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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## DEAR NEW VOICE EDITOR:

National Coming Out Day, as you know, is in October. It was one year ago in October that I came out.

My wife, our two children and I were vacationing in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. My wife Anne, and I were experiencing great marital difficulties and this was to be a "make it or break it" vacation. We had one day set aside to ourselves to visit some of the Smithsonian Museums and talk (Our children were spending the day with friends.) After visiting the Museum of American History, we decided to stop for lunch. As we sat at a park bench at the center of the National Mall with the greatest monuments to freedom and all that this nation stands for, Anne turned to me and asked, "Have you begun to envision us growing old together surrounded by our children and grandchildren?" Silence. All I could answer her with was silence. "Well?" Still I couldn't answer. It wasn't the lack of an answer that kept me silent, it was an overpowering fear that held my tongue. The kind of fear that if I answered with my true feelings, I would literally explode. At the same time, those feelings fought to come out. I could feel them welling up

in my gut, creeping to my throat, and pushing against my clenched teeth. My true self was emerging and my fear was trying to suppress it once again. Emotions were screaming at me from every direction, my head was swimming, my stomach churning, I was dizzy, disoriented and about to throw up. And then that word filled my head again. "Well?" "No" timidly fell from my lips. "Why not?" Oh God here we go, I had to tell her...No, I couldn't tell her, my guilt was chaining me down once again. Silence. Silence that seemed to on for an eternity. "Why not?" This vicious cycle had to end. I answered her question with another question. "When I lost weight and began exercising, what was your biggest fear?" I watched as all the blood drained from her face. "You've found someone else," trembled from her mouth as she seemed to shrivel up on the bench. "Who is it?" It, she said; not "who is she?" but, "who is it?" She probably had me figured out already anyway, but still the fear held me prisoner. "Damn it, answer me!" I was physically unable to respond, frozen with fear and guilt. Finally my true emotions were no longer contained. "It's Michael..since last May." The words came out, I actually said it. Oh how relieved I was. The walls I had

built around myself for so many years were crumbling away and disappearing. "I knew it! God damn you! How could you do this to me? How dare you do this to those two adoring children? YOU BASTARD!" With that she slapped at me and began running towards the Potomac River threatening suicide and cursing me all the way. Past the Air and Space Museum she shouted "Faggot!", past the Smithsonian Castle she shouted "Queer!" several other choice names followed before I caught up with her beside the reflecting pool at the Lincoln Memorial, and managed to calm her down.

One month and several dozen fights later I moved out of our house. I still ask those painful questions all of which start with, "How dare you..." But then I realize that I am truly happy for the first time in my life. I live with a wonderful and supportive man that I love and adore more than life itself. Yes, coming out was a painful, agonizing and terrifying experience that didn't get any easier with my parents, siblings or trusted friends. But when the dust settled, the people I loved and respected most were still right there by my side.

Sincerely,  
Tom B. Sr



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## DEAR EDITOR:

Karl Helnrich Ulrichs' 165th birthday was celebrated on August 28. It would be a shame to pass up the birthday of one who championed Gay rights without remembering him. Ulrichs is the first known person to advocate the idea that Gay people are healthy in body and soul.

In 1867, at age 41, before a convention of 500 jurists assembled in the Grand Hall of the Odeon Theater in Munich, Germany, he spoke out publicly promoting the inalienable rights of Gay people and called for the abolition of the German law prohibiting sex between consenting adults. This was two years before Karoly Benkert coined the word 'homosexual.'

Ulrichs spent 18 years producing 12 books on Gay rights. He legally defended many Gays and was twice imprisoned by the Prussians because of his political views. At the age of 55 he retired to Italy where he died in L'Aquila on July 14, 1895.

It would be nice if all your readers took a few moments to say thanks to him for speaking out on behalf of all Gay men and women. It was Ulrichs, after all, who began public discussion of homosexuality, thereby starting the modern Gay Movement.

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## SIX BRAVE SOULS

On August 3, a six person delegation went to the Civic Center to meet with Mayor P.J. Morgan as a follow-up to concerns expressed about the proclamation issued during Gay/Lesbian Pride Week.

The delegation, which included Wes Perry, co-moderator of ANGLE (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors), Rev. Matthew Howard, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Kathy England and Sandy Kershaw of P-FLAG (Parents - Friends of Lesbians and Gays), and Sharon McCartney and Terry Sweeney of EAGLE (Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians, a U S WEST resource group), had been scheduled to meet with the mayor for 30 minutes. When they arrived, they were greeted instead by Diane Thomas, director of the Omaha Human Relations Board, and her staff members. Thomas began the meeting by advising the delegation as to what city code includes regarding discrimination and what groups are considered "Protected Groups", a classification that does not include Gays and Lesbians.

Mayor Morgan joined the group later, and indicated Thomas should continue her presentation. It was only after the delegation asserted their position, that they were intruded to the mayor, and able to express their concerns, including why the proclamation did not include the words "Gay and Lesbian". He had issued a proclamation last year with those words. Mayor Morgan's comments included the idea that because of the situation with Franklin Credit Union and other incidents of alleged child

sexual abuse, that it was not a political climate that allowed such a proclamation be issued. The mayor also indicated that his aide, Paul Welday, had in fact represented the mayor's position when he presented the proclamation in the manner he did and that his comments that "you should be grateful a proclamation was issued at all" were in response to the boos and jeers from the crowd.

The mayor left the meeting after about 15 minutes, but the delegation continued to meet with Thomas and the representatives from the Human Relations Department for another hour. During this time the discussion focused on how to establish ongoing dialogue with the city. Members of the delegation were encouraged to contact members of the City Council to determine their positions and to look to the state Unicameral for legislative action. The members of the Human Relations Board were more responsive when they learned of incidents of harassment and violence against Lesbians and Gays which occurred within one block of the police station. They were also concerned after learning of the insults and verbal abuse against Lesbians and Gays by members of the fire department stationed near the downtown bars. It was agreed that further meetings will take place, but specific times and dates were not established.

Members of the delegation came away from the meeting with mixed feelings, several expressing frustration over the negative responses and lack of consideration and respect shown during the meeting. All agreed that this meeting was an important first step in establishing a dialogue with city officials.

## COALITION FOR G/L CIVIL RIGHTS HOSTS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES DISCUSSION IN LINCOLN

by RJ

Saturday evening, August 4, at the Cornerstone Ministries Student Center, the Coalition for G/L Civil Rights hosted an evening concerning G/L Mental Health Issues. Two Lincoln counselors, Bill McNeil and Judith Gibson, presided over the meeting.

Some issues covered were "isolation in the straight community," "negation of identity," "lack of role models," "religion," and "contending with homophobia." For some reason AIDS wasn't mentioned much. But what really got tossed around was "Where does one go for help?" and "How does one find a counselor?" Then, of course, "How does one come out to a counselor when one isn't out to himself/herself yet, but one knows that he/she needs help?" It's a tough question.

All in all, it was very good evening of sharing with others and seeing that one is not alone with these problems. Many have similar problems. It helps to get together and talk openly and freely or to just sit quietly and listen. It would be nice for some of us in Omaha to journey to Lincoln for some of these meetings and have Lincoln come to Omaha for some of the G/L support group meetings. We need to help and support each other. United we stand; divided is not too good. We just have too much to lose to be divided.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## FANTASY '90 RECAP

Fantasy '90 produced by Dustin Logan, Bob Ewing and co-sponsored by Dave Rhodes of the Leather Journal, was a gathering of over 40 titleholders and almost 400 spectators for three days of leather activities.

Many of the favorites from Fantasy '89 were back, but there were also new performers demonstrating incredible variety of personal style and talent. The guests included women, men, lesbians, gay men, non gay men and women, bisexual men and women, white, brown, black, tops, bottoms and switches. Costumes included classic leather and studs, brightly colored leather dresses, levi's, chaps and lots of bare skin.

The titleholders began arriving on Thursday, July 19, but then Mother Nature stepped in and showed everyone that she really is the dominant one. An extensive storm system delayed flights in and out of Denver for up to 12 hours.



