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THANK GOD FOR JULY

I don't know about you, but I've decided that the 4th of July is my favorite holiday - better even than Christmas. Not only do we get to celebrate our Independence and go to a fun picnic put on by ICON, but the 4th of July means that June is OVER.

I love all the activities in June, but by the time July rolls around I can't even think because I am exhausted. As for my pocketbook - it could have served as the inspiration for the song *If the Devil Danced in Empty Pockets, He'd Have a Ball in Mine*. By July I am flat broke and, unlike Christmas, there's no income tax refund to look forward to.

I figure the first event in June is really the ICON Memorial Day picnic since the weekends just start to blur together after that. Then there's the Two Wheelers of Omaha Annual Run/Celebration. I haven't made it to one yet because I usually have three other things going on that weekend, but one of these days I'm going to make it. That weekend there is always a *New Voice* Steering Committee meeting and usually ICON's stepping down show, too. The second weekend in June is ICON Coronation which lasts from Friday through Sunday night. Just ask my staff at work I'm not worth a darn on that Monday. Then, the third weekend in June, we move into Pride Activities and the River City Mixed Chorus Concert and the Interfaith Service. Then comes Pride Week with whatever new and exciting that has been planned. There's the P-FLAG meeting, and

this year there was Great Plains Mr. Drummer and then the parade and picnic and rally. Then, finally, another ICON picnic on the 4th of July. And throughout the month I am buying tickets for this, and tickets for that, and this button and that t-shirt and that new outfit to wear and tipping this performer and donating to that cause. Aargh!!

All of this has led me to the conclusion that for Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals, June is worse than Christmas with more demands on our time and our pocketbooks. July is so much better. There's the Fourth of July picnic, getting the magazine out, voting on a new church building, board meeting at church, getting ready and going to Phoenix for a week for the international conference for the church, putting on a swimming party, having ICON Investiture...

So, now that we've survived June and had July to catch our breath, we can really enjoy the long, lazy, hazy, crazy days of August. Nothing much to do except vacation with the grandkids, work on the house, get ready for the Labor Day picnic and the Meatpackers show, go to Fantasy, go to the OLIS picnic and riverboat ride, get the *New Voice* out, have a board meeting at church, have nominations for officers for ANGLE for the next year, hire a new social worker for the hospital...

Boy, do I look forward to the Labor Day picnic because then things slow down. In September, we only have...

LETTERS

Dear Friends and Members of ANGLE.

Words can hardly express the feelings of joy and deep appreciation that swept over me at the recent ANGLE Recognition Luncheon. It was so exciting to see the support and caring of so many people at this first special event for Pride Week. Kevin Moriarty spoke with enthusiasm and commitment about national efforts and activities by the Human Rights Campaign fund as well as citing some of our accomplishments here in Omaha. ANGLE (Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors) is a unique group representing the combined interests and talents of so many groups and individuals in our community.

To have been nominated for recognition by this group was honor enough. I was so impressed by all the work that the individuals and groups have accomplished over the past few years. But I was overwhelmed and speechless (imagine that, me without a word to share!) when I was recognized for individual contributions to the community. No effort, whether for the Quilt, the youth support group, PFLAG, or whatever, is mine alone. Family, especially a very patient and tolerant husband (he's become a great cook, too!), and friends has shared many hours of energy, ideas and work with me these past few years. While I may have the plaque from ANGLE, I must share the joy and thanks with so many others who have stood beside me, encouraged and supported me, and let me dream about how things might be.

Like ADE Starr, former president of the national PFLAG, I could hardly imagine 4-1/2 years ago when our son came out to us that I would be sharing anything with anyone. But we have come to know and understand so much about ourselves and other people these past few years. Now it is hard to imagine not sharing information, feelings, work, and our family's experiences with other groups and individuals. One by one, little steps at a time, we can change this world and make it a better place to be. Every individual and group recognized by ANGLE, and many others that were not acknowledged publicly, have contributed so much to our community. I know that my life is richer now because of all of you. My thanks goes to everyone who have helped me to learn and grow and have made my efforts possible.

Five years ago I didn't know what Stonewall, or homosexuality, or Pride Week was. Now I look forward to planning and sharing more activities with great pride in our community. Keep watching Omaha, for we have only just begun!
Kathy England

ERRATUM

The following ad appeared in the June classifieds with an incorrect phone number. Fortunately, the number printed was a non-working number, so no one received any unsolicited calls. Unfortunately, the person who placed the ad got no response. Our apologies for the typo. The ad should read as follows:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Members of the *New Voice* Steering Committee,

In April of this year I was forced to change my phone number to an *unlisted* and *unpublished* number due to harassing and threatening phone calls because of my involvement with the Gay and Lesbian Student Organization (GLSO).

These calls were coming from an individual who not only proved to me he knew where I lived but also threatened to rape and kill me. Although the phone company was unable to determine who this person was, they graciously changed my phone number free of charge.

Because I am an active member of the gay and lesbian community I distributed my new number to certain members of the community in case they and they alone needed to contact me. When I gave these people my number I *specifically* told them the number was *unpublished* and *unlisted* and was *ONLY* for their personal use.

Needless to say when I began receiving calls again I began searching for the leak - lo and behold I have found it! Some irresponsible member of the *New Voice* staff has decided to print my number - *specifically* against my wishes - on the resource guide in the magazine.

This unforgivable "mistake" has once again put me in the position of receiving phone calls in which my life and personal safety are jeopardized.

Because the phone company has a policy which only allows them to change a number once free of charge, and I should not have to deal with threatening calls at three in the morning, I should have my number changed again to avoid these calls.

I feel the *New Voice* not only owes me a written and published apology for their extreme unprofessionalism but should also pay the fee to change my phone number yet once again.

I suggest from now on the staff of the *New Voice* take into consideration other people's wishes and take a good long look into their responsibility to their readers (unless they deem it is their responsibility to put someone's well being at stake). The staff should also take a hard look at communication law and their accountability for what is and is not published.

I do recognize the staff is made up of dedicated volunteers, and I know (probably more than they) what goes into publishing a magazine or newspaper. However, that does not excuse this grave error.

I can say I have learned one thing from this experience - **DO NOT** entrust confidential information to members of the *New Voice* staff.

I request this letter be published (in its entirety) in the July issue of the magazine along with the removal of my number from the resource guide; a letter of apology sent to me and a copy of that letter is to be published along side this one; and lastly, I request the *New Voice* provide funds to have my phone number changed.

Sincerely,
Heidi Jeanne Hess
Box 134, UNO
Omaha, NE 68182

Dear Heidi,

I do want to personally apologize for the confusion which resulted in the publication of your new phone number. There is nothing that will go back and undo the misunderstanding.

I wish, in fact, that you had made it clear that this new number was not to be used as a contact number for the UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Organization. I assure you that a simple written request to remove your name and number from the resource list would have avoided the issue. As it was, I simply updated the resource list after you gave me your new number.

At about the same time, I was updating the information for ANGLE's Gay/Lesbian Information Line. I had previously sent out letters asking organizations to confirm the information in the resource directory but had not heard back from several organizations, including GLSO. Thinking that the first letter may have gone astray, I sent a second request. Both requests clearly stated that this information would be used both for the ANGLE directory and for the resource directory in the *New Voice*. On the second request I listed both Steve's phone number and your new number. I never received any response to this letter.

While assumptions are dangerous, I did assume that I had worded the letter strongly enough that any organization would contact me if there were errors.

Once again, I apologize for the confusion. Your letter was received after our deadline of the 10th of the month, so we could not reach a decision in time for it to be published in the July issue. I presented your letter and your requests to the steering committee at our July meeting. While we cannot assume responsibility for the cost of changing your phone number, we do truly regret

the confusion that may have caused you any additional distress. Rather than irresponsible journalism, it was a misunderstanding which could have been avoided.

I sincerely hope that you have made the Citizens For Equal Protection aware of the threats that you received. This is exactly the kind of information they need in order to persuade the city council to add sexual orientation to the protected classes identified in the city's anti-discrimination statutes.

My phone number appeared in the *New Voice* for over three years, but as I never had a harassing phone call of any kind, I can only imagine the emotional pain that these threats might have caused you. It is tragic that any person should be subjected to threats because they take a public stand on an issue.

If you wish to discuss the situation further, please contact me or any member of the steering committee.

-Sharon Van Butsel, Editor

Dear Heidi and Community at Large,

As the Steering Committee of the *New Voice* of Nebraska, we wish to express our regret that you were the victim of prejudice against Gays and Lesbians. The sort of harassment you describe is inexcusable.

While we cannot assume responsibility for the cost of having your telephone number changed, we do apologize for the confusion which occurred.

We support the editor and the steps she took to assure the accuracy of the information being published. We update the resource directory and the community calendar on a continuing basis, but the responsibility for the accuracy of the information published remains with the organizations involved. Changes should always be submitted in writing to the *New Voice*, Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103.

Once again, we wish to express our regret for the pain you experienced as a result of your activities with GLSO.

The Steering Committee of
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Dear Editor:

The sheets of paper that are in this envelope with this letter are the real reason that I have written. It has taken me a long time to write to the *New Voice of Nebraska* again. I once wrote to you about a situation, and you did not publish my letter until you had contacted the organization about which I wrote, let them respond, and then had the audacity to print their letter BEFORE (pagination wise) mine. There have been many things that I would have liked to comment on, but I thought better of it. This particular subject is very dear to me, so I felt that I could not delay this letter.

Having watched your publication over the last couple of years, one of the things that I have noticed is that your paper stands for NOTHING. You take no stand that would offend ANYONE in our community. Well, folks, I AM OFFENDED AT THIS! I have contacted many other gay (and straight) publications, and none that I have talked to said that they would even think about doing anything like that. Are you folks afraid of letting our community think about a situation that is in our community before they can be fed the pabulum that you feel that they want to hear? Are you afraid that if someone (like me) writes a letter or article that is critical of a person/organization, that YOU are to blame for the content? That you are guilty of perhaps allowing for a different version of truth to be let heard?

I challenge you to publish my following letter - as written, this next issue, without a response (except for, of course, editorial comment). I

challenge you to let the thinkers of Nebraska (that you say that you represent) decide for themselves if the issues are just, are called for, are valid!

To let your readers NOT have an opportunity to judge for themselves, to stimulate them to ask questions, but to guide them along the steering committee's guidelines so that you may not offend your financial contributors is appalling. If your opinion of your readership is that low, I am not surprised of your low acceptance in our community.

I look forward to your response and to reading my next letter WITHOUT a prearranged response.

Sincerely yours,
Stephen Michael Moeller

Dear Editor:

Last week I had the fortune to go to the Mr. Great Plains Drummer contest held here in Omaha by Fantasy Productions (Who or what is Fantasy Productions? No one at the contest could come up with anything for an answer.). I must say that it was an interesting time. Even though there were several problems throughout the event (misinformation being given out by the host bar staff - as to time of events; the wrong address being printed on the tickets for the Apollo bar - is that why there was no one down there for the "party"? - microphones that were not working, master of ceremonies that did not show up: these just to name a few), I thought that the correct person did receive the title, and that he will fulfill his obligation in representing this area quite well over the

next year. Over all, I do believe that most of the people had a good time.

