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Write Senator Exon and tell him you want the ban lifted on gays in the military. If you don't write or call, and Sen. Exon votes against lifting the ban, he won't know how we feel about this issue. Write or call and ask others to do the same.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To *The New Voice*:

Thanks for the notice in the weekly event section about the "Taking Care of Each Other" drop in center sponsored by Douglas County Health Department and the Nebraska AIDS Project.

Starting in May we will also be offering HIV Testing at the Drop In Center.

Regular hours: 10pm - 2am every other Friday. (In May, the dates are May 14 & 28.)

Again, Thanks!

Gary George
Executive Director
Nebraska AIDS Project

HOAGLAND AND LIGHTFOOT RESPONSES

To the editor,

I wrote to several of our representatives in Washington, DC about gays in the military. I thought you might like to see their replies so I've enclosed them in this letter.

Please feel free to use any of them or any parts in future issues of *The New Voice*.

Thank you,
Shelley A. Foster

PETER HOAGLAND'S RESPONSE

Dear Shelley:

Thank you for letting me know your feelings about lifting the current ban on homosexuals in the military.

It is my understanding that the Pentagon and the Administration will have until July 15th to develop a workable policy which is acceptable to military and civilian officials. During this time, Congress will be holding hearings on the issue and I plan to follow them very carefully.

Unless all parties can find a workable solution, it will be difficult for me to support a lifting of the current ban.

As a veteran of the U. S. Army, I am very concerned about what I have been hearing from military leaders who are worried about discipline and morale problems. We obviously should not adopt a policy which would impede the military's fundamental mission of protecting America against foreign aggression and operating effectively overseas.

Many people have contacted my office to let me know their feelings on this emotional issue. Most people felt that the Administration was moving too fast on this issue, and I agree.

I appreciate hearing from you and please do not hesitate to let me know your views in the future.

Sincerely,
Peter Hoagland

JIM LIGHTFOOT'S RESPONSE

Dear Terry,

Thank you for contacting me concerning President Clinton's proposal to lift the ban on homosexuals serving in the military. I appreciate you taking time to share your views.

I understand your concern. As you know, President Clinton pledged during the campaign to lift the ban on homosexuals serving in the military, and on Friday, January 29, President Clinton directed Secretary of Defense Les Aspin to prepare a draft executive order calling for a lifting of the ban on homosexuals. The draft executive order is due to President Clinton by July 15, 1993.

In the interim, President Clinton has stated the sexual orientation question is to be removed from the military application and all current actions against homosexuals in the military are to be suspended. In the next six months, a study will be conducted about the practical and potential problems of allowing openly gay people into the military.

Please be assured I will keep your views in mind should I have the opportunity to consider related legislation in this session of Congress. Again, thank you for taking time to share your views. I hope you will contact me in the future whenever issues are of concern to you.

Sincerely,
Jim Lightfoot

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Bear

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GAYS MORE VISIBLE

Dear Editor and NVN Readers,

Gay people are becoming more visible in the media. In the comic strip *For Better or Worse* a boy tells his friend he is gay. The cartoon *Outland* has President Clinton's cat, Socks, as a gay male. In the editorials, William F. Buckley has attacked the ban on gays in the military on more than one occasion. At Read All About It! bookstore at the Crossroads, gay publications hit the magazine racks. Not just one publication either. There is *The Advocate* (a gay Time magazine), *Genie* (the gay male's *GQ* magazine), *Out* (sort of a gay *Cosmopolitan*), and *10 per cent* (which represents a diversity of gays including Phyllis Schafly's son.) And unless my eyes are going bad there is also some gay porn near the cash register. To think this is available in midtown of Omaha!

The best thing I have come across is *Network Q* which I heartily recommend to everyone particularly if you're dealing with those in the closet or just coming out of the closet, and their family and friends. This monthly video tape program is relatively new and has only been around for about 8 months and arrives in a discrete box. All you do is call 1-800-368-0638 and they will send you a free issue. *Network Q* sells itself as the alternative news and entertainment network and it is!

The February issue covered the ordeal of Amendment 2 of Colorado and disagreements over the boycott (what about Aspen's 16th Annual Gay Ski Week?). Also there is a coverage of Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Center. P.C.B.S. (aka. politically correct bullshit) content is low but definitely present. Torie Osborne, incoming Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is interviewed and provides an interesting reflection on being chosen. Dr. Larry Waites answers many important questions on HIV infections. There are also segments of comedy and what to buy your loved one for Valentine's Day: chocolate or underwear? Perhaps chocolate underwear? There is also

travelers coverage of Key West, Florida for the holidays. In fact the tape came with a travelers guide. Gay cinema is also covered. This is truly a Q Network.

From Nebraska's political front, Senator James J. Exon has sent a letter to many Nebraskans stating the following about the current interim compromise on the ban on gays in the military stating, "Service members who are identified as homosexuals based solely on their status will be subject to formal proceedings resulting in their transfer to the Standby Reserve and loss of all pay and benefits." In other words if someone finds out you're gay, you have to pay them a lot of money to shut up! President Clinton had what may have been a Freudian slip when he suggested a compromise may result in segregation of homosexuals. Just when you thought apartheid was gone. Now what do you think of those conservatives who call Clinton a NAZI? Senator Sam Nunn, a Democrat and military fairly (that is a homophobic military person), has now suggested that by merely not asking the question what you are, that that is enough of a compromise on the ban. With this type of poor support from the Democrats, gay and lesbian people had better keep their guard up.

As most people know, the Irish Gay and Lesbian Organization of New York was denied to march in New York's St. Patrick's Day parade, the oldest parade in North America. What most people don't know, is the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which sponsors the march, is violating Catholic teaching. Catholicism makes a very clear distinction between acts and people. Associating with gays and lesbians isn't a sin even by Catholic teaching. The problem, many Catholics (like many gay activists) are not aware of the moderate position of the Catholic Church. One thing is certain. The people of the Irish Gay and Lesbian Organization are definitely Irish from their accent down to their wool sweaters.

Sincerely,
Andrew Sullivan

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PFLAG SPEAKS OUT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays asked President Clinton, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chief's of Staff, and members of Congress to ensure that all military personnel are judged by their performance, and not by their sexual orientation.

"Our leaders should ignore the red herrings of efficiency, morale, and discipline," national PFLAG President Mitzi Henderson said. "The issue is justice. Justice demands that military personnel - gay and straight alike - be judged on conduct. Sexual harassment and inappropriate sexual behavior should be prohibited regardless of the sexual orientation of the persons involved. This is a code of conduct that would lift the morale of all service people, especially women."

"The reality is that our gay and lesbian children already serve in the military with exemplary commitment to duty and country. Our gay sons are now and have always been in the 'close confines of battle', in the Persian Gulf, in Vietnam and in Korea, and in our World Wars. Our lesbian daughters have served beside our non-gay daughters, fighting our nation's enemies and heterosexual harassment within the ranks of the military. Gay or straight, they are all our children. There is no 'them', there is only 'us'.

"There is another reality. For every gay and lesbian soldier, there are family and friends who suffer for them and with them, unable to support them publicly. To do so may jeopardize the soldier's careers - work they have chosen and work they love. Worse, as recent events have made clear, it may subject them to deadly violence."

"Finally, PFLAG recognizes that banning homosexuals from military service affects all military personnel. Current military policy breeds harassment based on perceived sexual orientation. If our daughters, straight or lesbian, perform as strong, assertive, effective soldiers, they fit society's stereotype of the 'lesbian' and are persecuted for that reason - in disproportionate numbers. If our sons are perceived to be gay, they are persecuted, too. Homophobia victimizes everyone. It is an American family issue."

"PFLAG calls on all Americans, all mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, friends and relatives, to join with us in support of President Clinton's vow to lift the ban on homosexuals serving in the military. Let our children do their jobs in defense of our country, free from the unbearable burden of discrimination.

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HOMOPHOBIA MANIFESTS

by Tara Anne Pfeffer

Of the many social problems facing this country today, homosexuality poses in the picture of reality to our society. Advocates for the rights of homosexuals are ostracized under the guise of religion, the pressure of alleged normality and the biases of former generations.

Proof of this discrimination lies in Amendment II just passed by voter unanimity in Colorado. The bill sanctions discrimination against homosexuals. Although the bill was passed by popular vote, a few powerful politicians are opposed to the amendment enough to prevent its inaction.

I interviewed a few people and received input for and against the bill. This comment from an asinine bigot clearly implies limited intelligence and extreme close-mindedness: "They're just damn faggots anyway. They should all be beat into bein' normal. Then we wouldn't have anything to worry about." "They", of course, refers to homosexuals.

Another straight individual, on the opposite end of the spectrum, counters with a more agreeable sense of humanity: (The bill) is an indication that civil liberties in this country are in need of protection. Discrimination by law is still practiced in this country, and it makes me angry that the public schools should stipulate that diverse lifestyles are wrong or perverse."

I find it absurd that such a political and economic giant as our country is so behind in terms of certain social discrimination and oppositional views. Homosexuality is a large part of the platforms of politicians, and voters actually base their votes on how the candidate feels about this issue. It is time we grew up and realized the relevance of education, economics, and foreign policy and the irrelevance of homosexuality in politics.

"The gay and lesbian community isn't asking for special rights, merely equal rights. We are being unfairly discriminated against and we simply want protection under law. I'm very angry and furthermore frustrated," retorts a lesbian with who I discussed the matter.

It remains ludicrous to me that an entire population of voting citizens could patronize a policy that nurtures the growth of a prejudice that already cripples almost 10 percent of the American population.

Perhaps cliches are inappropriate for this topic, but I can think of no other theories that more clearly exhibit my stance besides "people are people". I can't imagine that a person's sexuality has any major bearing on his or her civil

relations with straight individuals. Gay people pay taxes, work, eat and defecate like we do, and, furthermore, gay people look like we do and have the same physiological makeup.

With all these similarities, there is no justification for discrimination and prejudice about their only difference. It is unfair to expose an entire group of people to prosecution based on something that is not anyone else's business.

I am angry and confused that Colorado voters used so little discretion and so much ignorance to vote for a policy whose intention is for children to grow up learning that homosexuality is abnormal and shouldn't be tolerated. However, perhaps the only solution is to ignore pacifism and beat "gay-haters" into the realization that gays should have justice under the laws of our country and laws governing our social norms.

One gay man summed up my views by saying: "I am a homosexual and that does not make me mutant. Colorado voters insulted my lifestyle, and I see a mentality that resists the arms of progress. It is time that our society understand diversity and has compassion for one another. I'm not a bleeding heart liberal gay begging for equality, rather I am a realist demanding equality."

As a heterosexual, I have an objective advantage, however. Objectivity sees the same snapshot that subjectivity sees, and we agree it is past time to seek true freedom of the mind, spirit and body through open mindedness and loss of prejudice. If *Star Trek* can address the issue without discrimination, then the 20th century certainly can.

-Wingspan

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-Bear

TO THE ONE I LOVE

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CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET

By Shelly Roberts

"This is a test. This is a test."

Okay, we're gonna do an informal survey here. Be honest.

How many of you are actually using dental dams? Raise your hands. Well, no, I don't actually mean at right this very minute. That would make it extremely awkward for you to raise your hands, wouldn't it? Okay. Whatta we got?

Okay, guys, very funny. You can put your hands down. We're gonna talk lesbian here. Thank you. Dentists, you're also excused.

All right. Now we're getting somewhere. Let's see that's...one. Uh-huh. Um, one. Maybe in the back? Nope. Okay, well...uh-huh...I see...one. Shouldn't there actually be, uh, at least two? Sorry. I didn't mean to sound presumptuous.

So if this tally is any indication, we have a grand total of practically none.

And, I have to tell you, I'm conflicted. See, I just got the results of my AIDS test. I won't keep you in suspense. Negative, thanks for asking. And phew! Also, no big surprise. I'm a lesbian.

And also, like so many lesbians, I'm heavily into serial monogamy. So is the person I share my cereal with every morning. And we really didn't think that there was a problem. Well...okay, so the lady I used to live with in the last decade did admit to one drunken accidental experiment with a gay man friend that she was afraid would get her thrown out of The AFofL. (That's American Federation of Lesbians.) And my current honey's previous honey did hang with a questionable crowd without officially documenting who actually did what to whom, and with what.

So is that any reason to worry about getting AIDS? I don't know. I mean, what's the deal here? We're lesbians. We don't get it, right?

It's just that there was a booth at Pridfest. You know, with a screened curtain, a plastic jug labeled "Biohazard" and my favorite word in the English language. "Free." So we figured, what the hey! We figured we'd find out for sure what we already figured we knew for pretty sure. And sure enough, we were right.

Feeling silly, a week later, about taking up the time of a good gay doctor who had donated his time and lab to give us the good news, I thought I'd try to do something useful. Get some information. I said, "Well, what's the incidence of AIDS in lesbians?" And he said, "Uh. Ah. Um. Well. Nobody knows. Not much reported. Don't know. None. So far." So that was I much help.

Then I remembered reading in one of the dozen or so L and G publications that keep inadvertently outing us to the postal person (mailman being not only sexist, but redundant.) about a lesbian purported to be furious at her rap group for not letting her know that she could get it. And she had it. But the pub didn't say where or how she got it. And, maybe, reading about it was what propelled me onto the end of a test tube to find out for myself in the first place.

Anyway, there's no point in our having nude surprises ten years from now. I presume that you do know all that stuff about not sharing needles or other people's boyfriends. So here's what else the good doc had to say about us and AIDS besides nobody knows if we get it.

1) Nearly as anyone can tell so far, ordinary oral sex does not put lesbians at risk. Not that I think oral sex is ordinary. Or that yours particularly is. Or what I ever expected to be writing those two words together in anything I was expecting to be published. How times change. But the HIV virus has shown up in vaginal fluid, so it is possible to transmit the disease through oral sex. The best protection is some conversation about who your new partner has as her old partners. And, of course, the hardest question: Have you been tested?

2) The most at-risk time for transmissions is oral sex during your period(s), menstrual blood is definitely listed in the bodily fluids column. Digital sex with a ragged hangnail would qualify as painful, but, if there is a skin break, risky too.

3) Fisting is dangerous. For either of you. This is not a moral judgment. I leave those to the Right Reverends. (Wrong Reverends?) If either of you happens to be HIV+, thinks you might be HIV+, which you can't know unless you're tested. Which is something very few of your raised your hand for. Anal or vaginal interior walls tear very easily, leaving infection sites.

4) Don't share a toothbrush. (See, mother was right). If either of you is HIV+ or think you might be, or doesn't know whose ex-lover's ex-lover slept with what crazed, bisexual hemophilic heroin devotee. Besides being vaguely dis-hygienic, it's also potentially dangerous. No matter how convenient it seems at the time. Everyone's gums bleed sometime. Fresh blood, even in microscopic amounts clings to the bristles.

5) Keep your sex toys to yourself. Or cover 'em with condoms, then change condoms when

you switch from player to player. And vice versa. And lastly:

6) Sharing a razor qualifies right up there with fisting. Hard to imagine, but true, at least in the risk department. When you shave your legs, you cause minuscule cuts, even with your trusty Gillette Wet n Dry or Lady Norelco. So the virus could camp out on the double blade, just waiting the short time it takes in the morning for your unsuspecting to come along getting ready for work and inflict the Bic on herself.

I usually like to have a point when I write a column. Some noble offering I can weave into the hilarity, to subtly harangue you with what I think you ought to do with your life. This time, I don't even know what point to make yet. Because nobody knows. Our lesbian invisibility could kill us. Or it could cause the angel of death to pass over our door.

When I know more, I let you know more. For now, I can only tell you what the good sarge on Hill Street used to say.

"Let's be careful out there."

