You will find a more complete reproduction of EAGLE goals and objectives accompanying this article.

If you would care to know more about EAGLE please contact the co-chairs, Sharon McCartney 571-7116 or Terry Sweeney 455-3701. Either person will be happy to share their experiences as co-chair or about the Omaha chapter itself. ▽

Around The Milkrun

Belinda Loveless

The Diamond Bar is really for the birds. Seems Joyce had to shoo two misguided robins out of the door before she could open the place the other day. At least we think that they were misguided. They could have been two males leftover from the frivolity of the night before.

Had a conducted tour of the new side of The Max the other week. The place is really beginning to take shape and should be open soon. The real reason for the holdup in finishing the room has finally come out. It seems Miss Flowers couldn't decide on the color of the wallpaper in her personal dressing room.

The volleyball season is open at the Run and it's really a hoot to see the GIRLS playing in the sand with six inch heels on. ▽

Macho Men and Nurturing Women

Sexual stereotypes are still alive and well, according to an ongoing study at George Washington University. The researchers began their survey hoping to find that sex biases were fading fast. Instead, "the results show surprising persistence in sexist beliefs over a 10-year period," says psychologist Paul J. Poppen. There have been small fluctuations over the years in the number of people who agreed with statements such as "females are passive" and "males are aggressive," but no significant changes in responses.

"Since the subjects are college students, I expected a more egalitarian response," Poppen says. There was some progress: Fewer people believed that "females have lower self-esteem than males" and that "females have less motivation to achieve than males."

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ACLU Gay Rights Chapter Sponsors Writing Contest

The Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California is sponsoring a non-fiction writing contest concerning lesbian and gay families. Lesbians and gay men have created and are evolving, relationships which expand traditional notions of families. The Gay Rights Chapter is seeking non-fiction manuscripts which explore or celebrate the diversity and richness of lesbian and gay families, both families of origin and families of choice. Writers of all racial and cultural backgrounds are encouraged to enter the contest. The judges for the contest will be historian Allan Berube, poet and playwright Judy Grahn, and writer and publisher Barbara Smith. Two winners will each receive a \$500.00 prize, and three runners-up will each receive a \$100.00 prize.

The deadline for entries is August 11, 1989. Rules and entry blanks are available from the Gay Rights Chapter, ACLU of Northern California, 1663 Mission Street, Suite 406, San Francisco, CA 94103. For more information please contact Doug Warner at 415/621-3900. ▼

I.L.G.A. Conference

The 11th Annual Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) will be held July 16-22, 1989 in Vienna, Austria.

The conference will include workshops and business sessions dealing with a variety of topics including lobbying efforts with Amnesty International, the Lesbian & Gay Prisoners Project, ILGA's application for consultative status with the Council of Europe, and the

Were You There?

For an oral history of the Stonewall riots, I am seeking all participants, witnesses, police officers, Stonewall Inn employees, journalists and other interested and involved people who were present at any of the nights of the rioting in June 1969. I would also like to interview people who were not at the riots but whose lives were directly or dramatically effected by them.

I am especially interested in locating women and people of color who were present at the riots. I am looking for photographs, whether taken by a professional or amateur, of any of the nights of the rioting.

Any letters, diary entries, fliers, clippings or other documentary material on or generated by the Stonewall riots are also of great interest.

The author's proceeds from the resulting book will be used to create a fund for gay and lesbian archives and history.

Please contact Michael Scherker, P.O. Box 100391, Brooklyn, NY. 11210, or phone 718/434-6814. ▼

Iceberg Project on documenting violence.

ILGA was founded in 1978 and now numbers approximately 200 members and contacts in over 40 countries. Groups or individuals wanting information or registration forms should contact: ILGA Conference Organizing Committee, Homosexuelle Initiative (HOSI) Wien, Novaragasse 40, A-1020 Vienna, Austria. Telephone: +43-02222-26-66-04. ative (HOSI) Wien, Novaragasse 40, A-1020 Vienna, Austria. Telephone: +43-02222-26-66-04. ▼

HRCF Raises \$3000 for Karen Thompson's Legal Fees

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) raised approximately \$3,000 at a crowded reception in the nations Capital to help lesbian activist Karen Thompson retire her legal fees.

The reception, which featured Thompson and feminist Gloria Steinem, was held on the eve of the recent National March on Washington for Women's Equality, Women's Lives. About 250 supporters attended the reception.

Helping Thompson's legal battle is "one of the best investments we can make," said Gloria Steinem in one of her first speaking engagements during the historic Women's March weekend. "It's a horrendous and undeserved debt."