However, there were also several things about this contest that did not seem to be quite right. I do know (for it was in print to the contestants) that the criteria for the selection of the judges did not seem to be adhered to. I refer to the statement that 1.); "of 7 judges, no more than 3 are to be from the local area" and that 2.); "the judges selected are to be outstanding citizens chosen from the leather community." As for #1., of the 7 judges, 4(!) were from Omaha - Bob Ewing, Dick Brown, Pat Phalen, and Amy Marie Meek (Don't believe me? Just look at the inside front cover of the *New Voice*, under the Steering Committee where ALL of these 4 are listed - Was this show put on by Fantasy Productions or by the *New Voice*? Or is the *New Voice* just a fantasy?). (At least I believe that I can count to 7!). As for #2., of the 4 just previously mentioned, only 1 (ONE) was even mentioned to have any connection with the leather community (and that was not even in connection with any Omaha leather group!) (I am sorry, but a co-sponsor of a "leather" event does NOT make one a member of the leather community, nor does being a Mr. Gay Nebraska, an emperor (of a DRAG organization), or an EAGLE.).

As for the other judges, did it seem to fit quite well the qualifications of their responsibilities.

(Can anyone there tell me WHY Dick Brown is listed as having 2 MR. Gay Nebraska titles when he held only one? And my sources tell me that for a person to be an interpreter of languages

Attention All Lesbian & Gay Bowlers

The River City Bowling League is now forming! This will be our eleventh year of bowling and for the first time we will be bowling at the Sky Lanes located at 42nd and Center Street (in the Center Shopping Mall on the 5th level). We will be limited to twenty-four, four-person teams (however, teams may consist of more members who rotate weeks of bowling). Full teams, half teams, or singles, we encourage everyone to participate, we can place you! The 1991-1992 season will begin on Sunday, September 8th, 1991, beginning with our rules meetings at 1p and bowling immediately following the meeting and each Sunday thereafter at 3p. Hope to see you all there!

Please contact: Scott Rezek 346-4110
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- which include sign - that the person doing the signing does not pay attention to the actual content of the words, but just translates them as they are spoken. So could someone please tell me how anyone, who is interpreting for the hearing impaired, how can that person pay any attention to the content that he is supposed to be judging? And who was he signing for? He was seated at the table, back to the audience, blocked in on both sides by people. And if he was just signing for his own 'amusement', I for one (and others that I also talked with) am NOT amused that he took so lightly his responsibilities that he had been chosen to fulfill).

It was also with great dismay that I learned that Fantasy Productions did not contact ALL Omaha leather groups for help and assistance in this. Both T.W.O. and T.W.A.T. were not contacted (according to my sources) and that IS a shame, considering that if it were not for these 2 organizations, there would be no FANTASY '89, '90, '91, and no Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1991.

So, dear editor, I await for your PUBLIC answer to these questions.

Sincerely yours,
Stephen Michael Moeller



Dear Stephen Moeller,

I really have no idea why you addressed the concerns about the contest to me - I was present at Great Plains Mr. Drummer as a member of the audience and to make a plug for the Pride activities. However, your letters definitely pushed some buttons and I feel the need to respond far above what is my norm.

1.) You say that the New Voice stands for nothing. In fact, the Steering Committee and Staff have taken a strong position representing the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual community of Nebraska on a fair and impartial basis. We do not believe in putting down any part of our community and we will present the positive aspects of all sectors, taking great care to see that each sector has the opportunity to respond to accusations.

2.) As a monthly publication, it is unfair to our readers to print a highly critical letter one month and to then have to wait another month for the reply. We feel it is better to print the criticism and the response in the same issue so the readers are able to see the total picture and make their own decisions as to what is "truth".

3.) Speaking as a woman honored to be a

member of the Meatpackers, the oldest leather and Levi organization in Omaha, I disagree with your comments about who is or is not a member of the leather community. Being a leather person does not mean that a person must wear leather, nor does it mean that they must practice S&M nor fetishes. As I learned from Susie Shepherd, former IMSL, when she stayed in our home, leather is an attitude, an acceptance of diversity and a willingness to accept our sexuality as a full and valued part of our life. A leather man or woman stands to say, "This is who I am and this is what I believe" with confidence and love, while respecting and valuing the identity and beliefs of the persons around them.

4.) I have spent 12 years working professionally with certified sign language interpreters who tell me that your sources were in error. Direct translation such as you describe is done only by those who "fingerspell", not recognizing that American Sign Language is not the same as standard English. It is a different "language" and, in fact, the interpreter must pay close attention to what is being said, take the thoughts being expressed, and repeat those thoughts in signs which represent whole concepts. Instead of showing a lack of attention, signing while listening is much like taking notes in college, it reinforces the information being received. Besides, I know at least one hearing impaired member of the audience who could clearly see the signing being done and was able to fully enjoy the show because of it.

5.) As editor of the New Voice, I am proud that 3 members of the Steering Committee were asked to be judges at the Great Plains Mr. Drummer. I feel that their selection as judges reflects our commitment to impartial, honest representation of the community.

6.) I regret that Mr. Bob Ewing is not a member of the Steering Committee nor does his name appear in the listing of the New Voice staff. I would be honored if he joined our staff but he has not chosen to do so. Your confusion may exist because his printing company, Printing Plus, is



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the one we use to print the magazine.

7.) You state that the New Voice has low acceptance in the community. In fact, our circulation has increased by nearly 50% in the last year. Just last month we had 5 new requests from organizations and businesses to get magazines to distribute. The number of articles submitted for publication has tripled. Financially we are stronger than ever. And I am very proud to report that in conversations with Kevin Moriarty, Human Rights Campaign Fund, he complimented the New Voice on being one of the best Regional magazines out of the hundreds their office receives each month.

In accordance with our policy, I have shared your concerns with Fantasy Productions. (I'm afraid that unless you join the editorial staff, you only get to use the New Voice as a soapbox if you share it.)

Sharon Van Buseel, Editor

Stephen,

My first thought after reading your letter, is why you would send it to the *New Voice*, and not "Fantasy Productions" since your complaints seem to be with us. However, I would be happy to address your issues.

You want to know who 'Fantasy Productions' is. During the contest, I said, "Bob and I are happy to have brought this event to Omaha." To me, that spells it out right there. Did you need more?

Misinformation as to time of the event by the host bar - people were informed. If you got wrong information as to starting times, I apologize, but starting times were listed on the Mr. Great Plains Drummer ticket.

Take full responsibility for the wrong address for Apollo's, and I sincerely apologize to them, and all those affected.

The microphone - was not on for the first 4 minutes. The problem was taken care of as quickly as possible, and I do not feel it hurt the show or contestants in any way.

Master of Ceremonies not showing up? Wrong. I was set to be the M.C. from the very beginning.

Don Flowers, who was to have performed in the contest, was not able to be there and Dick Brown was gracious enough to step in and do a number that touched many hearts.

So maybe you were misinformed about the M.C. Before you write a letter to be published, you should get your facts straight.

You also state that no more than 3 of the judges are to be from the local area. Again you are wrong, and didn't get the facts correct. I quote from the Drummer pamphlet: "There should be 7 judges. At least 3 of them should come from OUTSIDE the region in which the contest is held." We adhered to that policy.

Now, as to the validity of the 4 local judges: Amy Marie Meek is not a member of a local leather club and that fact has no bearing as to her credentials. Do you think the only way to be a leather person is to be involved in a local club? If so, you are wrong again, and I could name many leather people who are not members of local leather clubs. Any is, however, a member of the National Leather Association.

Dick Brown was Mr. Gay Nebraska. He won the title in Fall '87, and served most of his term in 1988. Thus the reason he was listed as Mr. Gay Nebraska '87/'88. Dick, as well as Pat, helped tremendously in Fantasy '89 & '90 and will be helping in Fantasy '91 as well, because they care about the Leather Community.

You talk about Pat being Emperor of a Drag organization. ICON has accomplished more for our community than they will ever get credit for. Also, I noticed you capitalized the word 'Drag.' I hope that was not meant in a derogatory fashion.

Leather people, and Imperators are a minority within a minority. How can anyone be prejudiced against someone within their own community? We, as gays, have to fight for acceptance from the hetero society. We shouldn't have to fight for it within our own community. We all want to be accepted for who we are and what we are, not what others think we should be.

As far as the event being a *New Voice* event, no, it was not. 3 of the judges are on the Steering Committee, but were not there as representatives of the *New Voice*. They were chosen as judges because of their involvement in Leather functions, and because Bob and I feel that they are truly upstanding members of the community.

Bob Ewing is the Co-sponsor of 'Fantasy.' True, that does not automatically make him INTO Leather. However, if you knew Bob as a person, and knew of all he has done, not only for the gay community, but the leather community as well, you would not have written your ridiculous comment.

As far as Pat Phalen signing during the contest, please refer to #4 of Sharon Van Buseel's reply. I couldn't agree with her more.

You also state that Fantasy Productions did not contact T.W.O. or its Auxiliary group. Wrong again. We contacted Tom W. from T.W.O. and asked him to be a judge. Unfortunately, he had a prior commitment with work and was unable to judge.

You say that if it were not for T.W.O. and T.W.A.T. that there would be no 'Fantasy.' True, T.W.O. did co-sponsor Fantasy '89 with me as Mr. Gay Nebraska. Fantasy '90 & '91 were not co-sponsored by T.W.O. They helped start an event that has gone on to International dimensions, and Bob and I both thank them for their help and support not only in Fantasy '89, but '90 as well.

As far as Mr. Great Plains Drummer, Tony DeBlase, publisher of *Drummer* personally contacted me and asked Bob and I to sponsor this

year's event. I know there were prior discussions (in 1989) with T.W.O. concerning the event, but for some reason or other, it did not work out.

In closing, I'm sorry you didn't approve of this year's contest. We can't please everyone, as much as we try.

Fantasy '91, which will be held August 16-18, has 56 titleholders and dignitaries from around the country, Australia, and Canada that will be in attendance.

You might consider not attending this event, as I am sure there will be people there that YOU might THINK are not really into Leather.

Dustin Logan
Co-sponsor Mr. Great Plains Drummer '91

Dear Stephen M. Moeller,

I am sorry you felt disappointed with my judging the Great Plains Mr. Drummer Contest. However, I will not lower myself to your level of insulting remarks. Instead, I wish to ask you a couple of questions, since by degrading others you seem to imply that YOU are an upstanding, caring, giving, and pillar of support in the leather and Gay/Lesbian Community at large.

First, obviously the judges did a good job according to your standards since you agreed with the outcome of the judges' decision (are you not contradicting yourself?).

And second, why not tell the *New Voice of Nebraska* what you have done personally to benefit the entire Gay/Lesbian Community in this region or nationally? Or is it easier for you to sit back and complain about all the work others do for all of us? I would like a reply.

And lastly, since you did not have a good time at Great Plains Mr. Drummer, it should be by your own accord not to attend next year's event. Nor should you attend Fantasy '91 since that event is also produced by Fantasy Productions. The last thing the Midwest Lesbian/Gay Community needs is another Gay person putting down Gay people; do 'n't straighten people do that enough?

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Bob Ewing

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MORE LETTERS

To: *The New Voice* Staff

"Please" place this article in your August issue. I'm requesting that you omit nothing. I have been told by several that omitting without notification is done on a regular basis at the *New Voice*. Since this is hearsay on my part, I'm submitting my article in your trust.

If you're wondering why I signed the article J.A.S., it is not to hide, it is how I close letters to friends, so I felt it appropriate (SMILE).

Thanks,
J.A.S.

Cox - etc.

I hope you no missed the airing of the Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade from West Hollywood on Cox cable channel 7, Monday, June 24. If you did miss it, hopefully next year Cox Cable and California will link together again via satellite.

