

THE GAYZETTE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO METROPOLITAN OMAHA & LINCOLN

BOONDOGGLES RELOCATES TO COFFEEHOUSE

Lincoln-based activist shop, Boondoggles has found a new home just days after being forced to leave its previous location. Boondoggles was forced to close the doors of its 14th Street location after an anonymous tip to the Fire Marshal regarding low ceilings and insufficient exits. The store which specializes in carrying an eclectic assortment of feminist, punk, glbta/queer, environmental and other activist-related items is relocating to the back room of the CoffeeHouse, a Lincoln landmark at 1324 "P" Street.

Angela Hatcher, owner of Boondoggles, sees the move as an opportunity. "I think it'll be great. The CoffeeHouse has always been a safe space for the different groups of people who shop at Boondoggles. They've always made a point of being queer-friendly. They've actually been one of our biggest supporters since we opened in April. I definitely gave out more flyers there than anywhere else."

The transition from homeless to hopeful was nearly instantaneous. "The day after we were told to close down, I stopped at the CoffeeHouse and told the employees there what had happened. They were nearly as shocked and upset as I was. Then Mark, the owner, said, 'Hey you can have our back room,' and I immediately said, 'Okay.' Once we both realized we were serious, that was it, we made a plan."

Hatcher is suspicious about the motives behind the anonymous tip that prompted the Fire Marshal's visit. She notes that her store sells a lot of items geared toward the glbta/queer community as well as pro-choice and other decidedly un-conservative items. "It's kind of dangerous to have a store like this in Nebraska. I know in my heart that this was somebody's attempt to get rid of me. I guess it's possible that it really was some vigilant citizen so overcome with humanitarian concern for our safety that they felt the need to have us closed down for our own protection," Hatcher said, "Somehow I doubt that."

Closing Boondoggles for good was never an option for Hatcher. "I couldn't have afforded to relocate if it weren't for the Coffeehouse. But I would have found some way to do it," states Hatcher, "After word got out that we were being kicked out, this kid came in, practically in tears. He said, 'I can't believe it! Now where will I have to go? There's nowhere else to go!' After that I was determined. I had to keep going right here in Lincoln. If anything I have to keep going just to prove to whoever tried to shut us down that we can't be censored that easily."

Thanks! Angela

Boondoggles boondoggles@ideviate.net <http://www.ideviate.net>



RIVER CITY II BOWLING LEAGUE HOSTS PRE-REGISTRATION AND 9-PIN NO TAP TOURNAMENT AT MOCKINGBIRD



The River City II mixed bowling league has moved from Broadway Bowl in Council Bluffs to Maplewood Bowl in Omaha. The league is sponsoring a Pre-registration and 9-Pin No Tap Bowling on Sunday, August 18 at 3:00 PM at Maplewood Lanes, 102nd and Maple St, Omaha, NE.

The league will officially start Sunday, September 8th 3:00 PM at Maplewood Lanes. The league is mixed and will consist of 4-person teams. For all those interest please join us August 18th. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Norma Harrison at (402) 731-5706.

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CELEBRATE BACK-TO- SCHOOL

WITH HEARTLAND & DIETZ UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

Both Heartland and Dietz UMCs will be marking the beginning of the school year with special worship services Sunday, August 11th. Participants are invited to bring donations of school supplies for area children. Teachers and students will be recognized, and entering kindergartners will receive special attention.

Dietz UMC is located at 1423 S. 10th near the Old Market, while Heartland UMC is currently worshipping at Union UMC at 27th and 'R' Streets. Both congregations worship on Sundays, with the Dietz service at 11am and the Heartland service at 5pm.

PLANS FOR NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY (NCOD) 2002 ARE UNDERWAY!

The NCOD committee is busy planning this year's eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa's National Coming Out Day events. If you are interested in helping with NCOD 2002, we encourage you to attend one of our committee meetings. The next meeting will take place on August 20th at 7:00 at the Rainbow Outreach Resource Center; located at 1719 Leavenworth Street in Omaha. For more information about National Coming Out Day please visit Rainbow Celebrations' Web site: www.rainbowcelebrations.org or contact our NCOD co-chairs via e-mail at NCOD2002@rainbowcelebrations.org or phone 402-502-1577.

MCC 9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Reverend Barbara Sagat will be leading a special Memorial Service of Remembrance on Wednesday, September 11 at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. Call the church at 345-2563 for more details.