Among the guests were all four women to hold the title "International Ms Leather": Judy Tallwing-McCarthy, Shan Carr, Susie Shepherd and Gabrielle Antolovich. All four women shared their unique talents, gifts, and fantasies.



Also present were the current International Mr. Leather, Mark Rine and his coach, Larry. Mark and Larry both have the build of professional football players. They joined with other titleholders in a locker room fantasy which ended with Larry slinging the 200 pound Mark Rine over his shoulder as though he were a sack of flour.

A favorite from last year, Brian Dawson, was there in his new role as the 1990 Mr. Drummer. Accompanying him was another favorite, Jeff, whose performance as a gorgeous "bottom" were definite crowd pleasers.

The crowd demanded an encore from the Green Valley Kloggers of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who performed as the Village People. This energetic and talented

group showed that leather and the masculine image can be fun! Another favorite was JoLanne Tierney, Ms Sacramento Leather, who performed another of her very hot dance numbers. JoLanne is such a favorite with the Omaha audience that she will be returning to Omaha and appearing at the Max in November.

Spectators came from 30 states and Australia and Canada. There were folks from Toronto, Seattle, New York City, Maryland, Texas, Florida, California and many other cities.

The final income reports for Fantasy '90 aren't in yet but the event surpassed last year in raising money to benefit the UNMC Viral Syndrom Clinic, The National Leather Association, Metropolitan Community Church and the New Voice of Nebraska



Our hats are off to Bob and Dustin for a job well done. You are excellent hosts and did a marvelous job at organizing and fundraising. By the way, Dustin, that dance number was the best!



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The owners and staff of The MAX would like to congratulate the new Miss Gay Omaha and wish her a happy and successful year as she follows the path that the first Miss Gay Omaha, Phoebe Tate, set.

If you didn't get your fill of male dancers in August with First Class Male, Male Order, and The Wild Boys, September should fill your desires. The Chicago Meatpackers will return to The MAX September 16. These are great guys who are a lot of fun and are hung like elephants. More meat comes your way September 20 when The Texas Headliners ride into Omaha to help celebrate the sixth anniversary of The MAX. Farm boys and cowboys get together again on the 30th of September when Jeff Miller returns to The MAX. Jeff is a country-western singer who'll make you think you were Loretta Lynn. Start practicing your two-step, Wayne and Tracy.

Another Labor Day has come and gone, and that meant the annual Meatpackers Labor Day Show. The annual fund-raiser, starring Don Flowers, raises money for our friends and loved ones in our community. We are very fortunate to have these men, and we thank them for the contributions. Also, we're glad we only have to see Flowers in that red dress once a year.

Please don't forget the AIDS Quilt is coming to town. We should all make a point of visiting and experiencing the Quilt when it arrives in Lincoln. The MAX, Don Flowers, and Wayne Tietsort will be sponsoring a benefit show for the AIDS Quilt on September 23. All facets of our community will be joining hands to help fund the Quilt's expenses. The show will be an all out extravaganza. If you can't visit the Quilt itself, please attend the benefit show to help add your support and to show that you care for those who have died, those who will die, and those who are left to defend them and us.

Congratulations to Wayne Tietsort, who takes over the helm as the new

General Manager of The MAX.

Say it isn't so, but... which bartender had his eyes, among other things, opened up wide at Fantasy '90... who went for coffee with a stripper and didn't come out of his house for three days... who took the sling from Fantasy '90 home "just as a conversation piece"... who wants to give a certain bartender a purple cockring with her lipstick on... why does Dietra enjoy the music on Fridays and Saturdays on the show side so much... which bartender was the party favor at the Fantasy '90 Ramada Inn Party after the Bar... I'll never tell!

Signed with LOVE,  
Glo

## GREETING FROM THE MONARCHS!

Surprise, it's your first letter from the 10th Reign of the Imperial Court of Nebraska! We the Monarchs and our Royal Families are going to make 1990-91 a wonderful year for everyone.

Investiture was presented by Prince Royal Dean, Princess Royale Vanessa and Lady Royale Heidi of the 9th Reign. Investiture is the time the Imperial Court of Nebraska announces the Royal Families of the succeeding reign. The Royal Families are to assist the Monarchs and the community throughout the year. This year's Royal Families are: To the Emperor, Emperor 10 Gerald Brown, Prince Royal 10 Gene P., Grand Duke 10 Jason M., Grand Czar 10 Rick F., Prince 10 Don L., Duke 10 Royal B., Czar 10 Pam P., and Baron 10 Cody S. To Her Most Imperial Majesty, Empress 10 Erica

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Already busy with Pride activities in June and the great July Fourth Picnic, staffing a booth at Fantasy '90 we are working now on our annual Labor Day fundraising Picnic, held of course on Labor Day, September 3rd. The cost is only \$6 with all proceeds going to the Nebraska AIDS Project, ICONPWA and P-FLAG. *Yes there will be mudwrestling!* Your favorite performers will do it all for you! Come have fun plus raise money for our local AIDS organizations.

As always, you are invited to join us at our regular board meetings, at the Max on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Show your support by attending these meetings... Bring a friend. We plan a busy year, and we sure need your support.

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## HOT SUMMER AT MCC-O

As the lazy days of summer rolled by, the folks at MCC were anything but lazy. Finishing July with a picnic and swimming party, made more interesting when an obstacle course was added. Thanks to an accident on the bridge over the Missouri River, the parade of ten cars headed for the picnic site had to be re-routed and a new picnic site chosen. The whole group finally met at the pool and spent a pleasant hour splashing and playing ball in the water.

August saw membership classes along with the thriving Gay/Lesbian Support Group, the Womyn's support group and social, prayer group, worship committee, choir practice, Board of Directors meeting and of course two worship services on Sundays.

The high point of August was Rev. Matthew Howard's teaching and discussion of "Homosexuality and the Scripture". Rev Howard helped the group come to a better understanding of what the Bible says and what it doesn't say about homosexuality. Rev. Howard presented the clear message that God created us, God loves us, and God wants us to be in loving relationship with each other.

Ever want to go th Orlando? Yes Orlando, Florida! MCC is selling raffle tickets to a round trip for two to Orlando. The only restrictions are the week of Thanksgiving, and the week between Christmas and New Year's. The drawing will be held September 30, 1990 right after church during our September Bake Sale. So buy your tickets now. The money collected is for the Building Fund.

We look forward to you joining us at MCC-Omaha as we "Celebrate Life In Christ!"

## AFFIRMATION MEETING A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

by RJ

Friday the 13th didn't prove unlucky to Affirmation at all, just the opposite. Affirmation held their July meeting with a cook out. The evening was cool, but not cold, and very pleasant. Hamburgers were served, and everyone was asked to bring a covered dish. Dean once again proved his prowess in the kitchen by bring a special bean dish that was out of sight! Robbie tickled our palates with his famous brownies. It was a good spread.

Mispachat Chaverim held their meeting right along with Affirmation. It was a very good turn out, with members from P-Flag, the New Voice, and MCC there as well. There was no formal meeting, just a gathering of friends.

Marti was prevailed upon to bring out her guitar. Our first song was "Battle Hymn of the Republic," followed by "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Jacob's Ladder," "Kumbaya," and "We Are a Gentle, Angry People." A bluejay joined us, but I still wonder if he was criticizing or simply singing along. If it was singing along, it was only slightly off pitch.

We swung into some Jewish songs, and if I do say so, we didn't do bad singing in Hebrew. Folk songs followed, and it was surprising how the younger generation knew so many songs from the 60's.

It was one of those rare, most enjoyable evenings one hates to see end. An evening where one could just shut out the world, kick off one's shoes, sit back, relax. But it seems to be in the stars, all good things must come to pass. This evening proved the same. But the

memories will linger on. Thank you, Ann, and Marti, for your hospitality, and thanks to the others for just being there.

## OMAHA MEN-OMEN SOUND OUT!

As mentioned last month, Omaha Men was planning a fundraising event for Fantasy '90. We are happy to report that our "Handball" booth was a huge success. In addition to the game booth at Fantasy '90, OMEN also sponsored after hours hospitality at the Ramada Inn, Airport, Saturday, July 21st. It too, was a huge success. Many titleholders and guests attended the party which lasted til 3:00 am. Good food and fellowship was had by all.

