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# The New Voice

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# Guess What?



We're your family, neighbors, and friends... and we're gay.  
Look beyond lesbian and gay stereotypes  
and find out more about *us!*

# OUR TURN

## LOOKING FOR THE PAST?

By Sharon Van Butsel

It seems natural to spend some time in January looking back over the last year, but for me that activity lead me down a path of frustration over all the things I hadn't gotten done. Of course, I have no one to blame but myself because I always over extend my self and seem to think that I can get 36 hours worth of work done every single day. So much for reality testing.

However, the exercise in reminiscing has left me with a new resolution to get some of those tasks accomplished—hopefully with a little help from my friends. So here's a list of things I'd like you to help me accomplish.

1) Assemble at least one more complete set of *The New Voice*. We have one complete hard bound set, but we would like to keep that set put safely away and would like at least one more set that can be put in looseleaf binders and be available for public inspection. We'd also like to complete the set at the Omaha Public Library — if you have missing some of the early years. So, if you have back issues of *The New Voice* that you would be willing to donate, please contact me at 556-9907.

2) Develop a staff of volunteer reporters. I've said it over and over, but the only news that will be in *The New Voice* is the news that you report and submit to us by the 10th of the month. If you would be interested in covering events in the community—even if you don't want to write the article—contact me. If you will get the basic who, what, where, when, why, we will write up the article.

3) Feature articles on Persons of Color, Differently Aabled, Persons in Recovery, PWA's, and other "special" groups. If you have a story to tell or would agree to be interviewed, give me a call. That's how the interviews with Barb and Tina, and with Darrell and Charles came about. Other people are interested in your story — you just have to be willing to share.

4) Have photos and art work in every issue. Once again, this won't happen unless you are willing to submit drawings, graphics, and cartoons, or will take photos, get permission for reprinting, and send them to us.

5) Have *The New Voice of Nebraska* be the best regional magazine in the country. Of course, that might sound a little grandiose, but I'm really proud of the magazine that we put out and I think we can be even better.

So that's my wish list for January, 1992. Can you help me make those things come true?

### CANADA DROPS BAN ON GAYS IN MILITARY

"The Canadian Forces of today believe an individual's sexual orientation is irrelevant to whether or not that individual can perform his or her job," stated the Chief of the Defense Staff in a press release from Armed Forces headquarters in Ottawa, Ontario.



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*The New Voice*, like larger businesses, is in the position of having to maintain enough income each month to cover the expenses. During the four years the magazine has been in Omaha, we have seen increases in the number of pages printed, the number of issues printed, and the cost of equipment and materials to put out the magazine. As a result, all display advertising rates will increase by 10% effective January 1 (or with the next contract period). We will also be adding a 10% charge for those groups or businesses requesting a specific placement within the magazine. We are sure these modest increases will not present a hardship to our advertisers and they will enable *The New Voice* to remain viable. We will not be increasing the rates for classified advertising, nor for subscriptions. If you have any questions, please contact Dick Brown, advertising manager.

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

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

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Metropolitan Community Church

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## NEW YEAR BRINGS CHANGES

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR? ...PERHAPS A THING OF THE PAST

By Sharon Van Butsel

Dear Editor: Some of our most interesting reading has started out that way, but letters to the editor may have become a thing of the past. The staff and steering committee of *The New Voice* have become concerned over the number of highly critical letters that are unsigned, signed by initials only, or by names that appear to be fictitious.

When letters are not signed, or a fictitious name is used, the writer is able to express cruel, vindictive ideas without ever having to take responsibility for his or her actions. Those attacked by the letters stand accused but never have an opportunity to face their accuser. It sets up an opportunity for mud-slinging, par excellence.

Therefore, effective immediately, *The New Voice* will consider publishing letters to the editor only if they are signed and a phone number is included so we can verify that the person whose name appears on the letter actually wrote the letter. At this time, we are not requiring that the name be published and would sign the published letter "Name Withheld By Request".

We realize that this policy will cut down significantly on the number of letters we can publish but it is necessary if *The New Voice* is to avoid being used as a vehicle for personal vendettas.

## IS THE NEW VOICE CENSORING GAY ARTISTS?

### NEW VOICE:

You gay magazines didn't deign to call me about *The Piss Show*, but rather chose to reprint the paternal ignorance of the *Lincoln Star* and *Journal*.

I'm not sure what it means when the gay press is more interested in what a mainstream newspaper has to say than in what a gay artist might have to say. Maybe it's another example of the censorship of gay expression.

In November I responded to Piss Show criticism with another show, *Jesus Watching The Piss Show*. It too was illegally censored by Cablevision.

The name of my access series is *Eating the Fruit of Lies*. I'm trying to get all all the lies we've been told. I consider it a service to the gay community. (The title refers to Hosea 10:13, which has to do, in a roundabout way, with homosexuality.)

I'd like to see dozens of us, gay men and lesbians, producing television on access channels in Nebraska. They're censoring us all.

Donny Smith  
producer, *Eating the Fruit of Lies*

### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Dear Mr. Smith,

Sorry, we certainly did not intend to censor a gay artist. We simply printed the only article that was submitted regarding "The Piss Show". If you had submitted information about your show and your problems with Cablevision, we would have been glad to consider it for publication. As it was,

some other individual in Lincoln sent us the *Journal-Star* articles and asked that we publish the information. Without this other person's submission much of the gay and lesbian community would have been unaware of the struggle going on in Lincoln and you might never have been aroused to the point that you shared part of your script with us.

I would like to remind you and our other readers that we can only publish what is known about. If you want to reach at least 1300 members of the gay and lesbian community, I'd suggest including *The New Voice* in your publicity plans.

Sharon Van Butsel  
Editor

P.S. I tried to call you after I received your letter and article, but you didn't include a phone number and *Lincoln Information* lists several Don and Donald Smiths but no one listed as "Donny Smith".

## FROM: "JESUS WATCHING THE PISS SHOW"

By Donny Smith

I have no sense of humor, but I'm not stupid. My show may be boring but it isn't wrong. Jesus had to piss. He ate and drank.

To assert that Jesus was not human in every way, every way, is an old heresy called Docetism.

He was a human being with human parents. He didn't know everything. And he didn't have any powers that you don't have. When he exerted himself he got tired. When he got mad he told people off.

And he would ask for forgiveness. He was the one who first said, Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. He knew his body needed the washing that John the Baptist did in the River Jordan.

He was flesh. That means meat. He felt the same passions you do. He had all the same noise inside him, and inner twisting.

Don't doubt it. He could not've been holy unless he sinned. The God had to become like us, or we could never become like the God. This is the story the gossellers come tell.

How could he save us from something he had no experience of? And how could he be like him if he was absolutely perfect? He wouldn't have been human. But, he ate and drank, and pissed every day. Yet was holy.

The movements of our bodies do not defile us.

Watching someone piss does not make you unclean. Nor does it make anyone unclean, even children. My show does not harm children in any way. It doesn't encourage them to harm or hate anyone. It doesn't make them desire sugary food or consumer goods. It doesn't change them into "sex maniacs", whatever that means. It will make them ask difficult questions, questions you can't answer for them. How can you call this smut? You don't even understand it.

You are ignorant, you are hypocrites. You call yourselves mature. Every day you mature people fill the air with your violence. All those years Paul Cameron was on the air with his show you didn't say anything. He spread lies about gay men. He described how to use gerbils in having sex. You didn't say anything. He said we should be tattooed. He said we should be put in concentration camps.

You hypocrites. You say I go too far, you ban

my show. You racist town Lincoln. My show is not "in keeping with community standards". I must be stopped. But Race and Reason is fine, you don't take it off the air. You racist hypocrites. This community has no shame.

I have nothing but shame. Shame for my body. Shame for my person. Shame that I live among such people as you and can think of you as sisters and brothers. You don't know how many nights I've spent crying.

I don't lie. You Christians think you know Jesus. You don't know him.

You want to control him but you can't. He's all over the place. He's running away from you and you'll never catch him.

You want to control me. I will do what I want, for as long as I can.

You want to control your children. You can't. You never will.

Jesus said, Drink from my mouth and become like me and I will become you.

## KERREY A BIGOT?

A Mother Responds To Senator Kerrey:

When will the bigotry, ignorance, and hatred end?

As a mother of a teenage lesbian daughter the grief I experienced over Senator Kerrey's crude joke is unexplainable.

As a parent, I realize how unfair and difficult it must be for our children to live in this world where they experience hatred on a daily basis... even by some of our most "brilliant leaders"!

I agree totally with Ms. Ireland, "the damage has been done... I think it's still a real flaw."

Kerrey has given lip-service to gays and lesbians, but his comments show his ignorance and insensitivity.

I personally spent a long grieving period after my daughter's "coming out" to me.

I know the courage, risk, maturity, and trust this must have taken. I also know beyond a shadow of a doubt that my beautiful daughter did not make this "choice".

Gays and Lesbians are on the bottom rung of society's ladder. No other minority suffers such discrimination. All other minorities have some benefits... scholarship considerations, job quotas, joint property rights, etc.

But we are not powerless. Among the runners for the presidency, Senator Kerrey has been one of the few that has shown compassion for unpopular causes.

Although he has apologized, it is my firm belief he does not understand our suffering.

Write to him, tell him your individual story. If he truly wishes to be the man of the people, here is his opportunity to prove it.

Perhaps our small group can turn his insensitivity into awareness. Maybe he will learn something from our stories. If he is wise he will listen and act accordingly.

Ask Senator Kerrey to push for well-funded scientific research into this human dilemma.

This is not a religious issue, it is not a question of choice, it is not a question of bad morals, it is a question of human diversity and understanding. Such understanding often results when good people make ignorant mistakes.

Let's hope Bob Kerrey is a good person and makes good choices!

A Hopeful Mother  
reprinted from *Omaha P-FLAG Newsletter*

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## KEEP 'EM COMIN'!

Dear Lee:

I am responding back to the letter you wrote last month.

First of all, I want to say that I am very interested in receiving the *New Voice* magazine again for next year. I really do appreciate the free subscription to the magazine. I hope that someday I could repay you somehow for sending these magazines to me free of charge.

Once I get the magazine, I read it from cover to cover... some articles, I read a couple times over. When I get done with it, my roommate reads it, then I give it to a friend. I cannot hardly wait to receive them from month to month.

Thanks again for keeping us - me - in mind. Cordially,  
Kevin J. Ward, #37892  
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Lincoln, NE 68542-2800

*Lee's reply: This marks the end of the first year that the New Voice has offered free subscriptions to Nebraska prisoners. The program has gone so well that as of this month, we have extended the program to include free subscriptions to all Iowa prisoners as well. As a former 'guest of the state' myself, I am familiar with how important it is for prisoners to maintain contact with the outside world. Although free magazine subscriptions help by saying "we care", personal letters from the community at large mean even more. An hour of your time each month is all it would take to drop a prisoner a letter or two. Like the rest of society, there are 'good' prisoners and 'bad' prisoners and common sense should help you to discern the difference. Like Kevin, it was the contact that the outside gay community gave to me while I was incarcerated that made me want to give something back when I got out. I encourage all of you to shine a light on the feelings of abandonment and isolation that all inmates can feel by writing a letter. After all, how many of you, when you stop to think about it, can say, "There but for the grace of God, go I!"*

*Lee Donehower, NVN Prisoner Project*

On 10/12/91 Lesbian Gay Pride of the Delaware Valley held a huge block party in Philadelphia, PA, with an over-the-street National Coming Out Day banner, live entertainment, elected officials, and carnival games with 5,000 people attending.

## LETTER POLICY CHANGES!!

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

## PEN PAL?

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am a native, born in Omaha. I am in prison in the Arizona State Department of Corrections. I do not have family or friends here and wish to ask some information of you.

I would like to ask if your publication includes any section for ads for penpals and/or a personal ads section for ads of a non-sexual nature? I would like to correspond with anyone who would like to become friends with a person who has made mistakes and who is now re-building his life. I do NOT wish to correspond with anyone for monetary gain of any kind, nor for any emotional "games", etc. I am just a lonely person who would like to write and hear from people from "home".

Any and all information and consideration you can give me in this will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Douglas B. Earp  
Arizona State Prison  
P.O. Box 81696  
Florence, AZ 85232

## THANK YOU

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the 1991 All Iowa AIDS Benefit Executive Committee, and the Cornhousers L & L Club of Iowa, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping to make this year's Benefit such a huge success. The Benefit raised over \$18,000 after expenses to be distributed to various agencies, hospices, and programs, throughout the State of Iowa.

We are now in the process of sending out grant applications. The grant is designed to provide direct financial aid or services to people living with HIV infection, AIDS, their families, and significant others. Grants will be used for direct services, training of support personnel (such as Buddy Programs) or as an out-reach to direct services of specific needs.

Without the kind support of people like you, our goal would never have been achieved! Again, Thanks.

Sincerely,  
The Executive Committee  
1991 All Iowa AIDS Benefit

On 10/7-11/91 at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, despite the school's paper's refusal to run the Keith Haring National Coming Out Day logo as a paid ad and the Young Republicans' published threat to put gay and lesbian 'abominations' in their place if they came out to anyone, a handful of lesbian and gay students still managed to air thought provoking public service announcements on the college radio station, dispense Coming Out Day literature, and create an official gay association.

## ABOUT THE COVER

The *New Voice* is pleased to reprint the text of a full page ad which appeared in the year end issue of *People* magazine. The ad was placed by the Lesbian and Gay Awareness Project of Los Angeles, California, and features Dick Sargent (from TV's *Bewitched*) who came out publicly on October 11, 1991 (National Coming Out Day). If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to future activities of the Lesbian and Gay Awareness Project, or would like to receive a free brochure on homophobia, complete and mail the form below.



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# FEATURES

## DEALING WITH VIOLENCE

### A Guide For Gay & Lesbian People

Edited by T. Sweeney

*Part four of this series is Dealing With The Criminal Justice System. If you are a victim of a hate crime or a witness to a hate crime, please contact Homosexuals Against Hate Crimes (HAHC) through the ANGLE information line at 558-5303.*

Dealing with the police and the courts can be intimidating and confusing for crime victims. Understanding how these agencies work can help in making decisions about reporting crimes, pressing charges, and pursuing a case through the criminal justice system.

The decision to make a report to the police is a difficult one, frequently made at a time of crisis. Some reasons gay and lesbian victims of crime choose not to report are:

"I'm afraid of the police; they don't like gay people."

"I don't want to have to come out in public."

"I am afraid the attacker will come back and get even."

"I don't want to have to tell this painful story again."

"It is futile."

"It is a betrayal if I turn in my friend/lover/another gay person."