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1-800-782-2437
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All ads must be camera ready. Payment must accompany ad. Checks payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. 10% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center 1719 Leavenworth St. on or before the deadline or emailed to news@rocc.org. Please call ahead to reserve space.

Ad Deadlines: Friday, August 16 for Publication August 23 Friday, August 30 for Publication September 6

RUSS COSGROVE WINS IMsL

Russ Cosgrove of Calgary Canada was selected as International Ms. Leather 2002 July 27th before a packed house at Club Olis. Contestants performed leather fantasies on stage as well as giving brief oral presentations on a topic of their choosing. Colorful clothing representing all segments of the leather community at large was notable both on stage and in the audience composed of both women and men.

Dignitaries in attendance included Steven Webber, International Mr. Leather 2002. A representative of the Leather Archives & Museum in Chicago was present and described efforts to document all segments of the leather world through submissions by local leather groups, businesses, artists and historians. And Kari LaVecchia of Washington D.C. was named the winner of the International Ms. Boot Black award for 2002.

The award ceremony capped a weekend filled with IMsL events in downtown Omaha that included Leather workshops, an extensive vendor's fair, and various parties.

This is 16th year for the IMsL contest, and an announcement was made that IMsL 2003 would also be held in Omaha next year.

NEW BOOK ON G/L CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEERS

You may want to note a book coming from Harrington Press this fall, edited by Vern Bullough, titled, *Before Stonewall*. It is biographies of homosexual men and women civil rights pioneers. This is also the 50th anniversary of the founding of ONE, Inc., in October of 1952, when it came out of early Matachine (founded in 1950). And the Homosexual Information Center came out of ONE in 1965.

WOMEN'S TREATY PASSES COMMITTEE

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee this morning passed the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), also known as the Women's Treaty, by a vote of 12-7. "I am very optimistic of a successful vote on the Senate floor," said Feminist Majority President Eleanor Smeal. This historic vote marks the first time in 22 years that the treaty has made it out of committee in time for a vote by the full Senate. Supporters packed the room during the committee vote, with virtually no opposition visible. Supporters included the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Business and Professional Women/USA's CEO Jane Smith, the National Council of Women's Organization's Martha Burke, and the Feminist Majority's Eleanor Smeal.

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

JESSICA BOWERS PRESENTS "DIVAS WITH ATTITUDE." 9:45pm The MAX

MON & THURS, AUGUST 12 & 13

BRANDON D. HIGDEM "WHO'S IN YOUR CLOSET?." 7:30pm The MAX

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

RIVER CITY II BOWLING REGISTRATION & 9 PIN NO TAP TOURNEY. 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, 102 & Maple

MISS MAX B'DAY. 9:45pm The MAX

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

NCOD PLANNING MEETING. 7pm
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center,

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

"HATS OFF TO THE EMPRESS", DC's

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

ICON LABOR DAY PICNIC. Vennelyst Pk

MON, SEPT 23—WED, SEPT 25

ANNIE WELTY. The MAX

SAT. NOV. 23

FLAT WATER BEARS' THANKSGIVING" 5PM, MCC-O Social Hall

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

L2EP TOYZ 4 TOTZ BENEFIT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ The MAX

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

NAP "NIGHT OF 1000 STARS"

FRJ-SUN, DEC. 6-8

FLAT WATER BEARS' CHRISTMAS,"
Raccoon River Retreat, IA

SAT. JAN 18 & SUN. JAN 19

RCMC CONCERT "MUSIC OF MAKE BELIEVE" 7:05pm, 1st United Methodist

FEB. 14-16, 2003 ICE BOWL

SAT. JUNE 21 & SUN. JUNE 22

CHORUS PRIDE CONCERT "OUR COMMON GROUND" 7:05pm, UNO
Strauss Performing Arts Center

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, 11AM

1ST METH 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH 819 S. 22, 9am & 11am

HEARTLAND METHODIST at Union
Meth 27 & R, Omaha, 5pm; 682-9552.

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN,

1023 N. 40, Omaha 10am

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,

3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am, 11am

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK

Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

CABARET, Q, 226 S. 9th St., Lincoln

QUEER AS FOLK 9pm

The MAX, DC's, JOY

Every Monday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP" Meet-

ing Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT GRP 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr,

Nebr Union, 12 & R, Lincoln, 472-9428

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7:30pm

OMAHA WOMEN'S SUPPORT GRP.