On August 10-12, Omaha Men gathered at Fremont Lakes for the first (annual?) OMEN camping trip. The festivities began Friday evening with setup of the campsite. A total of six members and eight guests managed to find our secluded little campsite over the course of the weekend.

OMEN's regular meeting was held Sunday afternoon, August 12, at it regular time and marked the close of the camping trip. Five members and one guest were present.

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## ◆ OUTING - IS IT REALLY HELPING THE GAY COMMUNITY?

by Gregg S.

Has forcing famous household names out of the closet benefited the gay and lesbian community? What have we gained by forcing members of Congress, actors and celebrities out of the closet against their will? More funding for AIDS research? Positive role models? National attention? Let's face the facts. What kind of role models do people make when they are forced "out"? I can't see any benefits from these role models except maybe giving the gay community a "black eye", which is something we as a community already have our share.

"Outing" has already ruined many people's lives, who were probably helping the gay community in their own, behind the scenes, financially, volunteer work etc. Will they continue to help us now? No way! Has it increased government funding for AIDS? Not that I

have seen. Being HIV positive for almost three years, I don't want someone "outed" on my behalf, just as I would not want to be forced out for someone else's benefit. Living in a very small, rural town, it would mean the loss of my business which I have spent many long hours and days building into a very successful operation, loss of income, ostracized by certain family members and friends and probably having to leave the town I have lived in most of my life.

I am proud of who I am and feel I serve as a positive role model to my family and friends who know I am Gay. I could't say that if I was "outed" to the general public.

What right do we have to make the choice who should be "outed" to benefit the gay community and who shouldn't be "outed" because we see no benefits from this person. Are we playing God?

We, as a community already have enough problems with our image with the general public, discrimination in employment, housing and the discrimination caused by the AIDS epidemic.

What we need is a unified, positive approach to the public and to the government. What we are doing by "outing" people, famous or not, is actually splitting our community even more that it is. I feel we as a family and community could spend our time and energy on more positive and creative ways to increase AIDS funding, and general knowledge of the Gay lifestyle.

Let's work together and be the "community" we say we are and leave those persons alone who don't have any desire to be a part of the gay community. They may be helping us more than we already know in their own personal and quiet way!

Be proud of who you are and leave the others to do their own thing!

### NOTE:

OUTING for the most part is utilized when a Lesbian or Gay person is actually doing more harm to our community than helping. For example a member of Congress who is gay and votes against AIDS funding.

Pat P.

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Nancy Lyn Define

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The sky lighted up lavender today. Millions of voices cheered. And celebrated. In New York City, there was dancing in the streets. In a small town in Arkansas, seven gay women and men lighted candles and solemnly walked past the town hall. Because this was a day for standing up and being counted. And that's what happened. In every city, town, and village in America. Millions of voices cheered. And celebrated.

And then, for one brief shining moment, there was silence. And in that silence, there was an eloquence that surpassed all words. And in that moment, millions of tears fell quietly.

The sky lighted up lavender today. This was no day for pink carnations or red roses. At least not the traditional kind. This was a day for balloons and wondrously colored flags. This was a day when we showed the world, friend and foe alike, our true colors. In all of their beautiful diversity.

And that's how today should have been. Because today was a reflection of the times, of our time. A time during which we have witnessed the rise of gay political power. And the backlash created by those elected officials who have chosen to fight our pride with prejudice and our dignity with degradation. A time during which we have witnessed a social change which has taken us from the shadows to the limelight. Often, we

have paid for that openness by hate motivated insults and injuries. And sometimes, with our lives.

Mostly, it's been a time during which we have witnessed the devastation of AIDS. And we have grieved on a level, perhaps, unsurpassed by any minority group in this country. And from the tragedy we have grown and come together and showed the world what courage and generosity and caring are all about.

We have loved. And we have lost. Decades will pass and still there will be no forgiveness for the inaction of mainstream society nor for the magnitude of our losses. But history will also record our gains; and the thousands of unsung heroes who have made up our triumphs. Those persons who day-by-day, hard-won-victory by hard-won-victory, are turning rhetoric into reality.

What a time this is to be alive. How we act in our everyday lives, our conduct towards each other, the music we move to, the beat of our distant drummers, all of this will be more than our personal legacy. It will also be the story of an era when millions of people refused to be silent any longer. When millions of people said, "this is MY life and I will NOT allow anyone to attach reservations to it." And because we have fought for this fundamental human right, what we do - here - today - will become the foundation for the future, of how it was in the beginning, at the dawning of the gay civil rights movement. All of us are daily contributing to our own legacy. And slowly changing what had remained basically the same for two thousand years.

But we are not JUST the generation that was... we are the generation that is still. We are not JUST the individuals who happened to be alive when a virus burst onto the scene and quickly made us realize that there are no atheists when you are being stalked by a silent killer. We are not JUST the generation who faced the fundamentalist giants and slowly beat them back with our slingshots of truth and decency. And we are not JUST the people who faced homophobic bigotry on a daily basis and re-

fused to quietly lay down. No, we are not JUST that generation. Although those things will surely define us.

Perhaps, within our lifetime, we will see an end to the oppression. Perhaps, within our lifetime, we will see an end to the violence. Perhaps, within our lifetime, we will see an end to the tragedy of AIDS. More likely, those things will come long after we are no more.

History will record what we did and who we were. And future generations will judge us. They will, no doubt, point to so many things we did wrong, half-heartedly, or superficially. They will, no doubt, say that we often lacked patience; that, at times, we became so bogged down in personalities we forgot our principles; that we couldn't always see the material because we were caught up in the fringe. But they can never say we lacked heart. Or that we didn't know what love was.

## ◆ THE BOOK REPORT:

*Daughters of a Coral Dawn*

By Katherine V. Forrest, 1984

Hey, what can I say? This is a Katherine Forrest book, so you just gotta know it'll be good. Have you ever wanted to leave this male-dominated world behind in favor of a place where there are only strong, beautiful, intelligent women? This science fiction/fantasy story in the genre of the utopian novel is the perfect escape when insanities like capitalism have gotten you down.

The premise here is: An Earth man takes to wife a humanoid alien and immediately they produce nine offspring, all girls. This is not at all unusual for the mother's race. The girls all inherit Mother's intelligence and become extraordinary leaders in their respective fields of study and work. Each daughter mates with an Earth man to produce more daughters. Generations later, being very long-lived beings, these women - all 6000+ of them - tire of the oppressive patriarchal system on Earth and vote to form the Unity, which will find a new planet to claim as home, where they can live non-violent, rational lives of loving each other. That's when the real adventure begins.

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Most of it is written in the first person voice as the character of Minerva records the history of the Unity. Certain chapters delve into the personal journals of other key characters, so you can get a little wider perspective of a society-in-the-making.

Forrest is one of our premier lesbian writers, and with good reason. Great attention is given to detail; she doubtless had to do some research to make everything about the space journey sound plausible. Her writing is crisp and her descriptions bring even an alien world with a coral sky into sharp focus so that you can almost feel the breeze blowing across the coral ocean. She knows well how to develop and maintain a sexual tension between characters. You might catch yourself holding your breath, waiting, hoping for somebody to make the right move. That makes the climax (in the literary sense) all the more satisfying.

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I recently received a letter from Barbara Grier, founder and head of the publishing house. For the first nine years, she ran this business in her 'spare' time around her other full-time job. She still puts in roughly eighty working hours a week conducting Naiad's business. There are only ten full-time employees, and a great number of women donate much of their time as readers to weed out the incoming manuscripts that have potential. But as we all know, it takes money to keep a business going.

Ms. Grier has been forced to request donations. Part of the money will be

used so that bills can be paid off in 30 days, rather than 90, therefore avoiding extra interest charges. An estimated \$25,000 will be needed for improvements required by the growth of the business, including a new software system which would allow the handling of royalties through the computer (Naiad's authors want to see that happen - royalties are the only way they get paid for what they write).