Thanks to Bill Norton, Marketing Director, and Richard Cook, Vice President, for putting this on their programming.

Even though I did not receive notification of the airing, I'll just a week prior to the airing, it was still GRAND news for our gay community, in my opinion. As soon as I hung up from Bill, I began dialing away to spread the wonderful news. Then posters to the bars to hopefully let as many people know as possible.

I must admit, since coming out, I had heard horror stories about the Diamond Bar, but, like I said, I wanted to notify as many as possible. So, with a deep breath, I went in the Diamond Bar and was greeted with a smile and a friendly hello. Patrons didn't stare at me like other bar's patrons wondering what I was doing in "their" bar. Even though my visit was brief, it was very refreshing to find family treating family like family...

As the story goes, there's always one bad apple and I encountered that at the supposedly gayest café in Omaha, The Downtown. Bob Marino, the owner of the café, wanted no part of notifying the gay community via a small poster to be placed out for his Friday and Saturday customers at no cost to him.

But, Thank You to all the bars for placing the posters up.

I would also like to thank the River City Mixed Chorus for letting me place posters at their concert at UNO and making the public announcement of the airing. Thank you for the concert: Applause... Applause! Practice does make perfect...

For those of you who may of missed the Pride Parade from West Hollywood, it was GRAND in my opinion. I learned we have our own flag and Lesbians and Gays can band together as "Family" to feel the pride as one.

After seeing their parade, I went in my first Pride Parade here. Although the size of our parade met nowhere near to the one in West Hollywood, the pride and enthusiasm was just as grand!! The marching, drum, and bugle band was a real plus. I hope they return next year. Hearing their drums beating made me think of the song / *Am Who I Am*.

We ARE who we are: skinny, fat, PWA, ACOA, doctors, teachers, and the labels go on and on. But bottom line: we are "Family" no matter what bar we frequent, who we've been with, how much money we do or do not have, or just whatever.

It was nice to feel some of that in Omaha on Sunday, June 30. "Applause" to all the people June 30: whether you marched or not, you were

there; and to the many who started putting it together long ago. Thank you.

Big hug,
J.A.S.

Dear J.A.S.,

The Steering Committee and Staff of the New Voice want to personally thank you for your efforts which, along with the efforts of other readers, lead to the local broadcast of the West Hollywood Gay Pride Parade. We are pleased to have had some part in sparking that effort.

However, you apparently have some confusion over the difference between an article and a letter to the editor. In a signed letter to the editor, where you accept personal responsibility for the content, editing is kept to a minimum. You can basically say whatever you want to say as long as you avoid slander and keep within a very generous definition of good taste. However, when a news article is submitted, the New Voice can and will correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and edit content for clarity, appropriateness, and length.

By submitting an article to be considered for publication, you become a reporter for the New Voice. In that role you have the responsibility to refrain from including any personal agendas and to not use your position as a reporter to air personal grievances. Therefore, we are publishing the material you submitted as a letter to the editor.

We will be happy to continue to consider material submitted by any member of the community, but we cannot guarantee to publish every item submitted and those items chosen for publication are subject to our editorial policy.

Sharon Van Buseel,
Editor

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To ICON, et. al.,

What a true joy this last three days have been. From the moment we stepped off the plane your warm hospitality has been overwhelming (as was the humidity) and being from the deep South I know hospitality.

To Gerald Brown and Joe Reed, a special Thanks for the invitation. To Erica DeVain: you made it; Thanks for all. To Gary West and the staff of Gilligans - many thanks for your good drinks throughout the weekend. To the staff of Apollo's (New Kid on the Block): Great! To my new soul-mate in life - Stella Dallas - Honey, you'll be a hit with all the tall Texans and thanks for a friendship that will last forever. To Mas, Gerald, & Tami - Congratulations to my co-emcee for Coronation, Pat Phalen - we tap-danced through that one, huh? To Sabrina, Nicole, Sarumi, Margo, and all members of ICON - you are great and made us all feel a part of in all aspects.

Please know that we extend an open invitation to Houston. We Will Return.

Friends,
Pittypat Magnolia Sugarbaker
Doug C. Lee
Frank Pierce
Coco Marie Sugarbaker

THANKS FROM NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

To the *New Voice* Steering Committee:

On behalf of the Nebraska AIDS Project and the Board of Directors, I want to thank you for including our organization in the myriad events which took place during Gay Pride Week. Please also extend our thanks to all who were involved for their contribution to the events our representatives were invited to attend.

The events were enjoyable, informative, and well-planned. I was able to attend the brunch and the parade and enjoyed both very much. The brunch was lovely - both elegant and delicious - and the setting was beautiful. The parade was great and we were happy for the opportunity to show off our new banner which we had made especially for the occasion.

We are always happy to work with the *New Voice* and ANGLE, not only because of their history of generosity and support of NAP, but also because our participation allows us to demonstrate our compassion and concern for a community that has borne an inordinate burden in this plague. Thank you for giving us this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Barbara Braden, PhD, RN
President, Board of Directors

MORE FOR STEVEN

Dear Steven,

I would like to thank you for attending Great Plains Drummer '91. It was great to see such a large turnout for the event. I would, however, like to comment on your letter to the editor.

I must speak personally as you made reference to my qualifications as a judge. No, I am not a rostered member of any local leather group but I am affiliated with OMEN, *The New Voice of Nebraska* for which I have previously provided leather information, Oregon Guild Activists (ORGASM), and most of all the National Leather Association. The N.L.A. is an internationally recognized pan-sexual, S/M fetish organization of which I am in my second year of proud membership. I have also represented Nebraska at several regional and national leather events (Have I seen you at any of these?? I thought not!)

I hope this clears up any questions regarding my qualifications. If you are such a "leatherman" I would be more than happy to discuss issues with you, perhaps in my dungeon...

P.S. Get your facts straight before you open your mouth, next time.

Sincerely,
Amy Marie Moeck
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THE MAX IN AUGUST

by Gloria Revelle

THE MAX always gives you the hottest men in the county. We did again on August first, when gay adult film star, D'Kota, gave his all for the men of Omaha. Sunday, August 4, the belle of the South, Marilyn St. James, returned to THE MAX. Marilyn showed us the country quality for which she is known. Along with Marilyn, our own Miss Max 7, Dorian Drake, Phoebe Tate, AND Jennifer Jeff proved again why they are the best in the Midwest.

The only place to go for that country feeling is THE MAX. Every Friday and Saturday you can be-bop to the best in country music in our video bar and if you come early we'll even teach you how to dance country too! However, we won't stop there. Sunday, August 11, Justin Taylor stops off in Omaha with a little live country music to give our midwestern summer some sizzle. It seems like everything is going country. Thursday, August 15, The Texas Headliners perform in our video bar. These Texas boys will show why they say, everything is big in Texas.

It only happens once a year. It only happens in Omaha. It is only at THE MAX. It is Fantasy, an experience in Leather, August 16 & 17. Once again, Mr. Dustin Logan and Mr. Bob Ewing will produce Fantasy. Advance tickets will be available at THE MAX along with any information that you may need. Over 50 titleholders and celebrities from the Leather community will be on hand for this international event. Don't let another year go

by without experiencing your own fantasy.

Sunday, August 18, will be a busy one at THE MAX. In the afternoon, the patio will transform into an Art Gallery as THE MAX hosts a FINE ARTEXHIBITION for regional Gay and Lesbian Artists. We're expecting quite a variety of fine art for show and sale. Please stop in and help support these fine artists. Stick around after you've viewed the artwork for a show you won't soon forget. Hypnotist Mike Lamp, will cast his spell over THE MAX. Mike can make you do anything he wants. Sounds like trouble for some folks. Don't miss the fun.

Sunday, August 28, Mr. Max, Michael, will host his own show. Michael has some special fun numbers planned. It should be a very entertaining show.

Don't forget our party over Labor Day weekend and the annual show hosted by the Omaha Meatpackers. Keep an eye open for information on our Leather and Lace Party for the women of our community. Also in the works is Ms. Max 1, and get ready for Mr. Max 3 in October.

Congratulations to the new Miss Gay Nebraska America, who was crowned on July 14. We have some great shows booked for the remainder of the summer so, stay right where you are, with the best, THE MAX.

CHESTERFIELD LOVE IN ACTION

On July 6 the Chesterfield overflowed with the love and support our community shows as female impersonators, members of ICON, folks from Apollo's, the Chesterfield, the Max, men, women, people of color, white people, glittery dresses, blue jeans, old, and young joined together to raise funds to help Sam meet on-going medical bills. In four hours \$684.⁰⁰ was raised.

Sam is a lovely lady who has been working to beat an illness for three years, holding her head up proudly through it all, and always pulling her own weight. On this night her friends joined together to offer their support.

Alma opened her bar and her heart to the effort, with free food and beer provided the first two hours. Then the show began, emceed by Tami Griffith, Athena III, and Phoenix Fallentino, Princess Royale XI, of the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

Performers included Diannelle, Laura Grey, Stella Dallas, Michael (Mr. Max), Phoenix Fallentino, Kendra, Sharon Van Butsel, and both Athena I (JoJo Morrison) and Athena II (Carla Petersen).

A special *New Voice* salute to Sam and to those who showed their love in such a special way.

Thanks to Bob Ewing and Printing Plus for your special help every time we need it. You're Great!!!

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The Chorus Needs You!

Both women and men are needed as singing members, as well as support members for our friends group and concert volunteer group.

Open Auditions for current and new singing members will be:

Monday, August 19th 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Monday, August 26th 6:30-7:30 p.m.

at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian
1023 N. 40th Street

Auditions will be on a first come first serve basis. For more information please contact Bill Wilwerding, 733-1703 or Toni Pastory, 558-9900.



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Coronation XI
 Athens III, Tami; Empress XI Mae
 The Archbishop, Don; Emperor XI, Gerald.
 Out-of-Towners' Show
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After soliciting nominations from the community at large, A.N.G.I.E. recognized the eight individuals, the four professionals, and the four organizations nominated. They gave special recognition to one in each category: Cathy England, Harry Naasz, and Metropolitan Community Church. The luncheon, held at Anthony's, was attended by seventy community members.



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IMAGES OF PRIDE



NEW VOICE and A.N.G.L.E. host brunch and reception to introduce Kevin Moriarty, a communications specialist from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, to the community.



A.N.G.L.E. sponsors the Seventh Annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade. Two hundred marchers including a drum and baton corp. marched the streets of Omaha. They were met by a crowd of over seventy when they returned to Turner Park to rally, picnic, and share in a Vesper Service.



'91 Rally features guest speaker, Kevin Moriarty.

LOCAL NEWS

SING WITH THE RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS!

The Seventh Annual Gay Pride Concert by the River City Mixed Chorus received enthusiastic support from the gay/lesbian community. The largest audience of any RCMC concert attended the exciting evening, and shared in the glow the singers felt.

From everyone in the Chorus — **THANK YOU!** Thanks to those who attended, those who made contributions, and especially to the non-singing Friends members of RCMC, without whom the singers couldn't get everything done.

Auditions for singing members will be held on two consecutive Mondays in August on a first-come, first-served basis, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street, Omaha. All RCMC members, new and returning, will be auditioned. Auditions on August 19th will begin at 6:30 p.m. for both prospective and returning members; there will be no rehearsal that evening. On August 26th, prospective members may audition from 6:30 to 7:30, followed by rehearsal for returning members.