ROC, 1719 Leavenworth, 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm

AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Treatment Ctr

2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy

(308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

SAGE GOES OUT TO DINNER 6 pm,

ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

GLBT FELLOWSHIP, 6:30pm, Trinity

Cathedral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18

Info: 391-1950; dknoxsa@qwest.net.

HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

SAGE POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 9pm,

ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM,

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3pm

HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach

Center, 1723 Leavenworth

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux

City, IA (712) 252-4272,

Q DREAM BOYZ, Q, 226 S. 9 Lincoln

Every Saturday

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 p.m.

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm,

291-6781, proudhorizons@yahoo.com

KARAOKE 9pm, The Panic, Lincoln

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE Room

Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or
email: rcga@tgforum.com

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV+ MEN.

6-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln FFI: Mark Giesler 476-7000.

2nd Friday

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONYMOUS HIV

TEST UNL campus FFI: 476-0355. 1-3:30pm

SUDS RAPID HIV TESTING, (2 hour results)

5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

2nd Saturday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA

Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone, 476-

0355. 1:30-3:30pm

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 1pm; Rainbow Outreach
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth

2nd Sunday

INTEGRITY GROUP 6-7:30pm, St. Marks

Episcopal, 13 & "R" Lincoln

2nd Wednesday

"OUT AND ABOUT NEBR" 7pm Discussion

Group, Rainbow Outreach, 341-0330

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, The MAX

2nd Thursday

PFLAG—OMAHA, 7pm, 1st Meth, Mead Hall

2nd Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA Board Mtg. 9-11am South high

3rd Sunday

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY 5-9pm, CLUB OLIS

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR MTG MCC-O,

819 S. 22nd St., 6:30pm

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN

6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, Mark Giesler
476-7000.

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,

6300 A St., Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TESTING Lighthouse, 2530 N,

Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

4th Saturday

HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone,

476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL?

Chandler is hosting a
"Double-Header" Event

AN ECSTASY AUCTION

8:30pm August 25

ADIVA'S AUCTION

9:45pm August 25

The MAX

MCC TO PROVIDE CHAPLAINS TO VETERANS AFFAIRS

The predominantly gay Metropolitan Community Church has received recognition from the federal government to provide chaplains to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

This marks an historic step for MCC churches," said the Reverend Troy Perry, moderator of the 52,000-member church organization and an Army veteran. "U.S. programs have long been hostile to GLBT military service members and veterans, so this marks yet another positive step toward full equality for America's gay and lesbian citizens." While independent from the military services, the VA provides support and outreach programs to both active-duty service members and veterans.

The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Needs Your HELP!

ROC is funded through the Gayzette and the generous donations of the community. PLEASE CONSIDER HOLDING A BENEFIT FOR THE RESOURCE CENTER — A DRAG SHOW, A DINNER, A PICNIC, A BINGO GAME, A RAFFLE! HELP US KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN!!

BARS

Connections, 933-3033

1901 Leavenworth, Omaha

Club Olis, 934-4030

2801 N 16 St, Omaha

The Diamond, 342-9595

712 S. 16th St., Omaha

DC's Saloon, 344-3103

610 S. 14th Street, Omaha

Gilligan's Pub, 449-9147

1407 Harney, Omaha

JOY, 341-7337

1516 Jones, Omaha

The MAX, 346-4110

1417 Jackson, Omaha

Omaha Mining Co., 449-8703,

1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

Panic, 435-8764, 200 S. 18th Lincoln

Q, 475-2269, 226 S. 9th St, Lincoln

MCC FOUNDER TROY PERRY TO SPEAK AT YALE

The Rev. Troy Perry, an openly gay cleric, human rights activist and Founder and Moderator of the predominantly gay Metropolitan Community Churches, will speak at Yale Divinity School of Yale University (New Haven, CT) on Friday, September 13, 2002. Rev. Perry will preach at the Chapel Service of Yale Divinity School and will participate in a question-and-answer session with Yale students during an informal luncheon. Later in the day he will make a formal presentation to Yale students addressing "The Role of the Church in the Gay Civil Rights Movement." On Sunday, September 15, Rev. Perry will preach at Metropolitan Community Church of New Haven, where Rev. Susan Heiskell is the senior pastor. Details are available on the Internet at www.mccnh.org.