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MAINTAINING SELF ESTEEM IN A SOCIETY OF FEAR

BY SCOTT L. LOWTHER

With all of the media attention gays, lesbians and bisexuals have been receiving during recent months, it would be almost impossible not to notice much of the gay-bashing that has been occurring in print. Stories have appeared when Senator Bob Kerrey made a joke which negatively portrayed lesbians. Others have been written on increased street violence and police arrests in Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade when gays who were not allowed to officially march in the parade as a gay contingent were arrested when they did so anyway. Ollie North also recently apologized after he introduced a speech with a stereotypical portrayal of gays lispng, stating that if he used this speech pattern to contact the White House, he'd probably get faster attention.

On the local level, the media has slanted gay media events such as last year's pride parade and a recent public relations appearance by the President's Tour of Duty bus which made a stop in Omaha. After the pride parade, Carole Schrader reported on Channel 7 TV that those of us who marched were "demonstrating the ban on the military." Of course, most of us in the pride parade would have supported the statement; however, the reality of why we were marching was lost as she attempted to make the story newsworthy for her broadcast. Apparently, gays, lesbians and bisexuals marching down the street in parade form to affirm ourselves was not sufficiently newsworthy.

During the Tour of Duty which included gay veterans, I overheard one of the reporters telling her photographer she thought her producer would want to cover the event in conjunction with the

gay arrests occurring in the Boston Parade. Again, even a positive supported by the President of the United States himself is apparently not news unless the media can find a way to portray gays in a negative fashion.

With all of this negative publicity, combined with the daily articles and stories about whether or not to lift the ban on gays in the military (brazen predators as we're made out to be), how do we as individuals and as a community maintain a sense of affirmation, well-being and positive self-esteem? How necessary is it that we even attempt to maintain positive images of ourselves?

When we consider that individuals react in self-destructive ways to a society which does not accept us, I believe positive images are very important. For example, since studies suggest that les-bi-gays have 5 times the likelihood of becoming chemically addicted compared with straights, that the overwhelming percentage of teenage suicides occur while these youth are attempting to reconcile their sexual orientations, and that many counseling programs and counselors are ill-equipped to diagnose and/or treat these issues, it seems that the burden to provide these resources will fall on our community, much as it did to provide medical resources and services to victims of the AIDS virus.

In my opinion, our community has many special needs. We need to be able to provide chemical dependency counseling for gays in a setting that allows us to be comfortable enough with our affective orientation to be able to focus on the addiction issues. A friend of mine recently

told me about a treatment agency he's involved with where the counselors routinely put gays down. His treatment group was told of his counselor's initial aversion to AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) attendance because the group routinely gave each member a hug after meetings. The counselor reportedly said that he "always wondered if one of those cocksuckers would try to put the moves on him." This type of blatant homophobia by a so-called professional counselor is only one example of why our community needs to provide specialized programs for our population.

Another friend was recently forced to change therapists when his therapist informed him that he was willing to talk with my friend about self-esteem, relationships, and decision-making, as long as the sessions did not include the client discussing his homosexuality. The therapist apparently said he was "uncomfortable discussing that facet of the defendant's personality with him." How can he discuss issues such as self-esteem with his patient if he cannot discuss this patient's homosexuality? This same therapist also suggested that, if my friend felt he needed to talk about that subject, perhaps he should find another therapist, which he did.

The tearing down of our community's self-esteem is occurring both in the media, in the professions, and within families. One friend recently disclosed to me that his own mother has blamed him for his father's fatal stroke a few years ago because he had the unfortunate coincidence of coming out to his family only days before his father's death. He has been carrying

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Maintaining (Continued)

this guilt and shame with him all of these years.

I recently sat through the religious right's own version of what terrible beasts we gays are when a woman who referred to herself as a "medical professional" (a physician's wife), during legislative testimony on L.B. 395, informed listeners and Senators that "gays consume several pounds of fecal matter per year." Another individual testified that L.B. 395 would be protecting "Sodomites."

This portrayal of what we're up against, in my opinion, is very real; however, I believe there is a solution. I do not believe we need to forever live in fear or that the situation cannot be improved.

First, our community is beginning to provide more of the specialized services I describe. In Lincoln, Nebraska now has a chemical dependency treatment program which is staffed by les-bi-gay professionals; and, although it requires a little shopping, there are more and more professional therapists who are sensitive to gay mental health issues.

Second, there are support and social groups listed in this publication every month which range from gay-sensitive religious organizations to political groups to athletic organizations. Membership in one of these groups is a positive way to socialize and meet other gays who have survived the coming out process. Other ideas include volunteering for an organization of your choice, donating money, or writing your elected officials. Brian McNaught, who wrote "On Being Gay," called these types of affirming actions "proud growls and courageous roars."

The most important facet is coming out. The stereotypes used by hate-mongers don't withstand the light of day when faced with the reality of our

being. The more of us who are honest with ourselves, co-workers, families, friends, and neighbors, the less people will fear that which they now believe they don't know. A secretary in my office told me she "has never known a gay person." Surprise! We're everywhere!

Another solution is for our community to adopt a few simple social rules. Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen established a Self-Policing Social Code in their book "After the Ball." It includes three sections: Rules for Relationships with Straights, Rules for Relationships with Other Gays, and Rules for Relationships with Yourself.

Rules for Relationships With Straights
I won't have sex in public places. I won't make passes at straight acquaintances or strangers who might not be gay. Wherever possible and sensible, I will come out — gracefully. I will make an effort, when among straights, not to live down to gay stereotypes. I won't talk gay sex and gay ranch in public. If I'm a pederast or a sadomasochist, I'll keep it under wraps and out of gay pride marches. If I'm a transvestite, however glamorous, I'll graciously decline invitations to model lingerie for Oprah or Donahue.

Rules for Relationships with Other Gays
I won't lie. I won't cheat on my lover — or with someone else's. I'll encourage other gays to come out, but never expose them against their will. Tested or otherwise, I'll practice safe sex. I'll contribute money in meaningful amounts to the gay cause. I will not speak scornfully or cruelly of another's age, looks, clothing, or social class, in bars or elsewhere, lest I reveal my own insecurities. When forced to reject a suitor, I will do so firmly, but kindly. I'll drop my search for Mr. Right and settle for what's realistic. I won't re-enact straight oppression by name-calling and shouting down gays whose opinions don't square with mine.

Rules for Relationships with Yourself

I'll stop trying to be eighteen forever and act my age; I won't punish myself for being what I am. I won't have more than two alcoholic drinks per day; I won't use street drugs at all. I'll get a stable, productive job and become a member of the wider community beyond the gay ghetto. I'll live for something meaningful beyond myself. When confronted by real problems, I'll listen to common sense, not emotion. I will not condone sexual practices I think harmful to individuals or the community just because they're homosexual. I'll start making some value judgments.

The responsibility for change rests with us. I believe if we incorporate all of these by coming out, joining social and support groups, doing something positive to create positive change, making "proud growls and courageous roars" daily, and by remaining consistent with our own values, the changes we seek will be realized.

I believe we can challenge the negative stereotypes, decrease the number of teenage (gay) suicides, decrease the incidence of chemical addictions within our community, and further integrate gays who seek asylum within the safe confines of the "gay ghettos." It's up to each of us to take the first step. Then it's just like the song says...we just put one foot in front of the other.

SUBMISSIONS NEEDED

Seeking submissions of poetry, letters, prose, etc., written to or for those who have died from AIDS (or are HIV+) for a book to be published called *I Never Said Goodbye to Nat*. Profits will go to AIDS organizations. Please send submissions to:

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A SPECIAL COURAGE

From the *San Francisco Sunday Examiner & Chronicle*

The Grizzled Sergeant looked over the apple-cheeked youngster. "You sure you want to volunteer for this, Kid, he asked.

The young man nodded. "I've given it a lot of thought, Sarge," he said.

The sergeant shook his head. "Have you got any idea what you'll be up against?" he asked.

"I can handle it."

The sergeant sighed. "You understand the need for complete secrecy?"

"Sure. You can count on me. I know how to my mouth shut."

"Maybe so. But they're going to be watching you every move. They're going to be listening to your every word, studying your every gesture."

"I'm pretty sure I can pass for one them. Sarge."

"Just one little slip... If you talk in your sleep, you can bet the guy in the next bunk will be eager to rat on you."

"I know the risks."

The Sergeant squeezed his temples. "And do you know what they'll do if they catch you?"

For the first time, the young man hesitated: "I've got a rough idea," he said.

The sergeant persisted. "You'll be dealing with the cruelest bunch of macho toughs you've ever come up against," he said slowly.

The young man ducked his head. "Yeah," was all he said.

"They've been raised to hate everything you stand for," the sergeant continued relentlessly. "They think their manhood depends on kicking your butt, and they're going to compete to see who can kick it the farthest.

The young man said nothing.

"And when they're through with you, their officers will give you a kangaroo trial and dump you out with the garbage."

"I know," said the young man, running his fingers through his hair. "I know. But I keep telling myself that, with luck, I won't get caught."

"Sure," said the sergeant. "If you're extraordinarily careful every waking minute, there's a chance you could stay under wraps for years. And if you do somehow manage to survive, you know what'll happen to you?"

"How do you mean?"

"They'll ship you off to some flea-bitten country halfway around the world where you'll enjoy every likelihood of getting your head blown off. You still want to volunteer?"

The young man was silent for a moment. Then he straightened. "Look Sarge. I know it sounds cornball," he said, "but I really want to serve my country."

The sergeant pursed his lips. "You, of all people," he said. Then he shrugged, "OK, if that's what you want, take one step forward, raise your right hand and I'll swear you in. But let me tell you something. You've got more guts than all those macho toughs you'll be serving with."

"Thanks."

The sergeant leaned back in his chair. "There's still one thing I don't understand."

The young man smiled. "How come we gays want to serve in the military?"

"No," said the sergeant. "How come if the military wants the gutsiest soldier they can get, they don't want you?"

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LEAVING ME NOW

It seems true love is so grand
Seems all I've known is see it
Your laughter fills the air
Once more I'm sensing your fear

And I suppose you're leaving this place
I was so sure; Now I'm so full of doubt
And I suppose you'll be leaving me now
Just like the smile
you've wiped from my face this time

I always gave my best
Your memory serves you so badly
Some people kill for less
Yet I'm still tied for you gladly

So I suppose it's my turn now
To play your scheme that's familiar somehow
I turned the page And you walk away
Not even enough
Would bring you to stay this time
Walk away so easy

Once more I'm learning
In the deaths of our despair
Your life's reforming
True love is so unfair

And I suppose it's my turn now
There's no love, only feelings of doubt
A midnight scene that swells in your eyes
Takes just one look
to know I'm still mesmerized

But I suppose you're leaving me now.

James Drake

IT'S OVER

I won't be here when you come home
I'm sorry if you don't understand
Forgive me, if you can

But I can see another road
And I ain't coming back
Don't look for me around this town
Cause I'm gonna be so far away
You'll never find me anywhere

And I won't take no souvenirs
No memories, pictures or common sense
Because it's over, and I ain't coming back

I gave you everything
And now you're breaking my heart
You knew that I'm no harm
To tear your world apart
I would never leave
If I thought you couldn't stand the pain
A letter in the hall is waiting on the wall

A letter with the words of love and all
Because it's over and I ain't coming back

And as you close the door
You know that you've broken my heart
You should have loved me more
Instead, you've torn my world apart
And as I walk into the lonely afternoon
I feel sad enough: I feel bad enough

And all the times
when you were lonely where you are
Please don't hate me; I just couldn't pretend alone
I could feel my tears running through the years
'cause it's over

James Drake

GAMES

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WHO CARES?
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A community of FAMILY and FRIENDS
SEPARATED
SEGREGATED
TORN
by lies and hate and jealousy and gossip
and ignorance and greed and grudge and...
STOP!

WE ARE TOO STRONG TO BE THIS WEAK
AND
too weak to be this strong
APOLOGIZE AND ACCEPT
FORGIVE AND FORGET
LOOK AND LISTEN
MOVE ON...
THESE GAMES GET US NOWHERE!

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NATIONAL NEWS

MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival will hold its 18th annual celebration August 10-15, 1993. This 6-day all-womyn camping event is the oldest and largest of the womyn's music festivals held in the United States, and is attended annually by 7 - 8,000 womyn from across the United States and Canada, as well as over 20 other countries throughout the world.

Taking place on 650 acres of country land, womyn from across the world come together to celebrate womyn's culture while relaxing in the beautiful woodland surroundings. The event offers over 300 workshops, a womyn's crafts faire with 140 artisan booths, sports, dances, nature walks, and over 40 performances held on three stages featuring womyn musicians playing all sorts of music, as well as dance, theater and comedy. There are special accommodations for differently-abled womyn, womyn of color, womyn over 50, womyn in recovery, and womyn with children.

For information regarding the 1993 Festival, write to WWTMC, P.O. Box 22, Waltham, MI 48458, 616-757-4766.

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SUPPORT OF LIFTING BAN

To simplify efforts to demonstrate support for lifting the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the military, a special messaging program has been created through Western Union. With a single phone call, supporters can send separate cablegrams to President Clinton at the White House, their two United States Senators, and their Congress representative in the United States House of Representatives. Western Union will automatically identify a caller's congressional leaders and send messages to the appropriate individuals.

Take advantage of this program. Individuals should call Western Union at 800-258-2222, and refer to Hotline Number 9342. For \$8.75, cablegrams will be sent to President Clinton, two U.S. Senators, and a U.S. Representative in Congress. The Cablegrams express support for ending the ban on gays and lesbians in the United States Armed Forces. The charge for the messages may be billed directly to an individual's home phone number, Visa, or MasterCard.

For more information about the cablegram program, please contact Western Union at 800-258-2222, or the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus, Post Office Box 822, Austin, Texas 78767-0822, Tel. 512-474-0750.

ALYSON RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP

Alyson Publications has been named winner of the 1993 Award for New England Publishing, presented by the New England Booksellers Association (NEBA). It is only the fourth publisher to win the award, and the first gay-identified press to receive it.

Rusty Drugan, NEBA's executive director, said that "we wanted to recognize Alyson's long history of going into uncharted territory to meet community needs. We need to see more of this risk-taking and social conscience in the book industry." He cited the company's new line of children's books that feature lesbian and gay parents, and also the book *You Can Do Something About AIDS*, a non-profit project for which publisher Sasha Alyson had generated industrywide support.

Previous recipients of the award have been David R. Godine, Publisher; the University of Massachusetts Press; and Beacon Press.

SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT

Wayne Hoffman is seeking submissions of personal essays, articles, or short fiction about coming out in the age of AIDS. He will be compiling a collection of pieces about how young Gay Bi men deal with HIV+, safe sex, AIDS, anxiety, etc.

Men aged 25 or younger who are "out" are asked to send in pieces for consideration by June 1, 1993, along with a cover letter and brief bio, to: P.O. Box 26042, Arlington, VA 22215.

Hoffman is a 22 year old, HIV-negative, Jewish Gay urbanite. Those with backgrounds different from his — men of color, men from small towns, Bi men, and HIV+ men — are particularly encouraged to send in contributions.

Hoffman is a freelance writer living in DC.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST GAYS AND LESBIANS REACH ALL TIME HIGH

Violence and victimization against gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals reached a record high in 1992, according to a report released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute. Findings in the eighth annual NGLTF report, *Anti-Gay/Lesbian Violence, Victimization & Defamation in 1992*, exposes the disturbing pervasiveness of attacks on gay people in five major urban areas and other locations around the nation. In addition, the report cites the documented surge in violence against gays in Colorado and Oregon in the wake of anti-gay referenda, and victimization of gays in the military following the controversy over the U.S. Armed Forces.