Some reasons gay and lesbian victims of crime choose to report are:

"I want the attacker punished."

"I want them caught. I don't want another gay person to go through what I went through."

"I want this incident documented so the police and the community know this is happening to gay people."

"I'll never feel safe until they are caught."

"I don't want them to feel they can just get away with hurting people."

"I couldn't sit and just do nothing. I had to take action."

If you decide to make a report to the police, try to do so quickly and in person. If at all possible, have a friend or advocate help you through this process. Many communities now have victim service agencies that provide advocates to help victims deal with the police and the

courts. Local gay organizations may also be able to provide you with some assistance. A few exist entirely to help gay and lesbian crime victims.

Gay and lesbian victims are sometimes discouraged from reporting crimes against them, so it is important to be assertive and to remember that the police are required to take your report. To assure accuracy and completeness, ask to read the report after it is prepared. Try also to get the name and badge number of any officers you talk with. Your case will be assigned a report number, and you should record it for future reference. Ask who will be assigned to your case, and request that you be informed of its progress. If you are not contacted, you have a right to call and find out the status of the investigation.

For some offenses that are considered to be less serious, the police may instruct you to go to criminal court where you can request that the perpetrator be summoned to appear in court. If the perpetrator doesn't show up at the appointed date, an arrest warrant is then issued.

Whenever the police apprehend a suspect, you should be asked to make an immediate identification so that an arrest can be made. You will also have to decide whether to press charges. If you choose not to press charges, the suspect is usually released. If the suspect is not found you can ask to look through mug shots. If the perpetrator is apprehended later you will be asked to make an identification by viewing a line-up or by examining photographs.

Shortly after a suspect has been arrested, and you have identified and pressed charges, the case is referred to the office of the prosecutor or district attorney. If the prosecutor decides there is enough evidence to pursue the case, the suspect is then taken before the court for an arraignment or initial appearance. At that time a judge advises the suspect of the charges and may allow a plea of guilty or not guilty to be made. If the suspect pleads guilty, a sentence will be handed down; if not, the case proceeds to the next stage.

What follows may vary depending on the court system in each community and on the type and severity of the crime. Usually, there is a court hearing (or grand jury proceeding) to determine

whether there is sufficient evidence that a crime has been committed and whether or not the suspect — now known as the defendant — has committed the crime. At the hearing, the victim and key witnesses may be asked to give their accounts of the incident. After considering the evidence, a judge and/or a grand jury decide whether the case should go to trial. If a trial is called for, the prosecutor — acting as a representative for the state — prosecutes the defendant. From this point on, the prosecutor is responsible for all decisions about the case and the victim acts as a witness for the state.

Because of the high volume of cases, the time and expense of conducting a trial, and other factors, efforts are frequently made to obtain a guilty plea without going to trial. These efforts are called plea bargaining or plea negotiating, and they usually involve a lessening of the charges in exchange for the defendant's guilty plea. Cases that are not plea bargained, dismissed, or resolved through some other means eventually go to trial before a judge or a judge and jury. In addition to testifying for the state, victims are cross-examined by lawyers representing the defendant. After all the evidence has been presented, a decision is made as to whether the accused is guilty or not guilty. If the verdict is guilty, the defendant is sentenced.

The decision to pursue a case through criminal court can be an especially difficult one for gay and lesbian victims. Sometimes they are afraid that hearings or a trial will result in public disclosure of their sexual orientation. They may be afraid they will confront prejudice. They may be afraid of a harsh or intrusive cross-examination, or they may simply be afraid of a system that they do not fully understand.

These fears are understandable and often justified. One way gay and lesbian victims can make an informed decision about whether to follow through on a case is to express their concerns to the prosecuting attorney during an initial interview. Usually, prosecutors can anticipate what will happen at a hearing or trial, and what kinds of questions will be asked. They can prepare you for taking the stand, and even rehearse possible courtroom scenarios with you. After discussing the case, you can then decide whether to go ahead with it. Most of the time, a prosecutor will not pursue a case without the victim's consent and cooperation.

In addition to — or sometimes instead of — criminal prosecution, you may bring a case against



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# FEATURES

the defendant in civil court. They object to make him or her pay damages to you for any injury you sustained. If other people's negligence resulted in your being victimized, you may also sue them in civil court. For example, if you are assaulted in a building that did not have adequate security, the landlord may be held liable. You may pursue such a case whether or not the assailant is apprehended.

Pursuing a civil action is no less complex than the criminal court process, and can sometimes be more difficult. Whereas the state is your advocate in criminal court, you must hire a lawyer for a civil action. As a plaintiff it is also your burden to prove that you have been damaged and to what extent. Furthermore, being awarded a monetary judgment does not guarantee that the defendant will be able to pay it.

"It seemed like I just couldn't get the attack behind me. I had to describe what happened again and again at interviews and hearings. The defense kept getting postponements, so it took more than a year for the case to finally get to trial...Oh, there definitely were days when I wondered if it was all worth it."

Very often the criminal justice system is insensitive to victims, and treats them as if they were little more than pieces of evidence. They are often called on to tell their painful story again and again to police, prosecutors, and judges. They may face repeated postponements of hearings and trials, as well as intimidation from defendants. They often find themselves bewildered and angry at a confusing legal process in which they have little control.

In recent years, however, there has been a growing recognition that victims, like defendants, have rights and deserve to be treated with dignity and compassion. In some states the rights of victims have been codified into law. These include:

—The right to be informed about the procedures of the criminal justice system and the status of their particular case.

—The right to receive protection from intimidation and harm.

—The right to be informed of any financial assistance and other social services available to victims.

—The right to have a "victim impact statement" considered by the judge who will be sentencing the defendant.

—The right to restitution from the defen-

dant for injuries and losses caused by the crime.

To find out what your legal rights are as a victim, you can check with your local prosecutor or victim service agency.

Victims who turn to the criminal justice system have certain responsibilities, too. The chances of successful investigation and prosecution are much greater when victims work cooperatively with the police and the prosecutor's office. Authorities are more likely to follow through on a report if the victim does not direct his or her rage about the incident against them. A victim who gives a calm and clear account of the incident is also more likely to be persuasive to a judge or jury.

To avoid exposure or embarrassment, sometimes victims withhold relevant information about the circumstances in which they were victimized. However, prosecutors cannot prepare themselves or the victim for a trial unless they know the entire truth. If you intend to follow through on a case, it is vitally important that you tell the prosecutor everything that has happened.

Dealing with the criminal justice system, can be a frustrating, difficult, and time-consuming experience. But for many victims, reporting incidents and taking legal action can be an empowering and healing process. In cases where defendants are successfully prosecuted, gay and lesbian victims feel satisfaction at having achieved justice for themselves and, by extension, other gay and lesbian people.

## Dealing with Police Abuse

"The police entered the bar and lined us up against the wall so we couldn't see them. They made some homophobic and racist remarks and started swinging their sticks, knocking drinks off the bar...Then they started beating on us."

To be a victim of a crime is an ordeal, but when that crime is committed by those responsible for protecting citizens, the pain and rage are even greater. Although many police officers are caring, competent, and professional, some misuse their power and authority. Whatever they may think of you, police officers have no right to use unnecessary force against you, to comment in any way on your lifestyle, or to make racist, sexist, or anti-gay remarks.

If you are subjected to police harassment or assault, do not talk back or attempt to resist arrest, as this increases the danger. If you witness police brutality, it is best not to interfere, as you risk

arrest or even assault. Often the fact that you are watching from a distance may discourage the officers from hurting someone. Whether you are a witness or victim of police abuse, try to remember and record as many significant details about the incident as possible, especially the police officers' badge numbers and physical descriptions.

It is not unusual for victims of police abuse to be arrested. If you are arrested, do not try to talk your way out of the situation. Since anything you say can and will be used against you, it is best not to talk at all except to give your name, address, and birth-date. You have the right to a lawyer, and if you cannot afford one the state must provide you with one.

Depending on how complaints of police abuse are handled in your community, you may file them with police superiors, the police department's internal affairs unit, or a police/civilian complaint review board. It is advisable to consult with an informed lawyer on how to pursue your complaint and whether to take legal action. You may also wish to bring incidents of police abuse to the attention of your local human rights commission, prosecutor, sympathetic public officials, and organizations concerned about police misconduct. They may be able to provide you with support, information, and the additional clout needed for effectively responding to the incident.

"I was parked outside an all-night grocery store, waiting for a friend to get off work. This guy appeared and started talking to me, he turned the conversation to sex and asked me what I thought the 'going rate' was for hustlers in this town. When I answered, he yanked me out of the car, handcuffed me, and charged me with solicitation for prostitution. Later, they told me they would reduce the charges if I would plead guilty. I knew I hadn't done anything wrong, but I was tired and scared and so I agreed. Later I found out that the 'reduced' charge still included solicitation. Now I'll have that on my record for the rest of my life."

In many areas of the country, plainclothes police officers try to lure gay men into illegal sexual activity for the purpose of arrest. This is known as entrapment, and it usually occurs in cruising areas — such as parks, rest stops, and other public places. Sometimes the police urge those who are arrested to pay a fine or plead guilty to a "lesser" charge, so that the case will be quickly resolved. However, doing so is an admis-

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Each act of anti-gay violence is intended to punish and isolate us all, and to discourage our visibility. If we face this violence alone we can feel overwhelmed and helpless. But once we all recognize our vulnerability, we can work together to empower ourselves and our community.

The homophobia that pervades our society creates an atmosphere that allows and even promotes anti-gay violence. While learning self-defense and improving services to gay and lesbian victims is important, the cycle of violence will not end until we have addressed the attitudes that lead to it. Educating the community at large is the most important prevention. Educating young people is an effective place to begin.

"In my family-life class someone came to talk about gay people. At first, I didn't like the idea. My friend told me faggots were men in bright green coats who bother kids. The guy who came looked kind of normal. He was nice and answered our questions. I was surprised. I went home and told my parents."

Close your eyes and imagine what the world would be like if it was safe for gay and lesbian people. What would be different? How would you feel? Each one of us has the power to create a safer world. In exercising that power we can achieve our full potential as individuals and as a community.

## PERSONS LIVING WITH AIDS FOCUSING UPON LOVING, NURTURING, EDUCATING an interview with Darrell & Charles

By Sharon Van Butsel

On November 17 *Omaha World Herald* columnist, Michael Kelly, reported an interview with Darrell Cole and a man who "agreed to talk only if he wasn't identified". The article was headed "AIDS Victims Not Giving In" and where continued, was headed "Victims of AIDS Fight Fear", subtitled "Two Omaha Men Refuse to Give In."

Shortly after the article appeared, Darrell and "Charles" (not his real name) contacted *The New Voice* because things in the article had not been reported as they hoped. They had called Michael Kelly who was not interested in follow-up articles or comments. Despite this, Darrell and Charles still wanted to get this one message across. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A VICTIM OR BE AFRAID! THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE. YOU CAN LIVE LONGER AND LIVE BETTER. YOU CAN LEARN TO MANAGE THIS DISEASE THEY CALL AIDS!

Darrell: I was upset by Kelly's use of "Victims" in the headline. It's ok to say we're not giving in to the disease, but don't identify us as victims. Victim is a dangerous word. It conjures up ideas of being powerless and hopeless. It sets up victim consciousness in people.

Sharon: How do you want to be described.

Darrell: As a Person With AIDS or as a person learning to live with AIDS. Also, I didn't like the phrase "Fighting Fear". That conjures up ideas of fear consciousness and makes it big and overwhelming. "Challenge" makes it something you can learn to live with, something manageable. I've been a student of metaphysics for the last 10 years. Through my study I've learned that the words we use influence our own karma, our own destiny. I'm still learning more about how ideas work. The words we say become our experiences. If I say I'm not a good person or I am a lousy person, then I become a lousy person. It works the other way, too. Words others use about us are important as we hear them and take them in. I don't want my friends referring to us as AIDS victims.

Sharon: Was there anything besides the headlines and the use of the words fear and victim?

Darrell: Kelly spent far too much time dealing with history. I felt that Charles shared personal information with Kelly on a friendly basis on the understanding that "discretion" would be used. Far too much personal information was used.

Charles: Yes, I've gotten a lot of job offers now that everyone knows all I've done. No, that's a joke. Funny, isn't it, Darrell, how we make jokes out of the things that are the most serious?

Darrell: Yes, we're good at that. Seriously, I think he overstepped the bounds of discretion. Maybe the agreement up front wasn't clear and he did not realize how important it was. He doesn't strike me as a vindictive sort of person.

Sharon: What would you have liked to see?



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**Charles:** The article would have been an opportunity to educate the public about people living with AIDS, to paint a picture about us—how it affects our lives, how it is a manageable disease, how we can learn to live with it, and a way to teach others how to avoid it. Instead it was trite, actually more of a biography. It was their first in depth interview with anyone living with AIDS and they made it into a little biographical sketch. It could have been such a hopeful article telling how we can control the way we live, even control the disease to some extent. The words victim and fear imply that it's hopeless and it's not. All that opportunity was there and this article missed it. All it turned out to be was just crap.

**Sharon:** What did you hope to see, Darrell?  
**Darrell:** I talked a lot about how people experience positive things using holistic methods—herbs, acupuncture, things like that. None of that was mentioned at all. He just let it slide. **Charles:** It's one thing to talk about me coloring my hair but then to ignore the valuable topic all together just wasn't right.

**Darrell:** Living with AIDS is important. There are people doing that in a lot of ways. My life is better than it's ever been. People need to know that there is hope if we choose to find it.

**Charles:** Ditto for me. Life has never been better, with friends and love in my life. I still have bad days and can still be a bastard. I would love to not have AIDS but not if I have to go back to being the person that I was. I don't have feelings of helplessness anymore, but they were there at the beginning. Now something's changed inside. I

don't know how much time I have, so what I do has to be important. Let's cut through the bullshit; if I've only got so much time, I want to use it well. I'm going to spend more on me and less on the children. I'm going to be good to myself.

**Darrell:** I was thinking—there were things that were important to me that I've forgotten about and now I care about things I never cared about before.

**Charles:** Darrell, help me remember to say something about testing and prevention. I don't know where it will fit in, but I want to include it.  
**Darrell:** Why don't you just go ahead and talk about it now. It's as good a time as any.

**Sharon:** Sure, what about prevention?  
**Charles:** Anybody would have to have their head in the sand to not know that the only sure way to not get AIDS is to have no sex, and if you must have sex, to use condoms. My big concern is the people who are doing things and not protecting themselves and others who are not being tested, out of fear or whatever. Get yourself tested. Be sure you're not carrying the virus and passing it on. I'm frustrated about those who haven't been tested and are spreading it around. They're going to bed worrying about whether they have it, anyway, so they might as well be tested and know if they have it. If they know they can take care of themselves and live a better life.