Auditions are private, between the singer, director, and one board member. You'll sing a short exercise to determine your vocal range, listen to and sing back a short melody, and sing a short familiar song.

Most RCMC members have sung in high school, college, or church choir. Members join for a variety of reasons: they love to sing, they

enjoy the social environment, or they want to work towards the Chorus Mission of musical excellence performed by women and men.

Regular rehearsals are held from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. Monday evenings at Lowe Avenue. Some additional sectional rehearsals are scheduled, as are a few extra rehearsals near the performance. For RCMC's 8th Season, the Winter Concert is scheduled for January 25, 1992; the Summer Pride Concert is set for June 20, 1992; and the Fourth International Festival of GALA Chorus is June 28-July 5, 1992, in Denver.

For additional information about auditioning, please contact Bill at 733-1703.

If you're interested in joining the Chorus as a non-singing Friends member, including committee work, crew work, or Concert volunteering, contact Brandon at 556-8352. Chorus Friends are a much-needed and much-appreciated group, perfect for someone who doesn't have every Monday to give or who is not comfortable with singing.

Also, this is a reminder to circle Saturday, August 10 on your calendar, for RCMC's Second Annual Closet Clearing Garage Sale, from 9am to 4pm, once again at 1315 South 52nd Street, conveniently located in central Omaha. (It's just up the hill from the Hy-Vee at 52nd & Center.) Proceeds go towards the 1991-92 season.

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



BRUNCH WITH KEVIN

The *New Voice of Nebraska* was pleased to host a Sunday brunch in honor of Pride Week with special guest, Mr. Kevin Moriarty, communication specialist with the Human Rights Campaign Fund and featured columnist for the *New Voice*.

About 100 persons joined the *New Voice* staff and members of ANGLE for a time of informal sharing in a setting away from the hectic pace of Pride Week activities. The hosts, Mark and Loren, combined the polished wood and silver of a lovely Victorian home with the ready laughter of friends, both old and new, for a truly wonderful affair.

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Funds Available for AIDS Home Health Care

Persons with HIV/AIDS who cannot perform at least two activities of daily living (such as bathing, dressing, and eating) are eligible for funds to hire in-home health care. These services include one or more of the following:

- Purchase or rental of durable medical equipment
 - Housekeeping services
 - Personal attendant care
 - Nursing services
 - Therapeutic day treatment
 - In-home IV drug therapy
 - In-home routine diagnostic testing
- Funds will not be authorized if the individual receives or could qualify for another program (such as private insurance or Medicaid) which is available to meet the identified need.

Application forms for these funds are available at:

Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth
Omaha, NE 68105
342-4233 (from Omaha)
800-782-2437 (toll free)

Department of Social Services
Attn.: Lenore Spencer
P.O. Box 95026
Lincoln, NE 68509-5026
471-9130 (from Lincoln)
800-358-8802 (toll free)

AIDS Action Launches Postcard Campaign

AIDS Action Council has undertaken a campaign to generate 100,000 postcards urging the removal of HIV from the list of excludable illnesses for entry to the United States. The postcards, produced by AIDS Action Council, are

addressed to Charles R. McCance, Director of the Centers for Disease Control's Division of Quarantine; Richard Darman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget; and Attorney General Richard Thornburgh.

The campaign was sparked by recent reports that pressure from the Bush Administration may force Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Louis Sullivan to keep HIV on the list — despite his stated intention, published in the January 23 Federal Register, to remove HIV from the list. HHS has announced an "interim final rule" which means that HIV will stay on the list until August 6.

"The basic message to these officials is: let the Public Health Service make the nation's public health policy," said Jeff Levi, AIDS Action's Director of Government Affairs. "At stake is not only this policy, but the Public Health Service's integrity. We can't let AIDS be treated like a political football by this administration."

AIDS Action Council will distribute the postcards through other AIDS, health, legal, and immigration organizations and as well as at the international conference in Florence later this month. Individuals or organizations who wish to send or distribute postcards can contact AIDS Action's Arabell Elliott at 202-293-2886, ext. 18. AIDS Action Council represents more than 500 community-based AIDS service organizations from across the country. It is the only national organization devoted exclusively to shaping policy on the HIV epidemic.

AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

HIV TESTING*

*We encourage you to inquire about anonymity and confidentiality before testing.

Charles Drew Health Center
2201 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68111; Monday
4:30 to 7:30pm. Appointment or walk-in: (402)
453-1433.

Douglas County Health Department
1201 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE 68105; Tues./
Wed./Thurs. 9-3 by appointment. (402) 444-6875.

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
AIDS Program, 2200 St. Marys Ave., Lincoln,
NE 68502. By appointment. Also counseling &
support. (402) 471-8065.

Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105; (402)
342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437] (statewide).

INFORMATION & REFERRAL

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

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

INFORMATION & REFERRAL continued

Lincoln Cancer Center
64600 Valley Rd., Lincoln, NE 68510, (402)
483-1872; Barb Morton.

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
AIDS Program, 2200 St. Marys Av., Lincoln, NE
68502. HIV Testing, counseling, & support. (402)
471-8065.

Nebraska AIDS Education & Training Center
AIDS education to health care professionals.
UNO Medical Center, 600 S. 42nd St., Omaha,
NE 68198-5130. (402) 559-6681.

Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105; (402)
342-4233 or (800) 782-AIDS [2437] (statewide).
AIDS Hotline, HIV Testing, support groups,
practical support, counseling, AIDS awareness
programs, and literature.

Nebraska Regional Hemophilia Center
UNO Medical Center, 600 S. 42nd St., Omaha,
NE 68198-5130. (402) 559-4227.

Veterans Administration Medical Center
42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, NE 68105, (402)
346-8800; Dean Pierce, Ext. 4119.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL continued

Viral Syndrome Clinic
University of Nebraska Medical Center, 600 S.
42nd St., Omaha, NE 68198, (402) 559-6202.

LEGAL

Mowbray, Chapin, & Walke, P.C.
201 N. 8th St., Suite 242, Lincoln, NE 68508.
(402) 476-3882; Jim.

CONSELLING & SUPPORT

AIDS Interfaith Network
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William Woeger. (402) 558-3100. (Archdiocese
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Monday, Nebraska Chapel, St. Cecilia's, 40th &
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Lincoln Caseworker
(402) 474-4243

Nebraska AIDS Project
Omaha Office: 342-4233.

Open Door Ministry-Lincoln
(402) 474-3390; Fr. David

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)-
Lincoln: AIDS Support Group, P.O. Box 4374,
Lincoln, NE 68504. Meets weekly on Wednes-
days at 7pm. (402) 475-2437; AIDS info. &
support line.

LOCAL NEWS



NEWS FROM NAP

During June, Judith Vonnahme, Omaha, and Suzie Miller Schoen, Lincoln, completed training at the Nebraska AIDS Education and Training Center. They are now qualified as speakers for groups or businesses wanting to know more about HIV/AIDS. The Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) does receive several requests each month for speakers, so it is helpful to have additional speakers available.

Speaking before groups serves several functions:

1. education - just getting facts out to

2. prevention - information about safer sex practices can reduce the spread of AIDS
3. support - making people aware that support is available to both persons with AIDS and to family members and friends.

While testing is the primary function of the Alternate Test Site, counseling is also an integral part of testing at NAP.

Information provided by the counselors also serves the same functions listed above. In June twelve more volunteers were trained to work at Test Sites. Most were trained for NAP's Test Site, but one of the trainees will be working at a Test Site planned for Norfolk. The Norfolk Test Site will not be opened for a few months, but NAP is happy to play a role in expanding services throughout the state.

Judith Vonnahme serves HIV/AIDS clients across the state of Nebraska. During this past month she traveled to Scottsbluff, North Platte, and Kearney to meet with clients in those areas. NAP purchased a new banner to march with

pride in the Gay Pride Parade on June 30. The banner was carried by representatives from NAP's Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers. Free condoms and lubricant were distributed to those attending the rally following the parade.

NAP and ICON provided \$1,115.00 in emergency funds to needy clients in June. A production of *The Eyes of Arawn* performed by the Circle Theatre at The Max on June 25 raised \$364.00 for the PWA Emergency Assistance Fund. An exhibit of Chris Connell's art at the Bemis Art Gallery raised an additional \$569.00 for NAP. Contributions are still being received for BRAIDS (Bicycle Ride for AIDS).

NAP is very dependent on individual contributions. Whether you are athletic or not, you can help support NAP by supporting *SHOVE* - Six Hours of Volleyball Excitement, sponsored by the Red Cross on August 17. NAP needs players for its team; each player is to raise \$25.00 in pledges. The games will begin at 2pm at Racquetball of Omaha, 69th & Grover. Call NAP to join our team. We need you!

NAP also has packets of note-cards for sale for \$10.00/packet. The note-cards feature photographs by eight Omaha artists. Six photos show architectural detail of prominent Nebraska landmarks, and scenes of the plains and skies of the Midwest. Adding contrast is a melancholy picture whose rain damage gives the illusion of tears on a face and a whimsical shot of a very full, open refrigerator.

During June, 1991, the State of Nebraska reported five new cases of AIDS, bringing the

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total to date to 221. The NAP client statistics are as follows:

Clients as of June 1	134
New clients	10
Clients deceased	4
Clients moved away	5
Clients as of May 31	135

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

Advocacy Services	192
Transportation	69
Bus tickets	44
Cooking, cleaning, sitting, and miscellaneous	138

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 (342-4233).

PLGC HOLDS JUNE MEETING by R.J.

With Cleve moderating, PLGC met Saturday afternoon, June 29, at Cleve's place. Five people gathered together to share fellowship.

Excerpts from the concert were listened to and discussed. The tape recorder just couldn't quite do the tape justice though, but all in all, it was great listening to the tape of the concert.

Cleve was able to give us an eye witness report on the Presbyterian General Conference at Baltimore. Close to 3,000 attended this year. Each year brings L/G rights in the Presbyterian

Church a little closer to reality. At first, it was 95% against L/G rights in the church. This year it had dropped to 67%. Cleve said it has dropped about 2 percentage points a year, and slowly, ponderously, the church is moving in that direction. As Cleve said, they've come out of the closet, and they'll be damned if they will go back in the closet.

It was interesting to learn that Jamie Sparr, an openly Lesbian Presbyterian Minister, and her other half, Connie (whose last name Cleve didn't know) thought up the demonstration with the cross. Connie is a minister with the MCC Churches.

Also interesting was that part of the Memorial Quilt was on display. Tim Crossen's name was the only one Cleve recognized.

It was a very good afternoon of sharing and listening. The meeting ran a half hour over, which showed just how interesting it was.

FANTASY '91

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

Last year, Fantasy had the third largest draw of leather title-holders and dignitaries at an event with 42. This year, already over 50 have con-

firmed attendance at this annual fundraising, informational, fun gala.

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

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

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

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

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

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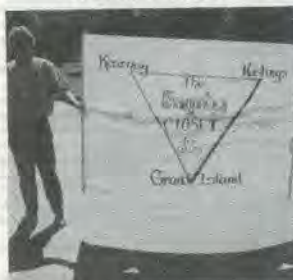
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LOCAL NEWS

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E.C. "FUN" D NIGHT JUST THAT

The night started off with the Empty Closet/Affairs bar social from 5-8pm. A taco feed was the order of the night's menu. Later on the drinks were served by that new up-and-coming cocktail waiter, M.M., while Robb H. collected the \$1.⁰⁰ door charge and kept law and order.