A total of 1,898 anti-gay incidents — including harassment, threats, physical assaults, vandalism, arson, police abuse and murder — were reported to agencies in New York, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis/St. Paul and San Francisco. The incidents represent a four percent increase over 1991's total of 1,822. Taken together, such episodes of violence represent a 172 percent increase over the 697 bias incidents reported five years ago by the same agencies.

Among the most serious incidents to increase were homicides, which climbed 50 percent from 8 in 1991 to 12 in 1992. Physical assaults, or "gay bashings," rose from 775 to 817 (+5 percent).

Homophobic victimization exploded in the wake of highly publicized anti-gay referenda campaigns in Oregon and Colorado last year. In 1992, the Portland, Oregon victim assistance agency documents 968 incidents, more than any other location in the country. And in Colorado, homophobic incidents tripled during November and December following passage of that state's anti-gay Amendment 2.

Statistics

A total of 1,898 anti-gay incidents were reported in 1992, or a four percent increase over 1991. The New York City area recorded the highest number of reported episodes (662), followed by San Francisco (435), Minneapolis/St. Paul (311), Chicago (252), and Boston (238).

Anti-gay homicides climbed 50 percent from 8 in 1991 to 12 in 1992. Robbery motivated by homophobic bias also climbed 50 percent, from 52 in 1991 to 78 in 1992. Threats of violence and physical menacing rose an alarming 139 percent, from 146 to 350. Anti-gay physical assaults rose 2 percent, from 125 to 128. At the same time, reports of police abuse dropped five percent from 146 in 1991 to 138 in 1992.

The report charts the steady rise in anti-gay incidents over the past five years. In 1988, 697 episodes were reported; 949 in 1989; 1,389 in 1990; 1,822 in 1991; and 1,898 in 1992, a 172 percent total increase over five years. Incidents were directed at a total of 2,534 individuals, 1,745 were male (69 percent); 678 were female (27 percent); 111 were "unknown" (4 percent).

AIDS bias continues to be a factor in many of the anti-gay attacks. Among the incidents reported, 168, or 9 percent, involved AIDS-related epithets or were directed against people with AIDS or perceived to have AIDS.

Only 322 anti-gay crimes were reported to local police in four of the five cities (Boston did not report by deadline). In December of last year, the FBI released early data from its first report on hate crimes mandated by the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990. The FBI report, listed only 422 of its 4,558 hate crime episodes collected nationwide in 1991 as anti-gay. By comparison, NGLTF logged 1,001 crimes in just five cities using the same FBI definitions.

Examples of Incidents

— On September 26, Hattie Mae Cohen, an African-American lesbian, and Brian Mock, a white gay man with a disability, were firebombed to death when skinheads tossed a molotov cocktail into their home after earlier beating Mock while shouting anti-gay epithets. The skinheads called Cohen a "nigger dyke" when she came to Mock's defense during a previous attack.

— On May 5, a suburban Detroit lesbian couple was shot and killed in their front yard by a neighbor upset at their displays of affection.

— In July, two men leaving a popular Washington, D.C., gay club were shot to death by two teenagers and left on the street to nearly bleed to death.

— A 14-year-old boy was beaten by family members and thrown out of his house in April after talking to gay activists outside of his family's church in Sacramento, Calif.

— On June 6, the offices of the Portland, Oregon, campaign fighting an anti-gay referendum were ransacked. Organizational donor and member lists were stolen, and individuals whose names appeared on the lists later received death threats.

— On June 28, 25 members of the Ku Klux Klan demonstrated at the pride parade picnic in Gainesville, Florida. The Klan members harassed participants and called for the execution of gays.

— A retired California Highway Patrol officer repeatedly threatened a Madera County, California, woman and her son during the summer because her brother-in-law had AIDS.

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

Lincoln-Lancaster Health Dept, 2200 St
Marys Ave, Lincoln 68502 (402) 471-8065
Alt. test site at Panic, 200 S. 18, 2nd Tuesday

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

**Native American Community Developmt
Corp,** 2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, 3-41-8471

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

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

Regional Department of Health, Norfolk
Regional Ctr, Admin Bldg #16, (402) 370-3395

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

COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

AIDS Care, The Mercy Center, 427 E.
Kanewille Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503,
at: Colleen Kibbe-Vest (712) 328-2609

AIDS Support Group: Sponsored by Parents/
Friends of Lesbians & Gays-Lincoln (PFLAG),
Box 4374, Lincoln, 68504, 7pm, 475-2437

**Grand Island Area HIV/AIDS Support
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Meets 1st Monday of each month. For more
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Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243

Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth,
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groups-confidential locations. (402) 342-4233

North Platte Area Support Group,
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AIDS ADVOCACY

AIDS Coalition for Empowerment (A.C.E.),
For anyone living with AIDS or HIV and those
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AIDS Project, 342-4233, for details.

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AIDS Interfaith Network, 100 N 62, Omaha
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1701 'E', Lincoln 68501 (402) 471-7997
3838 Dewey, Omaha 68131 (402) 441-2723

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

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

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

HIV Clinic, Univ of NE Medical Center, 600
S. 42nd, Omaha, (402) 559-6681

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

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

Nebraska AIDS Project
(statewide) (800) 782-AIDS [2437]
Omaha Office: 3624 Leavenworth, 68105
342-4233 AIDS Hotline, HIV testing, AIDS-
awareness, practical support, counseling
Lincoln Office: (402) 474-4243
Central Nebraska Office: 3423 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 234-8183

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGAL

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

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

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

PRESCRIPTION SERVICE ENDORSES PROTEST

Community Prescription Service (CPS), a
gay/lesbian/HIV+ owned mail service
pharmacy specializing in AIDS/HIV, became
the first national pharmacy service to participate
in the protest against Astra Pharmaceuticals'
pricing of Foscavir.

Foscavir, manufactured by Astra, can
prevent blindness caused by CMV retinitis in
people with AIDS. Astra has come under
attack for pricing Foscavir at more than \$24,000
per year, wholesale, making it the single most
expensive AIDS drug to date.

To pressure Astra into lowering the price
of Foscavir, pharmacists and doctors are urged
to substitute generic products for Astra's
popular Xylocaine medication.

Community Prescription Service (CPS)
will routinely substitute generic product for
Xylocaine, unless the patient specifically
requests Xylocaine. The company's move is
expected to cost Astra more than \$10,000 per
year in sales.

CPS serves HIV+ patients nationwide. By
waiving co-payment requirements, CPS reduces
its members' prescription costs to zero, after
their deductible is met.

In addition, CPS handles all of the insurance
filing paperwork and waits to receive payment
from the insurance, rather than requiring
members to pay in advance.

Sean Strub and Stephen Gendin, principal
owners of CPS, are both longtime AIDS
activists. Strub is widely regarded as one of the
nation's leading fundraisers for gay/lesbian
and AIDS causes and Gendin founded ACT
UP/New York's *Treatment and Data Digest*.

Strub commented, "Because we are both
HIV+ and AIDS activists, we make it our
business to be a part of what is happening at
the frontlines of AIDS research, treatment and
activism."

Membership in CPS is arranged by calling
1-800-842-0502. Membership is free and open
to all insured persons, regardless of HIV status.

"50 Against One" Program

At a ceremony on February 27, Neiman
Marcus president and CEO Terry J. Lundgren
presented a check for \$130,000 to American
Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) co-
founder and chairman Mathilde Krim, Ph.D.

The donation was a result of Neiman Marcus'
massive "50 Against One" effort. This program
was launched in the fall of 1992, when Neiman
Marcus collaborated with 49 designers to create
an exclusive accessory collection to raise funds
for AIDS research and heighten awareness.

Twenty percent of the proceeds from the sale
of "50 Against One" merchandise will continue
to be designated to benefit various AIDS
organizations. The collection is sold in the 27
Neiman Marcus stores nationwide.

In presenting the check to Krim, Lundgren
said, "Let this check presentation today be a
symbol not of what we have already accomplished,
but let it represent instead our ongoing
commitment to the fight against AIDS. It will be
the first of many such check presentations, because
we are committed to the 50 Against One project."

LOCAL NEWS

OMAHA MR. DRUMMER CONTEST AT DC'S

Sunday, May 23, the 1993 Omaha Mr. Drummer contest will take place at DC's, 1019 S. 10 in Omaha.

Last year's winner of the Omaha Mr. Drummer contest, Emerson Briney, went on to win Great Plains Drummer and International Mr. Drummer. Perhaps you could do the same!

The contest is open to any leatherman interested in representing DC's. Contestants will compete in jockstrap, interview, and as they perform their hottest fantasies on stage.

The winner will go on to compete in the Great Plains Drummer competition to be held June 11 & 12.

There will be a small cover charge for this event. For entry forms and complete details, contact DC's.

AIDS COALITION FOR EMPOWERMENT

We are pleased to announce that the former group, P.W.A. COPE, has elected an executive committee which consists of Joe Conrad, President; Mark Stratman, Secretary; Kevin Roark, Treasurer. The group will now be called A.C.E. (AIDS Coalition for Empowerment). All persons living with AIDS and HIV and anyone concerned with AIDS advocacy may call NAP at 342-4233 for further information.

GARY YOUNGER TO APPEAR AT DOWNTOWN GROUNDS

Gary Younger, a PLWA committed to serving both the gay/lesbian and the larger community, will be reading poetry and sharing stories at the Downtown Grounds Coffee House on May 20th. A sample of his poetry follows.

A SMALL MAN WITH A TALL PLAN

In all honesty, it would have been better or simply easier to be a butterfly, or a wildflower on a distant hillside in this life.

Who would choose to have cancer or AIDS?

- Not many, if any
- Books tell us about people that think of illness as a blessing brought by god
- Opportunity for rebirth
- A second chance
- Play it again, sam
- One more time
- Another trip around the track
- I've learned to live one day at a time
- The sun don't shine everyday

but ask me if that's OK, for I am a small man with a tall plan. Even though the tears and loneliness of living with AIDS I remain the eternal optimist -- the merchant of hope.

my gods are intangibles, hugs and kisses and smiles are on special this week.

I'm much more than a number in some hospital clinic because I am and always will be a small man with a tall plan

—Gary Younger, PLWA

SOCIAL WORK GROUP TO MEET 2ND TUESDAYS

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Nebraska Chapter Lesbian and Gay Task Force is changing its meeting date and contact people.

The group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. (instead of the second Sunday of the month) beginning May 11, 1993.

The contact people for the group will be Erin Porterfield, phone 733-1753 (Omaha) and Elizabeth Bartle (402) 475-5534 (Lincoln). The meeting place will remain the same: the conference room at the University of Nebraska School of Social Work, Annex 40 at UNO.

The group is open to any social worker who is supportive of gay and lesbian issues.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS MCC SERVICE MOVED FOR CONFERENCE

The regular Sunday Morning Worship Service of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha on Sunday, May 30, will be held at the Red Lion Hotel. Starting time will be 10:20 a.m.

This change is due to the District Conference MCC-O is hosting May 27-30. A Special Sunday Evening Service will be held that night at MCC-O, 819 S. 22nd St., at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend either or both services.

AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT TO BE DISPLAYED IN SIOUX FALLS

From Thursday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22, the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at the Arena in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. One hundred panels will be shown during this display and, as always, new panels will be accepted.

Persons interested in volunteering to help with this display should contact CLUB 332 in Sioux Falls. (605) 335-9874.

MCC MARCHES IN SIOUX FALLS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

New York City may have gained national publicity for not allowing gays and lesbians to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade, but according to an article in the April 15 issue of the *Progress Tribune*, St. Francis/St. Clare MCC of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, received a warm reception when they joined in the Sioux Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Last year the church had a float in the parade, which was greeted primarily with silence, but this year church leaders, including Rev. Don Reusch, marched with a banner publicizing the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Marchers passed out red ribbons and Quilt Flyers.


"I couldn't believe how well received we were. People came to us and asked us for brochures and ribbons. One guy chased us for 2 blocks just to get a brochure," said Larry Schutt, MCC secretary/treasurer.

IOWA RESOURCE DIRECTORY PUBLISHED IN AMES

The *GLBA Resource Directory* is a comprehensive guide to organizations and businesses catering to gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, persons with AIDS, and their friends and families.

The *Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals of Ames (GLBA)* has resumed publishing it after a gap of over 8 years.

To receive a copy of the newly released 5th edition, send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: *GLBA Resource Directory*, PO Box 1761, Ames, IA 50010.




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**To get to Progressive Park, go south on 13th St. to Missouri Ave. Turn left & cross South Omaha Bridge. Drive past Screammers to 36th St. (You should see a realtor's sign with an arrow directing you toward the Park). Turn right onto the gravel road & go two miles. Progressive Park is about 1/2 mile past the curve.

A NEW ANGLE ON PRIDE

By Stan Brown

Another successful brunch for the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line was held on April 4 at the MAX. Approximately 75 people attended and \$340 was raised from the event. The money will go to fund the Information Line during coming months. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Marshall and his crew who cooked, served, and organized the event.

On April 11 the Chesterfield Bar hosted a silent art auction with the proceeds going to ANGLE and the Gay/Lesbian Community of Omaha. Thanks to Sam, Todd, and Chachi who helped organize the event and to all the artists who donated their work. There were wonderful paintings, photographs, drawings, and flower arrangements to bid on. Our thanks go out to the workers and patrons of the Chesterfield for their donations. The event raised \$168. I want to wish ChaChi and Alma continued success with their bar. I always feel welcome and enjoy going to The Chesterfield with my lesbian friends or for fundraising events.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 6, my annual Pride Variety Show at the MAX, 9:30pm, a fundraiser for ANGLE. I'll bring together the best live performers in our community, including Joel Cason, R.N. Hedges, Sharmie and Heidi, plus your favorite lip synch performers and female impersonators including royalty from the Imperial Court, Viktoria Towne, Dorian Drake, Jennifer Jett, Dietra Snow, Jassmyn Starr, Monica West, and of course, Inga. This will be one of the best shows of the year, so don't miss it!

There are many exciting Pride events planned throughout the month of June so look for other information in *The New Voice* or call the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line, 538-5303.

FREDDIE BURCH AT DC'S

Sunday, May 16, direct from Nashville, rising young country/western entertainer, Freddie Burch, will appear live at DC's, 1019 S. 10, in Omaha. Freddie will be making DC's his only Omaha stop in his current national tour.

Freddie's fantastic vocal range makes him a pleasure to listen and dance to as he sings all your favorites. You'll be disappointed if you miss this one! Tickets are available at DC's, \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door.

KATE CLINTON TO APPEAR IN KANSAS CITY

As part of Willow Productions spring concert series, Kate Clinton will be appearing at the Granada Theater, 1015 Minnesota Ave, Kansas City, KANSAS, on May 22 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. For information about upcoming events, call (816) 691-8785 and leave a message.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED

by RJ

In March, a young minister from the West Coast, now serving a small Midwest community led the discussion on "What the Bible Says About Homosexuality--And What It Means." Though this was a young minister, fresh out of seminary, he was well versed on gay and lesbian life style--especially since he was heterosexual. However, this was not held against him. It really wasn't a matter of his choosing. But he did give a doggone good presentation. As good a presentation as this young Pastor gave, may I suggest, to further his understanding, that he contact a pro in the field, Rev. Matthew Howard of MCC, who is a recognized authority in the Straight and G/L community on "Homosexuality and the Bible." Meanwhile, young pastor, you are headed in the right direction. Keep your mind open, and if by any chance some gay or lesbian people pass through your pastorate in Whistle Stop, treat them gently and compassionately. Enfold them in God's radiant love, as Jesus would surely have done. Pray for those who would exclude them from God's Grace just because gay and lesbian people have a small part of us that is different -- a small part of us we have no control over. We gay and lesbian children of God also have a place at our Creator's table and we will not be denied that place any longer.

MAN ON A THIN LINE

Walk the balance
blend the elements
make the distinction
create your art through music,
laughter, and love.
Sing the praises daily of the lord
open and lift the hearts of fellow mankind.
All the brothers and sisters in the land
dare to dream of PEACE
HARMONY
PERFECTION.

