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In the debris

Heaven's Gate visit a warning sign to all

"We know whatever happens to us after we leave our bodies is a step forward" videotaped message by Marshall Applewhite, leader of Heaven's Gate.

Last Wednesday, 39 members of Heaven's Gate, driven by the belief that the comet Hale-Bopp as it swooped to within 122 million miles of Earth was actually "the arrival of the spacecraft from the Level Above

Human to take [them] home to [the extraterrestrials' world," committed suicide in a Rancho mansion.

Over a threeday period, fueled by the belief that Applewhite was dying of cancer, the members put on uniforms of black pants, shirts and should use new Nikes - ironically emblazoned with the white comet-like "swoosh" trademark -and ate a concoction of applesauce and pudding mixed with phenobarbitol. washed down with vodka. Placing plastic bags over their

heads, the members settled down on comforters — \$5 bills tucked in their pockets —

ported on Heaven's Gate's visit to this very

At the time of their visit, Heaven's Gate was a small group of people with outlandish ideas and beliefs. The DN reported it as so. The word "cult" did not even appear in the articles. Rather, "a sect of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) evangelists" spoke to about 100 people about a "higher level" of exist-

It's easy to discount those groups; to not

But if ever there were an example of what one small group springing up through grassroots recruiting can become, one need only look at Heaven's Gate 1976 and Heaven's Gate 1997.

Santa Fe, Calif., members of this university community, we

the Heaven's Gate group

as an example."

waiting for death. On Monday, the Daily Nebraskan re-

university in 1976.

And tragically, 20-odd years later, members of Heaven's Gate thought that by committing suicide they would move to this higher level of existence.

As members of this university community, we should use the Heaven's Gate group as an example. Similar groups can still be found today at UNL and on other college campuses, seeking young, enthusiastic minds to ioin their causes.

take them seriously.

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With open eyes

Neighborhood requires citywide support

Three kids, two parents, two dogs and one cat later and we're still missing one Easter egg.

It's really only a minor concern this Easter season. For a holiday that's supposed to spread hope and joy, Lincoln has a surprising lack.

Gun shots ripped through a north Lincoln neighborhood almost two weeks ago, leaving a huge gash in the city's collective consciousness.

The situation brewing at 29th and Dudley has left Lincoln citizens shaking their heads. Nestled in "safe" neighborhoods, the clashes seem removed. Almost as if the fighting is occurring in another city.

The violence is a shocking reminder that Lincoln is not a little city any more. As it enjoys the benefits of growth it must also deal with the costs.

As you drive by the Burger King, Walgreens or Laundry Land, peer down the residential side streets. You will not be struck by immaculate lawns, upper-end autos or sprawling homes.

The Clinton neighborhood is not wealthy; poverty is very present.

It is also a very loyal neighbor-

Area businesses have pledged to stay in the area, despite the possibility of decreasing profits because of the perception of being in a "bad" neighborhood.

Obviously, family and friends are

incidents are only the first to be thrust into public view. The strife has been going on for more than a

year.
There will be more name calling



There may be deaths. The police say, thus far, that the

incidents are not gang related. Maybe they aren't, maybe they are. Does it really matter?

What we have are youths and adults acting out their frustrations in a violent and destructive manner, which is not going to get better without some serious help and intervention.

Maybe the problems will stop when they all end up in the city-

The worst thing that can happen, the one thing that will guarantee escalation of the violence is sheer indifference from the community.

I don't just mean people around 29th and Dudley.

I mean everyone - students, the police department, civic leaders, business people - must take an interest in the health of this fracturing neighborhood.

Looking the other way or driving willing to risk life and limb for the long way around will not help loved one stepos and jewilove shariff metters, og uiting assamptinesses and lewilove shariff metters, og uiting assamptinesses of the monthless between the shariff at the monthless the "Mississippi" group and the "Ling to entire city.

You must care. You must give a damn. You must worry that this

violence is happening in your city.
Though the outbursts have been limited to a few city blocks in north Lincoln doesn't mean it's going to stay there.

These groups could spread their fighting to any place in the city ... O Street, Gateway, the movies, your neighborhood.

You must care.

That doesn't mean you have to befriend tomorrow's front page news and it doesn't mean that you have to move into the neighborhood.

What it means is that you support those area businesses.

Caring means not closing your eyes and minds to the problems surrounding the violence.

Beyond the friction between the two factions are issues such as school attendance, family problems, poverty and cyclical criminal histories.

Support measures that address the behaviors rather than just the results.

Please don't abandon the Clinton neighborhood and don't abandon the people.

Mayor Mike Johanns is wrong to ask the Mississippi group to "go home." That's not a feasible answer. It doesn't solve any problems.

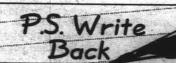
The city needs to be sensitive to the neighborhood's concerns. So far, I think the police department is being rightly cautious. But the worries are not over.

As the temperature rises, be prepared for tempers to rise also. It is going to take the chire city scare and concern to work through this?

Don't condemn the 29th Dudley area.

Support peaceful solutions before somebody is killed.

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