**Darrell:** One way to encourage people to do something is to tell them my experience. I resisted getting tested a long time. Denial was there. I knew in my heart I had the virus in my body. I believe what we focus on expands, so, as this

good metaphysical person, I wouldn't give power to the disease by being tested. I've had to re-evaluate how valid those feelings are. We learn through experience and we draw to us what we focus on. I tried to focus on being well. I forgot that I also am subjected to other circumstances, like the HIV virus. I have control over my health but not over the virus itself. There are things we can do that bring about our own healing in various ways—whether living better and feeling better or complete remission from AIDS. I know a couple people who have experienced complete remission from AIDS. The commonality between them is amazing. That is the path I need to walk in. The things they have in common are:

1) They pay strict attention to their diet in order to give a base for good things to grow. You don't pump water into a Mercedes gas tank and expect good results. We are very sensitive to what we put in our bodies. We've polluted our bodies with junk stuff and polluted our minds with junk thoughts. I was a macrobiotic person for years and sort of got away from it. I'm moving more and more back into macrobiotics, getting back onto the right track.

2) Prayer and meditation are important along with visualization—not focusing on what is but on what we would want.

3) Another commonality is being in the company of like minded people, some sort of collective of energy. Einstein said when two like minded people get together, the energy is not doubled but is several thousand times the

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energy of a single mind. I draw energy from other people so it is very important for me to be with others who think as I do.

4) Another thing is loving ourselves. Louise Hay, an excellent New Age writer, said it well, "Learning to love myself is learning to forgive myself. No matter what I've done or how many times I've done it, I forgive myself." I've had to learn there is not some big daddy in the sky waiting to swat me for what I've done on this earth. We are cocreators with God so he (or she or it) is willing to help. Louise Hay has a lot to say. I don't agree 100 per cent but most is really valuable.

Charles: I agree wholeheartedly. That's why we're friends. Those with AIDS who are doing best are those doing what you say. I don't live up to it all the time but eating, spirituality, and support go together to make up how we live with AIDS. A lot of those who haven't made it long or been happy living with the disease haven't done any of these things. Why do some only make it 6 months and yet I'm starting my 3rd year? Something is right in what we're doing. I'm still learning but I'm trying and learning more all the time.

Darrell: Another commonality is to have a purpose. We need a goal that keeps us going day after day. I feel I've been given this thing called AIDS to help heal others and to heal myself in the process. It's like the 12 step principle that says you can't keep it if you don't give it away. There's an urgency in my life that I don't like. I want to get all this done before I leave the planet, but I'm

learning to treat myself like king and that's essential — to be good to myself.

Charles: Now we'll see what word you come up with when you write this that doesn't sit right. We eliminated fear and victim, but then I did another interview and they referred to me as a patient all the time. That's not right either. I'm not a patient, I'm just a person.

Sharon: Well, maybe we can at least get the headline right. What would you have liked to have the interview in the *World Herald* titled?

Darrell: I would have liked "Persons Living With AIDS Focusing Upon Loving, Nurturing and Educating. Not just the term "a person living with aids" but even more, adding those other words, loving, nurturing, and educating, gives us power. We're not just sitting around being a victim.

Sharon: Since you both talk so freely and easily about these concepts, would you be interested in doing some writing? If you would take one aspect of this life style and focus on it in an article, we could include it in the magazine on a fairly regular basis and maybe help get the word out.

Darrell: I'd love to. I'll get to work on something after the holidays.

Charles: That would be great. We'll come up with something for you.

On 10/11/91 *Entertainment Tonight* aired a National Coming Out Day segment with actors Sheila Kuehl (Zelda on *Dobie Gillis*) and Dick Sargent (Darren on *Bewitched*) coming out on national television.

## BARB AND TINA — STILL WAITING FOR THEIR BABY

by Sharon Van Butsel

In November we shared Barb and Tina's story with you — how they decided to have a baby "of their own" and attempted artificial insemination.

A second attempt at artificial insemination was made late in November but this was also unsuccessful. When I spoke to Barb and Tina they were still optimistic and planning to try again after Barb begins a course of low dose fertility drugs. When I asked if that meant we should be looking for quadruplets, Barb was quick to explain that low dose fertility drugs do not produce multiple births.

Both Barb and Tina were glad they had shared their story with the readers of *The New Voice*. Tina described how people have come up to them and congratulated them. Both Barb and Tina told about another couple who are now trying to have a baby through artificial insemination thanks to reading Barb and Tina's story.

It will be two months before we have more to report. In the meantime, we'd like to offer a salute to both Barb and Tina for choosing to have a child of their own and for being courageous enough to share the experience with *The New Voice*.

On 10/11/91 School Board Member Jeff Horton celebrated National Coming Out Day by coming out publicly as did 24 other Los Angeles Unified school teachers and staff.



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## LEATHER SEX = SAFE SEX

by Jim Chandler

### Mr. Leather Colorado 1991

By now most of you should know about the precautions needed to have safe sex. Because most gays appear to engage in predominantly 'plain vanilla' oral and anal sex, these new restrictions have made sex less interesting and more tense for many of our buddies. Some have gone so far as to have sex only with themselves or to cut down to mutual masturbation as their main sexual outlet.

Most leathermen have found that they can still engage in a multitude of fun, exciting, and varied activities while staying perfectly safe. In fact, if care is taken regarding blood contact, exchanging of body fluids, and keeping toys clean, most leather activities can still be performed with little or no chance of exposure. While many of our friends are getting less and less 'turned on' by the restrictions put upon them sexually, a versatile and imaginative leatherman can do a different activity every week to stay excited and still enjoy his sexuality.

Think about it, what is your deepest fantasy? Does it involve a man in a uniform, perhaps a cop? Bondage or being tied up? Having your body shaved (all or part)? Maybe your fantasy involves humiliation or, on the other side, domi-

nation? Your ideal scene could be as simple as a body worship fetish with oil and mirrors, or something heavier involving some sort of physical stimulation such as hot wax or clothespins. Even toys and dildoes can be great fun with a buddy.

The great part about most leather sex scenes is that the orgasm isn't necessarily the most important or predominant part of the scene. Two buddies can go on for hours in a fantasy scene involving uniforms, bondage, shaving, etc. with both parties getting a great deal of excitement and enjoyment out of each other, without either one of them getting off (although they both may be very sexually aroused). Then near the end of the scene they could get down to a quick masturbation trip or other release, and still end up feeling more completely satisfied than they ever felt possible. Give it a try!

There are still a few activities which are taboo, and if these are your special areas of interest some adjustment will be necessary. The main fetishes to avoid are water sports (piss), rimming without protection, and anal sex, again without protection. But with all the activities that are safe and the many possibilities within your imagination, the possibilities are endless.

So start looking into your past. Remember what you were dreaming when you had a wet dream last. Start thinking about what you can do with your buddy that is new and exciting to you or him (it might surprise you what turns him on), and quit thinking about what you can't do. It's all up to you!

## R.A.Y. ISSUE PAPERS FILL A VOID

Why are gay and lesbian teens particularly at risk for suicide? How can adults concerned about these young people help?

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The papers discuss the role of sexual identity in youth suicide, the special needs of gay and lesbian youth in crisis, and sexual orientation in the larger context of sexuality. Recommendations are offered for fundamental changes, in the way institutions care for, educate, and serve youth in order to prevent serious physical and mental health consequences.

The materials were developed by sexuality educator Ann Thompson Cook, with cooperation and ongoing review and evaluation by experts in the fields of suicidology, education, counseling, and religion.

To order a single set of three papers, send \$5.98 to Respect All Youth, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 1012 Fourteenth Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005.

For National Coming Out Day '91 the New York State Museum hosted, for the first time, a gay & lesbian film and video festival in spite of major political pressure to cancel the event.

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## A RISK THAT PAID OFF by Cheryl L. Coward

When Linda Villarosa's column appeared in the May 1991 issue of *Essence* magazine, the reader response to it was "nearly unparalleled in the 21 years of the magazine's existence." Villarosa, senior health editor at the magazine, said she is still receiving letters from people who express their gratitude and support for the article.

What was the article that spurred such an emotional reaction from readers? It was a piece Villarosa co-authored with her mother called "Coming Out". In it, she discussed her experience and her parents' reactions to her lesbianism.

*Essence* magazine was the subject of controversy in the black Gay community late last year when it refused to run an ad for an upcoming national Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum (BGLLF). The magazine initially agreed to run the ad but at the last minute decided not to allow it in the January 1991 issue because of fear that conservative advertisers would object to it. The magazine reversed its decision and ran the ad in the February 1991 issue.

According to Villarosa, some people may have thought that her coming out article in the May issue was to serve as an apology for the magazine's initial rejection of the BGLLF ad, "but actually," said Villarosa, "that happened after we had written the article." "I heard about it while I was away at Harvard on a fellowship," she said. "Since I was away, I didn't know about it." When Villarosa found out from friends in the Boston area what had happened, she said, she was "really surprised and mad."

"I was concerned because some people thought the ad was an apology," recalled Villarosa. "It was not an apology for the ad fiasco." Nevertheless, Villarosa said her coworkers responded "very well" to her coming out.

"They were in a lot of ways encouraging and more excited than I was," she said. "It's something they had some curiosity about, and it gave them a chance to know my story and something about Gay people as well."

Many in the black Gay community feel that *Essence*, in the past, has not published enough informative and accurate articles on black Gay men and Lesbians. Even though *Essence* has printed articles by or about black Gays, Villarosa attributes any misinformation in the magazine to be in articles which did not specifically deal with black Gays but "maybe mentioned them."

"I see that at least now they'll [*Essence*] have somebody to say to them that, 'This is wrong' and 'You have to get the story right.'"

There was a follow-up article to "Coming Out" ("Readers Respond to Coming Out") by Villarosa in the October issue.

In contrast to the avalanche of letters of praise, there were a "handful" of negative letters, and they are also still coming in, according to Villarosa. But she says even the negative letters "aren't that bad." She said they contain such typical responses to Lesbians as, "You seem like such a nice person, how could you be a Lesbian," and "If you slept with me, I could change you," and "If you found God, you would change." "There is a lot of misunderstanding that you can change somebody and that they want to be changed," says Villarosa.

In addition to the many people who have come out to Villarosa in letters, many of her peers

and colleagues, including people who used to work at *Essence*, have come out to her. Basically, Villarosa says, she has been approached "by anybody who has a Gay story," not only Gay people, but people who have friends or relatives that are Gay. "It shows how very common it is and that there aren't just two or three of us. It shows that there really are a lot of us."

Villarosa said she is glad that the article was beneficial to others. Some people have sent the article to their families as a way of coming out or to help their families understand black Lesbians and Gay men.

She feels that the article is important because it shows how she told her family and maybe others will see that "parents won't necessarily reject you."

Villarosa, who describes herself as a private person, said she does not regret at all her decision to come out. "I consider coming out as a risk that paid off," she said. "Most people anticipate that it will be much worse than it is. It's only been positive for me."

*Essence*, the leading magazine geared towards black women, has a monthly circulation of over one million readers. It is one of the most widely read black publications in the country.

*Washington Blade*

## MINORITY AIDS EDUCATION

The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention denounced budget cuts that cripple HIV education efforts among people of color.

## POETS' CORNER

### MY BEST FRIEND

My best friend, companion, soul-mate, and lover, Dan Smith, died September 24, 1991, of complications from Multiple Sclerosis. Dan wrote this poem several years ago and I've asked to have it printed in his memory.

Reg Tschetter

(Untitled)

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them,

We can go and let out a lifelong sigh of  
relief

and know that we are understood at  
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### THE CLOWN

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I act a fool  
I smile, I wawe  
I'm oh so cool

My eyes are bright  
They're wide and dry  
Can't reach me now  
Don't even try

Another friend gone  
Another friend died  
I smiled at his funeral  
While inside I cried

I laugh, I smile  
I tell a joke  
How much longer  
Can I pretend to cope

My friend is gone  
He left me a clown  
I look at it often  
Cause he's not around

Isn't it grand  
Isn't it real  
Send in the clowns  
Can't tell how I feel

In memory of J.D. Creason  
Love you,  
Marta

"Our organization was cut 43 percent," said executive director Reggie Williams. "We are the only national minority organization funded by the CDC to do HIV prevention and AIDS advocacy serving African American gay and bisexual men."

The Centers for Disease Control says their FY '92 AIDS budget was cut by more than \$14 million from last year's level.

Apparently 30 of the 32 grantees in the National Minority Organization (NMO) program were cut, but the steepest cut was aimed at the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, a project of the National Association of Black & White Men Together.

The CDC says that Congress appropriated the \$14 million to the Ryan White CARE Act for AIDS treatment and care. Reggie Williams, a member of the San Francisco CARE Council, is angered by anyone who would pit the needs of prevention programs against the needs of groups that are providing treatment and care to people with HIV.

Magic Johnson's announcement is a wake-up call not only for the Black community, but just as importantly for Congress, President Bush, and the Centers for Disease Control. Now, just as in the past 11 years, we need targeted prevention programs that overcome denial and break through to behavioral change with safer sex.

Williams, a Black gay man living with HIV, says, "Racism and homophobia are getting in the way of AIDS prevention efforts for the people most at risk - gay and bisexual men of color."

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It wasn't easy for me. If someone found out or I ran into someone I knew, it could get back to my work and my family. I found out where by calling (I didn't give my name) where testing was taking place. I decided I had to know, so I went to this Church building on a Sunday evening because I couldn't get off work during the day without someone asking questions. I went in the front door and saw the handwritten sign in front of me saying "Testing upstairs and to the end of the hall." So up I went.

There were other things going on in the building so I could have been there for any number of reasons. Up the stairs and to the end of the hall I went. Inside at last, I was given some information (there was no one there but me and the person giving the test). I took my blood test after giving sets of numbers of my choosing. And it was all over!

As it turns out, I didn't run into anyone I knew, never gave my name and there would be no way to trace things back. It wasn't like I feared. I know I'm Okay and I don't have to worry nights anymore.

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"The medical community is very interested in colostrum, and new tests are showing varying degrees of success in decreasing stool frequency, but the FDA has yet to declare colostrum efficacious," said Tweed. Colostrum is collected from cow's milk during the first 48 hours after calving. After processing for human consumption it is sold in powdered or capsule form in health food stores as a nutrient.

"We make no claims about what colostrum does," said Tweed, "but we want to make it available..."

Among recent studies that have pointed to the promise of bovine colostrum are the following: *AIDS Journal* (Nord, Jill, et al.)