It's all there,
can't you see?
You can't hide
from the darkness
there is none.
DISPEL
FEAR
MIRACLES
APPEAR

—Gary Younger, PLWA

On Sunday, May 16, THE MAX is Reserving a special night for Omaha as our General Manager, Wayne Tietsort presents

The Faces Of AIDS

A Special Benefit for Nebraska P.W.A.'s

Joining the cast of the Midwest's finest talents will be the return of "The Babes Behind Bars" and your host's Wayne Tietsort, Don "Flowers", Velvet & Gloria Revelle

We appreciate your support of this very important cause

The Faces of AIDS thanks The New Voice for their kind donation of this Ad space

MCCERS CONGREGATE AT RED LION FOR CONFERENCE AND SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC-O will host the 1993 Mid-Central District Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches May 27-30 at the Red Lion Hotel. The community is invited to attend the special worship services that will be held during the conference. The Mid-Central District is composed of 10 states: Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Iowa. Around 200 lay representatives and clergy from the MCCs in those states are expected for the conference.

Friday special worship services will be held at 9:00 a.m. led by Rev. Chuck Larsen and All God's Children MCC from Minneapolis, MN, and at 7:00 p.m. led by Rev. Ken Caton and First MCC of Kansas from Wichita, KS. Both services will be held at the Red Lion Hotel.

Saturday's special services include a 9:00 a.m. service led by Rev. Ken Pilot and MCC of Living Faith and a 5:45 p.m. service led by Rev. Elder Freda Smith. Rev. Elder Smith is a member of the Board of Elders of UFMCC and is noted as the first female elder in the Fellowship. Both services will be held at the Red Lion Hotel.

Sunday Morning Worship will be led by Rev. Bonnie Daniel and MCC-Omaha. Rev. Daniel is the retiring District Coordinator for the Mid-Central District. This will be her final preaching assignment in the District. Worship time on Sunday will be 10:00 a.m. The service will be held at the Red Lion Hotel. NO MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT 819 S. 22 ON SUNDAY, MAY 30.

MCC-Omaha invites everyone to join them Sunday Evening for a Special Evening Worship Service led by Rev. Matthew L. Howard and MCC-Omaha at 7:00 p.m. Many of the delegates will stay over and attend this special service. This service WILL BE held at 819 S. 22nd St.

During the month of March the Nebraska AIDS Project added a new support group to the client service program. A substance abuse group dealing with issues surrounding the use of alcohol and drugs and HIV/AIDS will be meeting one time weekly. If you or someone you know may benefit from attending this group, please contact the Omaha office at 342-4233 and ask for a case manager to give you further information. NAP also added many new volunteers to the program during the month. Among the trainings offered were Basic Training (AIDS 101 information) in which 15 persons were trained, Practical Support, 10, Partner notification, 7. Thanks to all those who put in their time in becoming a part of the Nebraska AIDS Project. Our Project would not be where it is today if it weren't for the many dedicated members in all aspects of our programs.

For persons HIV infected or diagnosed with AIDS, taking anti-viral therapies DDI or AZT, drug companies want patient feedback. Persons can earn \$75.00 for a 1.5 hour market research project with anonymity guaranteed. Call collect, 9:00am to 9:00pm Pacific Daylight Time, Larry Wisch Assoc. at 415-495-4612. Ask for Irene.

We also wanted to give *The New Voice* readers a listing of AIDS friendly businesses. These manufacturers have donated their time and finances to fight the disease: Absolutely Flowers, American Express, Anheuser-Busch, Arista Records, Bloomingdales, Bombay Gin, Citibank, Delta Airlines, Fox, Inc., Hard Rock Cafe, Home

IMPERIAL COURT PLANS MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC AND CORONATION OF REIGN XIII

By Eddie B.

For the past couple of months our reigning Monarchs and their Royal Families have been extremely busy putting together their ideas and plans for Coronation XIII. And it promises to be a fabulous weekend. "A Night of Champagne and Elegance Aboard the U.S.S. Nebraska" is this year's theme, and elegant it promises to be.

Coronation XIII this year will be taking place at the Ramada Inn Central on 72nd & Grover and will be held on June 18th, 19th, and 20th. This date is getting close, so reserve your hotel rooms early. Especially with all of the out-of-town Courts we have attending this year. When making your reservation, be sure to ask for the floor that will be hosting the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

Tickets for Carnation XIII will be available soon. On Friday night, the U.S.S. NEBRASKA sets sail with the Monarchs hosting the Visiting Natives' Show, featuring fabulous talents of other Monarchs and friends from across the country.

This year you have ALL DAY Saturday to vote for your choice for Monarchs. Voting is open to any resident of Nebraska or Pottawattamie County, Iowa and takes place from 10:00am until 6:15pm at Ramada Inn Central. Just like state and federal elections, you can only vote once. To assure that all voters meet the qualifications, you will be asked to sign a register and provide identification showing place of residence.

Then on Saturday evening will be the Ship's Grand Gala featuring the organizations and businesses of Nebraska who have helped so much in the past year, the presentation of our out-of-town Monarchs as well as the presentation of the newly elected Nebraska Monarchs for Reign XIII.

And we can't forget about the Captain's Brunch on Sunday morning, hosted by the Monarchs of Reign XIII, and the Christening Show that evening at the MAX presenting the new Monarchs to the community.

If you are interested in receiving a packet regarding all of the information for Coronation XIII, please contact Ed at 291-1242 or Carla at 556-9907 and we will send one out to you as quickly as possible.

ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO HAVE BOOTHS AT PICNIC

Also having the Board of Governors busy this past few months is the planning of the annual Memorial Day picnic. This year's picnic promises to be filled with Fun in the Sun! The picnic committee has been planning our games and entertainment for everyone in the community that guarantees an afternoon no one will forget. Organizations are invited to have free display booths at this picnic to distribute information or for fundraising (The park contract does not allow any food booths, but other sales are welcome.) We once again have the use of Progressive Park, so there is plenty of room for everyone to run around. (Sorry, the park rules state that no pets may be allowed in the park.)

Come out to the picnic on May 31st and meet the Monarch Candidates for Reign XIII as they campaign for your vote. Admission for the picnic will be \$7 per adult and \$3 per child 10 and under. The picnic will be from 12 noon until 5:00 p.m.

As a reminder, ICON's Board of Governors meets the first Monday in every month at 6:30 p.m. in Stosh's Saloon at the MAX. We welcome everyone to attend our Board meetings and to participate in the discussion at hand.

We hope to see you at the Memorial Day picnic and at our June Board meeting where we finalize for Coronation XIII. And don't forget to order your information packets for Coronation. And look for the Imperial Court members out and about. We're always out and about.

NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

Box Office, IBM, Kellogg's, Levi Strauss, Macy's, Pepsico, Safeway Stores, Seagram Distillers, Sears, Showtime, Sony, Toyota, Universal Pictures/MCA, Warner Brothers, Woolworth, and Xerox. We are sure there are other businesses that have donated equal time and monies to the cause. If you are aware of any, let us know and we will add them to our list.

If you know someone who is HIV+ or has AIDS, feel free to refer them to the Nebraska AIDS Project. If you would like to volunteer, call Audrey for an application: 800-782-2437.

NAP Case Management Census March 1993	
Open Cases as of 3/1/93	230
New Cases	18
Clients Deceased	1
Cases Closed	1
End Total as of 3/31/93	244

Client Services Performed in March, 1993	
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Transportation	186
Shopping, Cooking, Sitting, Etc	200

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MAY BRINGS SPECIAL SHOWS TO THE MAX

By Gloria Revelle

The wymmyn of Omaha are about to have their own night at THE MAX, on Sunday, May 2. The Tom Boys will be headlining in Stosh's Saloon. These local gals are very talented musicians and I know that you'll find their show to be a highlight of your summer. All you women have asked for female entertainers and they don't come any better than the Tom Boys.

Laura Lee is back and she's bringing the Great Plains Entertainer of the Year Contest to Omaha. This is another regional competition and the focus is on entertainment. We're expected a lot of local talent as well as some of the best entertainers from our surrounding states. Join THE MAX and Laura Lee for Nebraska's newest pageant on Sunday, May 9.

Our General Manager, Wayne Tietsort, has a passion. That passion is developing awareness and raising money for Nebraska P.W.A.'s (Persons With AIDS). Once again Wayne is putting together a show of shows on Sunday, May 16. This year our theme is "The Faces of AIDS." Wayne, along with Don "Flowers", Velvet, and Show Director, Gloria Revelle, will again bring

to THE MAX stage Nebraska's biggest and most important benefit of the year. All of the best that Omaha has to offer will be on stage. Please join us.

Don't think for a moment that I would let a month go by without some of the male entertainment that has become a MAX tradition. On Sunday, May 23, please welcome for the first time at THE MAX, Karl Thomas. Karl is one of the hottest stars in Gay Porn. His films become classics and his reputation becomes legendary. He's got a lot to show you, so don't miss a minute or an inch.

Memorial Day is fast approaching and THE MAX is the place to spend your long weekend with style, class, and excitement. Stosh's Saloon will be open for all you cowboys and cowgirls on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Sunday is a "No Drag Sunday" so you can dance and party for four non-stop days.

The summer is heating up and we've got a lot of excitement to share with you, so why go anywhere else? It's always better at home. It's always better at THE MAX.

OMAHA JOINS IN 10TH ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

On Sunday, May 23, Omaha's AIDS Interfaith Network will join in the 10th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization. The event, which began in San Francisco in 1983, is now the world's largest annual community-based AIDS event. To date it has been celebrated in 370 cities in 55 nations. Observances have ranged from small gatherings in houses of worship to huge marches through city centers. The event honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS and demonstrates support for people living with AIDS.

The Omaha Candlelight Memorial will be conducted by the AIDS Interfaith Network at St. Cecilia's Cathedral, 40th & Webster, at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 23.

COALITION 1ST SATURDAY

The First Saturday committee of the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights has decided to cancel most events planned for the year. The First Saturday event will still take place at Cornerstone from 7 to 10pm, but instead of having a dance or other major event each month, there will be the relaxed atmosphere of a coffeehouse. Those attending are encouraged to bring games, music, videos, or anything that others might enjoy. Network Q, a 2 hour video magazine featuring gay news and comedy will be shown each month. If you are interested in helping plan events for First Saturdays, come share your ideas with us!

A potluck for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals who are over 50 is still planned for June 6, the First Saturday in June.

ARBOR MOON'S NEW HOME

Arbor Moon has a new location and expanded hours thanks to a joint venture with Aradia's Arcane. Your favorite selection of alternative books, buttons, magazines, cards, T-shirts, and jewelry is now located at 2017 "O" street in Lincoln. The store is open from 10am to 7pm, Monday thru Saturday and noon to 5pm Sundays. The Arbor Moon is also home to "A Woman's Place." For information, call Wally at 477-5666 or 489-4634.

GROUP FOR GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS AND CHILDREN

A new group is forming which will plan and coordinate activities for gay and lesbian parents and their children. An organizational meeting will be held at MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, on May 6, at 7:30pm. The group hopes to plan monthly activities for parents, spouses, significant others, and their children. Activities will be planned more frequently if interest indicates.

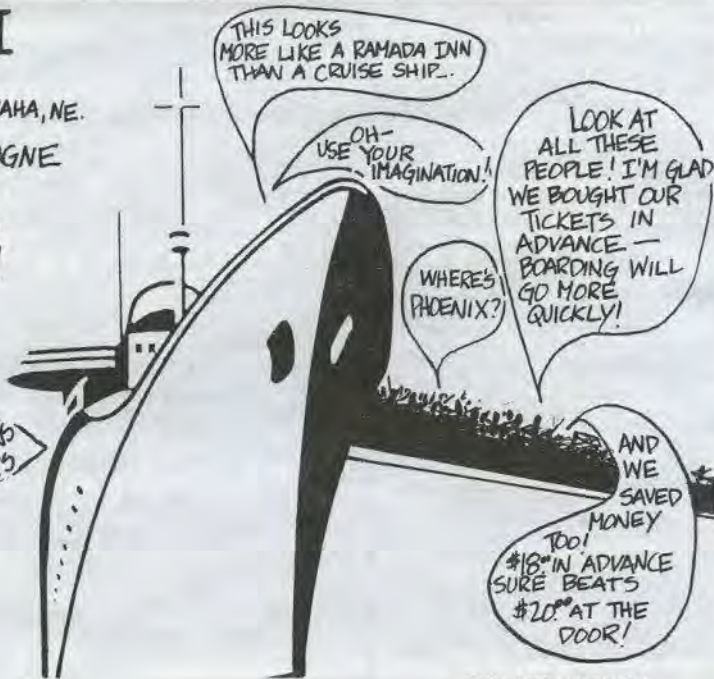
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**AMY MARIE MEEK
IS MS INTERNATIONAL LEATHER '93**



Omaha's own Amy Marie Meek won out over eight other contestants at the Seventh Annual International Ms Leather contest held March 20 in San Francisco's Club Townsend.

First runner-up was Queen Cougar, Ms SF Leather '93, also Ms Headquarters Leather '93. The second runner-up was Donna Shroat of San Francisco, Ms Northern California Leather. Imsl '93, produced by Audrey Joseph, was a show-stopper from beginning to end. The event was dedicated to the memory of Patrick Toner, IML 1985, an instrumental force in the women's leather title concept from the beginning. Emcees for the evening were the former Imsl, Shan Carr, and Leather Daddy Irwin Kan. Shan Carr put aside her leather for an emerald green evening gown but still delighted the audience with her remarks and anecdotes. The choice of a male emcee marked a first for this event, and Irwin Kan, with his booming, resonant voice, carried out the position with decorum and honor.

The judges for the evening: Pam Meyers, Ruth Marks, Tova Seawall, Wickie Stamps, and out-going Imsl. Blair, were hard-pressed, considering the superior array of contestants.

From Queen Cougar's 10 member fantasy singing "live" to Ms Southbay Leather Heidi Bayer's medieval sword play, it was an afternoon of gasping and standing ovations.

However, with her extensive leather/SM activism, the high scoring in the personal interview and a socko fantasy (liberating imprisoned leather men and women from a demented, ill-informed justice system) Amy scored high and walked away with the title.

Her good friend, Emerson Briney, International Mr Drummer, is as proud as he can be seeing the second Omahan take a national title and showing the country that leather pride exists in mid-America as well as on the coasts.

Amy is a former member of the Steering Committee of *The New Voice of America*, the Nebraska representative to the steering committee for the March on Washington, founding member of the Omaha Players Club, and is on the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska and a member of the Royal Family of Athena IV. When not involved with all that, she manages to involve herself in political activism, music, body modification, painting and SM education. We look forward to a great year with Amy as International Ms Leather.

**AMANDA FOXX VICTORY SHOW
IN BLACK AND WHITE**

By B & G

March 28 was the new Miss MAX's night to shine! Miss MAX 9, Amanda Foxx, treated everyone at the MAX to a very hospitable evening. Using no set designs gave us the entertainers' shining performances on the stage. From the moment we walked in and were personally greeted by the hostess (Amanda Foxx) it was evident this show would be a comfortable, family type event. Amanda was busy seating friends and guests, making sure the audience was comfortable. The audience was filled with friends of Amanda and the gay community. Dave and Kathy England who worked so hard to bring the Quilt to Omaha, their daughter Laura; Beverly Foote Barbo, author of *The Walking Wounded*, the story of her son afflicted with AIDS; Mrs. Nebraska, Kathleen Coash, first runner-up in the national competition; Imperial Court Emperor, Steve Koeller; and Amanda's sisters who came from Des Moines to watch their brother's show.