Ms. Grier's letter reads in part: "...drastic and negative things will have to happen unless we can raise these funds. These would include the dropping of many of our backlist titles and the reduction of future publishing. In no way will either of these solutions benefit the lesbian nation as a whole... and indeed, we believe it will be ultimately dreadfully harmful if less of the positive, upbeat and enriching material from Naiad Press is available."

I couldn't agree more. Please help Naiad keep up with the increasing demands we've been making as readers. Please mark your checks as donations, or get together with some friends and make a large order for books. If

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## ◆ ASK DOCTOR D

by Demian, Ed.D.

**Q.** Do you know of any centralized effort to coordinate the actions of the many groups and individuals who now support same-sex families?

**A.** There is no 'centralized' effort. In fact the whole gay movement is really grass-roots oriented. This is what stupefies the 'fundies' who visualize a highly coordinated, subversive effort in every protest and in every demand for equal rights. Much to their bewilderment, there is no Big Boss calling the shots.

It is up to us to start our own local couples groups and to back those na-

tional organizations that support us. The following organizations are among those who are actively working to support and empower lesbian and gay male couples.

• **Couples National Network, Inc.**  
Box 26139, Tempe, AZ 85285-6139

Umbrella organization for local groups; social and informational events for couples; no religious or political affiliation.

• **Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., Family Relationships Project**, 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012, (212) 995-8585.

Employs legal advocacy, education and litigation to secure dignity and respect for all families, including lesbian and gay relationships; public interest law firm handles impact litigation where there is a gay/lesbian or AIDS discrimination issue.

• **National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, Lesbian & Gay Families Project**, 1517 'U' Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20009, (202) 332-6483.

Educates, advocates and organizes for full societal recognition of lesbian and gay relationships, and for the pro-

tection of lesbian and gay families.

• **National Family Register, Human Rights Campaign Fund**, 1012 - 14th Street, N.W., #607, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 628-4160.

Registers self-identified lesbian and gay families, defined as our most important close relationships; builds visibility for gay and lesbian families.

• **Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples**, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109, (206) 784-1519.

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For a free, complete list of organizations, books and other couples-supportive media, send a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope to **Partners**.

*Demian has a doctorate in education (Ed.D.) and is co-publisher/co-editor of Partners Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples. Send your questions about gay and lesbian relationships, for possible use in future columns to Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.*

## ◆ JACK AND JILL

Hello, we are wanting your opinion on our column. What are your views? Do you feel that this is useful to others, besides the persons writing to us? We also will answer questions from anyone who sends a self addressed, stamped envelope, without printing the letter in our column!

Thank you for your support.  
Jack and Jill

**Q.** I have a newborn and am concerned about schooling already. Do you recommend a small town, or big city school?

Signed—A Concerned Parent

**A.** At this time I would suggest a small school or a private school. Mainly because of the problems in larger schools. I'm not saying that there are not problems in small schools, but I feel in small schools staff will be more capable of observing problems sooner and letting you, as a parent, know the problems and grades of your child.—Jill

**A.** I agree with Jill. There are many advantages and

disadvantages of both, but if I were raising a child, I would choose a small school.—Jack

**Q.** What is happening to our community? Nobody likes anybody and anybody is no longer speaking to somebody and somebody is not going out anymore because of everybody. Could you tell us what we are to do! Please print this so everybody can see what nobody is doing to anybody.

Signed—(Somebody)

**A.** I agree fully. Our gay/lesbian community has fallen apart. I feel a lot of it has to do with the AIDS crisis. Some people are scared to get close to others or meet new friends in fear of losing someone else. The bars, organizations and church need to get closer with one another. People need to go out and have fun, but I think they forgot how! I understand that the Diamond Bar is going to start fun ideas soon. I'm sure the other bars have fun things planned.—Jill

**A.** Looks like Somebody had better go talk to anybody so everybody is happy, but beware if you start talking to nobody!—Jack

# ◆ FEATURES

## ◆ UNITED WAY, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Joseph A. Bonaiuto Jr.

A reminder to anybody who is currently employed in the State of Nebraska.

Yes, that time of year is fast coming upon us, when our office secretary or boss will put the pinch on us for our contribution to the United Way. In some cases, that offer is solicited with a pen in one hand and 'pink slip' in the other. Some are even told what they are expected to 'give' out of the kindness of their hearts.

But this is not a pitch or a put-down for United Way. This is just information for those of us who are 'assisted' in signing on the dotted line of their pledge forms. To put some choice back in the situation.

There is a form that should also come with your pledge sheet that will allow you to direct your contribution. This form is a small piece of paper that can make a big difference. You have three options when pledging your United Way gift; the third option is the one you should

concentrate on. This allows you to direct your pledge to an approved organization which does not appear on their regular list, like Planned Parenthood and NAP (Nebraska AIDS Project).

Yes, the Nebraska AIDS Project is an approved United Way organization. This means that you can take that 'gift' and make sure that it goes in a positive direction for the community.

All you have to do is to check the third option box, fill in your pledge amount, method of payment, and the name and address of the organization:

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This will send your money to NAP through the United Way, your boss will be happy, (in most cases, the only person to see your direction form will be the person who collects them; the management is only concerned with the final tally of the whole company), and you will know that you are really making a difference!

If you are not in Nebraska, call those organizations to which you would like

to contribute. They will be able to tell you if they qualify for United Way pledges. We do have a choice, and we can make a difference.

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## ★ WESTERN UNION ISSUES POLICY

Western Union issues national non-discrimination policy following sharp criticism earlier this year for their attempts to overturn the San Francisco gay and lesbian rights ordinance rather than to address the merits of an anti-discrimination suit brought by a former gay employee. Western Union's Chief Executive Officer, Robert J. Amman, stated that the policy of equal opportunity "is founded on sound business judgment and our belief in respect for the individual. We depend on the full and effective employment and development of qualified persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientations, physical or mental handicap or veteran status." Earlier this year, the Human Rights Campaign Fund had canceled its account with Western Union, causing the loss of an estimated \$300,000 income from the "Speak Out" program. HRCF officials indicated they do not have immediate plans to return to Western Union but that the company's positive step would make it a possibility in the future.

## ★ ELIMINATION OF POLISH HOMOSEXUALS

Polish solidarity leader promises to eliminate homosexuals from Polish society if he is elected President. Gay activist Ryszard Kisiel states that Lech Walesa's comments should be taken seriously because of his personal charisma and influence among the proletariat. Kisiel stated, "I'm afraid there's going to be a lot of support for these anti-gay ideas, and I'm afraid he could be a kind of Polish Hitler."

## ★ DALLAS GAY BARS JOIN BOYCOTT

Dallas gay bar owners joined the boycott of Miller Beer and Marlboro cigarettes as a part of the growing outrage over the extensive contributions made by Phillip Morris to Jesse Helms' campaign funds and to the Jesse Helms' Leadership Center in North Carolina. Phillip Morris is the parent corporation of both Miller beer and Marlboro cigarettes.

## ★ SHARON KOWALSKI AND KAREN THOMPSON DAY

Mayor Agnos proclaimed July 1 "Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson Day" in San Francisco.

On June 30, Sharon and Karen made an historic first public appearance before the lesbian and gay community at a fundraiser for the Lambda Legal Defense Fund. Thompson encouraged all gay and lesbian couples to do the necessary legal paperwork to establish durable powers of attorney and protect their relationships. Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson also received the Women of Courage Award from the National Organization of Women.

## ★ LIVING IN LEATHER

Living In Leather V, The National Conference, will be held October 25-28, 1990, at the Portland, Oregon Coliseum. Sponsored by the National Leather Association, this conference celebrates the diversity of the pan-sexual leather/SM/fetish community.

"The overwhelming success of four previous conferences contributes to increasing communication and understanding the leather family enjoys," explains Sallie Huber, Conference Director. Living In Leather is bridging the gaps between gay, lesbian, bisexual, and heterosexual leatherfolk. Informative workshops on political, social, and community issues complement an exhibition hall comprised of the leather community's many talented and successful businesses and crafts people, providing leather clothing and accessories, erotic equipment and literature.