Thompson reported that her six-year court battle for proper care for her lover, Sharon Kowalski, and for legal recognition of their relationship has resulted in attorney fees of more than \$150,000. Thompson said rehabilitative therapy for Kowalski is making progress, especially since she has been allowed to visit and work with her.

"We are extremely proud to support Karen and Sharon," said HRCF executive director Vic Basile. "They have shown all of us in the lesbian and gay community that strength, commitment and perseverance -- against all odds -- will triumph over homophobia and unfairness."

For more information or to make a contribution to Karen's battle, contact the National Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski, 1725 17th St. NW, Room 515, Washington, D.C. 20009, or call 202/667-3415. ▼

Generation of Change

Jean Mortensen

When a person thinks of generations, usually it's in terms of family relatives. My mother, for example has traced our family's genealogy back to my great-great-great-grand-parents, complete with full names, dates, occupations, and documents. Knowing that I am the daughter of Dorthy, daughter of Helen, daughter of Wilhemina, daughter of Magdalena, daughter of Sophia, daughter of an immigrant woman from Germany gives me a sense of my matriarchal history.

Likewise, we lesbians and gay men as a group have a history behind us as well. We may not be related by blood, but we are related by our common love for those of the same sex. That's what sets us apart from the rest of the population; that's what makes us a tribe, if you will, or a people unto ourselves with our own "genealogy."

Of course, we can start naming names back as far in time as Sappho and Plato, carrying on through Michelangelo to Oscar Wilde and Gertrude Stein. But since in 1989 we are celebrating the past generation of pride since the Stonewall Riot, I'll concentrate only on the past 20 years.

To begin at the beginning, then, there was a riot at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, New York City, in June 1969. Police in those days customarily raided gay bars, and names of those arrested would appear in newspaper reports. Often this would lead to dismissal from jobs and rejection by family. But this time was different. Police came to the Stonewall intending to round up the docile and unprotesting men, put them in the paddy wagon, and drive off to the station as they had many times before. Instead, the police were met this night with a barrage of thrown bottles and bricks. The gay men had finally 'had it up to

here' with the harassment. The ensuing riots were the labor pains of the gay liberation movement.

1969 also marked the first anniversary of the founding of the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Church by Rev. Troy Perry. He left his own Pentecostal church to create a space where gays and lesbians could still feel that God loved them. The church has grown in leaps and bounds ever since.

On the political scene, Harvey Milk made headlines by being the first openly-gay man elected in the nation, to San Francisco's board of city supervisors. He virtually became a martyr after his assassination in 1978. Harry Britt became the next openly-gay man to sit on the board. In the 1980 presidential race, openly-gay Bill Kraus was the highest-ranking Kennedy delegate at the Democratic convention and was chosen to introduce senator Kennedy before his speech. Openly-lesbian Virginia Apuzzo led the New York gay lobbying efforts for Carter. Also during 1980, Cleve Jones, who had helped Harvey Milk's campaign, became an aide to the Speaker of the California Assembly. He went on to organize the Kaopsi's Sarcoma Research and Education Foundation, and organized the Names Project quilt.

Olivia Records was founded in 1973 in Washington, D.C., and moved to California in 1975. This record company is the world's largest independent label specializing in lesbian artists, according to Olivia's president, Judy Dlugacz. To celebrate the company's tenth anniversary, Meg Christian and Cris Williamson performed in Carnegie Hall in New York. An even larger show returned to Carnegie Hall last November for the 15th anniversary.

In more recent years, Jean O'Leary has become the executive director of the National Gay Rights Advocates. Jeffrey Levi heads the national Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Leonard Matlovich stood up against discrimination in our armed forces. Karen Thompson continues to fight legal battles to bring home her lover, Sharon Kowalski, who is handicapped as the result of an accident and was kept from her partner by Sharon's supposedly helpful parents.

All these people have made and are making headlines. We should be proud of them. They're standing up for our basic rights as human beings and creating opportunities for us that are not otherwise given to us. There are, of course, thousands more leaders, but we simply don't have room for a complete list. Well, this list will give you some idea of your gay and lesbian genealogy.

And don't forget all our Nebraska-based leaders, either, such as the staff of this magazine, the owners of our nightclubs, and the leaders of our Omaha MCC. We're all brothers and sisters who give and need support, even if we're not making national headlines ... yet.

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P.A.C.T.

P.A.C.T. (People of All Colors Together); nationally known as Black and White Men Together (B.W.M.T.), is slowly but surely moving along. This group is a supportive group and it is a great way to meet new people. We are an interracial organization inviting "people of all colors" to join us at our next meeting. We have met since this last April. The next meeting will be in the latter part of June.