At about 10:15pm the crowd was treated(?) to the talents of Johnny R. and Tommy G. Johnny played guitar and sang a Neil Diamond song *Red*

Red Wine. Tommy lip-synched to *Working For The Weekend* by the group Loverboy and then played guitar and sang the song *Dead Skunk In The Middle Of The Road* by London Wainwright III. Some people swore it was the best entertainment they had ever seen... most people just swore!! At any rate, the popcorn was not burnt. The mystery guest of the night was a young thing calling herself "Austria."

The E.C. hopes to find more people that are willing to get up on stage and show their talents. This is not a competition and there are no prizes. If you are a singing duo, come and duet! If you tell jokes come and be punny! If you can do magic, how about disappearing from home and appearing on the bar stage? If you're an amateur storyteller, that's okay... none of us are prose either. Get the idea? It's just good clean fun.

If you have an idea for an act but are not sure about it call up Tom at (308) 234-6500. Microphones will be available and your fans will adore you. And if nothing else... come watch the fun!

**Our Love Is Special
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Midnight riverboat ride
on Labor Day weekend.**



SOCIALS CHANGE

The E.C. Socials are changing. In the past a social was held every two weeks at a private home in Kearney, Hastings, or Grand Island. G.I. also had one social at the AFFAIRS BAR. Due to the bar giving the E.C. the first Saturday of each month as a "Fun" d Night, we will discontinue the bar social. In addition to this, with summer here, the socials in the tri-cities will be held on an infrequent basis. To find out when the next one is call your city's social director or the E.C. directly.

The Empty Closet is committed to hosting alcohol-free socials only. But some "family" members say they would like to have some socials that included the spirits so we have agreed to list both socials with and without alcohol. All socials with alcohol will be done on a private basis. If this drinking bothers you, don't come and complain or try to stop people from drinking... please, just don't attend.

Socials co-sponsored with the E.C. and a private person will still be non-alcoholic. If not drinking bothers you, don't come and complain or sneak in booze... please, just don't attend.

I'm told that this new policy will be fair to both those not wishing to drink and those that do. It is important to let the E.C. know if you plan to host a social as soon as you can in order for us to get it listed.

Roy's picnic held on June 16th, was attended by 65-70 people. The 4-Wheelers were a big hit with volleyball taking a close second. Thanks to all that took the time/energy to help out with food & fun.

REAL FISH TOGETHER, AGAIN! by Sammi

Thanks, Fish! I'd like to start off by saying thank-you to the performers and friends who helped make the Triangle Bar (in Bellevue) Show a success. We had 100 people attend the show; everyone left wanting more.

Those who ask, receive. Pump-up the volume, with *Real Fish Together, Again* on August 4th at the Triangle Bar, at 10pm. Come on down and see your favorite entertainers: Phoebe Tate, Jennifer Jett, Margo Monroe, and many other special guests. Oh, I almost forgot myself, your hostess, Sammi Bennett.

We've got a lot of great entertainment planned, so don't let your friends tell you what you missed. Experience Real Fish for yourself. See you there!

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STUDENTS SHARE VIDEO AT PFLAG

by Marilyn Becker

At May's PFLAG meeting, three Southeast High School (Lincoln) students presented the program.

The students, Katie Weed, Heidi Wall, and Jennifer Carney, had prepared a project for Nebraska History Day. Their project, entitled *Gays in the Military* took second place in this year's Nebraska History Day Contest.

Katie had written a speech about Gays in the military. They wanted to make a video but soon realized they would need a source of funding. They applied for a Todd Francis Creative Research Award and won one, becoming one of the first recipients of these awards.

Filling out the application for the award proved to be the most difficult part of the project but also the most helpful. The application dealt with what they wanted to accomplish with the funds, thus forcing them to focus on their content and intent. The girls' focus was the Bill of Rights is violated by the exclusion of gays in serving their country in military services.

Katie had originally become interested in the topic in her speech class when the teacher was just reading out lists of ideas. When the idea about Gays in the Military was suggested, Katie was appalled by the reactions of her classmates who sneered and smirked. She felt these reactions were not appropriate and so picked it as her topic. The issue was equity for all people in serving their country in military service.

The video was the result of many personal interviews including a panel discussion with gays and lesbians. An interesting thing about the interviews was that when it was time for a military official to be interviewed, only one military person could be videotaped and he only quoted from the military manual. Also several of the shots were of ROTC students. These students were divided on their opinions on gays in the military. The Southeast students portrayed the results of interviews by reading scripts and quotes while showing various patriotic scenes. The atmosphere in the video was very patriotic, inspiring, and rights preserving.

The students were very impressive in their presentation, their openness to feelings. They related easily and were much appreciated by the 30 persons attending the P-FLAG meeting.

MCC BRUNCH

by Dale Krusemark

The brunch at the Diamond Bar was a big hit. The brunch was a fundraiser for the MCC Building Fund. A total of \$360.99 was raised. I want to thank the many people who helped make this a big success.

Cindy (owner of bar) for donating space, drinks, and helping with tables. Thanks again, Cindy, M.S. in helping for the second time, set up, and serving. Looking forward to the next one (SMILE). Colleen: for a great job on poaching those eggs. Pat and John: for helping out at the last minute to set tables and serve food. Butch: for taking the RSVP's and cleaning up. S.N. for assisting in cooking food and cleaning. David: for tending bar and helping clean.

And a big thank you to the community for attending and contributing to the MCC Building Fund drive. Look for the next fundraiser. God bless all of you.



P-FLAG NEWS

Parent panels have been busy this past month. We addressed 2 groups at US WEST in Omaha and 1 employee group in Norfolk. These were done under the direction of the pluralism council which shares opportunities with all US WEST employees that will enhance their awareness of various diverse groups such as Native Americans, Afro-Americans, and Gays and Lesbians. It is a neat program... wish more employers were more sensitive and encouraging. We know this is not a perfect company but they sure are heads and shoulders above others on this point. Referred another group from Grand Island to the Kearney group. Hear that went well.

Kathy and Dave were able to address a group of 35 teachers when they were in Norfolk to talk with the US WEST group. A number of folks came up afterward and to thank us for being there. We are planting seeds wherever we go. This is not an easy subject for people to talk about but at least some are trying. Plans are in the works to do a workshop for Metro Tech later this fall as part of their awareness of diversity program. Little by little... it is always interesting to see where thoughts and contacts come from. It is still pretty scary to talk with large groups, but it is very satisfying to think that maybe we have touched just one more heart and head each time. Please let us know of opportunities to share and if you are interested in sharing with others.

DISCRIMINATION

DID YOU KNOW...

Two women were attacked as they left one of our local bars recently. They were pinned to the ground by two men and one woman and were subjected to verbal and physical homophobic abuse. Only after the attackers heard emergency vehicle sirens, which were responding to another incident, did they cease. Minor cuts, bruises, and a broken finger along with damaged dignities were the results.

More recently, two men were leaving another local bar and were attacked by five men. One of the victims was beaten to the ground, repeatedly kicked, and suffered five broken ribs. One attacker received a stab wound in the back and another attacker suffered broken teeth.

According to police reports and the *Omaha World-Herald* the two victims said shortly after leaving the bar they were attacked by these men. On the other hand, the attackers claimed that these two gay men came up to their car and threatened all five of them, so they were defending themselves. As a personal note, does it seem likely to two unprovoked men to threaten a car full of five young men?

The leader of a gay/lesbian organization at one of our major colleges for eastern Nebraska began to receive homophobic threatening phone calls. These calls included the threat of rape. The phone number was changed and was unlisted and after a brief reprieve the calls resumed. The caller quoted the leader's class schedule and quoted the significant other's work schedule. Finally the calls ended with a bomb threat towards the organization and all organizational activities were temporarily disbanded.

We are continuing to compile actual incidents of discrimination and prejudice based upon our sexual orientation or assumed sexual orientation. If you have any questions or if you would like to share an incident with us (specific details will be kept confidential unless permission is given otherwise) please call the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line: (402) 558-5303. Leave your name, your phone number, a message that you have been discriminated against and someone will return your call or write to: Citizens For Equal Protection, P.O. Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103.

A CELEBRATION OF PRIDE

by Marshall Burnham, Jr.

Omaha certainly lived up to this year's national theme of *Together In Pride* with this year's activities. Our parade this year started, and ended, at Turner Park.

EAGLE graced this year's march with a wonderfully rhythmic drill team giving us that true parade feeling. News reports were slightly inaccurate with a count of 300+ people attending; the true count was 199 marching including the drill team. This is an increase of 74 people over last year.

Kevin Moriarty (from the Human Rights Campaign Fund) delivered a rousing speech at this year's parade rally while the community munched hot dogs and listened intently to Kevin's inspiring message of our recent national achievements and goals. All and all, it proved to be a great unifying weekend.

LOCAL NEWS



GREAT PLAINS MR. DRUMMER

The 1991 Mr. Great Plains Drummer Contest was held June 28 & 29 in Omaha, Nebraska, (home of FANTASY '89, '90, & '91) sponsored by Dustin Logan and Bob Ewing (the same people that co-sponsor Fantasy each year).

For the first time, there were local contests held throughout the Great Plains Region to come up with a great crop of rally HOT men. Local contests and sponsors were: Des Moines - The Windjammer and Omaha - OMEN. The top 2 finishers from each contest were eligible to

compete for the Great Plains title.

The weekend event turned out to be a huge success. Friday evening, the Preview Party saw Introduction of the Judges and Contestants, along with a Fan Dance by Bryan Smith - Mr. Missouri Leather '91, and a great Fantasy performed by Vance Reger - Mr. Great Plains Drummer 1990.

Saturday, a Primer party was held at one of Omaha's newest bars to get everyone ready for the contest. Unfortunately, the address on the ticket was

incorrect, and Fantasy Productions extends its sincerest apologies to Apollo's, and all those affected by this error.

The Contest started out with an opening number to an appropriately named song, *Power*, featuring all 6 contestants wearing masks borrowed from Wayne's Leather Rack in Los Angeles (Wayne's Leather Rack was also on hand the entire weekend with a shop set up at The Max). The fantasies went over extremely well, ranging from a blacksmith, to watersports, to hot candle wax.

Judges for the contest were: Bryan Smith - Mr. Missouri Leather '91, Bob Ewing - co-sponsor

of Fantasy '89, '90, & '91, Wayne Griffin - owner of Wayne's Leather Rack, Dick Brown - Mr. Gay Nebraska '87/'88, Amy Marie Meek - member NLA and Orgasm, J.R. Jones - member Comhaulers L & L Club in Des Moines, and Pat Phalen - ICON Emperor VI.

Vance Reger, from Memphis, Tennessee, was also on hand for the weekend to give up the title of Mr. Great Plains Drummer '90. In his stepping down speech, Vance gave emcee Dustin Logan - (TLJ Man of the Year '90, Mr. Great Plains Drummer '89, and co-sponsor of FANTASY) a padlock and chain for his slavery to the leather community, and a huge trophy to thank him for his support. Vance also stressed Pride in the Leather Community, and marched in Omaha's Gay Pride Parade on Sunday.

Contestants and winners for the event were: Coleman - Mr. Iowa Drummer '91, Kenny Gray - first runner-up Mr. Omaha Drummer '91, Frank Williams - second runner-up Mr. Omaha Drummer '91, Chris Mueller - first runner-up Mr. Iowa Drummer '91; Mr. Great Plains Drummer '91, and Woody Bebout - Mr. St. Louis Drummer '91.