The show featured only five performers besides Miss Foxx: Eva Destruction, first alternate to Miss MAX 9; Viktoria Towne, Miss MAX 6; Jasmine Starr; Sammi Bennett; and the always busy Inga. Having only five performers was a nice change from the full billing of previous shows viewed at the MAX, as we were able to see several numbers from each. Another nice change was that there was no emcee. Each performer introduced the next performer after the conclusion of their performance.

Amanda opened the show with a number by Taylor Dane, *All I Ever Wanted*. Doesn't the title just say it all! We then saw Eva Destruction's cheerleader clad, *Mickey, You're So Fine*; Viktoria's *Love Can Move Mountains*; Jasmine's Gorgeous gowned Diana Ross; Inga and Brandon's *Muskkrat Love* (complete with muskrats) and *Love Will Keep Us Together* by the Captain and Tenille, and the "Hottest Redhead in Town" Sammi Bennett performing *Forever Your Girl*.

The second set brought a stunning array from these talented performers. Amanda staggered around the room, praising Jose Cuervo and confessing *I Had Too Much Tequila Last Night*. A crowd pleaser was Eva Destruction's erotic *Black on Black*. Viktoria Towne brought a Gloria Estafon medley, with high-kicking and unbelievable splints. Inga, with the help of Greg, performed the love song, "A Whole New World," and Sammi Bennett completed this set with Barbara Streisand's *People*. The third and final set brought Amanda back to the stage with her very convincing Patti LaBelle number *I Think About You*. The dress and hair on Amanda was so very 'LaBelle' that you almost forgot that Miss LaBelle is black and Miss Foxx white. After another performance by Viktoria Towne *Never Make Your Move Too Soon*, and Eva Destruction with Doris Day's *Pillow Talk* and Jasmine performing as Chante, we were treated to another crowd pleaser. Inga, as Banana Clad Chaquita, performed *Only in Miami - Going Bananas*. (She actually ran around the audience passing out bananas - what next?) Sammi Bennett's *I Wanna Feel Your Body* - complete with S & M attire and toys - brought us to Amanda's final performance. Amanda performed a section from the film *Batman Returns*, dressed to the nines like Cat Woman and playing a very convincing Michelle Pfeiffer, gave herself a milk bath!! She ended that number with *Night Creatures*. Way to go, Amanda!!

After the show we spoke with performers and audience who said they enjoyed the show and the format. Kathleen Coash, Mrs. Nebraska, told us that Joel and Mark (aka Amanda and Viktoria) would be assisting with the Mrs. Nebraska Pageant on April 18. She also wanted to tell the community that she needs male models at her firm (International School of Modeling) and she would like to talk to anyone interested in modeling. We spoke with Amanda, Eva, and Viktoria after the show, who all claimed they had nothing lined up in the near future. (We don't believe it!) With the talents we witnessed that evening, we are sure to see them all again real soon.

Thank you, Amanda, and the MAX for another entertaining evening.

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SISTER ACT: IN BLACK AND WHITE

By B & G

From the moment the show began until it ended two hours later, Stan Brown AKA Inga, the staff of DC's, and members and friends of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha produced a fun and light-hearted evening of entertainment for the community.

Dan and Charlie and the staff at DC's decided to have a fundraiser for MCC using the theme "Sister Act." So many of the performers were dressed as "nuns" for the show that a patron in the crowd said "I was just coming in for a late night drink, and I thought there was a nuns' 'Convent-tion' going on here!"

The show began with Sister Mary Inga introducing the "Little Sisters from Hoboken," Sisters Hubert, Leo, Amnesia, and Robert Ann performing *I Will Follow Him* with the help of Ms Kathy Tyree, who was taking time off from her show *Beehive*, at the Howard Street Tavern.

Emcees for the evening were Ron Walters and Pat Phalen, who announced a 50/50 raffle and the show commenced. Sister Mary Inga and the "Sisters," Sisters Mary Gregory, Mary Londa Lee, Mary Todd, Mary Thomas, Mary Kermit, Mary Poppins, Mary Madame X, and Mary Jeff performed *Hail, Holy Queen*. For many of the Sisters it was their first stage performance.

We were then treated to a live performance from Mr. Joel Cason performing *Because of Who You Are*, by Sandi Patti. One of our favorite numbers during the first half was the return of Brothers Sharon and Carla as "Funeral Directors

of the Year," performing *One Hell of a Funeral*. With lines like "a tsknet, a tsknet, tell us about the casket" you couldn't help but have a good laugh during their performance.

The second half brought us performances from Sister Mary Inga and the "Sisters" and a stage number which included Inga, Madame X, and Londa Lee performing a Las Vegas Type medley of 50's tunes. This was followed by a live performance by the Sisters of *Nonsense* singing *Nonsense is Habit Forming*, and a performance by Sister Mary Thomas performing Aretha Franklin's *Rescue Me*.

It was a special treat to have the entire MCC-O choir come out of the church for their first performance. Bill Burch, the choir director, led the choir through *Brighten Up My Soul* and the evening's ever popular *My God, My Guy*. Rev. Matthew Howard, pastor of MCC-Omaha was introduced and thanked everyone for their hard work and support of MCC.

We were then treated to a live performance from Ron Walters singing *Neon Rainbow*, and Sisters Inga, Madame X, and Londa Lee performing in night club attire *If My Sister's In Trouble*. Lynn Morehouse and R.N. Hedges performed *A Whole New World*. This was the stage debut of the duet of Morehouse and Hedges.

Accompaniment for most of the live numbers was provided by Mr. Garrett Burton. Thank you, Garrett. You play beautifully!

Our crowd pleaser for the evening was Mr.

Joel Cason's live performance of *Place In This World*. The song brought everyone to their feet in a standing ovation. (We love live performers!!!)

The Nonsense Sisters, Billy, Tim, Bill, and Michael, then performed *Holier Than Thou* from *Nonsense*. Their performance brought cries of "Encore!" from the audience. (We did get them to do an encore!)

After Inga and her Sisters performed *I Will Follow Him* we were treated to several live performances: Mr. Ron Walters singing *These Lips Don't Know How To Say Good-bye*, Mr. Todd Reiser singing *My Man*, and Mr. R. N. Hedges singing *It's My Desire*. It's great to have live performers at shows. Our community has so many talented performers. Thank, guys!

The finale brought the entire cast back to the stage for *Shout!* from *Animal House*.

Kayla was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and she generously donated her winnings back to the church. Way to go, Kayla!

As we stated at the beginning, it was an evening of fun, laughter, and talented people. It's truly nice to know that establishments in our community care enough to sponsor a show like this for our church. We sincerely thank you, DC's and staff.

Thanks to all the performers and a special thanks to Mr. Stan Brown AKA Inga who put of lot of his time arranging the evening's show. Though not a member of MCC-Omaha, he shows a true community spirit. Thank you, Stan.



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TO PERFORM AT HOWARD STREET

disappear fear, a six member acoustic rock band, headed by singing sisters Sonia and Cindy Frank of Baltimore, Maryland, will be performing at Howard Street Tavern on June 16th at 8pm.

According to Cindy Frank, "Being out there gives us a voice in a big way, so we can stop being angry and silent." This is why they chose the name disappear fear. This is why they sing political wake-up calls and love songs that are truly songs of love.

The group has four cassette releases and several national tours (including touring with Indigo Girls) to its credit. The release *Live at the Bottom Line* includes the bewitching love song, *Postcard from Texas*; a catchy folk anthem, *Sink the Censor-ship*; *Hey*, a plea for tolerance; and five studio cuts from the excellent 1990 release *Box of Heaven*. *Billboard* described *Live at the Bottom Line* by saying it "captures the essence of wonderful live gig by this harmonic, folksy pop group for those of us who have yet to experience it in person. The 6 person band produces acoustic melodies that are creating quite an underground buzz."

Musician Magazine says "Give these women a major-label recording budget and they'll make waves for sure." *College Music Journal* says "Armed with an acoustic guitar and the most exquisite harmonies, disappear fear has nothing to fear except success."

Tickets for the June 16 performance are \$10 and are available at New Realities, 1026 Howard; Downtown Grounds, 117 Jackson; Howard Street Tavern, 1112 Howard; or by calling 571-7908.

For additional disappear fear information write: Disappear Records, 788 Waugh Lane, Ukiah, CA 95482 or call (707) 468-8151.

SUSAN HERRICK AT DOWNTOWN GROUNDS

Susan Herrick will be performing at Downtown Grounds Thursday, May 6 at 8:00 pm.

Susan is a healer and an entertainer who calls up her exceptional music to deliver a lively and compelling performance. She is in a vanguard of the first generation of womyn who had the opportunity to grow up on womyn's music. Thus, she conveys the power and energy of the pioneering foremothers while establishing a richly original niche of her own.

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INTERVIEW WITH PATRICIA BUNZ DUGAW: CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL IN DISTRICT 3

By Sharon Van Butsel

Patricia Bunz Dugaw is a candidate for the Omaha City Council in District 3 against incumbent Subby Anzaldo. Ms Dugaw attended the April meeting of A.N.G.L.E. (the same night as the primary election) to address members of the gay/lesbian community and to ask for their support. Ms Dugaw also appeared at a celebration on April 25 sponsored by Citizens for Equal Protection. She consented to an interview with the editor of *The New Voice* so she could reach more of the community.

SHARON VAN BUTSEL: Thank you for agreeing to an interview. My question is simple. Why do you want to be on the city council?

PATRICIA BUNZ DUGAW: I feel I can give the citizens of District 3 much better representation than they are currently receiving. I want to represent everyone in the District. I am not someone who views the constituency as an adversary but I view all of us as working together for a much better Omaha. I'd underline everyone because I feel everyone has to work together.

SHARON: What goals would you like to see accomplished if you are elected?

PATRICIA: My major goal is to hear what the citizens of Omaha want for their city. Of course, I do have some personal agenda items. I would like to see in 1995 a well integrated waste hauling and recycling program — not one that is based on monopoly contracts such as we currently have. I want one that will reduce our solid waste by at least the minimum set forth by the State of Nebraska and the Environmental Protection Agency. Also I would like to see the master plan for the city address some of the established areas of Omaha and not encourage continued outward expansion. If we're not careful we could be a doughnut — nothing in the middle and everything around the edge. Our middle is too important.

SHARON: Why have you sought out the gay and lesbian community?

PATRICIA: I realized in examining my district that there was a heavy concentration of services for the gay and lesbian community and because of the services there is a rather high concentration of gays and lesbians in the district. But yet I don't see the current city council person involving himself by attending events or supporting the community so it seems that the gay/lesbian community is being ignored and that didn't seem right. If the gay and lesbian community is here then I have to include the gay and lesbian community as I reach out. There are 48,000 people in District 3. If only 10% are gay or lesbian, then there's a community of over 4000 people in the district. That's an awful lot of people to turn into an invisible people.

SHARON: There are certain issues that the gay and lesbian community finds important that don't bear directly on city politics.

PATRICIA: That's okay. I've already been asked my views on abortion and the city council won't ever have to address the abortion issue.

SHARON: What is your opinion on the ban on gays and lesbians in the military.

PATRICIA: I think the ban is ridiculous. My ex-husband was in the navy and I know that there were gay and lesbian officers and enlisted persons who were doing their job well, were not overt in their sexuality, who were getting recommendations and commendations in their files and stayed in for their tour of duty or to retirement and were successful. I maintain that all branches of the armed services have codes of conduct and those codes are for all members of military, no matter what their sexual orientation. If you have a heterosexual man hitting on a woman or pushing her into a sexual liaison when

she doesn't want it, that is addressed in the code of conduct. If you have homosexuals doing the same thing, it's addressed in the code of conduct. If someone's being a jerk, then apply the code of conduct — apply it to everyone equally. If you walk into a bar and someone makes an advance towards you or steps over the boundary, it doesn't matter what their orientation is, they've stepped over the boundary. If you want to address that behavior, then let's address behavior but not whether someone can be in the military because they're gay or lesbian — that's silly.

SHARON: What about LB 395?

PATRICIA: I am not totally familiar with what it says.

SHARON: It would add sexual orientation to the Fair Employment Act of Nebraska.

PATRICIA: That's fine. I'm pretty sure my representative in the legislature will vote against it but I think it's fine. Maybe he'll vote for it, but I have a feeling he'll be against it because of his past track record on other issues like the pro-choice issue.

SHARON: Who is your representative?

PATRICIA: John Lindsey.

SHARON: Would you be willing to contact him and ask him to support LB395?

PATRICIA: Sure. I've contacted him in the past — I just pick up the phone and call him. Do you know when it will come up for a vote?

SHARON: No. It just got out of committee and it's not a priority bill so it may not be voted on until next year.

PATRICIA: It's a good idea to make sure you pick up the phone and call your representative just before it goes to a vote, even if you've written them or lobbied them before. That way it's fresh in their minds.

SHARON: You must know that you will get opposition for having anything to do with the gay community.

PATRICIA: The person that finds it offensive, I have to say to them, "It's your problem." I'm very secure as an individual where I am, so I find it comfortable to reach out to the entire community. If someone's having problems accepting people who are different, it probably means they're having a problem in part of their own life. If it means someone is not going to vote for me, fine. I don't think I can deny representing a group of people because someone doesn't think I should. I can only be true to who I am.

SHARON: What can we do to support you?

PATRICIA: Make sure you're registered to vote and go out on May 11 and vote for me. If someone thinks they have extra funds and feels I'm the best candidate, I can use the funds to get my name out there. I'm running against a man who has spent \$15,000 buying every billboard, bus seat, bus shelter, and empty spot he can put his name on. While I need the support of every person who wants a change, the important message is this, "Whether you vote for me or not, register and VOTE on May 11."

HEARTLAND AA ROUND-UP

The annual Heartland Round-Up will be at Airport Ramada Inn, May 28 through May 30. Registration is Friday, May 28 at 6pm. This year's Round-Up theme is "Recovery through Unity." This annual event is sponsored by members of the Gay Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous Community. For information write: Heartland Round-Up '93, Box 573, Omaha, NE 68101-0573.

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LINK-ON INCORPORATES

LINK-ON has received its incorporation as a non-profit, community based health care corporation. LINK-ON's main office is located in Lincoln. Services will be available to clients in the Omaha area as well. Future plans include branch offices throughout the state. According to founder and CEO Rick L. Swaink, LINK-ON will accept referrals from any agency that works with clients with medical needs that can be addressed by home health care. A physician's order is needed to receive home health services. LINK-ON specializes in, but does not limit itself to care, treatment, counseling and teaching of HIV infected individuals and people with AIDS and others in their homes. For more information or to make a donation, contact Rick L. Swaink, CEO/Director at (402) 435-0574. Office hours are 8-4-30, Monday through Friday. If calling at other times, leave a message and your call will be returned promptly.

HOW LONG MUST HUMAN DIVERSITY BE A CRIME?

Derrick Coates was among those who spoke in favor of LB 395. The text of his speech follow:

Our history has shown that oppression, bigotry and hatred are motivated by greed, ignorance, the need for power - justified through religion. It appears that throughout human history we have never questioned our own motivations for such actions and we refused to accept our individual roles in helping to shape these injustices to man.

How long must human diversity be a crime in this country?

This committee would have testimony put before them concerning discrimination as if oppression is a socially acceptable trait in our society today. So what words could I say to you that would help you to understand the value of equal protection under the law for a people whose sexual orientation differs from yours?

My sexuality has been extracted from the many other facets of my humanity, blown up into something larger than life, and labeled deviant, immoral and sinful. If that were not enough, laws were created which branded me criminal. If you hold these labels, beliefs and laws to be justifiable, what does this say about the values of an institution that you hold to be the moral fiber of this nation - The American Family?