## ★ NGLTF

NGLTF encourages the Senate to "closely scrutinize" Judge David Souter's nomination to the Supreme Court, calling into question his willingness to protect the rights of gay men and lesbians. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force expressed concern over Souter's concurrence with the 1987 ruling in New Hampshire that denied gay people the right to be foster or adoptive parents. (NGLTF)

## ★ DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

The Co-founders of the Daughters of Bilitis, the nation's oldest lesbian organization, have registered with the Human Rights Campaign Fund's National Family Registry. Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon have been living together for 37 years. Anyone interested in participating in the Family Registry can obtain forms by contacting MCC-Omaha at 345-2563.

## ★ PORK BLAMED FOR HOMOSEXUALITY

by Moslem missionary to Ireland, Tasleem Ahmed. Ahmed explained that pork is a forbidden meat because "the pig is the only homosexual animal. Because this perversion (homosexuality) is most prevalent in pork-eating nations, it is obvious that it gets into your genes through meat." Ahmed's statements are not supported by any Western scientific community. Indeed, homosexual behavior has been documented in goats, dogs, lions, monkeys, cats, bulls and cows, donkeys, rabbits, porpoises, racoons, and porcupines.

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## ★ P-FLAG NOT ALLOWED TO ADOPT A HIGHWAY

by county officials in St. Louis. The St. Louis chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays was originally granted permission to participate in the county sponsored anti-litter program in which groups and businesses "adopt" a road and in turn have their name on a sign posted by the road. However, county officials, H.C. Milford and Dee Joyner, later rejected the application because they agreed that the words "gay" and "lesbian" are inappropriate for a public sign on a public right of way.

## ★ FRANK REPRIMANDED

House reprimands Barney Frank for actions related to a male prostitute, Stephen Gobie, with the least punitive official sanctions which could have been recommended. Frank had acknowledged that he fixed parking tickets Gobie

received and wrote letters on official congressional letterhead to officials overseeing Gobie's probation. Frank also acknowledged a brief relationship with Gobie and that he had hired him as an aide using personal funds. Frank vehemently denied that he had sanctioned use of his Capitol Hill apartment by Gobie for prostitution and stated that he had fired Gobie when he learned this had occurred.

## ★ PHYSIQUE '90

PHYSIQUE '90, the 4th annual Nation Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships, was held in San Francisco in June. The show featured posing by Chris Dickerson and Gail Winston, both of whom are 50 years old, and the posing of the pair, Jon deLeon and Andy Anderson. Physique '91 will be held on June 29. For information write ABS, 1230 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

## ★ SODOMY LAWS OVERTURNED

On July 6 a Federal Circuit Court Judge struck down Michigan's sodomy law as unconstitutional, only one month after a circuit court judge in Kentucky overturned Kentucky's sodomy law. Kentucky Attorney General Frederic Cowan is appealing the ruling.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc.  
Omaha, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc. as of December 31, 1989 and 1988, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses and changes in undesignated fund balance for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc. as of December 31, 1989 and 1988, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

*Deloitte + Touche*

I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., INC.  
BALANCE SHEETS

April 14, 1990

I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., INC.		STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	
	Year Ended December 31,		
	1989	1988	
Public support:			
Contributions	\$30,177	\$21,925	
Revenue:			
Interest income	1,587	800	
Total public support and revenue	31,764	22,725	
Expenses and disbursements:			
Support to persons with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	14,347	8,419	
Support for AIDS research	5,598	4,000	
Functional expenses:			
Appeal for support	-	135	
Education	150	475	
Fund raising expense	1,925	-	
	2,075	610	
Administrative and other expenses:			
Legal and professional fees	1,100	-	
Miscellaneous expenses and bank charges	117	82	
	1,217	82	
Total expenses and disbursements	23,218	13,111	
Excess of support and revenues over expenses and disbursements	8,546	9,614	
Undesignated fund balance, beginning of year	21,825	12,201	
Undesignated fund balance, end of year	\$30,371	\$21,825	

### ASSETS

Cash and investments

December 31,	
1989	1988
\$30,371	\$21,825

### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Accrued liabilities

\$ - \$ 270

Undesignated fund balance

30,371 21,825

\$30,371 \$22,095

I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., INC.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1989 AND 1988

#### A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

**Organization** - I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc. is a non-profit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors. The organization's purpose is to provide emergency funding for individuals with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and for educational projects regarding Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

**Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements are on the accrual basis of accounting.

**Volunteers** - Volunteers assist the organization in its program services and fund raising activities. No attempts are made to reflect these donated services in the accounts.

#### B. TAX STATUS:

I.C.O.N.-P.W.A., Inc. has applied for tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, pending final determination of private foundation status under Section 509(a).

➤ TEST YOUR GAY GAMES I.Q.

1. In what year was the first Gay Games held?
2. What city hosted both the first and the second Gay Games?
3. Who was the founder of the Gay Games?
4. How many countries participated in the first Gay Games? The second?
5. What was the originally planned name for the Gay Games?
6. Where was Celebration '90: Gay Games III & Cultural Festival held? When?
7. What is the name of the organization that hosted Gay Games III?
8. During Gay Games I, what city team took first place in men's softball? In women's softball?
9. During Gay Games II, what city team took first place in men's basketball? In women's basketball?
10. What are the basic principles of the Gay Games?

Answers

1. 1982 (August 28 to September 5)
2. San Francisco
3. Dr. Tom Waddell, a San Francisco physician and gay rights activist, who died of AIDS in 1987.
4. 10 countries in Gay Games I and 19 in Gay Games II in 1986
5. The Gay Olympics; the U.S. Olympic Committee successfully sued to stop use of the name.
6. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; August 4 to 11, 1990.
7. Metropolitan Vancouver Athletics & Arts Association
8. San Francisco, for both men's and women's teams.
9. Men: San Diego; Women: San Francisco
10. Equal participation by men and women; emphasis on participation over competition; emphasis upon personal best; inclusive versus exclusive.

➤ LITTLE OLD FASHIONED LADY

There was a nice lady who was a little old-fashioned. She was planning a week's vacation in Florida at a particular campground, but she wanted to make sure of the accommodations first.

Uppermost in her mind were the toilet facilities, but she couldn't bring herself to write 'toilet' in a letter. After considerable deliberation, she settled on 'bathroom commode', but when she wrote that down, it still sounded too forward, so she wrote the letter to the campground and referred to the bathroom commode as the 'B.C.'

"Does the campground have its own B.C.?" is what she actually wrote.

The campground owner was baffled by the euphemism so he showed the letter around to several campers, but they couldn't decipher it either. Finally the campground owner figured she must be referring to the location of the local Baptist church, so he sat down and wrote:

Dear Madam:

I regret very much the delay in answering your letter, but I now take pleasure in informing you that a B.C. is located nine miles north of the campground, and is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I admit it is quite a distance away if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along and make a day of it. They usually arrive early and stay late.

The last time my wife and I went was six years ago, and it was so crowded that we had to stand up the whole time we were there. It may interest you to know that right now there is a supper planned to raise money to buy more seats. They're going to hold it in the basement of the B.C.

I would like to say that it pains me not to be able to go more regularly but it is surely not due to lack of desire on my part. As we grow older, it seems to be more of an effort, particularly in cold weather.

If you decide to come down to our campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time, sit with you, and introduce you to all the other folks. Remember, this is a friendly community.





GAY GAMES III & CULTURAL FESTIVAL



## ● BLUELIGHTS FOR AIDS

Recently I read of a campaign of protest and hope. Participating in it is as simple as leaving a blue light in your window if you care about people with AIDS.

Officially, David Willers of San Francisco began the Bluelights Campaign December 1, 1988, after his twin brother died from the disease. He wanted to create a show of unity and hope that could reach the whole nation, a sign that people with AIDS and the people who love them are not alone. And it's done as a protest against the government's inaction.

Traditionally, blue has been a color associated with hope, renewal, and spiritual awareness. Blue is a predominant color in many churches during Advent, the season just before Christmas, symbolizing the hope the Christ child brings. A blue light in a harbor is a sign of a safe haven for a ship. Now, in at least 30 states, a blue light in the window shows human caring for friends and relatives with AIDS.