UNICORN THEATRE

One of our very own is now appearing at the Unicorn Theatre in Kansas City in the show *Closer Than Ever* by David Shire and Richard Malby, Jr.

The show runs from July 25 to August 24, 1991. A road trip could be at hand for this. For more information call the Unicorn Theatre at (816) 531-7529 or talk to Scooter.

-The Front Ear

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 3

Coalition 1st Saturday Event, Cornerstone, 640 North 16th, Lincoln, 7-10pm.

SUNDAY, August 4

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

Real Fish Together Again, Triangle Bar, Railroad Avenue. Hosted: Sammi Bennett, 10pm.

MONDAY, August 5

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

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

TUESDAY, August 6

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

Gay/Lesbian Support Group. Speaker: Rev. Matthew Howard - *Homosexuality & The Scriptures*, MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th Street, 7:30pm.

SATURDAY, August 10

Gigantic Garage Sale by River City Mixed Chorus, 1315 South 52nd St., 9am to 4pm, 558-9900 for details.

River City Gender Alliance meeting for Cross-Dressers, Transgenderists, and others. Write: RCGA, P.O. Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502.

SUNDAY, August 11

OLIS Family Picnic, 12 noon to 8pm, N.P. Dodge Park. Women of All Colors Welcome.

MONDAY, August 12

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

FRIDAY, August 16

Fantasy '91 *World In Leather* Leather Fair at host hotel. Presentation of Club Colors. Registration forms at bars or write: Fantasy '91, Box 6262, Omaha, NE 68106.

SATURDAY, August 17

Fantasy '91 *World In Leather* Leather Fair at host hotel. Fantasy Performers at the Max.

SHOVE Six Hours of Volleyball Excitement fundraiser for Nebraska AIDS Project. Raquetball of Omaha, 12-6pm.

SUNDAY, August 18

Fantasy '91 *World In Leather* closes with Farewell Brunch.

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

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

MONDAY, August 19

River City Mixed Chorus Singing Member Auditions 6:30 to 7:30pm, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 N 40th Street. 733-1703 for details.

TUESDAY, August 20

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

SUNDAY, August 25

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

MONDAY, August 26

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

River City Mixed Chorus Singing Member Auditions 6:30 to 7:30pm, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 N 40th Street. 733-1703 for details.

TUESDAY, August 27

P-FLAG/Lincoln, 7pm, Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' Street. Sharing session and program: PFLAG Interaction with other groups, CARP, Coalition, ICON, GLSA, etc. GL Youth meet in their own sharing session. Call for details: 435-4688.

SATURDAY, August 31

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

Doris Berry Gospel Concert, MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th Street, 345-2563.

SUNDAY, September 1

Doris Berry, Guest Speaker at Morning Worship Service, MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th Street, 10:20am.

MCC Ice Cream Social, 12 noon, 420 South 24th Street, Omaha. Proceeds to NAP/PWA Assistance Fund.

Women's Riverboat Ride, Midnight Sunday to 3am Monday. Preregistration required. Sponsor: Our Love Is Special (OLIS), Box 11335, Omaha, NE 68111.

MONDAY, September 2

LABOR DAY!

Labor Day Picnic starts at Noon. Sponsor: Imperial County of Nebraska, Progressive Park, just south of South Omaha Bridge Road, Council Bluffs, IA. \$7.00 admission.

Mealpackers Show, 9:30pm. Proceeds to NAP/PWA Assistance Fund, The Max, 1417 Jackson Street, Omaha.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

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

Grand Island Open Meeting, Alcoholics Anonymous, 12 Noon. Location: Call (308) 234-6500.

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

MONDAY

Queer Nation/Nebraska, Lincoln Bennett Martin Library, 14th & N St. Details: Queer Line 489-3326.

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

Lambda Plus Group, 7:30pm. Overaters Anonymous. *Family & Friends* Building, 3622 N. 90th St., Omaha, For Info: 341-7716 or 978-8777.

THURSDAY

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, CornerStone, 640 North 16th, Lincoln, 8pm.

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT

The big news is coming your way September 2 - LABOR DAY! Yes! We'll be working hard all month to put together one very special fundraiser on behalf of the Nebraska AIDS Project and the PWA Emergency Fund. You can contribute by attending the last picnic of 1991.

Join us at Progressive Park from noon 'til 6pm for an afternoon of fun, food, and fundraising. We'll have raffles galore with prizes that'll outdo previous years. And, of course, there'll be beer and pop and volleyball and horseshoes and tug-of-war and pyramids. Come celebrate the end of summer! See you there!

We hope you caught Investiture at The Max on the 28th. Don't those royal families look like a bunch of go-getters? Congratulations to Mae, Gerald, and Tami on their selections. What a year this will be! Those monarchs have already had their royal families out and about meeting the community and pitching in to help wherever they are needed.

The Board of Governors is due to elect officers at their August meeting. There'll be a listing of those for you next month; however, in July we voted to move the election date to December, so those elected will serve as interim officers until January 1.

In the July meeting ICON voted to donate \$300.00 to the Youth Talk Line in Lincoln.

July 4 Picnic figures look something like this:

Income	\$2,371. ⁰⁰
Est. Expenses	\$1,685. ⁰⁰
Proceeds	\$686. ⁰⁰

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

LAMBDA PLUSH

Lambda Plush is a group of gay men and lesbian women who are recovering from compulsive overeating. For many of us, we have been practicing the twelve steps and twelve traditions of Overeater's Anonymous for a number of years. During that time we, for a variety of reasons, felt unable to discuss and/or express issues of sexuality as it relates to the isolable disease of compulsive overeating. To gain more balance and depth to our recovery, Lambda Plush was formed.

The group began June 19th, 1991 with five members. Three short weeks later the group has grown to eight with the hope that more will join our ranks soon. Some of us live gay and lesbian lifestyles and some are exploring homosexual

feelings. Our only requirements for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively and sensitivity to the issues which this group is founded upon.

If you are tired of yo-yo dieting, diet clubs, diet pills, bingeing, purging, excessive exercise, dysfunctional relationships, and anything else that has left you empty, then we encourage you to check out Overeater's Anonymous and Lambda Plush.

For more information about Overeater's Anonymous and Lambda Plush, please call (402) 341-7716 or (402) 978-8777. By the way, we encourage members to bring their favorite stuffed animal. We find our plush buddies to be very comforting when dealing with the painful issues that keep us sick. The Lambda Plush group meets at 7:30pm on Wednesday nights at 3622 North 90th Street, Omaha, NE.



ANGLO RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

A.N.G.L.E., in the spirit of fostering pride year-round, hosted a luncheon at Anthony's Steak House on June 28. Approximately 70 friends, relatives, and interested persons gathered to formally thank and recognize those who had contributed a special part of themselves toward the betterment of the gay and lesbian community.

There were three categories for which nominations were received: organizational, professional, and personal. All nominees received a certificate and one from each category received special recognition with the presentation of a plaque.

Recognition in the organizational category went to E.A.G.L.E. (Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians at US WEST), ICON (Imperial Court of Nebraska), OMEN (Omaha Men), with special recognition to MCC-O (Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha).

Recognition in the professional category went to Cindy Seescher (The Diamond Bar), Bob Ewing (Printing Plus), with special recognition to Harry Nasz (Nebraska Viral Syndrome Clinic, Internal Medicine Department of the University of

Nebraska Medical Center).

Recognition in the personal category went to John Coe, Harry DeLise, Tom Geist, Don Randolph, Pat Phalen, Carla Petersen, Sharon Van Butsel, with special recognition to Kathy England. Congratulations!

Kevin Moriarty from the Human Rights Campaign Fund gave a warm and well-received talk as guest speaker. He stressed gay and lesbian involvement in the '90's as positive and that affirmative action is being taken.

Thank you to all who have made such an event possible.

The nominating committee:

Becky Weitzel, Chairperson
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MCC-O NEWS by Carla P.

Mark those calendars! Labor Day Weekend is packed with activities you won't want to miss. First you'll want to join us Saturday night (August 31) for a Gospel Concert featuring Delores Berry. She'll play a major role in the Sunday Morning Worship Service too. Watch for details!

And immediately following that worship service, MCC-O will host their traditional ice-cream social. This will be a fundraiser for NAP and the PWA Emergency Assistance Fund. Start baking... start practicing for the ice-cream eating contest... AND... start saving your money - there will be wonderful goodies auctioned. See you September 1 at noon!

Mid-July the MCC-O Congregation met to vote on a proposal for purchasing property at 3125 Forest Lawn Avenue. The Congregation rejected the proposal at this time. The bank holding the property and considering the loan would not accept our current financial statement and down-payment. In August the Congregation will meet again to form new committees to explore various city regulations, to establish a fundraising committee, and to create a plan of action.

We invite you to join us at 420 South 24th Street each Sunday. Services are at 10:20am and 7pm. See you in Church!

LOCAL NEWS

RCMC CONCERT LIKE... WOW! by R.J.

Many gathered Saturday evening, June 22, at the Strauss Performing Arts Center on the UNO campus to hear the River City Mixed Chorus.

This was a free complimentary Gay Pride Concert, to both start off Gay Pride Week, and as a big "Thank You" to the Community for their support.

The Concert Hall seats about 500 people, and it was pretty well packed.
Starting out with *This We Know* performed by Ron Jeffers, the program moved to *Fanfare For The Common Man* with John Bennett on the pipe organ and Thomas Sandoz on the timpani (I call them kettle drums). The RCMC came on stage, then did a rendition of *Ching-A-Ring Chaw*. From *For The Beauty of The Earth* to selections from *West Side Story* and selections from *Candide*.

After intermission, the RCMC again filled on stage. This time they had shed their more formal white shirts and black bow ties and came out wearing shirts of multi colors - the colors of the G/L Rainbow Flag. Streamers on the top of the columns on stage were also in the multi-hues of the Rainbow Flag.

For the second half of the Concert another piano was wheeled on stage. The first number was *A Tribute to the Gardwins*. The RCMC joined in the second number.

A real good rendition of *He Ain't Heavy... He's My Brother* was done by the RCMC with Tom Pastory singing the soprano solo. Then the Women's Ensemble of the RCMC sang *Sister*.

J.D. Cole, Chorus Leader, talked about how his friend Philip had died of AIDS. Mr. Cole then dedicated the next number, *Hold Strong Together*, to Philip. Guest Soloist, Kathy Bryce, sang the song with backup by the RCMC. That Lady really put her soul into that song. Talk about emotion! She was great! When that song ended, the entire concert hall was on its feet giving thunderous applause! It was beautiful!

The next selection, *I Am What I Am from La Cage Aux Folles*, was dedicated to Pat Phalen, a friend of the RCMC. From the balcony, banners, the colors of the Rainbow Flag, were dropped and left hanging.

Too soon the concert had ended. And what a concert! A reception was held in the foyer. Cookies, cake, punch, and a lot of "Congratulations" and visiting.

That evening at the Strauss Hall, the River City Mixed Chorus really did themselves proud! At the risk of dating myself, that special evening was Superclifragilisticexpialidocious.

NLF CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHTS AIDS

The Nebraska Library Association Annual Conference will be held October 9 and 10 in Omaha. One of the "be sure not to miss programs" is *AIDS: Get The Message*.