Were we not once the little boys in the blue suits and the little girls in the pink dresses? Did you not give us our first driving lesson and teach us to throw that first football? Did you not teach us your morals and instill in us our first belief in God? And now, am I to believe that there are two Gods? One that approves of discrimination, oppression, and hatred; and one that simply loves His children?

The values given to me by my parents hold the latter to be true.

So I ask... When did I stop being your son? When did she stop being your daughter? When did we become perverted monsters in your heart, and when did you begin to hold your head high, as you hated and oppressed your children?

If my father were here, I would assure him that his noble character, which shaped my values, still stands tall. And never will I forget my mother's gentle, strong hands that picked me up each time I fell.

I have carried the values, support and love from my parents with me into my adult life, and if I have "acted up" it is only because I have felt neglected and unloved - as any child of God would, by a society who has forgotten their humanity toward their own children.

ERICA WHEELER TO APPEAR AT DOWNTOWN GROUNDS

"Erica Wheeler's heartfelt voice has a timeless quality to it, drawing on the folk styles of the past 25 years and making them her own... (her) sound is passionate, personal, intense and intimate."

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Brooke Medicine Eagle, Teacher, Author of *Buffalo Woman Comes Singing*

Nationally acclaimed, Erica has performed at festivals and the best listening rooms in the country and shared the stage with everyone from John Gorka to Chris Williamson. Since the release of her debut solo album *Strong Heart* in '89, Erica Wheeler has been carving out a name for herself: touring nationally, receiving critical acclaim and

a string of return engagements to many of the nation's most prestigious listening rooms.

Now with the release of *From That Far*, she takes a huge step forward into the ranks of premier American singer/songwriter. Each song is carefully crafted to bring out the richness and integrity of Erica's writing, voice, and guitar. Utilized are some of the finest session players, including Silly Wizard/Raindog member Johnny Cunningham whose fiddle work serves as a counterpoint to Wheeler's striking vocals. From the searing *Car with No Brakes* to the sassy *Back Burner Blues* and the mesmerizing *Amarda Crazy Wolf*, *From that Far* captures landscapes and pulls on the heart with assured passion and grace.

Erica Wheeler will perform at Downtown Grounds, Wednesday, May 19, 8:00p.m.



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PARTY NEWS FROM THE NEW RUN BAR

by Mark & Anne Holzapfel

MAY is planting season, so, The New Run Bar is planting some party seeds to benefit the MCC-O Food Pantry. The New Run has 5 weekend nights to fill the Food Baskets to the ceilings... Fridays & Saturdays... 6pm-12midnite. That's every weekend in the month of May, '93. *Donations for May will be 4 cans of food or \$3.00 with proceeds all benefiting MCC-O Food Pantry.

Our Goal is to be an official "Food Pantry Drop Off Point." Bring in a bounty of canned goods and non-perishable foods for the less fortunate. We are only asking for 4 cans but we'd like everyone to consider is bringing \$3.00 worth of food. That will really fill those shelves at the MCC Food Pantry!

Let's review the "Free Kegger Benefits".

Day #1: May 1, Saturday - "May Day" "Law Day" "Red Square Day" and our 1st "Food Pantry Keg Party". 4 cans of food or \$3 donation get you Free* Beer 6pm-12midnite. Let's feed the needy of our community.

Day #2: Thursday, May 6th "Full Moon Party" - Kegger "Free* Beer". Same donation, 6pm - midnite. Since Full Moons bring in High Tides, if anyone dresses in a "Sailor's Uniform" we'll offer "Free" Shots during Blew (Moon) Lite Madness 10:30-11:30-12:30. Be seeing all you sailors! If fact, if you leave your Navy outfit on all weekend, "Free Shots" will flow again during "Blew Lite Special Times."

Days #3 & 4: 2nd Weekend, May 7th & May 8th, "Free Keg Beer" in trade or 4 cans of food or \$3 donation. P.S. We are really stocking up on green beans. Keep in mind a wide variety for the pantry (you'd like a change of pace with corn, pork & beans, soups, pastas, etc., etc.). Food Drives should fill in the gaps, so.... Hold up on those green beans. Thanks! We Thank Everyone who has helped in the past and that will be there in the future. May will be the best yet in '93.

Let's get back to "Free Keg Party Days".

Day #5 is a Double Trouble Birthday Party Bash for David & John (who tied in the Best Erektion Contest) who celebrate their birthdays on May 11th. Party Day #5... Free* Beer with same donation, etc., etc.

Days #6 & 7: 3rd Weekend, May 14 & 15, 6pm-12midnite. Free* Keg Beer, same donation, etc., etc.

Day #8: Thursday, May 20th, Arthur Jones wants to have a Keg Party with him - Free* Beer - same donations as above, same food pantry benefit. Hours 6pm-12midnite.

Days #9 & 10: Weekend #3, May 21 & 22, 6pm-12midnite, "Free Suds are Flowing". Bring

4 cans food/\$3 donation both nights.

Day #11: Thursday, May 26th is Giemini Part 6pm until 12 midnite. Bring your food donation in (same as before). If your sign is Giemini, sign for a drawing for free drinks. What's Your Sign?

Days #12 & 13 for Free *Keg Beer, weekend #5 May 28 & 29th for "Free*" (Again) Keg Beer Weekend, 6pm - 12midnite. Bring lots of food (at least 4 cans) or \$3 donation.

MCC-O's Food Pantry should be pretty well stocked with 13 party keggeres for the month of May, '93.

The New Run has something going on about everyday & night - with Bartender Specials, Shows, A Picnic, Contests, an Election Night Special (10pm-1am) on May 11, Tuesday. I hope everyone gets out to vote because IT'S THE WAY TO STAY FREE FROM OPPRESSION. VOTE-IT'S OUR STRONGEST VOICE. "Kick Out" politicians who "don't listen". Vote in those who listen.

May 6,7,8 "New Sailors in Town" Wear Navy Uniform, receive "Free" shot at 10:30-11:30-12:30 on Blew (Moon) Lite Specials.

May 14 & 15 - Besides Free Keggers we'll be looking for the "Hairiest Chest in Town". Judging is midnite until 1am both nights. Finalists compete 12:30 Saturday Night for a \$100 Keg party. So "Hairy on Down" and show your "Hairy Chest."

May 21 & 22 (10pm-closing) The New Run Bar will have another "Jaeger Party"... T-shirts, hats, giveaways, surprises.

May 28/29 (Weekend) "10pm - 1am" "Spin the Bottle Party" Prizes & specials, T-shirt Giveaways, and lots of fun, so be there.

Let's talk about Sundays at the New Run. Sundays and Volleyball seem to be pretty exciting. Lots of action, fun for players and the spectators. Bring in a few friends and challenge some of the home teams. Remember... "Be careful not to break a nail, girlfriend!"

Sunday night entertainment has three days of "Open Stage" (so far), first come, first served. Reserve your stage time anytime—the sooner the better. OPEN DATES are May 2, May 9 (Mother's Day) and May 30.

That leaves May 16 with David Krugs - "Leather Show & Demonstration!!" Call David at The New Run if you like to get into some leather action. Show starts at 10pm till ??? "Kinky Good Time is Planned."

May 23rd - "Kathy Kline's" "Show Stopping Fun". The New Run enjoys the pleasure of Kathy's high energy entertainment. Thanks, Kathy!! "MSH".

Memorial Day Super Picnic at The New Run with All You Can Eat BBQ Chicken. Yummmmmmm!!!! Only \$1.50 and a super beer bust with \$3 and 25¢ Refills from Noon to 10pm. Remember, that's Monday, May 31 - Volleyball, Sunbathing, Eating, Drinking, Dancing, & Lots of Fun... with lots of ICE COLD Beer... The Coldest Beer In Town!!

Now let's look into our Regular, everyday Drink prices, specials, beer busts, cocktail busts, bartender specials, and Blew Lite Schnapps Specials. EVERY DAY at the New Run Bar with the longest gay happy hour in town (3pm-10pm Daily).

A new Sunday special is the Drag Queen's (in drag) 1/2 price Drink specials. "Your second drink is 1/2 price" ALL DAY LONG!

The New Run Bar is a specialist in Low, Low drink prices with your budget in mind!!! Happy Hour. \$1 well drinks and \$1.50 jars ** (add 25¢ for juice) Cocktail Bust "only one of its kind... with you in mind!!! 1st drink \$3.50 with 50¢ refills ** (for 3 hours) 9pm-midnite 7 days a week. Super Bust Beer Bust - \$1.50 1st glass of beer with 25¢ refills (a great deal!!!) 5 hours (5pm-10pm) Daily!

After Hours is getting Bigger & Better! With your last chance to "Shake it on down" with the "Late-Nite Crowd". So stop on by and Dance to the cows come home to some of the hottest music in town!!! After Hours starts at 1:35am - 4am Friday & Saturday Late Nights. Pop & Coffee "Free" with cover charge at the door.

Anne & Mark still want to buy you a "Keg-o-Beer" for your birthday. Plan your party with us. Invite your friends, pay for the 1st Keg & we'll buy your second keg. "Happy Birthday to You"

We have a brand new member of the New Run Bar Staff... His name is Dan. Come by and say "Hi". Let's give Dan a warm Run Welcome. He's our Hottest New Bartender. Check him out! I'm lying, I'm dying!

13 days of Free* Keg Beer in May. How many Free Kegs in June?? Have suggestions for a Party or Fund Raiser or would you like to book a show? Contact Mark, David, Daryl, or Terry at the New Run for all your social & Party needs. June's Calendar is filling up.

Fun in the Sun and under the stars at The New Run Bar, Disco, & After-Hours.

COME CELEBRATE WITH CITIZENS FOR EQUAL PROTECTION (CFEP)

Citizens for Equal Protection is proud to announce two upcoming events. The proceeds from these events will be donated to CFEP so that we can continue our legislative action work on LB 395 and other potential bills.

Please join us for "Taffitas" at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre on Sunday, May 16. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 7:00 p.m. tickets for dinner and show are \$20.25. Show only is \$15.00. Call the Box Office at 346-8024 for tickets.

A second benefit will be held on Friday, June 11 at 10:00 p.m. at the Noodles Comedy Club. Cost of tickets is \$6.00. Call the Box Office at 346-8024 for tickets.

We look forward to seeing all of our community on these occasions. Bring your friends!

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JOB PROTECTION MEASURE ADVANCED

Homosexuals and bisexuals would be granted employment protection under a bill advanced to the full Legislature on a 4-3 vote by the Business and Labor Committee March 22.

"To be homosexual in orientation is not a crime," Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers said at a public hearing on LB 395 held the same day. "So, any person who is not committing a crime should not be prohibited from earning a living."

Chambers, co-sponsors the bill, which would make discrimination against employees for their sexual orientation an unlawful practice under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act.

Omaha Sen. Tim Hall, primary sponsor of the measure, said it addresses employment rights only and is not intended to extend to other areas protected by civil rights legislation.

Opportunity to have job

"It speaks to the issue of allowing an individual, not a special right, but only the opportunity to have a job and keep a job, no matter what their sexual orientation may be," he said.

Hall offered the committee an amendment to the bill that would exclude the bill's provisions from bona fide religious organizations and would clarify that affirmative action program goals will remain unaffected by the legislation.

Several proponents of the bill, who said they were gay or lesbian, said many people of their sexual orientation live in fear of losing their jobs.

"I am here today, because I'm lesbian," said Virginia Nelson of Lincoln, past president of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Commission on the Status of Women. "I'm here today because I can be here. You see, I'm self-employed, and I speak

for my friends who cannot."

Many of her friends wanted to attend the hearing, but were afraid of how employers and others would react, she said. Under current laws, an employee fired because of his or her sexual orientation has no legal recourse.

Lack of Protection

"Their absence speaks eloquently to the lack of protection that they now receive in Nebraska," Nelson said, noting that there are about 150,000 homosexuals and bisexuals in the state.

Other supporters said citizens have a stereotypical view of homosexuals, which does not recognize any human value.

"They want to take one portion of our character and make it our entire persona," said Richard Smith of Omaha, a member of Citizens for Equal Protection. "That is not true. There's a lot of me and I have a lot to offer, as do others of my orientation."

Other states and many cities have passed laws or ordinances that protect the rights of homosexuals and bisexuals, Smith said. Nebraska cannot afford to lose citizens with talent who move to other areas of the country that offer protection, he said.

Opponents of the bill said it would raise homosexuals and bisexuals to a protected class of citizen, which would send a message to citizens that homosexuality is normal and acceptable behavior.

Will sanction homosexuality

"This bill which purports to set forth equality and fairness in Nebraska's employment sector, will in effect, sanction homosexuality as legitimate and worthy of minority status protection," said

Haywood E. White III, a law student attending the University of Nebraska College of Law.

He said the measure does not recognize the right to religious freedom held by employers. Employers who believe sexual promiscuity is sinful, are given the choice "either to follow their teachings of his or her religion or to get out of business," he said.

Furthermore, White said, the majority of Americans and Nebraskans do not see homosexual behavior as normal, nor do they think the lifestyle should be sanctioned.

Jean Drake, an administrative assistant at a Norfolk medical clinic, said employees who are homosexual differ from other protected groups in three ways: their lifestyle is by choice, because there is no convincing evidence that it's genetic; the majority of society condemns homosexual behavior; and homosexuals pose an increased health risk to employers because of AIDS. The measure would have a negative impact on all Nebraska employees, she said.

"Only an employer knows what is best for his or her business upon those values or religious beliefs that are important to him or her."

Albert Walsh, secretary of the Christian Law Institute in Omaha, said Christians have considered sodomy a sin for 4,000 to 5,000 years, and the bill asks employers to turn a blind eye to that belief.

"We're talking about protecting sodomy," Walsh said.

Before advancing the measure the committee adopted, on a 7-0 vote, the amendment offered by Hall earlier during the hearing.

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MR GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER CONTEST 1993

Final plans are under way for the 1993 Mr Great Plains Drummer Contest to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, June 11 & 12, 1993 sponsored by Fantasy Productions. This will mark the third year that Fantasy Productions (the same people that produce the "Fantasy" weekend) has sponsored this event. During its first two years of sponsorship, the winner of the Great Plains contest went on to capture the International Mr Drummer contest.

Once again, the Great Plains region will have local contests throughout the region to get the hottest "crop" of men to vie for the regional title.

The Mr Iowa Drummer contest will once again be sponsored by the Blazing Saddle in Des Moines. On May 21, they will be having a stepdown beer bust for the outgoing Mr Iowa Drummer. The 1993 contest will be held May 22. Spikes Leather will be at the Blazing Saddle for the entire weekend of their contest. For further information, call (515) 246-1299.

The Mr Minnesota Drummer contest will be held May 8th at the Outpost at Club Metro sponsored by the Outpost, John Tudor - Mr Minnesota Leather 1992, and Larry Patnoe - Mr Minnesota Leather 1992. For further information call (612) 222-8796.

The Mr Kansas City Drummer contest will be sponsored by the Dixie Belle at 1922 Main in Kansas City. For further information, call (816) 471-2424.

The Mr Wichita Drummer contest will be sponsored by Gateway M.C. For further information, contact a Gateway member.

The Mr Omaha Drummer contest will be held at DC's in Omaha. DC's will also be the sponsor. For further information, call (402) 344-3102.

The winner and 1st runner up for each of the local contests will be eligible to compete for the Great Plains title, as well as anyone wishing to enter the regional from a state within the Great Plains region where no local contest was held.

The Great Plains region consists of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana.

The contestants for both the local and regional contests will be judged in a Prejudging Interview, Jockstrap Competition, and presentation of their Sexual Fantasy.

The winner of the Great Plains contest will represent our region at the 1993 International Mr Drummer Contest to be held in San Francisco, California in September.