Perry, who founded Metropolitan Community Churches in 1968 with a positive, affirming ministry to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons and their enlightened friends and allies, is a past delegate to the White House Conference on Hate Crimes during the Clinton Administration and was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of Chicago Theological Seminary. Today Metropolitan Community Churches is made up of almost 300 local congregations in 22 countries, and has 52,000 members and adherents. The MCC movement has an annual operating budget of \$20 million (US\$), more than 90% of which is reinvested in the communities in which local churches operate.

I WISH YOU ENOUGH....

At an airport I overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together. They had announced her plane's departure and standing near the security gate, they hugged and he said, "I love you. I wish you enough."

She said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Daddy." They kissed good-bye and she left. He walked over toward the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. Saying that brought back memories I had of expressing my love and appreciation for all my Dad had done for me. Recognizing that his days were limited, I took the time to tell him face to face how much he meant to me. So I knew what this man was experiencing.

"Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?" I asked.

I am old and she lives much too far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is, her next trip back will be for my funeral," he said.

"When you were saying good-bye I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?"

He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused for a moment and looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more. "When we said 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with enough good things to sustain them," he continued and then turning toward me he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory:

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish enough "Hello's" to get you through the final "Goodbye."

He then began to sob and walked away.

Readers, friends and loved ones, the staff of the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center wishes you ENOUGH!!! Share this with those that you love.

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Recently, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA) decided to require its local chapters to uphold the organization's national non-discrimination policy around sexual orientation. Although the policy is not new, until July of this year it was left to the discretion of the 500 local chapters whether to adopt the policy.

Already, national and regional news stories, including ones in The Indianapolis Star and Fox News, as well as discussions on talk radio have addressed this issue. What many outlets may fail to cover is that each parent always has the final decision whether or not a mentor, regardless of sexual orientation, is right for his or her child. Predictably, some anti-gay groups opposed to BBBSA's policy are campaigning that gays and lesbians are dangerous to children by characterizing gay men and lesbians as sexual predators and pedophiles. This is an old and baseless argument aimed at a new target: the BBBSA. In a July 30, 2002, Fox News piece, Peter Sprigg, senior director of Culture Studies at the Family Research Council (FRC), said, "They [BBBSA] don't allow adult men to serve as mentors for young girls, presumably that is in large part because those mentors might view those children as potential sexual objects. So it makes no sense whatsoever to allow homosexual men to serve as mentors to young boys."

But what groups such as FRC ignore is overwhelming evidence that gays and lesbians are no more likely to be pedophiles than heterosexuals. In fact, a 1994 study by the American Academy of Pediatrics found that the risk of sexual abuse by a heterosexual is more than 100 times greater than the risk posed by gays or lesbians. Regardless of scientific evidence, some media may give a platform to this anti-gay rhetoric when covering this issue. Other media will act responsibly and report this story in a balanced and fair manner.

Either way, GLAAD is asking you to monitor your local media for stories about Big Brothers Big Sisters of America's non-discrimination policy. If you see, read or hear something positive or negative in the media, let GLAAD know. Please e-mail the piece or information to young@glaad.org. We also encourage you to voice your support of Bubbas non-discrimination policy by writing, e-mailing or calling your local media outlet when they cover this issue. Please copy: 1) The national BBBSA organization at national@bbbsa.org; 2) Your local BBBSA chapter; and 3) young@glaad.org on all correspondence. To locate your local chapter, enter your zip code and city at this website: <http://www.bbbsa.org/volunteer/offices.asp>

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The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of individuals and events in all media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

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THE MAX: CABARET FEATURES BRANDON D. HIGDEM

A new cabaret is coming to The Max on August 12th and 13th at 7:30 p.m. Brandon Higdem, from the cabaret series "Who Will Love Me as I Am?", hits the stage, with the help of Music Director Mitch Fuller. Higdem will be unleashing numerous characters from his very own theatrical closet, ranging from a southern belle, with a hankerin' for The Price is Right, to a campy game-show host on his way through town promoting his very own book. You won't know where the next one is coming from. Memorable music, original written monologues, and a cast the likes of which Omaha has never seen! This is two evenings you are not going to want to miss! Tickets are \$10 and are going fast so CALL Today! Reservations can be made by calling the reservation hotline at 556-3281. Doors open at The Max at 7p.m. Those reserved tickets not picked up by 7:15 will be opened to the waiting list. The silliness begins promptly at 7:30. Hope to see you there!



ICON AWARDS GIVEN Diamond Ram Award

At Coronation 22, the Imperial Court of Nebraska presented the Diamond Ram Award to three recipients. The Diamond Ram Award was established in 1994 by Emperor 13 Connie to recognize individuals who helped ICON during the course of the current reign. This year's recipients were Bruce Bufkin, Dan Ostergard, and Ammie Zahn (Ron Bradford).