Those who attended the showing of the tape of Darrel Hildebrand's presentation *AIDS On The Prairie* at the 1989 NLA/NEMA Conference will want to attend this special program. This year, Darrel, nationally recognized puppeteer, former children's librarian, and currently working with the Minnesota AIDS Project, will attend and

present a program on how to use puppetry to educate children about AIDS and the value of each person. He will also give an AIDS update. New information about the disease and its treatment. Darrel's commitment to education, while living with the virus, is a testimony to his strength and courage.

In addition, a small group of Lincoln actors will do a reading of a play designed to raise our understanding of the disease and to develop tolerance toward others. Barbara Chandler, li librarian for the Nebraska Library Commission before her unexpected death, helped plan this session and was to have read one of the parts. She was excited to have the opportunity to help others understand. Don't miss this program.

K.C. MAYOR AFFIRMS GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE

KANSAS CITY, MO - An estimated crowd of four thousand people greeted Mayor Emanuel Cleaver in Southmerland Park at the June 22 Pride Week picnic. Cleaver's appearance at the event culminated several weeks of anxiety and agitation which began when Gay And Lesbian Awareness (GALA), which organizes Kansas City's Pride activities, requested a Mayoral proclamation recognizing Gay & Lesbian Pride Week. Although the Mayor ultimately declined to issue a formal proclamation, he not only attended the picnic but came bearing gifts. During his remarks to the crowd, Cleaver introduced Linda May and Keith Spare as liaisons to the Mayor's office from the gay and lesbian community, and announced the formation of a Commission on Lesbian and Gay Concerns.

At a press conference, Luther Washington, representing the Mayor's office, shared the table with seven members of the lesbian and gay community. The focus of the conference was the announcement of the appointment of Linda May and Keith Spare as liaisons to the Mayor's office from the gay and lesbian community, and to announce the Mayor's plan to attend the picnic the following day and deliver a "major announcement." Those attending the meeting said the Mayor also reiterated his stance of support for the inclusion of sexual orientation in a non-discrimination ordinance. Later that afternoon Cleaver told reporters, "I'm not going to side with nor provide an opportunity for individuals who want to push gay and lesbian people out of the mainstream of citizenry in Kansas City."

Around 2:30pm on the 22nd, Mayor Cleaver and his wife Dianne entered Southmerland Park accompanied by Spare and May. The Mayor attempted to begin his remarks twice, but was unable to speak over the applause. He continued to evoke cheers and applause as he delivered supportive remarks and finally divulged his plan to appoint the commission on Lesbian and Gay Concerns.

The Commission will be Co-chaired by May and Spare and will give its first report back to the Mayor in 60 days. Cleaver stated his disdain for the religious fundamentalists who had worked to discredit and squelch the Pride events. "I will never, ever, ever allow a so called Christian group of people prevent me from responding to citizens of Kansas City, Missouri, and in closing, 'I see you next year!'"

In addition to the Mayor, five City Council

members, Michael Hernandez, Carol Coe, Dan Cofran, Kathryn Shields, and Ken Bacchus were present at the picnic to offer their support.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Parents FLAG

Parents and friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a nationwide organization established as a support system for people who are parents, family, and/or friends of lesbian and gay people.

In September both the national and the local PFLAG will celebrate their 10th anniversary, and PFLAG, along with friends, will sponsor a party to celebrate.

This special date is September 13, and the evening will begin with a sit-down dinner catered by The Pantry, with a program following dinner. Tickets for the dinner and program at the Unitarian Church will cost \$10.00 per person.

Later in the evening there will be a dance with live music by a local rhythm and blues band. It will be held either at the Cultural Center (behind Wendy's) on campus or at the Unitarian Church.

Tickets for the dance will be \$5.00 per person, \$3.00 for people with student identification.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Commission of the Status of Women, through its Lesbian/Homophobic Concerns Task Force, and Friends of the Commission will be among the co-sponsoring organizations for the evening.

Approximately 8 to 14 percent of the population is lesbian or gay, and each lesbian/gay person has at least two parents. Many have siblings and most have friends who are not lesbian/gay. Each and every person - well over 30 percent of the population - who falls into one of those categories is impacted by homophobic attitudes.

PFLAG offers anonymity, and a safe place to process feelings, ask questions, and gain support from others in their shoes. The local PFLAG meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, 7pm at the Unitarian Church.

Parents FLAG celebrates their children who are gay; and, for some members it is the only place they feel comfortable talking about the sexual orientation of their children and friends. Parents are often as closeted as their gay children - sometimes more so.

The September 13th birthday party is open to the general public and so will be an excellent chance to check out PFLAG in a "safer" setting.

For more information about PFLAG and its birthday celebration, call 436-4688.

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NAP UPDATE

Summer SHOVE '91

The American Red Cross AIDS Coalition will sponsor *Summer Shove '91*, a sand volleyball tournament to raise funds for the Persons with AIDS Emergency Assistance Fund. The tournament will be at noon, August 17, at Racquetball of Omaha, 69th and Grover.

Last year 16 teams participated raising \$1,190.95. The goal for this year is to be 24 teams and raise \$3,000.95. Each team member is asked to have at least \$25.00 in pledges to play. So, get together and let's have fun. For additional information, please contact Bob Power at 341-2723.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION



P. J. Morgan

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* equal opportunity will maximize the contributions of all individuals toward the betterment of society; and,
- Whereas,* we should all work together and continue to construct a truly pluralistic environment; and,
- Whereas,* discrimination in any form should not be tolerated and works to the detriment of our society.

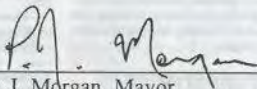
Now, Therefore, I, P. J. Morgan, Mayor of Omaha, do hereby proclaim June 22 - 30, 1991 as

UNDERSTANDING OUR DIFFERENCES, GAY AND LESBIAN AWARENESS WEEK

in Omaha.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Omaha to be affixed this 13th day of June, 1991.




P. J. Morgan, Mayor

LOCAL NEWS

AMES, IOWA ENACTS ANTI-BIAS LAW

by Allan Beatty

The City Council passed a measure on May 28 to add sexual orientation to the city's anti-discrimination ordinance. This central Iowa town of 47,000, home of Iowa State University, now joins Iowa City as the only other community in the state with such protection. A similar proposal at the state level passed one house of the legislature last year. The amendment received unanimous votes on all three of its readings, in sharp contrast to a 1983 attempt to enact a similar law, when only one council member supported it.

The ordinance bans discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodation, education, and credit due to "actual or perceived sexual orientation." Orientation is defined as heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality, but excluding "participation in acts which are prohibited by law." Sexual orientation is now protected to the same extent as race, religion, national origin, and other protected categories.

The Ames Human Relations Commission, the city agency which will enforce the new law, recommended that the city council adopt it. The commission used the results of a survey they conducted last year of Ames gays and lesbians as supporting evidence. Many respondents reported discrimination and violence and feared more of the same if they were more open about their orientation.

To address concerns about possible negative effects of protecting sexual orientation, the Human Relations commission consulted their counterparts in Iowa City. The Iowa City authorities reported that there have been no problems in enforcing their ordinance in the 15 years it has been in effect.

The Committee On Equality, a campus group, and the Ames/ISU Task Force On Equality, a joint city/campus committee, endorsed the measure. These two groups have been working for the past year to protect diversity and promote the acceptance of all people.

INTERFAITH CELEBRATION HELD

by R.J.

On June 23, at the First Methodist Church at 69th and Cass, an Interfaith Service was held to celebrate Pride Week. The G/L religious organizations, MCC, PLGC, Affirmation, RCMC, and PFLAG combined for a real good service.

The Prelude was given by Ms. Roberta S. with Ms. Ann C. (Affirmation) giving the Welcome.

Reverend Matthew Howard (MCC) gave the opening prayer. Special music was performed by the RCMC. Mrs. Kathy E. (PFLAG) gave the Scripture Readings.

A unique presentation, *A Glimpse at the Past* was given. Dave E. (PFLAG) gave the Introduction, as well as the Epilogue. The parts of Alan Turing and his Mother were played by Mr. Michael Taylor-Stewart and Mrs. Sandy K. (PFLAG). The scene they gave was from *Breaking the Code*.

Mr. Craig Stoops (MCC) gave a Scripture Reading, with Ms. Marti N. (Mishpach Chaverim) doing *A Reflection*. Marti also led us, with her trusty guitar, in singing *How Can I Keep*

From Singing, and a song in Hebrew, *Hineh Ma Tov*.

Cleve, from PLGC, gave us a good talk about the Presbyterian General Assembly in Baltimore, and how they did a silent demonstration for G/L people. How the moderator told the Assembly that they would witness a silent demonstration. How PLGC came down the aisle with a HUGE Cross, and invited people to come with them in a show of support. Cleve said he expected maybe 25, 50 boys, to go with them down the aisle. But when he turned around, there were 350 behind them, and cheered them on as PLGC pounded their nails in the Cross at the front of that Assembly. How the 350 sang with them loud and clear, with feeling and much support, the song *Singing For Our Lives*.

And when we sang that same song in that little Methodist Chapel, everyone stood, and joined hands in solidarity. It was quite a feeling to be a part of this, believe me!

At the close of the song, Cleve gave the closing prayer, and asked everyone to give each other the sign of peace.

This was really a stirring event, this Sunday Evening in Omaha, Nebraska, that so many people of such diverse backgrounds could come together and be "one" under God's roof. And some say there are no miracles wrought in this day and age. I disagree.

CHANGE AT AIDS ACTION COUNCIL

Jim Graham, Administrator of Washington, D.C.'s Whitman-Walker Clinic, has been elected to the Board of Directors of AIDS Action Council. Board President Fred Miller said, "Jim has built Whitman-Walker into a national model of providing care for people with HIV. We welcome his insight and experience, and will benefit from his knowledge of the diversity of the epidemic in D.C."

Since 1984, Graham has been Administrator of Whitman-Walker, the D.C. area's primary community-based provider of HIV-related services. Graham is a lawyer who has been a member of the D.C. AIDS Task Force since its inception in 1983. He is the recipient of numerous awards, and has written and spoken widely on AIDS.

Miller also announced that Tim Sweeney of Gay Men's Health Crisis (New York) has resigned from the Board, citing his duties as Executive Director of that organization. "Tim is one of the heroes of the epidemic. For years, he's been a driving force behind AIDS Action," said Miller. "We will miss him on the board, and wish him well in his work." Sweeney will be replaced on the board by David Hansell, GMHC's Deputy Executive Director for Policy.

AIDS Action Council represents more than 500 community-based AIDS service organizations from across the country. It is the only national organization devoted exclusively to shaping policy on the HIV epidemic.

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GATHERING SET FOR KAWASHAWAY SANCTUARY

A radical faerie gathering is set for Kawashaway Sanctuary in Northeast Minnesota from Friday, August 2, to Sunday, August 12. Kawashaway Sanctuary is located on 17 acres of woodlands in the Superior National Forest. The sanctuary is about 85 miles northeast of Duluth, Minnesota, and 250 miles from the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

For more information contact Maude at 3612 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Phone 612-823-6996.

CAN'T KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE

Have you seen Boulder County's United Way poster this year? You remember United Way, that bulky bureaucracy which collects your money and uses it to pay it's own administrative salaries, printing costs, advertising costs, phone bills, rent, utilities, etc.? Once that is taken care of, they send whatever is left to a select group of non-profit organizations.

Ah, but let me tell you about the promotional poster distributed by this homophobic organization. In the middle of it is a large photograph of two young women, looking into each other's eyes. The slogan reads, "More than Friends."