Past Mr Great Plains Drummers are:
1988 Walter Thompson III - St. Louis, Mo.
1989 Dustin Logan - Omaha, Ne.
1990 Vance Reger - Memphis, Tn.
1991 Woody Bebout - St. Louis, Mo. International Mr Drummer 1991
1992 Emerson Briney - Omaha, Ne. - International Mr Drummer 1992

Tickets for the 1993 Mr Great Plains Drummer contest may be obtained at local establishments within the Great Plains Region.

Don't forget, mark June 11 & 12 on your calendar as the time to be in Omaha for this years event. June 11th will feature a leather dance, and introduction of the contestants and judges. The 1993 Mr Great Plains Drummer Contest will be June 12th at the Max.

For contestant or ticket information to any of the contests, you may contact Fantasy Productions at PO Box 6232, Omaha, NE 68106-0232.

ANGLE HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

By Stan Brown

Please join A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) for their third annual Community Recognition Dinner on Friday, June 4. This year the dinner will be held at the Firefighter's Union Hall, 60th and Grover Streets, with catering by Aaron Michaels. Tickets are \$15 per person which included a buffet with ham, fetticini, chicken, green beans, garden fresh salad, fruit, rolls, dessert and coffee or tea. A social time will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a Cash Bar and a buffet dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker for the evening is Diane Thomas from Mayor P.J. Morgan's office. The River City Mixed Chorus will perform a mini-concert of their music during the evening and, of course, members of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and Gay/Lesbian/Bi-sexual Sensitive community will be recognized. All nominees will be acknowledged at the dinner with special recognition given to one recipient in each category. The community service categories are Business, Organization, and Individual, in addition to the Individual Personal Achievement category.

This evening is sure to be a great way to start the month of June and celebrate "A Family Of Pride." Tickets will be available from any ANGLE members, by calling the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line at 558-5303, or at community events during the month of May. Limited reduced cost scholarship tickets will be available to PLWA's and other persons in need by calling the Information Line, 558-5303.

Hope to see you all on June 4th!

Please join us for a Candlelight Memorial in remembrance of those who have died of AIDS

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CHORUS NOTES

by Todd

RMC would like to let everyone know about our upcoming performances, planned for your community. To show our appreciation to all the members of MCCC-Omaha, we will be singing at a special evening service on Friday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. After an intense "Tech Week" at UNO, we will present our ninth Pride Concert—"Songs of Struggle, Freedom, and Hope" on Saturday, May 22, at 7:05 p.m. at UNO—Strauss. And if our Winter concert last January was any indication, you will probably want to reserve your tickets now! They are available through any chorus member or at New Realities in the Old Market. The following day, Sunday, May 23, we are again honored to be singing at the AIDS Memorial Service, St. Cecilia's Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. And watch this column for further information as to what we have planned for Gay Pride Week in June.

To fill you in on what's been happening: the Scavenger Hunt held at D.C.'s Bar was a great time for all who participated. Items needed to win ranged from a "Vegetatio" to a feather boa to (Yes, Dorothy) even ruby red slippers. Top prize was \$50.

On April 18, 42 chorus members and friends attended a concert by the Flirtations at the Lied Center. We first had the opportunity to watch this group perform at GALA IV in Denver last July, and they are superb!

Next season marks our tenth year together, and arrangements have been made for a specially written "commissioned" piece to be performed. For any further information regarding our upcoming performances, tickets, auditions—please contact us at 453-8884.

DES MOINES CONFERENCE FEATURES CHRIS GLASER

* As reported in the *GLB Ames Newsletter*, the 1993 Earl M. Willits Conference, which explores homosexuality and spirituality, will be held on two separate Saturdays in May. On Saturday, May 1, Keith Schrag, M. Div., will facilitate a discussion called "Sharing Our Stories: Experiences of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Christians in the Church."

Then, on May 22, Chris Glaser, M. Div., will address issues identified at the May 1 session and will help denominational and congregational leaders hear the concerns of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community and help them learn how they might create a reconciling atmosphere in their churches. Mr. Glaser is one of America's leading religious writers. His works include: *Uncommon Calling, A Gay Man's Struggle to Serve the Church; Come Home! Reclaiming Spirituality and Community as Gay Men and Lesbians; and Coming Out to God: Prayers for Lesbians and Gay Men, Their Families, and Friends*. This event will also include a panel of people from several denominations discussing their open and affirming congregations.

Both events will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, 4126 Ingersoll, Des Moines, Iowa. There is a \$5 registration fee for each event. Lunch is included. For more information, please call the church office at (515) 255-3149.

This two part event is sponsored by a grant from Earl M. Willits, who died of AIDS in July 1990. This financial grant was designed to educate people about issues surrounding homosexuality and spirituality.

NGRA BECOMES HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

By Patrick Williams

Greetings from the new Heartland Gay Rodeo Association! On Saturday, April 3, the second meeting of the Nebraska Gay Rodeo Association was held at DC's. The decision was made to adopt the name "Heartland Gay Rodeo Association" (HGRA). This decision was made to avoid confusion with the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA) and to also be more inclusive to residents of Iowa and South Dakota.

Other business included the election of officers: Rodney D., President; David Brady, Vice-President; Dan Johnson, Treasurer; Pat Girard, Recording Secretary; and myself, Patrick Williams, Corresponding Secretary. In addition, a by-laws committee, logo committee, and membership chairman were appointed.

The logo committee will be sponsoring a contest for our logo design. Watch in the bars in May for posters with contest rules, prizes, requirements, etc. Further business included signing up new members and planning next month's business. It was agreed that the monthly meeting would be held the first Saturday of each month, unless there is a rodeo or other conflict the same weekend. Saturday, May 8, at 4:00 p.m. at DC's we will meet to adopt by-laws, plan a social and fundraising calendar, and hear reports. The June meeting will be held Saturday the fifth.

For inquiries, write to HGRA, Box 57441, Lincoln, NE 68505-9998 or call Dan at 344-3103 or Patrick at 477-3899. Remember, you do not have to rope and ride to join HGRA, you just have to enjoy and support rodeos and other country activities.

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CREIGHTON HOSTS PANEL ON G/L's in MILITARY

by RJ

Creighton University School of Law Student Bar Association presented a panel discussion entitled, "Gays, Lesbians, and Military Service: The U.S. Military's Ban on Homosexual Soldiers" at the Creighton Law School, Ahmanson Law Center.

This panel featured: Brigadier General Felix J. Zamewski, USAF (retired) who was a former Staff Judge Advocate, Strategic Air Command; Mark Cohen, Attorney, former Captain USAF; Chief Military Justice, Chief of Civil Law, and ABA Outstanding Young Military Lawyer, 1987; Waii Evans, WWII Veteran, President Veterans Helping Veterans, Inc. and Service Officer VFW Post 181; G. Michael Fenner, Professor of Law and Member of the Board of Directors of Nebraska Civil Liberties Union; Mr. Richard Smith and Mr. Derek Coates, both Vietnam Era Veterans. This event had a heavy turnout, and two additional rooms had to be opened up to handle the influx.

Two third year law students, Matt Higgins and Laura Dully, moderated the panel discussion. The first half session was limited to the panel discussion. The second half of the session would focus from the audience.

Mr. Cohen gave an overview of G/L's in the military. He stated, prior to WWII, the issue, wasn't. In WWI, homosexuality was looked on as a medical disease and a mental illness. The pattern in the military was "how bad do we need cannon fodder?" It was pointed out that in the Uniform Code of Military Justice, it is no crime to be a homosexual. However, just practice your homosexuality and see what happens.

Article 134 was discussed. That one article will get you, if none of the 139 others don't. It is called the "General Article." I quote directly from the Bluejackets Manual, "Article 134, properly known as the 'General Article', is designed to cover all disorders and neglects detrimental to good order and discipline in the armed forces and crimes and offenses not capital in nature." This article has hung more than one soldier's tail.

Mr. Cohen also said the AIDS issue needs to be looked at as well.

Brigadier General Zamewski was called upon next. The General talked about maintaining good order, discipline, maintaining good morale, and following the chain of command. I found it hard to follow the General though. He did not articulate very well and repeated several times, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." I am assuming he was against lifting the ban.

Professor Fenner was asked to next give his views, from the legal point of view. He talked about which has the more power, the President, who has the power to lift the ban, as Commander-in-Chief, or Congress, who has the power to rewrite the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Professor Fenner believes if it came to a test of power, the Congress would win out. And he stated if this ended up in the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court as it now stands, would not order homosexual integration in the military. He talked about homosexuality being of a genetic disposition and an immutable characteristic.

Professor Fenner talked about discipline. About privacy especially on ships, where there is a complete lack of privacy. He talked about the Uniform Code of Military Justice and that it would have to be changed. Only Congress has the power to do this.

Mr. Coates was asked to go next. He stated he went into the Army to get an education. He talked about how such a small slice of your life, your

sexual being is, and who you prefer to get it on with.

Mr. Coates said, while in service, he was not open or out. That he knew of other Gay soldiers. He talked about reactions of other soldiers to Gays. He stated that the First Sergeant was Gay, as was the Battalion Commander. Yet, no one said anything.

Mr. Evans followed Mr. Coates. He cited fear as a big factor for not lifting the ban. The biggest fear being that of AIDS. Mr. Evans stated, "serving in the military is not a right." He kept stressing "fear of AIDS" for not lifting the ban.

Mr. Richard Smith then followed Mr. Evans. It was obvious he had done his homework. Mr. Smith talked about the #2 man, next in command, to General Washington. This was General William Von Stuben, who was openly Gay and helped to organize the Continental Army. The General Von Stuben kept with him, a 17 year old lad, who was supposed to be the General's French interpreter. However, the lad's linguistic abilities were limited. No doubt the lad's other abilities were far better.

Mr. Smith stated how they had no news coverage of this event, as G/L's in Nebraska, have no equal rights. He said he went into the USAF to serve his country, and to further his education, by going on to college.

He talked about who goes into the military, and why. Many are mainstream Gays who go in to get more education, to serve their country, to do a job, and do it well.

Mr. Smith said there will be no great influx of G/L's into the service. Even with the ban lifted, many will remain in the closet. Many will not come out, as the next President may re-instate the ban. Fear of personal safety was also a major reason. He touched on Mr. Evans' statement, on fear of AIDS. AIDS is not a G/L disease. G/L AIDS cases are coming down, while AIDS in the heterosexual community is on the rise.

Mr. Smith was well prepared on many issues, and was able to give a most impressive presentation. The panel discussion started at 1500 hours. It was now 1700 hours.

This second half of the session consisted of questions by the audience.

It was pointed out to Mr. Smith that while other countries' armed services do not have a ban, with the exception of S, which includes the US, they do have restrictions. Some very rigid and tight. Especially the Israeli military forces. It was pointed out, that a soldier is a soldier, is a soldier. You get up in the morning, you salute your flag, and you do your job and that the US has the best, well trained forces of any. While they might not like the orders handed down, soldiers/sailors will follow and obey them.

Mr. Cohen was asked to talk more on the privacy issue. He stated that in a barracks situation and a ship, there could be problems.

This reporter was in the US Navy, where we had no privacy, in most situations. However, while going to RM "A" School in San Diego, I was in a barracks of 60 men. I was not out in the military. However, though I doubt they were "out" in that sense, we did have two, possibly three gays in the barracks. There were some minor problems, but a tight rein was held on the issue, and no major problems. This was in 1960.

A possible shift in the Supreme Court was brought up. Mr. Evans stated he believed if the G/L issue was open, there could be problems. If G/L's keep quiet, and stay in the closet, there will be

no problems.

I skipped my other support group this evening to take in the G/L Support Group. Mr. Smith and Mr. Coates were invited to the Support Group, to give a rundown of the afternoon events. What goes on behind the curtain, a lot of times, is even more interesting that what goes on in front of the curtain.

They said when they first met the other panelists, each group kept to themselves. Mr. Smith asked why Mr. Evans and the General, weren't better prepared. It was pointed out, they may have expected, probably were expecting radicals, flames, or stereotypes. What they got, was just two mainstream, middle class, middle-aged, Vietnam Vets, who served their country, served well, and just happen to be Gay.

Mr. Smith pointed out that at the break, tensions seemed to ease and the groups got along real well, just aging American Vets from times past, talking shop. Incidentally, both Mr. Smith and Mr. Coates were fully decked out in business suits for the panel. As a matter of fact, one of the other panelists looked more like a stereotypical Gay than the ones who were the genuine article.

It was a good discussion. It pointed out, that when in a fox hole, with bullets flying overhead, with the whump, whump of mortar rounds coming in, one soldier in a foxhole, is not going to look over at the other one, and say, "Hi, come here often?"

I reflect on the Vietnam Memorial, a copy of which was in Omaha. Just how many on that wall, that were killed in action were Gay or Lesbian. Now, only God knows. And I assure you, the enemy soldier that blew away their life, didn't give three damns in a tornado, that the one they killed, may have been either a Gay or a Lesbian.



**RCMC TO
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May 14, 15, and 16, Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey will be preaching at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. Rev. Harvey is a member of the Board of Elders of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. She is particularly known for her evangelistic style of preaching.

Special services have been planned at MCC-O on Friday and Saturday nights during her visit. Both services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday service will be preceded by a Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. The Friday service will include music provided by the River City Mixed Chorus under the direction of John Bennett. MCC-O invites everyone to come hear the music of RCMC in this special service, as well as Rev. Elder Harvey. Both evenings promise to be uplifting.

Rev. Elder Harvey will also be the featured speaker at the regular Sunday Morning Worship service, which starts at 10:20 a.m. Sunday evening an informal gathering—a sort of "chat with the Elder" time is planned. Call the church office for details.

***MAY AT CLUB 2001 ***

The five Sundays of May bring a variety of events and entertainment to Club 2001 in Lincoln. They will be featuring Master Hypnotist Travis McGill on May 2, from 8pm to 9:30pm. Then on May 9, Empress Phoenix Fallentino and Cast will travel to Lincoln for an evening packed with the best in entertainment. May 16 features another wonderful Brunch from 10am to 2pm. The cost is \$5.95 per person or \$10 per couple. If you

haven't been to Brunch at Club 2001 you've missed a delightful experience. Then, that afternoon from 4-7pm, there will be a pool tournament. May 23 brings the Omaha Meatpackers to the Club 2001 for a Benefit for LinkOn and PWA Emergency Assistance. The MeatPackerers bring you the best in skag drag and fun. Then on May 30 come to the Club and party all day long with their Spring Into Summer Party. A special event at Club 2001 is the May 17

appearance of Freddie Burch, direct from Nashville. Freddie is an up and coming young singer with a bright future. Come enjoy Country Western Night at Club 2001 and hear the music of Freddie Burch.

Other special events during May include a Dart Tourney on May 23 from 4-7pm, a pinball contest on May 5, a "Best Legs" contest on May 12, a Wet T-Shirt and Wet-Jockey contest on May 19, and a Best Joke contest on May 26.

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

With only one week of bowling remaining, City Lickers and Eight Balls are tied for first place with 143 games apiece, but with City Lickers taking first on total pin count. They are followed by DC's in third. Stosh's Saloon has dropped to fourth place and Ernie's Bookstore is in fifth.

Bill Boren has men's high scratch game with 275, followed by Dwight Wages with 263 and Joe Bloemer with 258. Men's high series is held by Dwight Wages with 663 followed by Ken Williams with 661 and Jim Vajrt with 652. Charley Wade and Joe Bloemer are tied for men's high average with 184.6, followed by Bud Dobson and Bob Andresen with 179.1 each.

The women's high standings are unchanged. Lisa Broadway still has women's high scratch game with 234 and third high average (153.4). Norma Nelson has second high game (225), series (569) and average (161.4). E. Mueller has third high women's game (224), high women's series (575), and high average (169.3). Cheryl Christensen has third high women's series (549).