Nebraska may be the Big Red state, but blue goes well with red. Here's another thought: when you mix red and blue, you get lavender. What could be more gay than that? The AIDS Quilt is coming to Lincoln in October, so let's greet it by turning the town blue by that time.

—Jean Mortensen

## ● HIV FOUND IN TISSUE KEPT 31 YEARS

Doctors in Manchester, England, using a new laboratory technique, isolated HIV in tissues from a 25 year old sailor whose death in 1959 had stumped doctors. The classic symptoms of HIV infection had begun in 1958, but no diagnosis was possible at that time. Doctors who treated the patient agreed that if he had come in for treatment today, they would have immediately thought of AIDS.

The new evidence strongly suggests that the AIDS virus, which can take a decade or more to cause disease after it enters the body, had been transmitted among people since at least the early 1950's, earlier than some had suspected.

## ● TIBO COMBATS HIV

SCIENCE magazine reports that scientists in Belgium believe they have found a new class of drugs with anti-HIV activity. Tetrahydro-imidazo-benzodeiazopinone (TIBO) derivatives seem to have 500 percent of the capacity of AZT to inhibit reverse transcriptase in vitro. The drug is being tested in small clinical safety trials in Europe. Belgium scientists caution that it is too early to draw conclusions about the drug's effectiveness in humans.

## ● PRESIDENT SIGNS DISABILITIES BILL

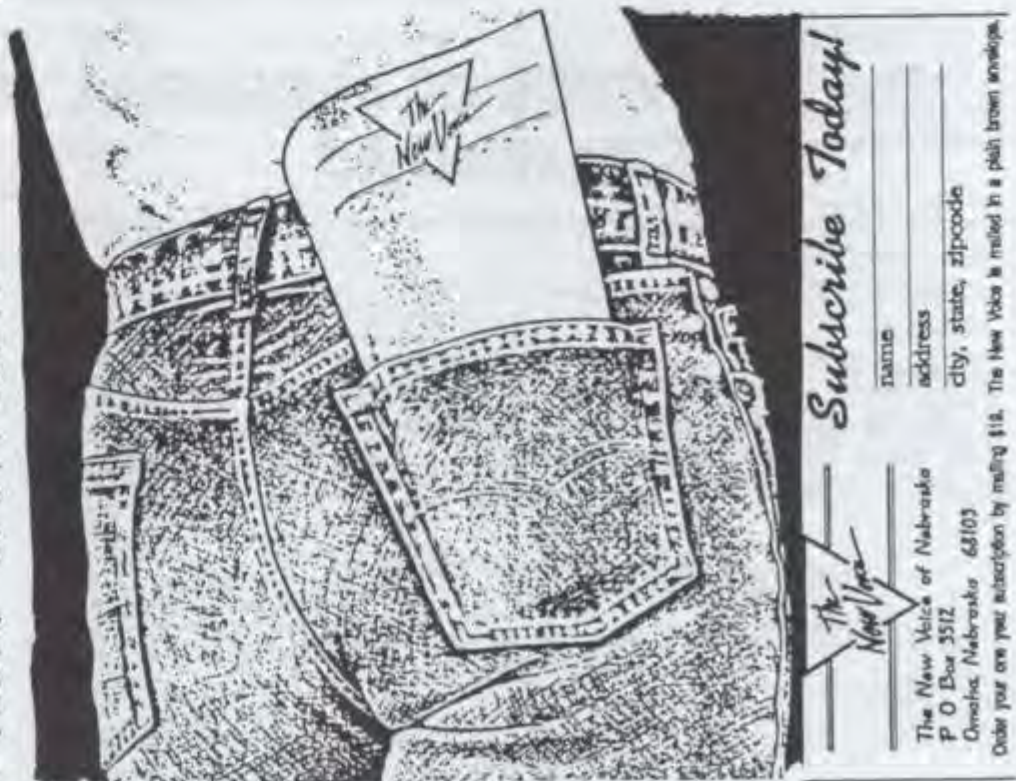
On July 26, President George Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act which outlaws discrimination against 43 million Americans who have some sort of disability, including those with AIDS and HIV disease, in employment, transportation, and public accommodations. For the second time in history Gay and Lesbian leaders were invited to the White House to witness the historic signing.

## Gay Games III And Cultural Festival (Photos Page 18)

1. Checking Out The Stats And The Gold! Men's And Women's Gold
2. Taking A break For Some Sun At B.C. Pavillion
3. TEAM Berlin - Gathering For The Opening Ceremony
4. Looking For Nebraska At The Opening Ceremonies
5. TEAM Houston - Gathering For The Opening Ceremony
6. "Singing For Our Lives" - Festival Chorus At The B.C. Pavillion
7. Silver Medalist - Vancouver B.C.
8. Wimmin's Javelin Participant

Photos by Terry Sweeney

See You In New York In 1994!



# CLASSIFIEDS

Gay Men's therapy/support group - Omaha.  
Interested men contact Lambda Counseling Service  
402 449-0398

LOOKIN FOR LOVE? Make sure that's all you find. Use a latex condom every time. DCHD at 444-6875

The New Voice of Nebraska is in need of the following volunteers:

Typists with MAC Computer with Modem

Artists and Cartoonists

Reporters for community events

Feature Writers

Advertisers

Policy Makers for Steering Committee

Interested parties should contact Pat Phalen 455-3701 or Sharon Van Butsel 556-9907.

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MUSIC DIRECTOR WANTED: The River City Mixed Chorus is seeking a Music Director for its 1990-91 season. Any interested person may respond by sending a resume and letter of application to RCMC, P.O. Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101-0315.

FUNDRAISER FOR NEBRASKA AIDS QUILT PROJECT

Garage Sale to be held in Lincoln on September 14 and 15. Donations needed for sale. Call 475-7740 (Lincoln) for info.

International Gay Pen Pal Organization  
Gay men and women who are interested in corresponding with people having similar interests in such diverse locales as Israel, India, Malaysia, Japan, England, France, Denmark, Sweden etc. are encouraged to send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to I.G.P. (International Gay Penpals), Ste. 320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, CA 91603

1991 GAY/LESBIAN BOOK AWARD NOMINATION

The Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the American Library Association has issued a call for nominations for the 1991 Gay/Lesbian Book Awards. Awards are made for both fiction and non-fiction and are given to books of exceptional merit relating to gay/lesbian experience. The awards have been given since 1971, making them the oldest gay and lesbian awards in the United States. Any book published in 1990 is eligible. Books may be from any country and in any language. To nominate a book send a short statement describing why the book is being nominated to: Adam L. Schiff, Asst Science Librarian, University of Colorado at Boulder, Campus Box 184, Boulder CO 80309-0184.

## The NEW VOICE OF NEBRASKA Classified Ad

Write Your Ad Here \_\_\_\_\_

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P.O. Box 3512  
Omaha, NE 68103



NEW YORK  
IN  
'94  
1994 GAY GAMES

## NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

## Affirmation of Nebraska

Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501  
(402) 556-7701 United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian concerns. Meets monthly in Omaha and Lincoln.

## Coalition for Gay &amp; Lesbian Civil Rights

Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509  
Advocacy/lobbies for Gay/Lesbian civil rights, educational presentations, newsletter, and cultural programs.

## Imperial Court of Nebraska

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

## Midwest Transvestite-Transsexual Hotline

(206) 329 TVTS (8887).

## Parents/Friends of Lesbians &amp; Gays (PFLAG)

Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504 (402) 435 4688 meets 4th Tues.  
Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 291 6781 meets 2nd Sun.

## Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns

(402) 733 1360: Cleve

## LINCOLN

## Committee Offering Lesbian &amp; Gay Events: COLAGE

c/o University Program Council, Room 200, Nebraska Union, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588 (402) 472 2454: Programming organization for cultural, social, & educational needs of UNL's gay/lesbian community.

## Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

Call (402) 466 5214 A.A. central office for location.

## Gay Men's Support Group

UNL Counseling Center, 68588  
(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

Box 30317, Lincoln, NE 68503 Lesbian-feminist collective, newsletter, support, confidential referral, & social programs.