"Oh, yes?" I wonder, a smile creeping across my face. "How much more?" I guess I should think United Way for giving me a chuckle every time I pass the poster. And, just for the record, I would like to pass this along to the Director of the United Way: I have had "roommates and we were more than friends, too."

Speaking of money and where it goes, my checks have the words *Pro-Choice and Protect Our Right to Choose* printed on them. Often cashiers tell me, "Hey, I like your checks," then engage me in a discussion of feminism, personal freedom and civil liberties. All this, when I am only making a quick stop to pick up a pint of ice cream and some Bengal Tiger tea.

But I really do like the impact it makes, so I have decided to take this bit of political expression one step further. Now, on the checks I mail out, I write "Another lesbian supporting the U.S. economy." I just love the patriotic, capitalist irony of it.

The Eyes of Arwan

A special performance of *The Eyes of Arwan*, a play by longtime Omaha Clarinda Karpov, was presented at The Max on Tuesday, June 25. The play explores ways its characters search for answers to problems in their lives through mythic adventures with help from supernatural cross-dressers and a beautiful, mysterious, eyesless man.

Last of the Red Hot Lovers

The Firehouse Theater donated the proceeds from one evening's performance of *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers* to the Nebraska AIDS Project. The play, one of Neil Simon's early comedies, features a man in middle crisis who arranges three liaisons with three very different women. It stars Matthew Kamprath, Kathryn Hammond, Bridget Wiley, and Laura Marr.

Miller and Marlboro Boycott to End

Representatives of ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, called for an end to the national Boycott of Miller Beer and Marlboro cigarettes at a press conference in New York. Philip Morris announced its plans to expand its donations to community based organizations providing AIDS services and education programs.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay organization, expressed support for the ending of the boycott. The Campaign Fund's board of directors had endorsed the boycott in the summer of 1990.

"We believe the boycott has made a difference. It also informed corporate America that the lesbian and gay community will stand up for its rights. It has heightened an awareness of the need for corporations to play a more active role in fighting AIDS and anti-gay bigotry. We are pleased to have played a part in this effort," said Tim McFeeley, the Campaign Fund's executive director.

"ACT UP's leadership in this effort has had a real impact. They called for greater corporate involvement in fighting the AIDS epidemic. By mobilizing nationwide, ACT UP was able to have their call heard and answered," McFeeley stated.

He also commended Philip Morris for their pledge to increase funding for AIDS programs. "Philip Morris has made a commitment to fund community based organizations and other groups on the front lines of the AIDS epidemic. Community based organizations can channel the support

of the corporate community to meet the growing needs of agencies facing an ever increasing number of AIDS cases. Philip Morris is setting an example that should be followed by ever corporation and business in our country," McFeeley stated.

(The following bulletin from Miller Brewing Company to its distributors was provided by Apollo's and The Chesterfield):

URGENT—MILLER BREWING COMPANY BULLETIN—May 30, 1991

SUBJECT: ACT UP

TITLE: End of Gay Boycott

TO: All Miller Distributors

As you are aware, ACT UP chapters around the country began a boycott of Philip Morris products, due to the political contributions made by PM P.A.C. to Senator Jesse Helms.

Today, in a good faith commitment, Philip Morris has pledged increased support to various AIDS organizations throughout the country.

As a result of PM's commitment to channel millions of dollars to the country's fight against AIDS, ACT UP has asked its local chapters to end the boycott.

Thomas A. Koehler
Vice President - Sales

International Gay Radio Broadcasts

Even though gays and lesbians in the United States and Canada (at least in urban areas) have relatively free access to the uncensored news, information, and culture of our community, many people around the world do not. It is time that our community had its own international broadcasting service via short-wave.

With short-wave, programs can cover long distances, reaching into many countries and rural areas. Imagine what it would be like for a gay man or lesbian who has never knowingly met another to hear a friendly gay voice or gay/lesbian chorus — their lives would change, perhaps dramatically.

If you would like to help create an international gay broadcasting service or if you'd like more information, call Lowell Barger at (206) 763-2713 or write to him at Box 46225, Seattle, Washington 98146.

Venus Seeks Cartoonists

Venus Press is seeking single-panel cartoons, strips, and cartoon stories for "New Dyke", a book anthology of cartoons by, for, and about lesbians. Cartoons can be fantasy, soap opera, humor, sci-fi, feminist satire/politics, explicit sex, stories about growing up, coming out, romance, aging, etc. Deadline 12/191. Send submissions and SASE to Venus Press, 7100 Blvd. East, Guttenberg, NJ 07093.

National March on Washington for April, 1993

At a weekend planning meeting, more than two hundred lesbian and gay politicians and activists called for a National March on Washington for lesbian and gay civil rights, scheduled for April of 1993.

The meeting, held on May 11 and 12 at Washington D.C.'s Omni Shoreham Hotel, was an opportunity for community representatives and individuals to discuss a national march in the spirit of the historical 1987 event, which attracted more than a half-million lesbians and gay men to our nation's capital.

During the meeting, delegates endorsed two upcoming political events: Stonewall 25, international march and festival in New York City on June 26, 1994. This event commemorates the 25th anniversary of the riots that sparked the modern lesbian and gay liberation movement. Also endorsed was the October, 1992, march on Washington to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Survival of Indigenous Cultures. This event is held to protest Christopher Columbus's "discovery" of the new world and the subsequent genocide of its Native American peoples.

The next organizational meeting for the March on Washington will be held in Chicago on August 3-4 at the Allerton Hotel. At that time, the national co-chairs, steering committee, and working groups will be established, and a final date for the march will be set. For more information, contact the March on Washington Hotline at 800-832-2889.

Out in America

"Out in America", a one-hour national public television special, premiered Wednesday, June 26. Airing in conjunction with Gay and Lesbian Pride Week (June 23 - 30), the program was the first national television show to explore the achievements and obstacles of the struggle for gay rights in historical comparison to other civil rights movements. "Out in America" was hosted by Andrew Himm, co-host of "Gay USA", a weekly program airing on the Gay Cable Network, and featured a distinguished panel of experts.

"Out in America" was a co-production of Thirteen/WNET in New York and Lovett Productions. Funding was provided by public television stations. Executive Producer: Joseph Lovett. Executive in charge: Fred Noriega. The program served as the pilot for a national public affairs series which is currently in development for production by Thirteen/WNET, pending funding commitments from corporate, foundation, and other sources.

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1992 CRUISE ITINERARIES FOR WOMEN

On the heels of a sell-out on the first-ever Alaskan cruise for women, Olivia Cruises exciting Judy Dlugacz went public with exciting news for women travelers during the 1992 season: a second sailing up Alaska's Inside Passage, June 12-19, and an historic first-time women's cruise through the Greek Isles, September 21-28. Also recently announced, a seven-night cruise to the Mexican Caribbean, from Miami to Cozumel, Playa del Carmen, and Grand Cayman, March 20-27.

"The response to our first Alaska announcement was overwhelming," explains Dlugacz. "So, we decided to add another sailing for next June. It will be fun taking two ships of women into the majestic beauty of Alaska, through Juneau, Ketchikan, Endicott Arm, Wrangell, and Skagway." Alaska and the Greek Isles were cruise itineraries which had been requested by former passengers, and Dlugacz expects women travelers "to be pleased we're able to offer Greece in the very near future." The trip through the Greek Isles begins in Athens with a pre-cruise sight-seeing tour, and the tour includes Mykonos, Santorini, Rhodes, and the Isle of Lesbos. For information about Olivia Cruises, call toll-free 800-631-6277.

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Anyone interested in joining the Gay and Lesbian Contingent for the Great Missouri River Raft Regatta, Sunday, September 1, contact Dick Brown at 451-4737 or 453-6688.

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FREUD ON GAYS

Sigmund Freud is generally considered to be largely responsible for advancing the notion of homosexuality as an illness. Surprisingly, Freud held a rather benevolent view of homosexuality. This is revealed in a 1935 letter to a mother in the United States:

Dear Mrs. _____

I gather from your letter that your son is a homosexual. I am most impressed by the fact that you do not mention this term yourself in your information about him. May I question you why you avoid it?

Homosexuality is assuredly no advantage, but it is nothing to be ashamed of, no degradation; it cannot be classified as an illness; we consider it to be a variation of the sexual function...

Many highly respectable individuals of ancient and modern times have been homosexuals, several of the greatest men among them (Plato, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, etc.).

It is a great injustice to persecute homosexuality as a crime and a cruelty too... By asking me if I can help, you mean, I suppose, if I can abolish homosexuality and make normal heterosexuality take its place.

The answer is, in a general way we cannot promise to achieve it... What analysis can do for your son runs in a different line. If he is unhappy, neurotic, torn by conflicts, inhibited in his social

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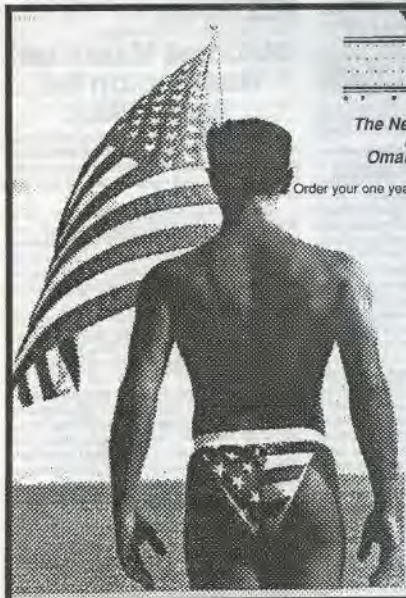
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life, analysis may bring him harmony, peace of mind, full efficiency, whether he remains homosexual or gets changed...

Sincerely yours with kind wishes,
 Freud
The Letters of Sigmund Freud, Ernst L. Freud (ed.), New York: Basic Books, 1975, p. 423-24.



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Gay Men's Support Group
UNL Counseling Center, 1234 Admin. Bldg., UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588-0499. (402) 472-3461. Confidential support group for gay men.

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

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

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

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

New Freedom
Gay/Lesbian info. & support. (402) 466-4627

Open Door Ministry
(402) 423-8070. Orthodox spiritual counseling to all in need. No charge.

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

Southeast Comm. Col. G/L Student Assoc.
P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, 464-0371. Student organization for SCC students, Gays, and Lesbians interested in educational, social, and political activities.

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

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

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center.
342 Nebraska Union, Lincoln, NE 68588-0455, 472-5644. Social activities, referrals, & support.

The Wimmia's Show
Noon to 3pm Sunday on KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo.

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

OMAHA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OLIS (Our Love Is Special)
P.O. Box 11335, Omaha, NE 68111. Support/ social group for women of all colors.

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

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

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

OMAHA (cont.)

River City Gender Alliance
P.O. Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502. Support group for transsexuals, transgenderists, cross-dressers. Meets 2nd Sat. of even numbered months.

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

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

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

UNO Gay/Lesbian Student Organization
Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320. Call Sieve: 345-8121.

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

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

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

Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights
Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509. Advocacy/lobbies for G/L civil rights, newsletter, & social events. Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, St. Marks, 15th & R, UNL Campus; 1st Saturday Social Events at Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th St., Lincoln, 7-10pm.

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

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

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

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
*4081 19th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sun. at St. John's Episcopal. Call Bob or Reenie Baker (308) 237-3870.

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

*2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, (402) 291-6781. Meets 2nd Sunday at 1st United Methodist, 6900 Cass Street.

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

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