*Treatment With Bovine Hyperimmune Colostrum of Cryptosporidial Diarrhea in AIDS Patients*

*Journal of Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Biochemistry* (Germany - Stephen, W., et al.)

*Antibodies from Colostrum in Oral Immunotherapy.*

They state, "It (immunoglobulin preparation for oral use prepared from bovine colostrum) is well tolerated and highly effective in the treatment of severe diarrhea, e.g. in AIDS patients... Twenty-two out of 33 treatment cycles produced good to excellent results, based on the decrease of stool frequency."

Tweed said orders for Stonewall Colostrum may be made by calling 1-800-762-7807.

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## TARGETING GAY AND BISEXUAL YOUTH

by Joseph Fera

*Reinforce Your Love* is SFAP's (San Francisco AIDS Foundation) campaign directed at self-identified gay and bisexual youth. Recent studies of young men (ages 18-25) indicate that they are having twice as much unsafe sex as their older counterparts. Of the gay and bisexual men surveyed, 12 percent of those between the ages of 17-25 were infected with HIV. Of those between the ages of 17-19, 14 percent were infected.

"Young gay and bisexual men have never before been targeted for a campaign of this magnitude," said Youth Campaign Coordinator John Wilhite.

The campaign includes 50 bus shelter posters in English, Spanish, and Filipino, ads in youth oriented magazines, giveaways of T-shirts,

and posters. There will be events planned in conjunction with local high schools, universities, youth service providing agencies, and clubs catering to young gay and bisexual men. These events are designed to bring this campaign directly to the youth being targeted.

"This campaign is designed to provide life-saving information to young gay and bisexual men. They are at great risk for HIV infection," explained Wilhite. "It is our responsibility to give our youth the information they need to take pride in themselves, practice safe sex, and stay healthy."

-SFAP Advance

## 1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON

March on Washington (MOW) organizers are meeting in Los Angeles, January 18-19, 1992, for the 4th national planning meeting for the 1993 March on Washington, set for April 25, 1993. Representatives (4 elected from each of the nation's 17 regions - 68 total) meet to elect a 9 member Executive Committee, select the official name of the march, and decide which organizations and groups will be included to the National Steering Committee. The January meeting, like all March on Washington meetings, is open and all interested are encouraged to attend.

"This will be an incredible meeting," exclaimed Billy Hileman, school teacher and member of ACT-UP/Pittsburgh. "This march belongs to all of us and this meeting will reflect that."

"The 1987 March brought over 500,000 supporters to Washington to fight for lesbian and gay civil rights," added Robin Tyler,

lesbian comic MC of the 1987 March on Washington Rally, be the booster movement hard for the passage of the National Lesbian and Gay Bill before the international celebration in 1994.

Organizers adopted a policy of gender and racial parity to insure that all groups have equal representation in MOW decisions. "Inclusionary process is slower, but we've set goals and are right on schedule," says Atlanta activist Pat Hussain. Once we have the permanent organizing committees and the formal name in place, the focus will be to help the regional organizers prepare for major pushes at local Pride events this June."

The organizers' commitment to inclusion doesn't stop with sexual minorities. "You don't have to be lesbian or gay to believe that all Americans deserve basic civil rights," remarked gay and AIDS activist, Derek Livingston. "We hope that many non-gay allies will join us in the march."

For more information about the meeting or community housing contact Robin Tyler (818) 893-4075. The contact person for Iowa is Margaret Blakesley (515) 276-6018. The contact person for Nebraska is Amy Marie Meek (402) 451-7987.

On Monday, January 20, following the MOW meetings, there will be a STONEWALL 25 caucus to plan for the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA)'s annual convention (Paris, July 12-16, 1992). STONEWALL 25 is a global celebration, including an international march by lesbians and gay men for human and civil rights, to be held in New York City on June 26, 1994. STONEWALL 25 is working with Gay Games IV, the 1994 ILGA Convention (both being hosted in New York City that weekend), and many other events around the world to internationally commemorate the 25 year anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall riots. All interested are encouraged to attend.

On 11/12/91 for the first time, *The National Enquirer* featured NCOD Celebrity Gays Dick Sargent and Sheila Kuehl.

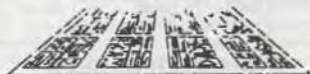
## GAY/LESBIAN VICTORIES

Two openly gay and lesbian candidates were elected to major offices. New York gay activist, Tom Duane was elected to the New York City Council, while across the country Sherri Harris became the first openly lesbian elected African American official with her election to the Seattle City Council. Fifty-five openly lesbian and gay Americans currently hold elected office, the highest number in U.S. history.

# NATIONAL NEWS



OCTOBER 9-11, 1992



## QUILT DISPLAY PLANNED

Over 180 NAMES Project volunteers from around the country traveled to Washington, D.C. for the October 11-13 weekend to help plan the display of the entire Quilt there next year.

The National Training Conference marked the kick-off of an intensive 12-month campaign to bring the Quilt, and as many people as possible, to Washington next year for the historic display. Conference attendees from 25 states (including Hawaii and Alaska) and 72 cities came to be part of the planning and implementation of a massive grassroots mobilization towards the event in Washington.

Discussions at the conference focused on making next year's event the first display of the entire *International AIDS Memorial Quilt*.

NAMES Project affiliates around the world will be invited to participate fully in the display as part of an effort to illustrate the global nature of the HIV pandemic.

"It's gratifying to see this much in-depth planning underway so early," observed Executive Director David Lemos.

*Please note that details regarding the 1992 display of the entire Quilt in Washington, D.C. are subject to change due to the early date. Please watch for future updated schedules and new events.*

**Display Location:** Grounds between the Washington Monument and the Reflecting Pool.

**Display Dates:** October 9-11, 1992; Set-up on October 8th - *volunteers needed!*

**Unfolding Ceremony:** Begins at 10:00 am, Friday, October 9, 1992 until complete.

**Candlelight Memorial March:** Saturday evening, October 10th.

**Friends of the Quilt Dinner:** Friday evening, October 9th.

**Expected Number of Panels:** 20,000.

**Expected Display Size:** 13 acres.

**Volunteer Shifts Require:** 4,500.

**Panel Due Date:** July 15, 1992 in San Francisco - later panels should be brought to the display.

*Please note that following the 1992 display new panels will continue to be added to the Quilt, and displays held worldwide.*

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## 1,000 GATHER FOR NGLTF CONFERENCE

Some 1,000 people from across the country gathered to organize around gay issues, mourn losses to AIDS, plan political strategies, and assess the state of the movement. The event, the 1991 Creating Change Conference, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute, was held just outside Washington, D.C. on November 9-11.

Gay, lesbian, and bisexual activists came from 42 states, the District of Columbia, England, Mexico, Nicaragua, the Soviet Union, and Puerto Rico.

"We gather to assess the state of the gay and lesbian movement at a time when our issues are at the forefront of social change," said Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF executive director. "We celebrate our victories, regroup after our losses, plan our course for the future, and create change for gay people today."

The conference featured 71 workshops and 'brown bag' lunch sessions, including media activism, stress, sexuality, lobbying, the 1992 presidential campaigns, drag activism, arts organizing, international activism, marriages, "Countering Homophobia and Heterosexism", a fundraising track, and much more.

NGLTF presented five Creating Change awards at the conference for extraordinary accomplishment and commitment to the gay and lesbian community.

Receiving the awards were: Marlon Riggs, for "breakthrough work... on the film *Tongues Untied*"; Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization, for "bravely forging a new tradition of a gay and lesbian contingent in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade"; Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, for its "successful campaign to pass Connecticut's gay and lesbian rights bill"; the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center for "20 years of service, support, and strength"; and Queer Nation/Atlanta for the

ongoing "boycott against the anti-gay discriminatory policies of Cracker Barrel Restaurants."

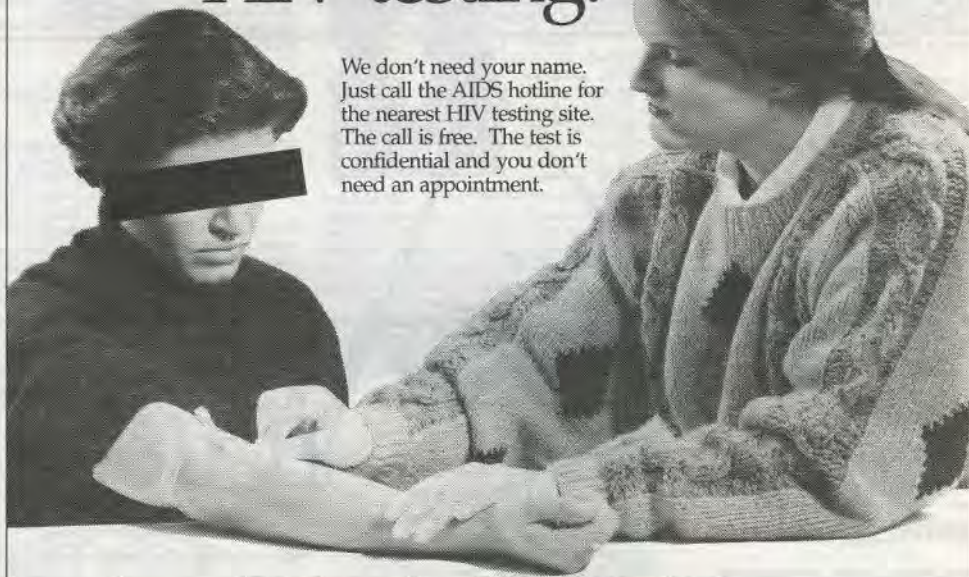
Tapes of the conference workshops and plenaries are available from Audio Transcripts, (703) 549-7334. Next year's Creating Change Conference will be held in November in Los Angeles, over Veteran's Day weekend.

## CRACKER BARREL

In January 1991, citing reasons such as "traditional American values," Cracker Barrel institutionalized blatantly bigoted employment policies against lesbians and gays or those who management believed would appear to customers to be lesbian or gay. Since that time, Cracker Barrel has dismissed over fifteen employees solely on the basis of sexual orientation or perceived orientation. Cracker Barrel gave no consideration to the length of employment or the quality of job performance.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## HELP! CHORUS NEEDS WOMEN'S VOICES

The River City Mixed Chorus needs additional women's voices for our spring concert and our trip to the July GALA festival in Denver. If you are a soprano or alto who is interested in joining the Chorus, please attend the first rehearsal of our spring concert period on Monday, January 27, 6:30 p.m. at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street, upstairs. For more information or to make alternate arrangements, contact Toni at (402) 558-9900.

## CHORUS NOTES

By David Brady

The River City Mixed Chorus is now in the final stages of preparation for our winter concert on Saturday, January 25, 7:05 p.m. at the UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center. This is our eighth winter concert. The Chorus and its directors, Jonathan Cole and John Bennett, are ready to provide a wonderful evening of entertainment to the community. Our program includes Spanish Renaissance carols; Broadway hits; "What Sweeter Music", a beautiful carol by John Rutter; and other works both new and familiar. With our largest singing membership yet, this promises to be a great concert. Make your plans now to join us. See our ad in this issue of the New Voice for ticket information. At this concert the Chorus will be accepting non-perishable food items for donation to a local food bank. This is a good opportunity to do something for others.

## 'ANGLE' SEEKS LOGO IDEAS, NOT ARTISTRY

In preparation for Pride Week '92, June 14-21, A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors) seeks persons with logo ideas, not necessarily artistic talent. "A good idea will receive consideration equal to a 'polished' contest submission," said Dave E., ANGLE moderator. "ANGLE will find an artist to put an idea into final form for use on buttons, T-shirts, and other places if a 'rough' entry is the winner," Dave said.

Deadline for submissions is midnight Saturday, February 29, 1992. Submissions may be given to any ANGLE member or mailed to ANGLE, Box 31375, Omaha, 68131.

The contest is open to anyone. Any design submitted should take into account it would be used on both buttons and T-shirts. A maximum of two colors is allowed; the foreground color and background color. Submitted entries should be no larger than 5" x 7" with the designer's name on the backside (not front) of each entry. Persons may submit any number of entries. Any design should consider the year's theme PRIDE = POWER. All entries become the property of ANGLE, Inc.

The 1992 Pride Week logo winner will receive a year's subscription to *The New Voice*, a T-shirt with the winner's logo design and two tickets to the Pride Week Awards Dinner.

## COALITION WORKS TO END G/L VIOLENCE

The Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights abhors violence. Because so few gay men and lesbians report violence against them to police (and frequently do not report the basis of that violence as being hate related), police and the general public have no sense of the violence which we must endure on a daily basis. Because there are no laws yet protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination in housing and employment based on orientation, there is a fear that the mere reporting of violence based on orientation opens that person to further discrimination. The Coalition worked with the Lincoln Police Department in 1988 to produce and distribute a brochure entitled STOP ASSAULTS ON GAYS: YOUR SAFETY IS OUR CONCERN. This brochure is available upon request by writing to the Coalition at Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509. To quote from the brochure:

REPORT ALL ASSAULTS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO PRESS CHARGES, YOU SHOULD STILL REPORT THE ASSAULT TO THE POLICE. THEY NEED TO KNOW ASSAULTS ARE OCCURRING.

*Coalition Newsletter*

## NAMES PROJECT QUILT COMING TO NEBRASKA

The Nebraska AIDS Project board of directors has given approval to re-form a special committee to plan and prepare for a display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in 1992.

Began in 1987 as a way for people to come together to share their grief and celebrations of life for friends, family members, co-workers, partners and strangers, the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt continues to grow. 800 panels of the nearly 13,000 total were displayed in Lincoln, NE in October of 1990. By the time the Quilt returns to Washington, D.C., in October, 1992, it is estimated that there will be nearly 20,000 panels, representing less than 1/6 of the total number of people already claimed by this virus.

The process for approval of a display in Omaha, tentatively planned for early December 1992 as a part of the World AIDS Day activities, is in motion. There is much work to be done. Organizations or individuals who are interested and able to make a long term commitment to this special project are invited to a meeting on January 22 at 7 p.m. (Hopefully at the Red Cross Building, 38th and Dewey, but this has not yet been confirmed). The steering committee will include Coordinator positions for the following areas: Ceremonies, Finance/Merchandise, Fund Raising, Logistics, Media and Publicity, Education, Panel Making, and Volunteers. Work responsibilities and timelines are available from Kathy England at 291-6781 or write to her at 2912 Lynnwood, Omaha, NE 68123.

Past experience is not required. Enthusiasm,

commitment, flexibility, and energy are essential. A good sense of humor wouldn't hurt either. We can promise eleven months of planning, sharing, working, laughing, crying, and teaching together. The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt has touched hundreds of thousands of lives around the world (it has been displayed in more than 16 nations, including South America, Europe, and Africa) through its quiet, powerful statements of love and loss. Consider being part of the team that will bring this unique memorial to Omaha and Nebraska and surrounding communities.