Golden Scroll Award

At the end of each reign, each monarch of the Imperial Court of Nebraska names one recipient of the Golden Scroll Award. This award recognizes someone or a business or an organization in the community for their efforts on behalf of the GLBTS community. Emperor Matt named Laura Lee as this year's recipient of the award, and Empress And More named Michael Lyons as a recipient of the Golden Scroll Award. Both recipients will be recognized on a plaque that is displayed at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center.

\$1,200 IRIS PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

On behalf of the Iris Phoenix Scholarship Board, Phoenix Fallentino announced one \$1,200 scholarship recipient at ICON's Coronation 22, July 13. The recipient, who wishes to remain anonymous, is a recent graduate of an Iowa high school. She will be attending classes at UNL this fall.

IGRA AWARD TO ICON

At Investiture 22, Paco Perez, Mr. HGRA, presented the Imperial Court of Nebraska with The Appreciation Award in recognition of their support of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA). ICON has been a belt buckle sponsor of the Wild Drag Race at the Heartland Rodeo since the first rodeo, which was held in Fremont.

ARE YOU A

"CONTROVERSIAL GUEST?"

The Cendant Corporation, which franchises thousands of hotels and motels across North America, has issued a new Controversial Guest policy that discriminates against people on the basis of sexual expression. Controversial Guests are groups that seek to rent their facilities for private conventions for consenting adults, and could include sexual expression activities such as cross-dressing, swinging and sadomasochism.

If you're controversial, you're not welcome. Cendant has warned franchisees—including Ramada, Howard Johnson, Days Inn, Travelodge, Wingate Inn and Super 8-- they could lose their franchise licenses if they allow these groups to hold events in their establishments.

Self-proclaimed national interest groups, run by religious political extremists find alternative sexual expression by consenting adults objectionable to their anti-sex agenda. Groups such as the Concerned Women For America have pressured the Cendant Corporation to issue the controversial guest policy; or face retaliatory action in the U.S. Help the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom Foundation fight against prejudice and discrimination by signing our website petition. Go to our webpage: <http://www.ncsf-foundation.org/privacy.html> or go directly to the petition at <http://www.ncsf-foundation.org/petition>

You can help other ways too: distribute this Call to Action to your friends who support privacy among consenting adults. We need many signatures to be effective with Cendant. We also need the support of allies and religious leaders who oppose this discrimination.

The NCSF Foundation is a national organization committed to protecting freedom of expression among consenting adults. We mobilize diverse grassroots communities to help change antiquated and unfair sex laws, and to protect free speech and advance privacy rights through legal initiatives, outreach, and education to promote greater understanding of sexuality and human rights. The NCSF Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that all consenting adults can express their sexual identity freely and openly, without fear.

National Coalition for Sexual Freedom, Inc., 1312 18th Street NW, Suite 102, Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202-955-1023 Fax: 202-955-1060
www.ncsfreedom.org www.ncsf-foundation.org

CHORUS NOTES

Auditions August 12 & 19



The River City Mixed Chorus will soon start its 19th Season as the only GLBT Arts organization in the area. The Chorus is holding auditions for singers on August 12 and 19. The Chorus is looking for singers in all voice parts but especially new women singers are needed. Please call the Singline (341-7464) and

leave your name and telephone number for our membership chairperson to contact you to set up the audition.

The Chorus rehearses on Monday evenings from 6:45—9:15 pm at First Untied Methodist Church starting on August 26.

Our concerts from this new season will be "The Music of Make-Believe" on January 18 & 19 at First Untied Methodist Church and our Pride Concert, "Our Common Ground" on June 21 & 22 at UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center at 7:05 each evening. For season ticket information, please call our Singline (341-7464).

Please join us for this exciting new season with the River City Mixed Chorus as we continue to celebrate who we are through music in 2002 — 2003.

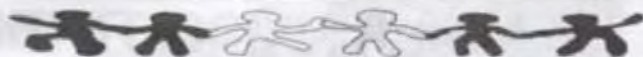
COMMUNITY MOURNS LOSS TED D. WARD

Ted Ward, former Board Member and Treasurer of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, passed away from colon cancer on July 30, 2002. Ted was born in Auburn, Nebraska, on January 25, 1934. He grew up on a farm in Nemaha County, graduating from Auburn High School in 1951. While in high school FFA he earned both State Farmer and American Farmer degrees. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Master of Science degree in 1968. He received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Iowa State in 1972 and taught vocational agriculture and served as agricultural education consultant for the State Department of Education. He was Executive Secretary for the State FFA and served on several national committees on agricultural education.