## New Directions Center

(402) 476 2802 Short term counseling, support groups, classes, workshops dealing with coming out, parenting, and relationships. Sliding scale fee.

## Open Door Ministry

(402) 474 3390 Orthodox spiritual counseling to all in need. No charge.

## Parents/Friends of Lesbians &amp; Gays (PFLAG)

Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504 (402) 435 4688 meets 4th Tues.

## The New Voice of Nebraska

Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103 Monthly magazine for the Lesbian/Gay community.

## The Wimmin's Show

Noon to 3pm every Sunday on KZUM radio at 89.3 FM stereo.

## UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association

Mail: Room 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588  
(402) 472 5644: Rodney Bell II.

## UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association, Inc.

Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503 (402) 464 0371 Social, educational, & political organization for UNL's Gay/Lesbian alumni/ae, faculty, staff, & students. Publication: The GALA Nebraskan.

## UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center.

UNL Campus, Lincoln, 68588 (402) 472 5644 Meetings (Room 222), social activities, AIDS education, roommate referral.

## Women's Assistance Emergency Fund

Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501.

## Women's Journal-Advocate

Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501.

## OMAHA

## DIGNITY/Omaha

(402) 895 2856 or (402) 341 1460 Mass 7pm 2nd Sun., St. John's (lower level), on Creighton University campus. Roman Catholic lesbians/gays & friends.

## EAGLE - Omaha

c/o Sharon McCartney, 1314 Douglas on the Mall, 8th Floor Omaha, NE 68102.

## Frontrunners/Frontwalkers

Meet Wed. 6:30pm at Ford birth site, 32nd & Woolworth; Sun. 11am at Benson Park-Dill Field parking lot, 68th & Military.

## Gay/Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics

(402) 346 0561 Support group for adults raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes.

## Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

(402) 345 9913 Weekly meeting on Friday at 8:15pm. Alcohol and AIDS issues group 7pm Thursdays: call Steve at 346 1556 or NAP at 342 4233.

## Metropolitan Club

Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 449 9377 Networking organization of business/professionals.

## Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC)

Mailing address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103. Services at 4205 24th St., Omaha, NE 68103. Sunday worship at 10:20am and 7pm. Call: (402) 345 2563.

## Mishpachot Chavarim

Jewish Gays and Lesbians  
(402) 551 0510

## AIDS RESOURCES

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

## Lincoln Cancer Center

64600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE 68510. Call (402) 483 1872: Barb Morton

## Nebraska AIDS Project

3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68131: Call (402) 342 4233 or (800) 782 AIDS [2437] (statewide). AIDS Hotline, HIV testing, support groups, practical support, AIDS awareness programs, and literature.

## Veterans Administration Medical Center

42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, NE, 68105  
(402) 346 8800: Dean Pierce Ext. 4119

## Viral Syndrome Clinic

University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE  
(402) 559 6202 Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith

## LEGAL

## Mowbray, Chapin &amp; Walke, P.C.

201 N. 8th St., Suite 242, Lincoln, NE 68508  
Call (402) 476 3882: Jim

## Nebraska Civil Liberties Union

633 S. 9th St., Lincoln, NE 68508  
(402) 476 8091 Lincoln  
(402) 346 5025 Omaha

## Omaha Men: OMEN

Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68103-0706. Men interested in masculinity and masculine image.

## Omaha Women: OWOMEN

Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68103-0706: Women's organization related to OMEN.

## Parents/Friends of Lesbians &amp; Gays (PFLAG)

Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 291 6781 meets 2nd Sun.

## River City Bowling League

(402) 345 5118 (Scott)  
(402) 493 6118 (Charlie)

## River City Mixed Chorus

Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101 (402) 556 8352: Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.

## Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.

Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131 (402) 558 1186 Meetings, info., & support for Lesbians/ Gays.

## Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club

Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103.

## UNO Student Group

Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320. Call (402) 391 0694 (Heidi): Lesbian and Gay student social/support group.

## BARS &amp; RESTAURANTS

## OMAHA

The Chesterfield, 1951 St. Marys Avenue

The Diamond, 712 S. 16th St., 342 9595

Downtown, 619 S. 16th St., 341 0751

Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth, 449 9147

The Max, 1417 Jackson, 346 4110

The Run, 1715 Leavenworth, 449 8703

## LINCOLN

Panic, 200 S. 18th St., 435 8764

Penguins, 20th & O Sts., 474 9741

## GRAND ISLAND

Affairs, 4th & Walnut, (308) 382 0236

## CONFIDENTIAL TESTING

## American Red Cross

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

## Douglas County Health Department

4th Floor, Civic Center, Omaha, NE 68102  
(402) 444 6875

## Nebraska AIDS Project

3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68131: (402) 342 4233 or (800) 782 AIDS [2437] (statewide). Alternate test site; anonymous testing Monday and Thursday, 7pm to 10pm.

## COUNSELING AND SUPPORT

## AIDS Interfaith Network

1104 N. 36th St., Omaha, NE 68131

## Brother William Woeger

c/o Omaha Archdiocese  
100 N. 62nd St., Omaha, NE 68123

## Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

2200 St. Marys Ave., Lincoln, NE  
(402) 471 8065: Counseling & support

## Open Door Ministry-Lincoln

(402) 474 3390: Fr. David

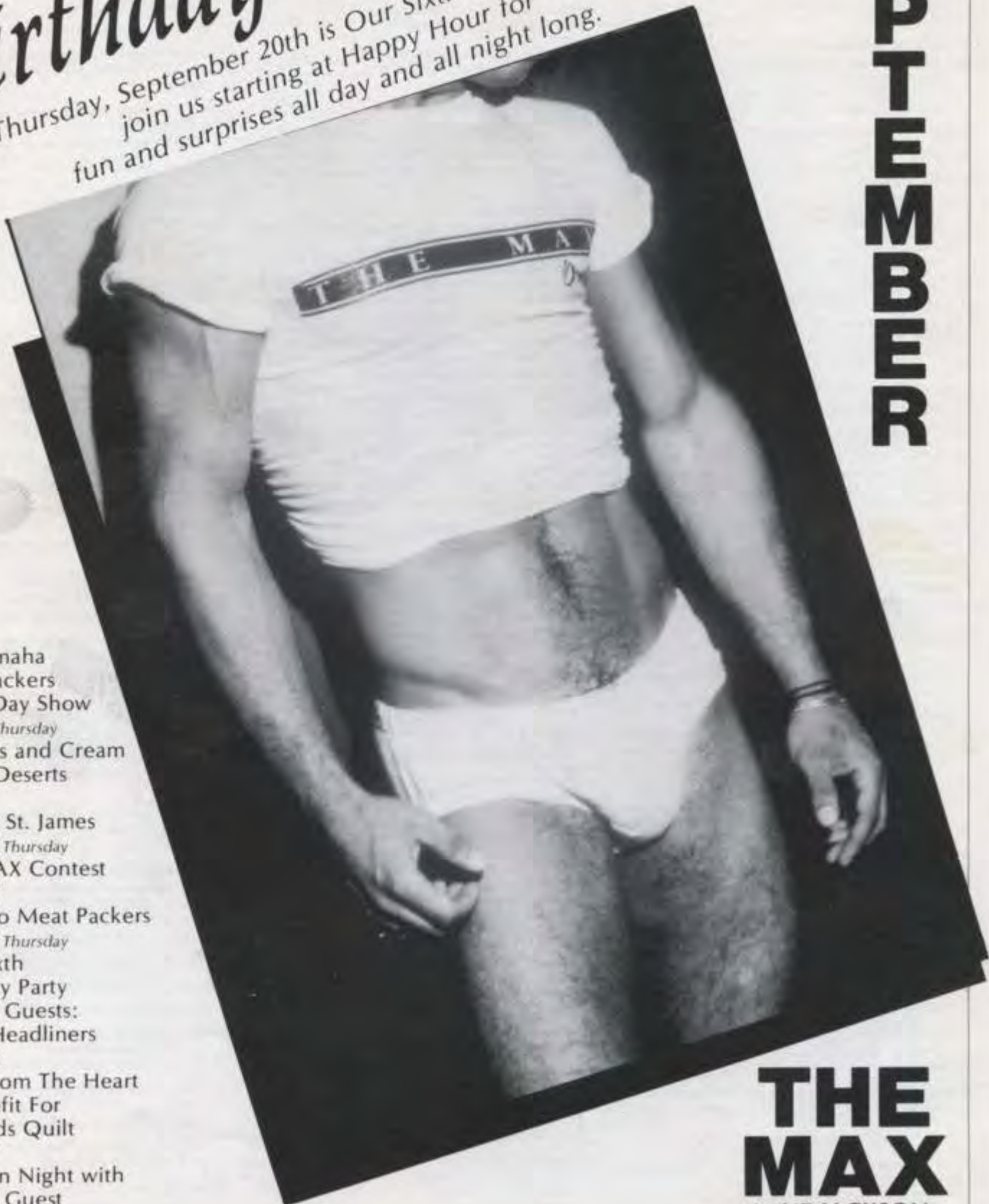
## Parents/Friends of Lesbians &amp; Gays (PFLAG)