Be watching for more information each month as our plans progress. There will be a place for everyone to share their time and talents—no gift is too small. Join us in January as we begin to identify specific tasks and goals. Announcements will follow each month as our work progresses towards increasing awareness of HIV/AIDS in our lives, raising funds for the display and for NAP services to PWA's, and supporting activities that will touch thousands of lives with message of love and hope.

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha celebrates its 18th Birthday! "We've Come of Age" Benefit Show at THE MAX, 1417 Jackson, Feb. 2, 9:30pm All Proceeds Go To The MCC-O Building Fund**

# AIDS

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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

By Princess Royale XI  
Phoenix Fallentino

### Thank-you! Thank-you! Thank-you!

Greetings and Happy New Year, I.C.O.N. at this time would like to wish all of you a healthy and happy 1992.

Well, it's now time to vacuum up the left over needles from the holiday tree, find a box for those reusable Christmas bows, and up to the attic with all the ornaments and tinsel.

What a month we had! If you didn't catch our Toys for Tots show December 22, what an event you missed. A big thank-you to Grand Czarina XI Gloria Ravelle for doing a fine job of organizing and hosting Toys for Tots. And a big thank you to all of you who attended and contributed and many thanks to the performers who entertained and donated their time and money. The proceeds from Toys for Tots go to gifts for P.W.A.'s kids, toys for the Children's Crisis Center, and to a group in Ogallala who make quilts that are given free to babies who are HIV infected. At this time of year it is of great joy and pride to see our gay/lesbian community donate to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank-you!

I.C.O.N. starts the New Year off with officers as follows: President — Connie, Vice-President — Carla, Secretary — Joe, and Treasurer — Duane. Congratulations to all of you and much success in '92. Also a special thank-you to Carla for holding the office of President the last several months and a fine job she did. Thank-you!

Back in November with proceeds from Food For Thought we were able to donate \$200 to help make 20 Thanksgiving baskets for P.W.A.'s and their families across Nebraska and \$200 to the Food Pantry at MCC-Omaha. Thanks to the community for your support at these worthy causes. Because without you and those much needed dollars none of the organizations could exist here in our community.

1992 is the 20th anniversary of the National Imperial Court System. It all began in 1972 in San Francisco and exists in the majority of the states. I.C.O.N. extends congratulations and best wishes to our "Founding Mother Court", the Crystal Prism Court of San Francisco. Congratulations!

Each court has a fascinating history. If you would like to learn more or have a desire to get involved in the gay/lesbian community, then stop thinking about it and get involved! Come on down to the Max the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and we would love to see some new faces. Remember you can make a difference!

The last week-end this month will find many

### INFORMATION LINE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

A.N.G.L.E. is currently forming a committee to oversee the operation of the Gay/Lesbian Information line, which has been in existence since April of 1991.

The committee has been subdivided into four major areas: funding, publicity, operations, and staffing. Chairpersons are currently needed to head the publicity and operations areas.

Thus far the responsibilities of the publicity area are writing NEW VOICE articles, preparing statistics, writing/checking incident reports, advertising, and dealing with media in general.

The duties of the operations area include changing messages for the phone line, coordinating conversations with the phone company, record keeping, and the updating and maintenance of the phone line books.

If you are interested in finding out more about either of these positions, or if you are interested in helping with any of the four areas, please call the A.N.G.L.E. Information Line at 558-5303.

The Phone Line Committee is chaired by Marshall B. He is assisted by Harry D., who is in charge of staffing, and Carla P., who is in charge of funding. Volunteers are needed to help in both of those areas too!

of us from I.C.O.N. attending coronation festivities in Houston, Texas, and representing the gay/lesbian people of Nebraska. We are all looking forward to a break in our Midwest winter and hoping for some Southern Sunshine.

I.C.O.N. extends best wishes and congratulations to the newly crowned Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A., Victoria Wells. Looking forward to working with you in the upcoming year. Thanks to Dorian Drake and HOT Productions for involving I.C.O.N. with the Nebraska U.S.A. pageant. Congratulations on a well organized pageant.

On December 7 a group from I.C.O.N. traveled to Kearney to attend a banquet and fundraiser for the Empty Closet. We offer a warm thank-you to our western neighbors of Grand Island, Kearney, and Hastings for our warm welcome. A good time was had by all.

Six months left until Coronation '92. What a weekend in June this will be. I.C.O.N. is so excited about the joint effort of A.N.G.L.E. and the River City Mixed Chorus planning this package weekend. It was all take place during Pride Week so mark your calendars now. This special week will also bring in other Imperial Courts from across the plains and mountains for a chance for new and renewed friendships.

I can't go without thanking our Empress Mae for getting this organized and thanks to Emperor Gerald and Athena Tami.

The beginning of a New Year always brings about a time to look back and thank so many people. On behalf of I.C.O.N. let me take the time to thank all the Bars and their staffs for allowing us to hold our functions, meetings, etc. in your establishments, for without your places of business, I.C.O.N. could not exist. Thank you! And the biggest thank-you to all of you who attend our functions and contribute your dollars in support of our causes. You are important. On behalf of all I.C.O.N. entertainers, thank-you for your tips, applause, and support. For without an audience we could never express ourselves through entertainment. Thank-you!

Well, I promise '92 holds lots of activity for I.C.O.N. We begin a new year with high hopes of a successful and fantastic, fun-filled, entertaining year. Remember, you can make a difference in the community. First Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the MAX. See You Real Soon! Happy, Healthy New Year!

## RIVER CITY BOWLING NEWS

As of the 14th week of bowling, it was "The Battle of the Bars" as Gilligan's and DC's were numbers 1 and 2 in the standings, with both having won 62 games and lost 29. Gilligan's held down first place with total pins of 27549 compared to DC's 25631. Gilligan's 2 was close behind with 59 games won, Running Rebels, who had been in second place at the end of the 9th week, have slipped to sixth place.

The men's high game for the year was still held by Bud D. of the Centerfolds with a 269. Bud also holds the third high men's series with a 635. Tony O. of Constantly Inconsistent and Darwin B. of "Y" Knot DC's were tied for second high game with 256 each. Darwin now holds the men's high series with a 701 and had the league's high men's average with a 194.4. Dan C. has the second high men's series with a 676 and the second high men's average with a 191.3. Ken W. has the third high men's average with a 189.8.

The high women's game is still held by Marcia K. of Constantly Inconsistent with a 215, who has the third high women's series with a 145.3. Elyse M. of Gilligan's #2 has the second high women's game with a 214, the high women's series with a 529, and the high women's average with a 161.9. Sandy G. has the third high women's game with a 192, the second high women's series with a 500, and the second high women's average with a 161.

The high team game (including handicap) and high team series are held by Gilligan's with an 807 game and a 2279 series. 6 Balls and an Old Bag has second high team game with a 785. Gilligan's #2 and Ernie's Book Store are tied for the third high team game with a 780 each. The second high team series is held by 3 + 1 with a 2215 and the third high team series is held by "Y" Knot DC's with a 2175.

The league high scorers were joined by Charley W. and Mike S. on 12/8/91 when they took the week's high game with 222 each. The high men's series for the week went to Darwin B. with a 639, while Marcia K. took high women's game with a 193 and Elyse M. took high women's series for the week with a 480. That was also the week for the "Marks" as Mark T. and Mark A. bowled 79 and 75 pins over their averages respectively.

The complete standing after 14 weeks of bowling are as follows:

	Won	Lost
1. Gilligan's	62	29
2. DC's	62	29
3. Gilligan's #2	59	32
4. 6 Balls & a Old Bag	57	34
5. Real Men	56	35
6. Running Rebels	55	36
7. D.L.D.I.'s	52	39
8. "Y" Knot DC's	51.5	39.5
9. Metro Mixers	48	43
10. Ernie's Book Store	46	45
11. The Golden Girls	44.5	46.5
12. 3 Men & A Little Lady	42	49
13. THE MAX	42	49
14. DC's Too	41	50
15. Ex Lover	35	56
16. Constantly Inconsistent	34	57
17. Centerfolds	33	58
18. Diamond D.J.'s	31	60
19. Yosemite Sam's	31	60
20. 3 + 1	28	63

# LOCAL NEWS

## TOM BOELLSTORFF TO SPEAK ON GAYS/LESBIANS IN SOVIET UNION

Citizens For Equal Protection is a group based in Omaha that promotes and monitors legislation to eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation. We specifically seek non-discrimination for lesbians, gays, and bisexual people in housing, employment, and public accommodations.

In order to help us understand more about discrimination towards sexual orientation locally, nationally, and internationally, Citizens for Equal Protection is sponsoring Tom Boellstorff, who will be speaking on "Oppression and Hope: Gays and Lesbians in the Soviet Union."

Tom is originally from Lincoln, NE and in 1991 graduated from Stanford University with degrees in linguistics and music. While at Stanford he was active in their gay student group and later became active in Queer Nation. He is currently an activist with the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission which is based in San Francisco.

Shortly after graduation, Tom spent several months in the Soviet Union working with the gay movement in Moscow, Latvia, and Estonia. While in Moscow he experienced the coup attempt in August and he will also share with us any affects the coup had on the gay movement. Some of Tom's experiences have already been shared with us in the December 1991 issue of *The New Voice* on pages 22, 25, and 27. Since being back in the United States, he has been presenting information on his experiences overseas to various groups in California.

Tom will begin speaking at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 12, 1992 at:

First Central Congregational  
United Church of Christ  
421 South 36 Street (36th & Harney)  
Omaha, NE

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. There will be no charge at the door, however, donations are appreciated.

## MR. & MS. LEATHER NEBRASKA

Two Wheelers of Omaha (T.W.O.) Motorcycle Club has announced that the Mr/Ms Leather Nebraska contest will be held Sunday, March 1, 1992. The contest will start at 9:00 p.m. at the Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16th St. Applications for contestants can be obtained through the T.W.O. or at several area bar establishments.

Anyone wishing information regarding the contest or about how to join or help T.W.O. with their functions can write to T.W.O., M.C., P.O. Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103.

## LESBIAN/GAY COUNSELORS MEET IN LINCOLN

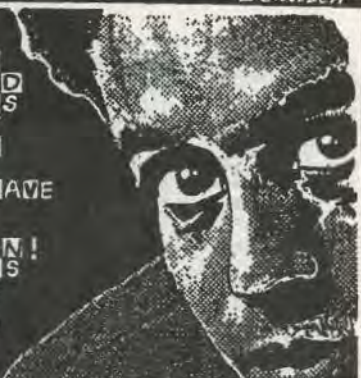
A group of lesbian and gay therapists and counselors have begun to meet monthly in Lincoln. If you're interested in joining or would like other information, please contact Judy Gibson at (402) 477-6985.

*Coalition Newsletter*

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# LOCAL NEWS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EMPTY CLOSET!

By Tom G.

The Empty Closet's one year plus one day get together was held December 7th in Kearney. Just over one hundred people attended the dinner/dance, which featured Beverly Barbo as the guest speaker. Beverly's son, Tim, happened to be gay and happened to die of AIDS. She recounts the personal struggles faced by her during Tim's illness in a book called, "The Walking Wounded" which can be ordered by your local bookstore if not in stock. Beverly spoke on the subject of "The Celebration of Diversity" between the meal and the dance.

After her speech, representatives from various lesbian/gay supportive groups took to the microphones to congratulate the Empty Closet and give out more info on their own groups. Representatives from ICON, Mr. Gay Nebraska, Kearney P-FLAG, and others spoke. *The New Voice of Nebraska* sent a letter of congratulations along with a check for \$25.00 towards 1992 expenses. ICON also contributed \$50.00!

A new person stepped forward to announce she will be the new editor of a newsletter for the tri-cities. The first copy should be out very soon. As the founder of the Empty Closet I am happy and grateful that others are willing to pitch in. A separate group or groups working in the tri-city area can only be good. Though the Empty Closet group in 1991 was my primary responsibility, a

shift must take place in order for the group to grow and free up my time some.

Back to the party...a list of statistics was read indicating what the Empty Closet had done in the past year. (The list will probably be listed next month.) "Was it all worth it?" "YES!" say the people. The night ended with a D.J.'d dance and lots of socializing. Thanks for everything goes out to Beverly, Keith, Bill, Barbara, Dave, and all that helped set up for the event.

### PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

The "family" bar in Grand Island closed on October 31st and, as of the date of me writing this article, no other bar has opened in the tri-city area to serve us. People attending the anniversary party said they would attend other future dances if we put them on. No plans can be announced now although we might shoot for late January or early February.

The best way to keep on top of what the Empty Closet Support Group is doing is the call us at (308) 234-6500, 24 hours a day, or write P.O. Box 2381, Kearney, NE 68848. "Take the bull by the horns," and get involved. Any pledges of time and talents are richly appreciated. A personal thanks to all that I have met and worked with in 1991. Let's make 1992 the best for all our "family" and supporters.

## CONGRATULATIONS "TOYS FROM SANTA"!

By Sammi Bennett

Happy New Year, community! In a show stopper of talents hosted by Sammi Bennett, \$104 was raised December 7 at the Triangle Bar, which went to Toys for Tots funded by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Though the crowd was few it was a very fun party and supportive, which made the show a successful atmosphere.

I, Sammi Bennett, would like to extend my warmest thank-you to the entertainers that stayed with their commitment as performers for a wonderful cause in the community, amongst other causes. To the entertainers, Amanda Foxx, Viktoria Towne, John Tyler (Santa's Elf), and Jodi the show couldn't have been better. Again, as female impersonators of Omaha, we showed the community that we are here for the same reason, which is to unite together for all causes and to stop separation of the community.

To the community, a thank-you to those few of the gay community who came down to the show and gave their support.

Congrats to Victoria Wells as the New Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A., and Amanda Foxx, first runner up. Both of you have fun this year.

We'll be looking for all of you in February, when I have a Valentine show called "The Sweetheart Girls". Love ya, and see all of you in the spotlight.

Omaha's Hottest Redhead of the 90's,  
Sammi Bennett.

## THE CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY!

Excerpts from a Speech by Beverly Barbo, Delivered on the Occasion of the First Anniversary Party of The Empty Closet Support Group in Kearney, Nebraska

I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King who had a dream for his people, the black community. I, too, have a dream for all people, but particularly for the gay/lesbian community. I have a dream for the children, not only as Dr. King said, that little black boys and girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and little white girls, but that children of all colors, all ways of being, will be able to come together without the prejudice and fear that has haunted all generations up to the present.