Ted Ward was a member of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha for many years and was active in MCC's Lincoln Outreach. Ted attended MCC almost every Sunday, driving from Lincoln until his retirement and then from his home in Auburn. Ted's zest for life was reflected in his ready smile and the light that shone in his eyes. He was always one of the first to greet newcomers. He was known as a loving man who served and trusted God while he taught many others to know and trust God.

Ted is survived by his mother, by his devoted friend, Glen Farrell and by many other friends.



Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center is totally volunteer operated. Join us in helping keep the Center open to the public from 9 am to 9 pm Monday thru Saturday.

**BE PART OF A WINNING TEAM!
PICK UP A VOLUNTEER
APPLICATION ANYTIME DURING
REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS,
OR CALL 341-0330 TO SIGN UP.**

*Retirees, we are open in the daytime. It's a perfect time to come by or to volunteer. We've got the coffee pot running, the TV is on in the background, and we have 700 books you can read and movies to watch and tables to play cards on. And there's always someone here to talk to...and new people stopping by all the time 9 am to 9 pm.

*Students, if you are over 18 you can we want you: to help answer the phones, work with window displays, help plan programming and help make decisions. Flexible schedules available. Pick up a volunteer application today!

*Performers, we are looking for volunteers to read their poetry, play their songs and be a part of the scene, coffeehouse style. This could be fun!

*For more information call the Volunteer Coordinator at 341-0330 or stop by the office anytime at 1719 Leavenworth Street in beautiful downtown Omaha!



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RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

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- BiMenNebraska**, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>
- Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 <http://www.geocities.com/~cfep>
- Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers, 2nd Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm
- Front Runners/Walkers**, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed
- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO)** www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network-Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2596 Website: <http://www.glsenomaha.org>
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Association** Box 3354, Omaha 68103 800-561-6918
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
- Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meeting 3rd Mon, 819 S. 22
- Learning to Exchange Power**, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather Lifestyle
- Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** P.O. Box 8101, Omaha, NE 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Meet 2nd Sat Gilligan's 7pm
- LinOma Bares**, Box 8493, Omaha 68108 Nudist/Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626
- Mpower**, c/o Nebr AIDS Project, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 www.mpower-nap.org. Men teaching men about HIV
- Men's Support Group-Omaha**, c/o MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/>
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Wed Eve 7pm
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft
- NAP Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights
- Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality**, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402-346-5960 naje_now@hotmail.com
- Nebraska Gay Dads** group list exchange emails posted to the list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/>

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- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://members.cyberwolves.com/omahanebrgaypride> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 402-502-9195 omahanebrgaypride@cox.net
- Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68132-9998 Onyximages@hotmail.com Fraternity for African American Men
- Out and About in Nebraska**, During the summer meets 2nd Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAboout@yahoo.com
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass,
- Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr.** 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330, Web Site: www.ROCC.org, email: rainbow@rocc.org Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
- Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations**, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event info@rainbowcelebrations.org
- Pride 2002** Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride2002@rainbowcelebrations.org
- National Coming Out Day 2002** P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 NCOD2002@rainbowcelebrations.org
- River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, email: rcga@tgforum.com, Website: www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling I**, 12:45pm, Sundays, Mockingbird Bowl, Omaha:
- River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org
- Women's Support Group**, Tuesdays 7:30pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, 1719 Leavenworth, 342-0330

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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- Alias Jane Band**, (402) 435-8764 Kara & Kelly at The Panic
- Boondoggles** 122 N. 14 St. (under Zero Street Records, Entrance in alley) shop online <http://www.ideviate.net> Email boondoggles@ideviate.net
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay/Lesbian Film Fest**, Deanna Zaffke, cea@unlserve.unl.edu
- Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning-Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446, 402/472-2597.
- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000
- Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts**, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln, 68508, Stacie 499-3671, Kris or Traci 438-7810
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tuesday, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@email.msn.com, Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>
- Plainsmen**, Support group for FtM's (Female to Male), Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
- Sexuality Education eXchange**, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.
- Straight Spouse Support Grp** 489-9088
- Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
- UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns**, contact: Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu
- Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880
- Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth** 1-800-850-8078

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