If this is something you might be interested in and wish to belong to a group that fosters a community sense of feeling, please attend our next meeting at the end of this month.

If you have questions concerning the function of the group please call 341-4078. ▽

T.W.O., M.C.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JUNE 10 & 11, 1989

DINNER AT CASCIO'S

COCKTAILS - 8PM

DINNER - 9PM

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Pride Week 1989

Friday, June 16

Imperial Court of Nebraska, "Out of Towners Show" Airport Ramada Inn, 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 17

Imperial Court of Nebraska, "Coronation" The Max, voting from 6:30 to 7:45, Coronation at 8 pm

Sunday, June 18

Imperial Court of Nebraska, "Victory Brunch" Airport Ramada Inn, noon

Ecumenical Worship, 3 pm, (reception following). Affirmation, Dignity, Metropolitan Community Church, Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay concerns, S.D.A. Kinship, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 40th & Nicholas

Monday, June 19

P-FLAG Open Forum, First Methodist Church, 69th and Cass, Northeast Entrance, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, June 20

"For Love or Life" Presented by JEB, Sponsored by EAGLE, US West, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, June 21

Metropolitan Club Open Meeting, The Warehouse, Carter Lake, Iowa, Cocktails at 6 pm, program at 7 pm

Thursday, June 22

Bar Night at your favorite bar!! Organization information at all bars

Friday, June 23

"Movie Night" Sponsored by UNO G/L Student Group, UNO Student Union, Ballroom, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Saturday, June 24

River City Mixed Chorus Summer Concert, "A Little Travelin' Music" Concert at 7:05 pm,
Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO 66th and Dodge

Sunday, June 25

GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE, 20th & Douglas to Turner Park,
Assembly at 20th & Farnam at 4:30 pm and step-off at 5 pm

G/L PRIDE COMMUNITY PICNIC, Turner Park, 30th & Douglas, sack lunches available (moderate cost) 6-9 pm

Imperial Court of Nebraska, "Victory Show" The Max, 1417 Jackson, Omaha at 9 pm

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We are a strong and gentle people,
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We are a strong and gentle people,
Singing, singing for our lives.

We are a proud and angry people,
Singing, singing for our lives,
We are a proud and angry people,
Singing, singing for our lives.

We are a land of many colors,
Singing, singing for our lives,
We are a land of many colors,
Singing, singing for our lives.

We are young and old together,
Singing, singing for our lives,
We are young and old together,
Singing, singing for our lives.

We are a loving, healing people,
Singing, singing for our lives,
We are a loving, healing people,
Singing, singing for our lives.

We are gay and lesbian people,
Singing, singing for our lives,
We are gay and lesbian people,
Singing, singing for our lives.

We are a strong and gentle people,
Singing, singing for our lives,
We are a strong and gentle people,
Singing, singing for our lives.

Soviet Lesbian Applies for Citizenship

An openly lesbian political refugee from the Soviet Union has applied for U.S. citizenship in hopes of setting legal precedent for other lesbians and gays, according to the Bay Area Reporter.

try to set legal precedent that would allow gay people to become American citizens," Gessen said.

Gays and lesbians are denied admission to the U.S. under the

Masha Gessen will have an interview with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on June 14. A preliminary decision is expected after the meeting.

Gessen was granted asylum in the U.S. in 1981, at the age of 14, because she is a Soviet Jew. At that time, INS policy automatically granted protection to Soviet Jews. With this status, it is unlikely that she will be deported if her bid for citizenship fails.

"Because very few gay immigrants are in a position that is as safe as mine, I feel an obligation to at least



McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act, passed in 1952. INS policy deems gays and lesbians not to be "persons of good moral character." Longtime residents of the U.S., otherwise eligible for citizenship, are routinely denied naturalization if lesbian or gay. The INS has been challenged in the judicial system once before. But in 1984 the Supreme Court refused to review a lower-court decision denying citizenship to a gay man.

Boston immigration attorney Richard Iandoli represents Gessen and vows to force the lesbian issue if the INS attempts to avoid it. Gessen is editor of NEXT, a weekly lesbian and gay magazine. She has been active in lesbian and gay publishing in the Boston area. to become American citizens," Gessen said. "I fully plan to pursue my case through the judicial system so that binding precedent will be set." ▽

Stella Dallas

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Silent Tear

In the night just I can see
 The awful things creeping up on me
 I try to run - the world in gone
 Then twirl around, the dance is on.
 They're all around, I feel the pain
 And the blood falls just like rain.
 The music blasts in silent screams
 And laughter in the background
 seems
 To slowly fade and leave it all.
 I stand although I feel I fall.
 And on the ground the blackness
 comes down
 Dancing, twirling - all around
 I reach out with my eyes closed tight
 To find someone out in my night
 But I'm alone, with that no one sees
 The burning tears that slipped
 behind
 To sleep inside for me to find
 I need someone to see me here
 To wipe away my silent tear.