Each little human being comes into this world with a unique biological make up, with inherited predispositions, abilities, talents, deficiencies, strengths, and a lot of potential. It is the responsibility of the adults to nurture and encourage the self esteem of these little children and to teach them to look at the world and at God from an inclusive perspective. Only then will children of all colors, all faiths, in all states of being be able to come together and understand that we are all in the human condition together; that sexual orientation as well as color of skin, is just another part of who we are and that it doesn't make any difference.

My dream is that if my granddaughters decide to drive trucks, dig ditches, climb the corporate ladder, or be President that they will be affirmed and not labeled lezzies or bitches. My dream is that if my grandsons choose to be designers, hair dressers, artists, or house husbands that they will not be called faggots or considered less than men. My dream is that those negative stereotypes and labels will cease to exist because there will be no need for them anymore.

You as individuals and as a community have been taught to hide, to lie, and to deny who you are. You have been forced to find your way without any role models or understanding guidance. You have been teased, harassed, beaten, and even killed for who you are. Some of you have felt self-hatred, have experienced victimization and turned to inappropriate ways of coping and found that drugs and alcohol are not the answer. You have endured humiliation and sometimes denial of job, housing, legitimization of your relationships which are the most basic civil rights. Nations have tried to get rid of you.

Yet you survive, even flourish. You have found courage. You have gained strength and you are now telling society and the church that you are here, you always have been an you always will be. You are saying in diverse ways, gentle and angry, "Look at us, we are fellow human beings, we are no better or worse than the rest of you and, yes, we are your children, your family -- recognize us, love us." You people here tonight are the role models for those looking for guidance; you for gay youth, and us for parents. We, all of us together, are the prophets that proclaim the truth to present and future generations. And the truth will make us all free. I honor you in my heart.

The full text of the speech will appear in the February issue of *The New Voice*.

## Shooting Stars Studio MODEL SEARCH



Boys On Film is looking for a few good boys for national gay publications like PLAYGUY, TORSO, MANDATE, MALE INSIDER, ALLMEN, HONCHO, and STALION. To arrange a test session, call Phil at (402) 463-3681.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## NOTES FROM METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA

By Carla P.

The "reason for the season"—Jesus—was our focus as we celebrated Christmas 1991 at MCC-O. December saw the end of a seven week adult education class, which spent time studying *The Kingdom Within*. Mid-month we were blessed by a time of caroling at Golden Manor, a residential facility caring for the elderly and disabled. Ah! The blessings God gives us through music. Our rejoicing in the birth of Christ came to a finale with the traditional Christmas Eve Service. What a special moment in time that service is.

Coming your way from MCC-O in January are two things you won't want to miss. A membership class is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18, from 2-5 p.m. Interested persons should call the church office for additional information. And—you can look for us at Gilligan's. We'll be doing another "Thank You" evening of Sloppy Joes for the community. Come on down to Gilligan's and join us for free food and a time of fellowship. MCC-O is truly thankful for all the support it gets in the community.

Watch out in February! We have the Show of Shows planned for The MAX. The Omaha Meatpackers, River City Mixed Chorus, Mr. Gay NE—Kevin, Dustin Logan—a co-creator of Fantasy and holder of several leather titles, Emperor IX—Joe Reed, Empress IX-Felice, Roxie, the first Mr. Gay NE—Garrett, Dick Brown—Emperor VII—another Mr. Gay NE, JoJo Morrison—

Mother to all Athenas, an EXCEL group from MCC-O, emcees Pat Phalen and Vince—and this is just the beginning of the entertainers! Be at The MAX Feb. 2 for this Show of Shows. We're celebrating our 18th anniversary as a chartered church in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and we plan to do it big time! Before the show there'll be pizza from 6-8 and dancing from 7-9. One admission fee will get you the dinner, dancing, and show! The Mid-Central District Coordinator, Rev. Bonnie Daniel will be in town that weekend to conduct worship services and begin making arrangements for 1993 when MCC-O hosts the Mid-Central District Conference on Memorial Day Weekend. Meanwhile, back to the show. Proceeds will go to the Building Fund. Come join us early in the evening and plan to spend the whole night. MCC-O has come of age. We're no longer a kid on the block. We're 18! Celebrate with us Feb. 2 at The MAX (see the ad on page 21 in this issue).

On the business front, the Board of Directors selected its officers for 1992. Moderator—Rev. Howard, Vice-Moderator—Sharon Van Butsel, Clerk—Steve, Treasurer—Virgil, and Members-At-Large—Linda, Jeff, and Garrett. At the November congregational meeting, Rev. Howard announced that Rev. Jan Kross has rejoined the MCC-O pastoral staff. She will be conducting some services, as well as over-seeing some

evening services. She is also available for counseling on an appointment only basis. She may be contacted through the church office at 345-2563. This additional staffing, as well as the formation of two new committees, is a part of the changes taking place at MCC-O as a result of Rev. Howard's continuation of his contractual agreement with the church as head pastor.

Also in the November meeting because of the information gathered as we did a financial statement and dealt with loan officers during the discussion of the proposed purchase of the church at 22 & Leavenworth, the congregation voted to delay looking for a building until May. They did, however, vote to pay off the mortgage on the property at 420 S. 24. This early payoff is being done by special building fund contributions received Christmas Eve and contributions that were made to the Building Fund prior to the current building fund campaign. By this time next month, I should be able to give you an accurate accounting of where the building fund stands.

Thanks to all of you who supported the Brunch and Bake Sale (see a related story on page 20 in this issue)!

MCC-O has services twice each Sunday—10:20 a.m. and 7 p.m. We invite you to join us for either service at 420 S. 24 St.

That's it from my pew this month. See you in church!

### Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha

*"Celebrating Life in Christ"*

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Rev. Matthew L. Howard, Pastor

From **CRUISES** to **SAFARIS** to **OUTDOOR** and **UNDERSEA ADVENTURES**, this packet contains information on **OVER 40** different vacations that are available for the Gay/Lesbian public to enjoy in 1992. And there's more. So, if you're looking for something new to do in '92, send an **\$8.00** check or money order along with your name, address, and phone number to:

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# LOCAL NEWS

## JANUARY AT THE MAX

By Gloria Revelle

Hey, Omaha. Don't think for a moment that just because the holidays are over that you're going to sit around home or some lonely little bar with nothing to do. THE MAX has been Omaha's most exciting club for seven years and 1992 is going to be more of the same—the best entertainment, the best parties, the best men and women in the Midwest and the best club in the country.

Sunday, January 5, Omaha's finest entertainers will show you why the Midwest's finest performers can be found only at THE MAX. The show is Miss Max in Review. Our Miss Max's will perform their best for you. Muffy, Veronica, Katrina, Gloria, Viktoria, and Dorian will be joined by their special guests M.G.N. America, Jennifer Jett, Miss Gay Omaha, Amanda Fox, and M.G.N. U.S.A. 1991. Phoebe Tate. Dorian puts her best face on again Sunday, January 12, for her final show as Miss Max. Dorian's guests will be some of the most talented performers from our nearby communities.

Sunday, January 19, take a break. Come dance, party, or just relax because it's a NO DRAG WEEKEND!

Sunday, January 26, is the night Omaha waits for all year. It's the Miss Max pageant 1992. Come find out who will give it their all for the chance to be the best in the Midwest.

Stosh's Saloon has taken the area by storm. Every weekend our circle of country cousins gets a little larger. Cowpokes from Colorado, Utah, Ohio, Minnesota, and Missouri can be found puttin' back a few and doin' the two-step on just about any weekend night. Lisa and Rick can teach you the latest country steps on Friday from 9 to 10 and Sundays from 8 to 10.

Michael will serve you some post holiday cheer. He's steady, willing, and able during Happy Hour every Monday through Friday. Remember, NO cover charge Monday through Thursday and \$2 on Friday and Saturday. Check out our weekly specials and you'll see who is still the best and giving all to you. THE MAX.

## UNL HOMOPHOBIA AWARENESS COMMITTEE

A Homophobia Awareness Committee has been active at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln since it was appointed last spring by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. James Greisen. The committee meets bi-weekly on campus to consider ways to combat heterosexism and homophobia on the campus. Among committee members are Jean Durgin-Clinchard and Barbara di Bernard. Among the accomplishments of the committee is a list of Gay and Lesbian Resources for UNL Students compiled by Ms. dj Bernard which will be included in UNL orientation packets.

From Parents-Flag Cornhusker Newsletter

## YOUTH GROUP GROWS

The Omaha Chapter of P-FLAG sent packets containing copies of issue papers addressing needs of gay and lesbian youth, plus P-FLAG National brochures, to 65 school counselors, youth crisis lines, and counseling groups. The support group, for youth between the ages of 13 and 21 meets twice monthly, the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at First Methodist Church. If you would like more information on this group, please call P-FLAG at 291-6781.

## MCC BRUNCH AT THE MAX IS A FESTIVE AFFAIR

Fitted in Christmas attire, The MAX provided a festive setting for holiday brunch for MCC-O. The crowd came early and was greeted at the front doors by two rather jolly little elves who tempted them with baked goodies to spoil their appetites. However, the brunchers were smart and hurried back to the main bar, where they were greeted by Christmas garlands, a gorgeous tree trimmed in white, and white tablecloths and center-pieces made of Christmas tree trimmings and brilliant red Christmas balls.

Then the feast of feasts awaited them: quiche, smoked fish, homemade cinnamon rolls, spiced fruit, chocolate croissants, and bagels and cream cheese. Ah! Of course, Snugglers and Holiday Egg Nog provided a tasty way to wash it all down.

Stuffed to "the MAX" the brunchers left a few baked goodies, so those jolly elves were seen in the Center Mall (bells and all) tempting the River City Bowlers. The bowlers responded with their usual generosity and made quick work of the remaining baked goods.

MCC-O thanks each of you who contributed to the success of this fundraiser for the Building Fund! Thanks to you, thanks to the owners, manager, and staff at The MAX, and, of course, thanks to all those chefs, contributors, and "elves" at MCC-O, this fundraiser increased the Building Fund by about \$654.00.

## "OUT IN THE MIDWEST"

Keep your ears tuned! Watch the Lincoln program guide for the upcoming "Out In The Midwest" radio show to be scheduled on KZUM Radio, 89.3 FM, Steve Grennan, Coalition member, is planning to air a radio show starting soon about gay/lesbian/bisexual life in this region.

Coalition Newsletter

## P-FLAG: ALIVE AND WELL IN NEBRASKA

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) is alive and well in the Omaha, Lincoln, and Kearney area. Separately, our numbers are small, but together with chapters from all over the country and several foreign countries, we are a force to be reckoned with. Besides the primary purpose of support for parents and friends (the term "friends" was originally used as a cover for parents who were not yet out of the closet but now includes other family members and friends), PFLAG nationally and in Nebraska works for education and equity for all people, including our gay sons and lesbian daughters.

In Lincoln, PFLAG has a youth support group and a caring group for PWAs and their families and friends. Like the other two chapters, they also meet monthly to share and learn and celebrate their lives and their families together. The Omaha Chapter, while much newer and a few members fewer, now has an active board of directors who conduct their activities including staffing the telephone information/support line (291-6781), support education opportunities, offer a bi-monthly youth support group (see December *New Voice* article), participate in community events and come together monthly to share, support, and grow.

With a new format, we have had a few minutes of personal sharing, announcements and opportunities both locally and nationally, and a program and discussion time. PFLAG has a library of videotapes and printed materials that can be borrowed for personal use and sharing with families and friends. Family, friends, and gay, lesbian, and bisexual folks are welcome.

"Gifts from our children" was the theme of the discussion for December. Neva, our program chairman, presented a poster of a holiday tree surrounded with a variety of decorated boxes. What gifts have your children given you? Members shared their reflections and pride as Neva labeled the packages with the following; IN-

## BOWLERS PLACE IN H.I.T.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, hosted the 13th Annual Holiday Invitational Tournament, held over Thanksgiving Day Weekend. Local bowlers, Charley W., Darwyn B., Daryl K., and Gary W., were joined by Milwaukee bowler, Ronnie B. to make up the team that took second place in the tournament. Charley W. placed 5th in Division A All Events. Greg W. took 10th place in both singles and All Events in Division C and 3rd place in the scratch competition in Division C. Congratulations! Good Bowling!

SIGHT, ACCEPTANCE, LOVE, EXCITEMENT, ENRICHMENT, KNOWLEDGE, PAIN that leads to GROWTH, MATURITY, AND SUPPORT. What a rich array of holiday gifts we share with our children.

But these gifts are not restricted to any one holiday season or family. They do not come lightly nor are they always in the same bright and sparkling wrappings. Often the gifts are shared at peak moments of stress as in a child's "coming out" or during that dreaded statement that "I'm HIV positive." Wes Perry, medical social worker at UNMC, will be our speaker for January. He will share some of his work with families who are living with AIDS. While this virus may not yet have touched your family directly, experts believe that by the year 2000, one in every four families may have someone close to them who is. Come and listen and share with PFLAG on January 12th. (Note the new time and place! 2 p.m. in the "subterranean room" beneath Meade Chapel at the WEST end of First Methodist Church (70th and Cass). Look for some new signs to guide the way.

Plan to make it an afternooon and evening.....Neva's son has recently returned from the Soviet Union (where homosexuality is illegal) and will be sharing his work as an organizer and advocate for human rights for gays, lesbians, and bi-sexual people in Moscow. We will gather Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 36th and Harney. Co-sponsored by the Citizens for Equal Protection, we will also look at where we are going from here. Sounds like a wonderful program to share our pride and efforts.

There is now a specific phone number for Omaha P-FLAG (291-6781). If you or your family would like more information on this organization, please call. A P-FLAG volunteer will be glad to help you.

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SHOW 9:30PM

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SUNDAY, FEB. 2 at THE MAX



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*Joe Reed  
Emperor IX*



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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM NAP

November started out as any other month at NAP, that is, until the seventh, when Earvin "Magic" Johnson made it publicly known that he is HIV+. Needless to say, this announcement has raised the level of awareness among persons who feel that only certain groups of people acquire HIV/AIDS. If you don't believe this, just ask the NAP Staff, Hotline and Test Site Volunteers! The number of Hotline calls rose drastically within the hour of Magic's announcement, and continued at a constant flow for several weeks following. In addition, the Alternate Test Site had a 400% increase in the number of persons tested during the month of November. All of this sudden rise in awareness has also brought NAP into the media limelight, both through television spots as well as in the newspaper. We would like to say a very special thank you to all of our volunteers who gave it their all during this busy time.