There are no changes in high team handicap game and series. Church Ladies has the high handicap team game (827), followed by City Lickers (825) and Eight Balls (801). Enterprise Rent-a-Car has high team series (2223), followed by City Lickers (2218) and Eight Balls (2191).

Noteworthy performances in week 32 included Ken Williams (254) and Darwyn Buechler (223). Ken Williams also had high men's series for the week with 634, followed by Joe Bloemer (591). E. Mueller had high women's game (210) and series (528), followed by Lisa Broadway with a 200 game and 512 series. Bowlers scoring well above average included Walter Wyldes (120 pins over), Ken Williams (109 over), Donna Hoden and Lisa Broadway (56 over) and Cheryl Christensen (35 over).

Complete standings are as follows:

	Won	Lost
1. City Lickers	143	74
2. Eight Balls	143	74
3. DC's	134	83
4. Stosh's Saloon	131	86
5. Ernie's Bookstore	130	87
6. Stosh's Saloon Outlaws	124	93
7. Enterprise Rent-a-car	122	95
8. Gilligan's I	122	95
9. Fashion Police	121.5	95.5
10. Running Rebels	117	100
11. Gilligan's Pub 2	114	103
12. Delivery Boys	114	103
13. Church Ladies	112	105
14. Gay Caballero's	106	111
15. D.C. Babes	96	121
16. Maximum Force One	94	123
17. 3 Guys & a Babe	93	124
18. Jokers	89	128
19. Dorothy's Friends	88	129
20. Wild Boys	86.5	130.5
21. DC's II	77	140
22. Vacancy	30	187



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563. Adult/Child Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:20am

Omaha Frontrunners, location varies 10am

Grand Island Alcoholic Anonymous Open Meeting 12noon (308)236-8610/ 382-0240.

Star City Gay Men's Club, For men in 30's, 40's, 50's, & Up, Movies, cards, etc. 2-7pm, The Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln

MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40, Omaha

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

TUESDAY

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

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 345-2563

WEDNESDAY

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 6pm, UNL, Nebr Union, Room 338

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

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

Lambda Plush Overeaters Anon, 7:30pm, Family & Friends, 3040 N. 102, Omaha

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Lincoln, 7:30pm, Nebr Union, Room 234

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/ Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Plymouth Congregatl, 20 & D, 438-5214

Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, ***"An Alternative" Gay Men's Stag Group, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, 455-7916 ***"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

Every Other Fri., Drop In Cntr, HIV Info/ Test, 1723 Leavenworth Omaha 10pm-2am

SATURDAY

Womens Support Group, 11am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563

Alcoholics Anonymous, Kearney, Open Meeting 3pm, (308)236-8610.

P-FLAG Youth Group, ages 13- 21, gay, lesbian, and those questioning sexuality, Omaha, 291-6781

Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

SATURDAY, May 1

Garage Sale to benefit EXCEL (a spiritual retreat held in September), 1312 S. 52, Omaha

Coalition, First Saturday Event, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7-10pm

"The Sum of Us", Off Broadway Hit, "father-son play with a big heart...balances pathos & humor". Studio 301, Temple Theater, 12th & "R", Lincoln, Tickets \$2, Available Only At Door

"Mr. Buns Contest" The NEW RUN Bar, Omaha

Coffeehouse, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7-10pm, "Country/Western Dancing" Informal, alcohol-free event open to the public

SUNDAY, May 2

3rd Annual "Cutathon", Capitol School of Hair Styling at Stockyards Plaza, 3339 L St. and Westwood Plaza, 2819 S. 125 Ave, 11am-5pm

Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137

Gay/Lesbian Student Org., Box 8171, Omaha, NE 68108 7pm, Downtown Grounds Coffee House, 1117 Jackson, Omaha All are welcome!

"The Sum of Us", Studio 301, Temple Theater Building, 12th & "R", Lincoln

Gospel Concert featuring the best talent of MCC, 7pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

Master Hypnotist, Travis MCGill, at Club 2001, 500 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln, 8-9:30pm

Excellent local women's group "Tom Boys" The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

MONDAY, May 3

Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Directors, 6:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha

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

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, For more information call: Barb (308) 234-8183

TUESDAY, May 4

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

THURSDAY, May 6

G/L Resource Ctr Business Mtg. Rm 342, NE Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm.

Activities Group for Gay/Lesbian Parents and Their Children, Organizational Meeting, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7:30pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska Support Grp, 8pm, (308) 236-8610

Susan Herrick performs at the Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha, 8pm

SATURDAY, May 8

River City Gender Alliance, For Transgender / Crossdress community. All welcome. No sexual encounters, Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, 4pm, DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

SUNDAY, May 9

New Voice Steering Committee, 1pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, All are welcome

Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska Board of Directors Mtg. 1-5pm, Call 236-8610

MCC-Omaha, Evening Worship Service, 7pm

Great Plains Entertainer of the Year Contest, The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

Empress Phoenix Fallentino & Cast perform at Club 2001, Lincoln, 9:30pm

MONDAY, May 10

Deadline for June Issue of New Voice

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

TUESDAY, May 11

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

2nd Tuesday "Write In", Sponsor: PFLAG, Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", 7pm

Lesbian/Gay Task Force, NASW, Conf. Room, School of Social Work, UNO., Omaha, 7pm

TUESDAY, May 11

Election Day -- Get Out And Vote!!

Election Night Party (10pm-1am) The New Run Bar, Omaha

WEDNESDAY, May 12

Omaha Players Club Meeting, 7:30pm, 10828 John Galt Blvd., Suite 106, Info: call 451-7987

THURSDAY, May 13

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha, 291-6781, Program & Time for Sharing, 7pm, First Methodist, 7020 Cass, West Entrance

Grand Island Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska Support Grp, 8pm, (308) 236-8610

FRIDAY, May 14

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am, Information/Counseling about HIV

SATURDAY, May 15

Omaha Players Club Workshop, "Temperature Play," 10828 John Galt Blvd, Suite 106, Info: call 451-7987

SUNDAY, May 16

"Sunday Brunch" 10am - 2pm, \$5.95 per person, \$10 per couple. Club 2001, Lincoln

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Omaha Men (OMEN), 4pm, The Run, Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha 68103

P-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke's Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave, (308) 382-0752 or 995-5490, 3pm

Gay/Lesbian Student Org., Box 8171, Omaha, NE 68108 7pm, Downtown Grounds Coffee House, 1117 Jackson, Omaha. All are welcome!

"Taffitas" at Firehouse Dinner Theatre. Dinner at 5:30pm, Show at 7pm. Tickets for dinner & show—\$20.25. Show only—\$15.00. Tickets call 346-8024 Benefit: Citizens for Equal Protection

Direct from Nashville, Freddie Burch performs DC's, Omaha. Tickets \$3 in advance, \$5 at Door

"The Faces of AIDS", Wayne Tietso's Annual Benefit for PWA's, The MAX, Omaha, 9:30pm

"Leather Show and Demonstration" 10pm, The New Run Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

MONDAY, May 17

Country/Western Night Featuring Freddie Burch Club 2001, 508 Sun Valley Road, Lincoln, 9pm

TUESDAY, May 18

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

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

WEDNESDAY, May 19

Erica Wheeler performs at Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha, 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 20

Gary Younger reads poetry and tells stories at Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha

G/L Resource Ctr Business Mtg., Rm 342, NE Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc of Greater Nebr Support Grp Mtg., 8pm, (308) 236-8610

FRIDAY, May 22

River City Mixed Chorus, Pride Concert, Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO Campus, Omaha, 7:00pm, Get Your Tickets Early

SUNDAY, May 23

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha, 291-6781, "Time for Sharing" 2pm. First Methodist Church, 6900 Cass, West Entrance

Candlelight Memorial Service for those died of AIDS, St Cecilia's, 40 & Burt, Omaha 7pm

MCC-Omaha Evening Worship Service, 7pm

Omaha Mr. Drummer, 9pm, DC's, Omaha

"Kathy Kline Show Stopping Fun" The New Run Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

Karl Thomas, Gay Porn Star, appears at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

Omaha Meatpackers, Benefit for LINK-ON and PWA, Club 2001, Lincoln, 9:30pm

MONDAY, May 24

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, Lincoln Interfaith Council, 474-3017

TUESDAY, May 25

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), 7pm, Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Program: video "Fighting for Our Lives" Also small group sharing sessions with "Under 21" group meeting separately. For more information call 435-4688

THURSDAY, May 27

Grand Island Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska Support Grp., 8pm, (308) 236-8610

FRIDAY, May 28

Mid-Central District Conference, UFMCC, Red Lion, 16th & Dodge, Omaha, Business Meeting & Worship Services All Worship Services Open to the Community

Heartland Round-Up - Recovery through Unity." Airport Ramada Inn. Registration: 6pm. Sponsored by members of the Gay and Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous Community. For more information write: Heartland Round-Up '93, Box 573, Omaha, NE 68101-0573

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am, Information and Counseling about HIV

SATURDAY, May 29

Mid-Central District Conference, UFMCC, Red Lion, 16th & Dodge, Omaha

Heartland Round-Up--Airport Ramada Inn. Information write: Heartland Round-Up '93, Box 573, Omaha, NE 68101-0573

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, call for info: Cleve, 733-1360

SUNDAY, May 30

Mid-Central District Conference, UFMCC, Red Lion, Omaha, 10am, Closing Worship Service - Open to the Community

"Spring Into Summer Party" All Day at Club 2001, 500 Valley Road, Lincoln

Heartland Round-Up - Airport Ramada Inn

Evening Worship with Mid-Central District of UFMCC, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

MONDAY, May 31

Memorial Day

ICON Picnic, Progressive Park, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 12noon - 5pm, \$7 admission, Free Beer & Pop, Food Available, No Pets, Please

FRIDAY, June 4

ANGLE's Third Annual Community Recognition Dinner, 7pm, Firefighters' Union Hall, 60th & Grover, Omaha, Tickets \$15.

SATURDAY, June 5

Coalition's First Saturday Event, "Over 50 Poltuck" Cornerstone, 6-40 N. 16, Lincoln

SUNDAY, June 6

Inga's Annual Pride Variety Show, Benefit for ANGLE, The MAX, Omaha, 9:30pm

Bars & Restaurants

Des Moines (A.C. 515)

Blazing Saddle 416 E 5th St., 246-1299
The Brass Garden 112 SE 4th St., 243-3965
Club 508 508 Clifton Ave., 288-8508
The D & M 424 E Locust St., 243-9629

Omaha (A.C. 402)

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

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Council Bluffs:

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*****Lincoln*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Mtg Friday 8pm, 1st Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214

Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, 2017 "O", Lincoln 68502. Open Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12-5pm, Wally 489-4634/477-5666

BiPALS (Bisexual People / Alternate LifeStyle), Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501, 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone (upstps) 640 N 16. All sexes welcome.

Gay & Lesbian Assoc., Counseling Ctr, 1234 Admin Bldg, UNL, Lincoln 68508. 472-1804. Confidential

Lesbian Discussion Group, Womens-Resource Center, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588. 472-2597, Meets Thursdays 6-7:30pm.

Nebraska Bookstore, 13th & Q Steets, Lincoln, Alternative Lifestyle Section carries The Advocate

P-FLAG See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Star City Gay Men's Club, For men in their 30's, 40's, 50's, & Up, Sundays 2-7pm, Gathering Place, 1448 E St., Movies, cards, Just a Little Fun.

Star City Lincs, Box 21903, Lincoln, NE 68502, (402) 483-5251, Leather club, Educational

University of Nebraska Bookstore, 14th & R Lincoln, Gay Studies Section Books on G/L Life.

Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Nebr Union, UNL, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644 Social, info, referral, library, Support grp Wed 7:30pm

The Wimmis Show, 12-3pm Sunday, KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo.

A Woman's Place, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women, Write: A Woman's Place, 440 S. 44 St., Lincoln, 68510, or call 476-7692.

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

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

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

*****OMAHA*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, Info: 345-9916
Gay Men's Stag Group "An Alternative", Friday, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, 455-7916;
Live & Let Live Grp, Pella Lutheran Church, 303 S. 41, Omaha, Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

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

Citizens For Equal Protection, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155. Legislative action group work to eliminate discrimination for gay, lesbian, bisexual people in employment, housing, education, and public accommodations. Meets 1st Thursday, 7:30pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, Omaha

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

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

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

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Tuesdays 7:30pm.

Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran Church, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 345-4080 or 453-7137, Meet 1st Sunday 7pm.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 345-2563, Mailing Address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103, Services held at 819 S. 22 St., Omaha, Sunday School Classes for Adults and Children & Youth at 9am, Sunday Worship at 10:20am.

Omaha Meatpackers, Leather/Levi Club with focus on AIDS fundraising. Call: (712) 366-1791

Omaha Men OMEN, Box 3706 Omaha 68103 Men interested in masculinity/masculine image 3rd Sunday, 4pm, The Run, 1715 Leavenworth

Omaha Players Club (OPC), PO Box 34463 Omaha 68134, (402) 451-7987. Leather/SM education & play group. Men's & women's group.

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

Overeaters Anonymous Lambda Plush, Wed 7:30pm Family & Friends 3040 N 102, Omaha

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

Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, (402) 733-1360. Cleve. Generally meets last Sat. Jan-Oct, 2nd Sat. in December, No Nov mtg

PRIDE-Gay/Lesbian Student Organization (PRIDE-GLSO), Box 8171, Omaha 68108. Meet 1st & 3rd Sundays, 7pm, Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha.

River City Mixed Bowling League. President - E. Mueller (1) 466-1789, V.P. - Cheryl Christensen 346-7699, Treasurer - Mike Shearer 346-4110. Bowling will resume in the Fall

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

River City Mixed Chorus, P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267. 453-8884. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc. Support Info for Les/Gay College Students 339-6682 / 800-4-GAY-SDA.

Women of the Plains, PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124, Brng women's culture back to Omaha

Women's Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Meets Saturdays 11am

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124-0712, Magazine for lesbian women's voices to be heard.

Youth Support Group, sponsor: Parents & Friends of Lesbians/Gays Omaha Chptr. For gay, lesbian youth and those questioning sexuality, ages 13 to 21. Meets Saturdays, Call 291-6781.

*****STATEWIDE*****

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

*Kearney, Open Meeting 3pm Saturdays, (308)236-8610.

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

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska, Mission is to provide a healthier environment in Nebraska through support meetings, social events, workshops, and monthly newsletter. Contact GLAGN, Box 1546, Kearney, NE 68848-1546 with upcoming events or to receive newsletter.

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA), Box 57441, Lincoln, 68505-9998. Info: call Dan 344-3103 (Omaha) or Patrick 477-3899 (Lincoln) Open to all who enjoy and supports rodeos and other country activities. Meetings generally 1st Saturdays at DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68102 Org for advancement of Gay/Lesbian society, Business Meeting 1st Monday each month

Lesbian & Gay Task Force, National Assoc. of Social Workers, Nebr Chapter, Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7pm, Conference Room, School of Social Work, Annex 40, UNO Campus, info: Erin Porterfield 733-1753 (Omaha) or Elizabeth Bartle 475-5534 (Lincoln). Open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and supportive social workers, Do not have to be member of NASW

Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects, 610 "J", Lincoln,) 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr. Outpatient chemical dependency treatment while affirming sexuality, Sliding Fee

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Monthly magazine for Lesbian/Gay community. Subscriptions \$19/year. Deadline: 10th of month for publication following month.

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays
*PFLAG, Kearney, NE: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St Luke's Episcopal. Call (308) 382-0752 or (308) 995-5490. Direct correspondence to: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

*PFLAG, Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504. (402) 435-4688. Meets 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 "A" St., Groups for family of people with HIV, and Gay/Lesbian Youth Group meet same time & place.

*PFLAG, 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, (402) 291-6781. Meets: 2nd Thursday, 7pm, "Program & Time for Sharing", 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Time for Sharing"; 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass Street, West Entrance.

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