- Bear

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Counseling - Antibody Testin - Information
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Douglas County Health Department


402/444-7214

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

For other testing sites call:

Grand Island - Hall County	308/381-5175
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RESOURCE DIRECTORY ▼

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

Affirmation of Nebraska
Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501
556-7701 in Omaha
United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian concerns.
Meets monthly in Omaha and Lincoln

Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights
Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509
Advocacy/lobbies for Gay/Lesbian civil rights, educational presentations, newsletter, and cultural programs.

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

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns
402/733-1360 Cleve

Midwest Transvestite-Transsexual Hotline
206/329-TVTS (8887)

LINCOLN

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
call 402/466-5214 AA Central Office for location

The Wimmia's Show
Noon-3pm every Sunday on KZUM radio at 89.3 FM stereo

UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association
mail: Room 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, 68588
402/472-5644 Rodney Bell II

Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events (COLAGE)
mail: c/o GLSA/GLRC, Rm 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, 68588
402/472-6544

Women's Assistance Emergency Fund
Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Women's Journal-Advocate
Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Lesbian Support Group
Women's Res. Center, Rm 117, Nebraska Union
University of Lincoln-Lincoln, Lincoln NE 68588
402/472-2597
Informal weekly discussion group for lesbians

Lincoln Legion of Lesbians
Box 30317, Lincoln, NE 68503
Lesbian-feminist collective, newsletter, support, confidential referral, cultural and social programs.

New Directions Center
402/476-2802
Short term counseling, support groups, classes, workshops dealing with coming out, parenting and relationships. Sliding scale fee.

Open Door Ministry
402/474-3390
Orthodox spiritual counseling to all in need.
No charge.

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center
UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588 402/472-5644
Nebraska Union, Rm 342 - Meetings (Mail Rm 222)
Social activities, AIDS education, roommate referral, groups, library

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.
P O Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131 402/558-1186
Meetings, information, & support for Lesbians/Gays

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504 402/435-4688
meets 4th Tuesday
Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103
402/331-5188 or 291-6781
meets 2nd Tuesday

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Dignity of Omaha
402/895-2856 or 341-1460
St. John's (lower level) Creighton University Campus
Common bonds through Mass & meetings for
Lesbians/Gays and their friends. 2nd Sunday, 7pm

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
402/345-9913 Weekly meeting on Friday at 8:15pm

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC)
mailing address: P O Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103
service at 420 South 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68103
Sunday worship at 10:20am and 7pm; 345-2563

Metropolitan Club
Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103 402/449-9377
Networking organization of business / professionals

River City Bowling League
402/345-5118 Scott OR 402/493-6118 Charlie

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

River City Mixed Chorus
Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101 402/341-0763
Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/sensitive people

UNO Student Group
(Women) Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320
402/391-0694 Heidi / 402/558-1186 Wes or Rick
(Men) PO Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131
Lesbian and Gay student social/support group

Spouses & Ex-Spouses of Lesbians & Gays (SOLAG)
12111 Pacific Street, Omaha 330-1144 for info
A support group that meets the first and third Tuesday

Gay/Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics
402/346-0561
Support group for adults raised in alcoholic or
dysfunctional homes

PACT (People of All Colors Together)
402/341-4078
A social / support group

Eagle - Omaha
c/o Sharon McCartney, 1314 Douglas on the Mall, 8th
Floor, Omaha, NE 68102

AIDS RESOURCES

Information and Referral
Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131
402/342-4233 or 800/782-AIDS (2437) (statewide)
AIDS Hotline, HIV Testing, Support Groups,
Practical Support, AIDS Awareness programs and
literature.