Unfortunately, it did not take Magic's announcement to heighten the awareness regarding AIDS to the NAP staff. During November the case management program lost eight clients, five within four days. Like all of our clients, these individuals had great potential and much to offer the world. Of these eight, one was an especially great loss to all of us here at NAP. NAP board member, J.D. "Joe" Creason, died of complications arising from AIDS on November 4. Creason, a frequent public speaker, took time during his illness to educate Nebraskans about AIDS. There will be a definite void without our friend, J.D.

We are very grateful to our many clients and families who remember NAP through memorials. Total memorial contributions this past month reached over \$4000.00. These dollars are very important in helping us maintain our prevention and direct client programs.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska sponsored a Food For Thought Benefit at the MAX. The money raised was used to prepare Thanksgiving

baskets for PWA's in need this holiday season. Thank you to the ICON "helpers" who shopped and put baskets together. You were great! Another special fundraiser, The Mystery Gourmet Dinner, held at the French Cafe, raised \$500.00 which went into NAP's general operation fund.

November's greatest message was that of the destruction of the public's complacency toward AIDS and HIV infection. We believe that NAP Board President, Barbara Braden, sums it up best by saying, "Complacency is the enemy that speeds the spread of AIDS. It breeds carelessness among those who were once careful and encourages feelings of invulnerability in those who are very vulnerable. Gays believe it only happens to those who live life in the fast lane, heterosexuals believe it only happens to homosexuals, teenagers believe it only happens to adults, suburbanites believe it only happens to those in the inner city, and people in greater Nebraska believe it only happens in Omaha. Worse yet, a large group of people don't believe it happens in Nebraska. If we are to beat this disease, complacency has got to go. The Magic Johnson announcement has done more than anything to date to destroy some of the public's complacency."

NAP Case Management Census November, 1991

Open Cases November 1, 1991	166
New Cases	11
Clients Deceased	8
Clients Moved From State	2
Open Cases November 30, 1991	165
Client Services Provided in November, 1991	294
Advocacy	214
Transportation	171
Shopping, Cooking, Etc.	106

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

We wish you a happy & healthy 1992.

## P-FLAG PANEL AT UNL

Members of the Parents-Flag Cornhusker Chapter, Roy, Elaine, and Marian, formed a panel and spoke to a parenting class of about 60 students at UNL. The students had prepared a list of questions which the panel answered as honestly and openly as they could. The questions addressed such issues as: "Did you treat your g/l children differently after you accepted their homosexuality?" "Was there a difference in your parenting between your gay and non-gay children?" "What effect does your child's sexual orientation now have on your relationship with him/her?" These perceptive questions offered a slightly different perspective on parents and parenting "after we know" and served as a basis for discussion at the Parents-Flag meeting on November 26.

*From Parents-Flag Cornhusker Newsletter*

## D.C.'s AND A.N.G.L.E. HOST SOUP SUPPER

The day had been sunny and bright—a perfect day for Christmas shopping and picking out just the right tree for in front of the window, but a good group from the community came out Sunday, Dec. 8, to support a Pride Week Fundraiser of soup and sandwiches.

A.N.G.L.E. chefs treated their supporters to a choice of chili, chicken and dumplings, and ham 'n beans, as well as sandwich choices of ham and cheese, hot roast beef, tuna, salami and cheese, and Italian sausage. Top this off with a Lithuanian torte for dessert, and it was one scrumptious meal.

Thanks to the supporters, D.C.'s and A.N.G.L.E., who donated the food and materials, the 1992 Pride Week Fund is about \$130 greater!

## More Sandwiches to Come

Dan has generously offered D.C.'s facilities to A.N.G.L.E. for another fundraiser to be held Sunday, January 19, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Sloppy Joes are in the game plan this time around. Like most events, this should be even better the second time around! Once again, proceeds will go to fund Pride Activities throughout the year.

If you would like to help by providing Sloppy Joes or contributing plates, chips, plasticware, etc., call the ANGLE Information line and leave a message for Brandon to contact you.

## YOUTH TALKLINE: LINCOLN

By Pat Greene

Good News. Young people are finding out about the Youth Talkline in Lincoln and the phone is ringing regularly. In September we received the enthusiastic endorsement of the Lincoln/Lancaster Commission on the Status of Women, a great boon for public relations. Also, look for us in the Blue Pages of the upcoming phone book. The Youth Talkline number is (402) 473-7932. The line is open Friday and Saturday nights from 7 to midnight for youth up to age 23.

Hats off to all who had a hand in bringing this caring connection to Lincoln's G/L/B youth. We do have a need for a portable video tape player to be used for in-service training. It does not need to have recording capabilities. Cheap is wonderful, free even better — new or used. Call Pat Greene at (402) 435-1441 if you can help.

*Adapted from the Coalition Newsletter*

## UNITARIAN GAY/LESBIAN COMMITTEE FORMING IN LINCOLN

Historically Unitarian Universalists have, as part of their Principles, been accepting and affirming of all life styles, including gay/lesbian/bisexual. The Unitarian Church in Lincoln has provided a meeting place for Parent-Flag for many years. The Unitarian Church in Omaha was the first meeting place for the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha and the Unitarian Church in Sioux City now provides the meeting place for MCC of Sioux City. As a continuation of this base and in the hope of serving as a visible model for other religious communities, a Unitarian Universalist Gay/Lesbian Committee is forming in Lincoln. This group would also serve as a social and educational outlet with a religious base. If you are interested in more information please call Joy at 477-5169.

*From P-Flag Cornhusker Chpt Newsletter*

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, January 1

**Happy New Year's Day!**  
Orange Bowl Parties, For Food, The Game on T.V., Friends, and Your Favorite Drinks  
Catch the Bowl Game at Your Favorite Bar

## THURSDAY, January 2

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

## SATURDAY, January 4

Gay/Lesbian Coalition First Saturday Event,  
"Family ReUnion" Potluck, Coming Out Story  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7-10pm

## SUNDAY, January 5

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

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

Miss MAX in Review, 9:30pm  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha,

## MONDAY, January 6

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

Bisexual Support Group Open to all sexes,  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

## TUESDAY, January 7

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, January 8

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

## THURSDAY, January 9

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

## FRIDAY, January 10

MCC-Omaha Friday Night Out, Free Food  
with Friends at Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth

## SATURDAY, January 11

P-FLAG Youth Support Group for gay,lesbian,  
bisexual youth 13-21. 4pm, Omaha, 291-6781

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

## SUNDAY, January 12

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

Parents-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha  
Speaker Wes Perry "AIDS & Parents" 2pm,  
1st Methodist, West Ent. 7020 Cass, 291-6781

Tom Boellstorff, Activist on "Oppression &  
Hope, Gays in Soviet Union", 1st Central  
Congregational, 421 S. 36, Omaha, 7pm

Miss MAX VII Dorian Drake Stepping Down  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

## MONDAY, January 13

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

## WEDNESDAY, January 15

Martin Luther King's Birthday

## THURSDAY, January 16

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

## SUNDAY, January 19

A.N.G.L.E. Benefit, Sloppy Joes, \$3 All You  
Care to Eat, Funds for '92 Pride Activities  
D.C.'s, 1019 South 10th, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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

## TUESDAY, January 21

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, January 22

NAMES Project Memorial Quilt Nebr Display  
Organization, Planning Mtg, 7pm, Red Cross,  
38th & Dewey, Omaha, 291-6781 for info

## SATURDAY, January 25

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

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

River City Mixed Chorus Winter Concert UNO  
Strauss Performing Arts, 7:05pm, Omaha,  
Ticket \$8- Adults, \$4-Students/Senior Citizens

## SUNDAY, January 26

SuperBowl Sunday — Catch the Big Game  
at Your Favorite Bar

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

Miss MAX VIII Pageant, 9:30pm  
The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## MONDAY, January 27

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

## TUESDAY, January 28

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays,  
Cornhusker Chapter, Sharing Session and  
Program: "Surviving with Secrets", 7pm  
Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 'A',  
Separate Youth Group, Call 435-4688

## SUNDAY, February 2

Ground Hog Day!  
MCC-O's 18th Birthday Party/Benefit Show,  
"We've Come of Age", Pizza Party 6pm,  
Dance 7pm, Show 9:30pm, \$5 Pizza Party &  
Dance, \$3 cover after 8pm for show.  
All at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Living in Hope HIV Anonymous, 4pm  
Prairie Room, Cafeteria Area, Lower Level  
Lincoln General, 2300 S. 16, Lincoln

### MONDAY

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

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers, 6:30pm,  
Ford Birthsite, 32nd & Woolworth, Omaha

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

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

Lesbian Discussion Group, 7:30pm  
Women's Resource Center, Room 117,  
Nebraska Union, UNL, 14 & R, Lincoln

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

### THURSDAY

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

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

### FRIDAY

AIDS/HIV Support Group, 7pm, Omaha  
Call 345-4747 for location and information

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

### SATURDAY

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



## LINCOLN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**New Directions Center**, 476-2802. Short term counseling/support coming out, relationships

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

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

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

**Southeast Comm College G/L Student Assoc**, Bx 30681 Lincoln 68503, 477-1664/477-9216 Student, G/L, education, social, political

**Support Group For Bisexuals**, P.O. Box 80913, Lincoln, 68501 Meets 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone, (upstairs) 640 N 16th. All sexes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## OMAHA

**Affirmation-Omaha**, (402) 556-7701. United Methodists for G/L concerns. Meets monthly.

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

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

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

**EAGLE-Omaha**, Employee Association of Gays, Lesbians. Resource group for US WEST employees. Contact S. McCartney, 1314 Douglas on the 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., 558-5303

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

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

**Metropolitan Club**, Box 31331, Omaha 68131 Social alternative to bar scene. Promotes positive perspective within our community.

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

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

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

**Omaha Men OMEN**, Box 3706 Omaha 68103 Men interested in masculinity/masculine image

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

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

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

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

**River City Mixed Bowling League**, For info call 346-4110 [Scott] or 551-0322 [Charley]. Bowl Sundays August - May, 3pm, Sky Lanes, The Center Mall, 42 & Center, Omaha

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## STATEWIDE

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

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

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

**Empty Closet Gay/Lesbian Support Group** Box 2381, Kearney 68848 (308) 234-6500 Meet Tuesdays in Kearney; Meets Wednesdays in Grand Island, Hastings alternating

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68102 Social org for advancement of gay society

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

**Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)** \*4011 19th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St Luke's Episcopal. Call Bob or Reenie Baker (308) 237-3870.

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

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

**Queer Nation**, Activist organization to eliminate homophobia currently reorganizing.

# REGIONAL NEWS

## KC PROTESTS BUSH VISIT

November 13, President George Bush appeared in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium to address a group of "Future Farmers of America." He was greeted by "1000 Points of Light", a peaceful protest to draw attention to dissatisfaction with the Bush administration's policies. Peace, justice, environmental, and human rights activists joined together to protest the President's position on issues including the environment, military spending, women's reproductive freedom, gay and lesbian rights, racism, national health care, AIDS/HIV, education, and agriculture.

"Most of us are not only activists, but also volunteers for organizations and agencies who have had to pick up the slack to provide the human services which Mr. Bush delegated to his '1000 Points of Light,'" said David Weeds, a member of the ad hoc group of citizens who staged the event. "The fact reality is, that after charging us with that mission, the President and his administration have decreased funds and implemented policies which continue to squelch our work, deny our rights, and oppress the masses," Weeds said.

Lisa Roush, another demonstrator said, "As the American public prepares for the 1992 elections, it's important that we publicly proclaim our outrage with the President and his policies which are threatening so many of us."

## DRAKE HOSTS IOWA G/L/B COLLEGE CONFERENCE

Drake University in Des Moines will be the site of the 2nd annual Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian College Conference to be held in conjunction with the annual Youth Conference to be held February 29 - March 1. The event, sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center of Des Moines and numerous other Iowa organizations, is expected to attract over 400 students. For more information, contact GLRC at (515) 277-1454. *Access Line, Waterloo, IA*

## ACCESS PICKING UP THE PACE

ACCESS (A Concerned Community for Education, Safer sex and Support) in Northeast Iowa, located in Waterloo, Iowa, is an independent, registered non-profit organization for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, their friends and families. ACCESS strives to offer a "safe" environment to socialize, find mutual support, exchange information on a variety of issues, and offer an educational outreach to others. Discussion and planning meetings are held each week on Monday evening. The last Monday of each month members join together for a potluck meal.

Throughout the fall, weekly meetings averaged 20 in attendance. Programs included frank sharing of coming out stories, training sessions for speakers, joint activities with the University of Northern Iowa Gay/Lesbian Organization, and videos such as "Desert Hearts" and "Tongues Untied".

In January planning begins for Lesbian and Gay pride Week to be held next June. Planning is also underway for a late winter safer-sex workshop for men and women. Visitors and guests are always welcome, so if you will be traveling to Northeast Iowa or know someone living in that area, let them know about ACCESS.

*Adapted from Access Line, Waterloo, IA*

## HETEROSEXUAL SOCIETY AT IOWA STATE

A group of students at Iowa State University have formed a Heterosexual Society on their campus, sparking some heated debates at their meetings. DeAnn Backes, who founded the society earlier this year, said heterosexuality is the only biologically correct lifestyle. Lisa Waldner-Haugrud, a graduate student and teaching assistant in sociology, who voiced disapproval of the society, said, "The reason they're starting the group is they don't like gay people." James Schafer, Iowa State's Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance president, said he hoped the Heterosexual Society would be a support group to deal with heterosexual issues rather than just gay-bashing. "I was hoping they'd be more proactive than reactive," he said.

*Reprinted from Iowa State Daily*

## "BLUELIGHTS" CAMPAIGN UNTIL THERE IS A CURE... THERE IS THE LIGHT OF HOPE.

The Topeka AIDS Project and the Topeka-Shawnee County Health Agency have joined in the BlueLights Campaign, a world-wide peaceful demonstration, that is intended to send a signal to elected officials, neighbors and the world that supporters stand united and concerned in this epidemic health crisis. The campaign is simple. Participants are asked to place a blue light in the windows of their homes that will shine each night to make the simple statement "Stop AIDS." Like tying a yellow ribbon around the old oak tree, you, too, can show your concern and support for bringing about changes in attitudes towards those already infected with the AIDS virus, and the continued search for a cure. All you need to do to join in a symbol of humanity and love is to place a BLUE light in your window.