## AIDS Support Group

(402) 435 4688 for meeting locations in Lincoln 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm.

# 6th Birthday Bash!

Thursday, September 20th is Our Sixth Birthday Party, join us starting at Happy Hour for fun and surprises all day and all night long.



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**Sept. 3**

The Omaha  
Meatpackers  
Labor Day Show

**Sept. 6** *Thursday*

Peaches and Cream  
& Just Deserts

**Sept. 9**

Marlyn St. James

**Sept. 13** *Thursday*

Mr. MAX Contest

**Sept. 16**

Chicago Meat Packers

**Sept. 20** *Thursday*

Our Sixth  
Birthday Party  
Special Guests:  
Texas Headliners

**Sept. 23**

One From The Heart  
A Benefit For  
The Aids Quilt

**Sept. 30**

Western Night with  
Special Guest  
Western Singer  
Jeff Miller

**THE  
MAX**  
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OMAHA, NEBRASKA

## **Helms Targeted Through Miller Beer Boycott**

Gay Boycotts are brewing in San Francisco, Dallas, New York and other Large Gay Populated areas. Miller is owned by Phillip Morris Company which is a major contributor to key anti-gay Republican Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina. Phillip Morris is a large contributor to the Jesse Helms Museum also in North Carolina. Previously, a boycott was organized against Phillip Morris Company, specifically Marlboro brand cigarettes. The boycott was extended to include Miller Beer because "gays who do not smoke wanted an opportunity to pressure Morris and Helms as well."

"We (gays and lesbians) are hitting a nerve and they're responding fast." A statement from Nancy Solomon of ACT/UP San Francisco.

Drink Miller, Smoke Marlboro...

**DON'T!**



COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Coalition: 1st Sat Event  
Cornerstone, 640 N. 16  
Lincoln, 7 - 10 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Ice Cream Social/Bake Sale  
Benefit for NAP, ICON PWA  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24-12noon

Mr & Ms Leather Nebraska  
Sponsor: Two Wheelers/Omaha  
Panic, 200 S. 18, Lincoln

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

LABOR DAY!

ICON Picnic, 12-5pm  
Warehouse, Carter Lake, IA

Meatpackers Show, 9:30pm  
The Max, 1417 Jackson

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group  
Lincoln, 435-4688, 7 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

"Longtime Companion" Opens  
Dundee Theater, Omaha

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

PWA/COPE Annual Garage Sale  
Kraft Discount Parking Lot  
15th & Leavenworth, Omaha  
To Donate Items Call:  
345-9614 or 341-4113  
Benefit PWA/COPE & NAP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

PWA/COPE GARAGE SALE  
15th & Leavenworth, Omaha

New Voice Steering Comm  
MCC-O, 420 S. 24, 3 pm

P-FLAG/Omaha, 3 pm  
First Methodist 7020 Cass

Omaha Men Meeting, 3 pm  
Box 3706, Omaha NE 68103

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Dignity, Mass, 7 pm  
St Johns Lower Level,  
Creighton Campus

"Sock Hop", 7 pm  
Hosted by Cindy/The Diamond  
Sponsored by T.W.O., M.C.  
WIN FREE TICKETS TO MELISSA  
ETHRIDGE CONCERT/PEONY PARK  
Diamond Bar, 712 S 16, Omaha

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

ICON Board of Govnors Mtg  
The Max, 6:30pm

AIDS Interfaith Network  
Service, 7pm, St Cecelias

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Affirmation/Omaha, 7 pm  
Call 556-7701 for info

GARAGE SALE--LINCOLN  
Fundraiser for Nebraska  
AIDS Quilt Project  
Call 475-7740 for info

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

LINCOLN GARAGE SALE  
Call 475-7740 for info

"FUN BOWL", 1 am  
Benefit for "MAKIT"  
(Missouri/Kansas Inv Tourn)  
and Riv City Bowling League  
Rose Bowl, 1200 NW Radial

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Coalition, 7:30 pm  
St Marks, 13 & R, Lincoln

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Metropolitan Club, 6 pm  
Call for info: 449-9377

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group  
Lincoln, 435-4688, 7 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

First Day of Rosh Hashanah

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 thru  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

"Discover Atlantis"  
Cornhaulers L&L "Enduro Run"  
Holiday Inn South, Des Moines  
Info: Call Jim (515) 226-8711

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

First Day of Autumn

Parents-FLAG, Kearney, 3 pm  
Call for info: (308) 237-3870

Dignity "Gathering", 7 pm  
Call 895-2856 for info

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

NAMES PROJECT QUILT  
Display of New Pieces Opens  
Lied Center, Lincoln (thru Oct 3)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Parents/FLAG-Lincoln, 7 pm  
Unitarian Church, 6300 "A"  
"Support Grps-Quilt Prjt-Elections"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 thru  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Rev. Elder Jerri Ann Harvey  
"Spiritual Renewal Weekend"  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th, 7pm  
Call for info: 345-2563

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Yom Kippur

Rev. Jerri Ann Harvey  
"A Spiritual Renewal", 7 pm  
For Location, Call

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Rev. Jerri Ann Harvey  
"A Spiritual Renewal"  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24, 10:20am

Bake Sale, 12 noon  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24  
Proceeds to Building Fund

"A Formal Affair", 7 pm  
BENEFIT: UNMC VIRAL SYNDROME  
CLINC, \$5/Person Donation is  
Suggested, Ballroom Dance Music  
Free Hors D'oeuvre's  
Diamond Bar, 712 S 16, Omaha  
(Formal Attire Suggested)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday

Metropolitan Community Chrch  
of Omaha, 420 S 24, 345-2563  
Worship: 10:20am, 7pm

Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers  
Running/Walking Club  
Dill Field Pkg Lot, 10:30am  
Benson Park, 68th & Military

The Max, 1417 Jackson, Omaha  
Shows at 9:30

### Monday

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

River City Mixed Chorus  
Lowe Ave Pres, 1023 N 40, Omaha  
Rehearsals, 7 pm

### Tuesday

Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24, 345-2563

### Wednesday

Omaha Frontrunner/Walkers-6:30pm  
Ford Birthsite 32 Av & Woolworth

MCC-Omaha Prayer Group, 7pm  
420 S 24, Requests Call 345-2563

### Thursday

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Org  
Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 8pm

### Friday

Adult Children of Alcoholics  
MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24,  
346-0561, 6:30pm

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous  
Pella Luth, 303 S 41, Omaha  
345-9916, 8:15pm

### Saturday

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

# MAKIT

## CRAZY ON TOUR BOWL

Sept. 15 After Hours Party

\$8.00 in advance

\$10.00 at door

\$3.00 non-participatory

Sponsors:

MAKIT <sup>City</sup> Kansas Bowlers

River City Omaha Bowlers

Money will be split 50/50 between Kansas City  
and Omaha River City

For tickets or information: Charley or Dan 493-6118

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1110 North Saddle Creek Road  
Omaha, Nebraska 68122  
556-7212

Raffles