Veteran's Administration Medical Center
42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, NE 68105
346-8500 - Dean Pierce (ext 4119)

Viral Syndrome Clinic
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE
402/559-6202 Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith

Lincoln Cancer Center
64600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE 68510
402/483-1872 Barb Morton

American Red Cross
1701 "E" Street, Lincoln, NE 68501
402/471-7997
3838 Dewey Avenue, Omaha, NE 68131
402/341-2723 Confidential Testing

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Nebraska Aids Project
3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131
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Alternate test site; anonymous testing Monday and
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Douglas County Health Department
4th Floor Civic Center, Omaha, NE 68102
402/444-8065

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
2200 St. Marys Avenue, Lincoln, NE
402/471-7800
Counseling and Support

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call 435-4688 for meeting locations in Lincoln; 1st
and 3rd Wednesdays 7 pm

Brother William Woeger
c/o Omaha Archdiocese
100 North 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

Open Door Ministry-Lincoln
402/474-3390 Fr. David

AIDS Interfaith Network
1104 North 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

Legal
Nebraska Civil Liberties Union
633 South 9th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508
402/476-8091 John Taylor
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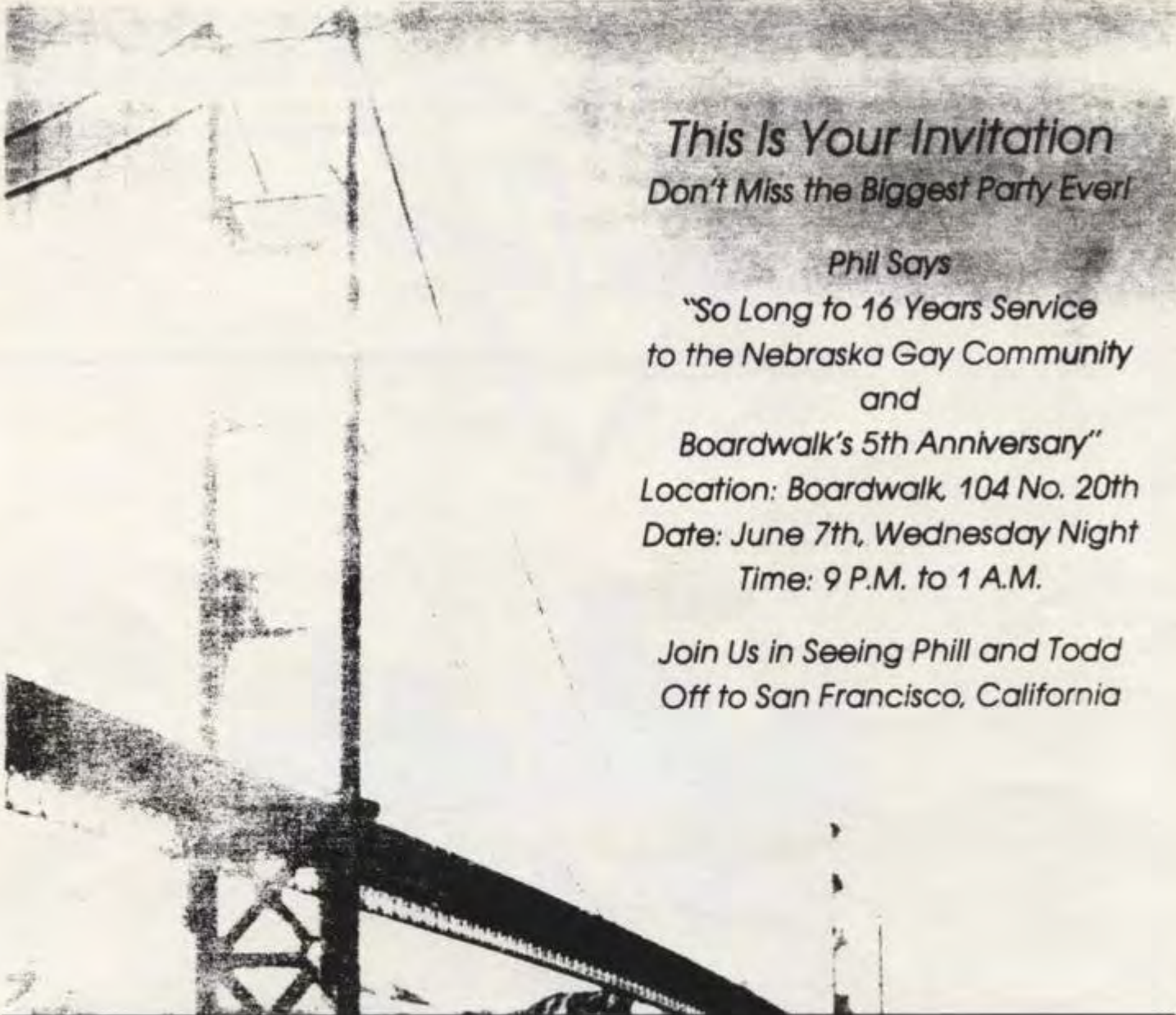
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