## "EX-GAYS" START AIDS MINISTRY IN WICHITA

Freedom At Last (FAL), a group for "born-again ex-gays" is operating an AIDS ministry in Wichita despite the fact members have been asked to stop working for an AIDS service organization in the area. In an article by Doug Glaze in *Signals*, the Gay and Lesbian news for the Wichita area, the founder of Freedom At Last, Mike Babb, was quoted as saying that FAL was founded in 1987 "to walk free from homosexual behavior, desires, fantasies, and other perversions." Babb also denied that FAL sought to convert Gays and Lesbians with AIDS to heterosexuality. "We don't have to seek people out. They come to us. These are people with full-blown AIDS who believe the lifestyle they were leading was wrong," Babb continued. Despite Babb's comments, one member of FAL was asked to leave the Wichita AIDS service organization he volunteered for last summer because he could not agree to leave his views concerning sexual orientation to himself. Other members of FAL were asked to not volunteer their services which led Babb to comment that he felt the organization "is afraid of us." A staff member of the organization told Glaze that they felt their action had been necessary in order to avoid the extra stress for the PWA's they serve. The staff member also was quick to point out that FAL is the exception to the work done with PWA's by Christian organizations and individual.

## TOPEKA G/L TASK FORCE

The Gay and Lesbian Task Force of Topeka (GLTFT) was organized last summer partially in response to actions by a local outspoken homophobe. The Task Force currently has more than 80 members. They undertook a needs assessment last fall and presented educational programs on homophobia. They also planned a costume ball for New Year's Eve called "Militant Sodomite". Homophobe Fred Phelps has previously referred to Gays and Lesbians as "Militant Sodomites".

One of the group's co-chairs, Byron Cook, admitted in an interview with Jon Barnett reported in the *Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph*, that he didn't want to give more credit for causing the creation of the GLTFT than is deserved to Fred Phelps, a Topeka Baptist minister, a disabled lawyer, former candidate for governor of Kansas, currently running for mayor of Topeka. Mr. Phelps has picketed local AIDS vigils where his supporters carried signs reading "Gays Worthy of Death Because of AIDS" and recently undertook a campaign to "clean up Gage Park [in Topeka]" by ridding it of "Gay Fornicators" who use the park as a "covert cruising area". According to an article by Doug Glaze which appeared in *Wichita's Signals*, Phelps appeared before the Topeka city council with a list of license numbers copied down from vehicles seen in the Gage Park area.

In this same article, Dennis Dobson, organizer of a year end event to celebrate Topeka's successfully countering Phelps' actions, reported that Phelps stood up in the City Council proceedings and stated that "[To say] That God loves everybody is a lie. God hates homosexuals." Phelps gives political and government officials informed of his views on Gay and Lesbian issues by faxing information to them, to the extent that city and state officials in Topeka have turned off their fax machines except by appointment. (The Editor of *The New Voice* and her spouse had the opportunity to encounter Mr. Phelps when he picketed the Heartland Pride Planners Workshop in Wichita two years ago. The incident gave me a new respect for Gays and Lesbians who live in Kansas and must deal with this person on a day to day basis.)

For more information on the Gay Lesbian Task Force of Topeka, write PO Box 3829, Topeka, KS 66604 or call (913) 234-4406.

## KANSAS GAY RODEO

As reported by Timothy P. Wood in *Signals*, the 1991 International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) Finals Rodeo drew dozens of contestants and approximately 1,500 spectators. The event was held at the West Bank Arena in downtown Wichita on October 19 and 20th. It had been originally scheduled for the much larger PDK Arena in Andover, but had to move after Arena owners would not allow the rodeo to be held there blaming protests from sponsors and others. The Great Plains Regional Rodeo (GPRR) hosted the event and were pleased with support from out of towners but stated that greater local support was essential if the events were to continue. GPRR has tentatively scheduled the first Great Plains Regional Rodeo-Wichita to be held August 1, 2, and 3, 1992 at the Kansas Coliseum. For more information on Gay Rodeo or the Kansas Gay Rodeo Association call (316) 682-5494 or write to KGRA, Box 16703, Wichita, KS 67216.

# AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL\*

\*More info call Neb AIDS Project 342-4233

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Cancer Cntr, 4600 Valley, 483-1872

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LEGAL

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

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

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

## PASTORAL CARE

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

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

## HIV TESTING\*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Native American Community Developm t  
Corp, 2226 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-8471

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

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

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

## NYC TREATMENT CENTER FOR GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL

The Regent Hospital located on East 61st  
Street in New York City has announced the  
opening of *Together*, a chemical dependency  
treatment center for Lesbians, Gay men, and  
Bisexuals. *Together* was developed in recognition  
of the high incidence of chemical dependency  
among the gay/bisexual community and the  
high rate of failure for members of the  
community entering traditional treatment pro-  
grams. Effective chemical dependency treat-  
ment requires an environment in which the  
person feels safe to reveal him or herself without  
shame, guilt, or secrets. *Together* offers an  
environment that is safe, confidential, affirm-  
ing and healing. *Together* specializes in the  
treatment of lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals  
who have previously been unsuccessful in their  
attempts at chemical dependency treatment.

The program included a comprehensive  
psychiatric evaluation, group and individual  
therapies in a climate of safety, integration of  
lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues throughout  
treatment, lesbian, gay, bisexual identified and  
affirming staff, and the 12 step model of AA/  
NA.

*Together* is licensed by the New York  
State Department of Substance Abuse Services  
and accredited by the JCHAO. To make a  
referral to *Together* call 1-800-374-0374.

## HELP BRING THE NAMES PROJECT AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT TO NEBRASKA IN 92

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT GROUPS

AIDS/HIV Support Group, Fridays at 7pm in  
Omaha, spiritual atmosphere HIV challenged,  
family, others. Call 345-4747 before 10pm

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

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

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

Lincoln Caseworker, (402) 474-4243

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

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

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

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

## GAYNET REFERRAL SYSTEM

1-800-4-GAYNET, a free, confidential in-  
formation and referral service for finding ap-  
propriate professional services that are sup-  
portive and affirming for the lesbian/gay/bi-  
sexual person with mental health or chemical  
dependency needs, is an outreach of Regents  
Hospital in New York City. It includes a nation  
wide referral network of counselors and other  
service providers who have identified them-  
selves as lesbian, gay, or bisexual, or who are  
sensitive and affirming of lesbian, gay, and  
bisexual identity.

The 1-800-4-GAYNET referral service is  
free to any person seeking help or to any coun-  
selor seeking resources. Any questions or com-  
ments about the 1-800-4-GAYNET system can  
be referred to the Director of Information and  
Referral Services at 1-800-8-REGENT.

Any counselor or other service provider  
interested in becoming part of the 1-800-4-  
GAYNET referral system should write to The  
Regent Hospital, Community Relations, 425  
East 61st St., New York, NY 10131-0185.

## WRITERS NEEDED

*SISTER AND BROTHER*, a planned an-  
thology about relationships between Lesbians  
and Gay men is seeking manuscripts. Deeply  
personal and insightful essays by Gays and  
Lesbians on how they really get along, how  
they really feel about one another and what they  
really mean to one another are sought. Write to:  
John Preston/Joan Nestle, Box 5314, Portland,  
Maine 04101 for writers guidelines. Manu-  
scripts due in spring 1992.

# REGIONAL NEWS

## BREAKING UP IS A MESS!!

Divorce is never pleasant, but one Iowa case may break the mold for ugly as a Dubuque teacher is suing her estranged husband, a Dyersville lawyer, claiming he married her knowing he was gay and used her income to support the household while his income went to his "extravagant lifestyle and entertainment."

According to the Des Moines Register, Paula Huberty, 37, is also seeking damages from Michael, 39, for alleged assault. She additionally wants him to pay for an HIV test she took after an alleged bite he gave her during a fight. He denies all allegations and is considering a libel suit. During courtship in 1988, he indicated he was heterosexual and wanted children, a fact supported by her lawsuit.

Dubuque County District court officials believe the case will break new legal ground in Iowa. Her lawyers also say the suit is not a gay-bashing case.

*Access Line, Waterloo, IA*

## KKK THREATS IN ST LOUIS

Three men identifying themselves as KKK members visited Our World Too, St. Louis' Gay and Lesbian community bookstore in late October. They came in and looked around, getting information on the local community and taking free pamphlets and information before identifying themselves as KKK members. The store owner did not at first believe them and they seemed taken aback when he laughed at their statements. They then produced KKK business cards and made comments that they were "watching" the store. Sometime after a call was received on the answering machine of the *Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph* in which a male voice said that he knew where the office was located and that the paper "should watch out" because he was going to "get you". As of this printing no acts of violence or further harassment have occurred.

## "OTHER VOICES" SILENT

*Other Voices*, a monthly magazine published in Kansas City for the Gay and Lesbian community, has ceased publication after less than a year. Publisher, Steve Vorbeck, in an interview with the *Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph*, told Jon Barnett that the problem was primarily financial. He stated "We couldn't get what I call anchor ads—the bars." Staff members are hopeful that the magazine can be reorganized and made more profitable.

## MISSOURI TASK FORCE

A planning meeting will be held in Columbia, Missouri, on January 24-26, 1992, to determine structural issues related to the development of a new, statewide organization. The Missouri Task Force For Lesbian and Gay Concerns. Organizers have identified two goals for the next year. The first, an annual conference on legislative networking and strategy, is planned to be held for the first time in the Autumn of 1992. A skill building conference is targeted to be held in early 1993.

## UNITED WAY FUNDS GLRCL

For the first time, United Way of Central Iowa has provided funds to a gay/lesbian group. The Gay and Lesbian Resource Center of Des Moines has received \$5,000. United Way has received complaints about the funding.

*Access Line, Waterloo, IA*

## UNI ADDS G/L STUDIES

On Monday, January 13, students and faculty will make history for the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. "Introduction to Gay and Lesbian Studies" is expected to be filled to the limit with students and community members eager to learn more about same-sex orientation.

The course is the first on this subject at UNI but it is also the first time that UNI has had a course taught by a team of faculty members from different departments and colleges within the university. Eleven teachers will each focus on subject matter within their field, volunteering their services above and beyond regular class loads.

Topics for the three-credit class will include biology/genetics, psychology, human sexuality, heterosexism and internalized homophobia, lesbian history, religion, sociology, communication, literature, drama, art, photography, music, plus AIDS activism. Guest speakers, film and other educational tools will also be involved.

Students will be required to do a project which may range from a research paper to a creative piece of writing, music, or art. The project will be graded by the instructor from the related field.

Due to recent threats of violence and the potential for harassment, the campus location of the class will be given only to those registered.

*Adapted from Access Line, Waterloo, IA*

## WARTBURG AGREES TO CONCERT... TOO LATE

Officials at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA, have given approval for the Student Activities Committee to reschedule a performance by the Des Moines Men's Chorus. The predominantly gay chorus had previously been asked to sing on campus and a tentative October date had been set but Wartburg administrators requested the chorus be taken off the schedule. Dean of Students, Debbie Heida, had been quoted by area media as saying a concert would not be the proper forum for dealing with "the issue of homosexuality on campus".

Angry student reaction forced administrators to reconsider and permission was given to reschedule the concert during Human Sexuality Awareness Week, November 18-22. However, the chorus was not available for a performance during this time period so attempts are underway to schedule a date during the spring term.

*Adapted from Access Line, Waterloo, IA*

## WOMEN SPEAK OUT

Feminist International Radio Endeavor (FIRE), a radio program giving women worldwide a voice to speak out on all issues will be expanding to three hours daily. Women are encouraged to send mono-recorded tapes demonstrating a women's perspective on all issues. Tapes should be 25-30 minutes maximum, and should include facts, names, titles, dates, and sponsors of events on a written or typed list. Please send tapes to WINGS, PO Box 5307, Kansas City, MO 64131. All women are invited to catch FIRE at 1800, 0000 and 0600 UTC. Not all frequencies operate at all times. For more information, call (816) 361-7161.

## TRANSEXUAL EJECTED FROM WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

The Michigan Women's Music Festival is a wonderful experience for most, but for years women of the S/M/Fetish community have felt excluded and mothers with small male children have been mistreated as has a transsexual woman.

Nancy Jean Burkholder, of New Hampshire, says she was kicked out of the festival without due process or any knowledge of a policy on the matter. The first night of the festival, Burkholder said security staff approached her and asked if she was a man. Burkholder, who has undergone complete sexual reassignment surgery, said she was not, offered to show her driver's license or even disrobe for inspection. Nonetheless, security refused to let her re-enter. A friend drove her in the middle of the night to search for a hotel. Burkholder acknowledges that she is androgynous in appearance, but says she was shocked, given that she attended the 1990 festival without incident and there is no published policy concerning transsexuals. The festival is following some women's groups, however, in allowing the participation of so-called "women born women" only.

Laura Ervin, the friend who helped Burkholder that night, says she is outraged by the incident. Despite requests to speak to producers, nobody was willing to talk about what policies existed. Ervin said it was like being in Europe during World War II. Ervin wrote to producers Lisa Vogel and Barbara Price asking for an apology, an explanation of what policies existed regarding transsexuals, as well as policies governing staff behavior and conflict resolution. They have not yet responded to her letter.

## SEAL PRESS

In 1976, Barbara Wilson and Rachel da Silva founded Seal Press. They were joined in 1982 by Faith Conlon and today the feminist publishing house, directed by co-publishers and editors Conlon and Wilson, is a forum for women writers of fiction and nonfiction in the United States and around the world. Its bestselling *New Leaf* books addressing the problems of domestic violence and sexual abuse, its nonfiction works such as anthologies on women in trades, women in sports, and black women's health have helped women to lead lives of empowerment and change.

Seal's commitment to lesbian writing has been evident in fiction by Paula Martinac, Becky Birtha and Sarah Schulman, and in such books as *Ceremonies of the Heart: Celebrating Lesbian Unions and Lesbian Couples*.

Titles for 1992 include a book on women in rock and pop music, a collection of essays on bisexuality and feminism, a first novel by Chicana writer Terri de la Peña, books on women in the outdoors, and the first poetry collection by the well-known novelist Barbara Kingsolver.

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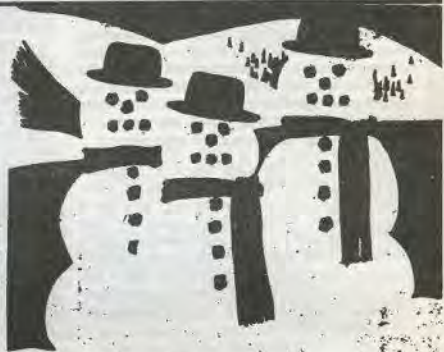
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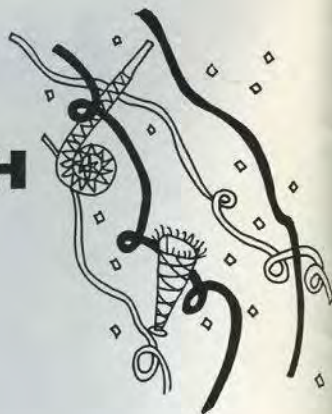


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