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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HUSTLER NEED NOT APPLY

Light!

My ad had the word "Hustler" in it. I wrote "Husker." You know... like Nebraska Cornhusker. Could you print a correction in my behalf? I guess I can see where the foul up happened, but I'm really embarrassed!

Please, would you re-run my ad and print a correction? No one would ever think I was sincere from that ad. Please reply.

Gary

Florida male - 38 - Healthy, secure. Seeks monogamous bonding with "Hustler," 38-45. Me, smaller build; cute. You, larger, gentle cowboy type. Gary, 115 E. Steele St., Orlando, FL 32804-3908

Editor's Reply:

Sincerely! Had a little trouble reading the handwriting but we should have realized you'd be looking for a "Husker." After all, the Hustlers are the best!

Sharon Van Buzel

## PRISONER SUPPORT?

Dear NVN:

I was reading a friend's copy of NVN and have moved to the prison here in Omaha now, was down in Lincoln. Anyway, would like to receive a prison subscription if possible.

I had a close friend in Lincoln and have found it difficult to adjust up here as he is not here. Do you think I could get involved in some type of support group or someone I could write to at U.N.O.? I was writing to Fr.

Michael at a church in Lincoln has camera and his address. Am not able to write to my friend in Lincoln; prisoners cannot write each other.

This is my 1st time up here in Omaha. So far it's much different.

Sincerely,  
Michael Rathbone, 31569  
2323 East Avenue 'J'  
Omaha, NE 68110-2789

## NOMINATIONS WANTED

Dear Friend,

ANGLE invites your participation in the recognition of members of the Gay/Lesbian and Gay/Lesbian-sensitive community. The process begins as you, the community, nominate individuals and/or organizations who have contributed of themselves towards the betterment of the community.

The categories which we have initially selected are Personal, Professional, and Organizational Services. These categories will serve as preliminary guidelines in the nomination process. We do not wish to exclude any category. In the nominating process, we ask that you please include a brief summary sketch as to who, what, and how your nominee has contributed. Nominations need not be limited to the Gay/Lesbian community.

The nominee will be recognized at ANGLE's Community Recognition Luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, June 29 (further information will be provided on the luncheon). Special guest Kevin Moriarty of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, Washington, DC, will speak.

The deadline for nominations is May 31, 1991. Please submit nominations to:

ANGLE  
P.O. Box 31375  
Omaha, NE 68131

We do encourage all serious nominations, because we know that many have worked hard and now is the time to say "Thank You."

Sincerely,  
Nominating Committee ANGLE

## GENDER ALLIANCE

To the readers of *The New Voice*:

The purpose of this letter is not to make the gay community fully understand our situation, but to let inform those interested that we are available to those with similar interests. We do not expect you to fully understand, we just want you to know that we support your community and hope that some support will be returned to us for we all share this world, let's live together in peace, harmony, and most of all acceptance of who we are.

River City Gender Alliance is a non-profit support group that exists here in the Omaha metro area for those interested in the gender community. Our group consists of hetero, gay, and bisexual crossdressers, transsexuals (those living the social role of the opposite sex yet not desiring to have Sex Reassignment Surgery), and transsexuals both preoperative and post-operative.

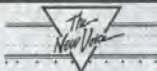
Security is important to our group members as many take great social risks by gathering together, including many of the comments & risks taken by the gay community. Our members come from all walks of life and various upbringings. Though our numbers are not as large as those of the gay community, we go through many similarities during our early years and through the "finding of ourselves" or "coming out of the closet, so to say."

Just as sexual orientation is mostly something that you are born with, so goes the life of the crossdresser and the transsexual. Theory holds that the urge to dress in clothing of the opposite sex is something that is biological in nature during gestation.

The transsexual further feels that he or she was born the wrong sex and seeks ways to change it. It is not something one chooses one day to be, but deals with for years in a society that says anything out of the "norm" is wrong. The reason we identify with the gay community, is because most people in it are understanding a point because of their orientation.

In summary we meet every other month on the first Saturday of the even numbered months. Meetings are held here in Omaha. We are NOT a group for sexual encounters, but for understanding and support. We are a group of like minds that allows us to express ourselves in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

through.

It is my hope that this bit of information will afford you the understanding of us, and that we may count those brothers & sisters of the gay community as our friends.

With Much Love and Respect,  
Rena G.

President River City Gender Alliance  
Contact address:

RCGA, Attn: Rena G.  
P.O. Box 680  
Convent Bluffs, IA 51502-0680

## MARCH ON DC

To the Editor:

To all members of the community interested in organizing a third March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, please note that there will be a second national planning meeting on May 11 and 12 to take place in Washington, DC. The meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street NW. Special arrangements for travel and accommodations are currently being made, and will soon be made public.

While I was not able to attend the first planning meeting on March 9, I understand that several people urged that the march be deferred until after 1994. As an HIV+ man

with more teeth than T-cells, I would like to strongly press for a march in May of 1992. While I understand that a year is not much time to get one million women and men to the Capital, I also know that there are tens of thousands of gay men eager to march again who will not be above ground in 1995 or 1997.

I recommend that all those interested in the march begin to plan grassroots meetings in their city or region, do outreach to the diverse elements within our lesbian and gay community, and commit to attending the May 11-12 meeting. It is vital that there be a demonstration of broad-based support for a march so that the national gay/lesbian organizations and established activists understand the importance of this event.

There has been a toll-free number set up to answer questions concerning the May meeting: 1-800-832-2689. If this number is not functioning, or if I may be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at the address and telephone numbers listed below.

Sincerely,  
Drew Siegel  
1420 Clayton Street, #203  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
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## THANKS FROM NCOD

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Sincerely,  
Lynn D. Sheppard, Executive Director

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ANGLE's Gay/Lesbian Information line became operational April 1. During the first two weeks most calls were from ANGLE members trying out the system. In addition, there were two "hang ups" and one of those pre-recorded sales messages that begin "You have 10 minutes to call this number and claim your prize."

Legitimate calls included one from a high school student looking for information for a research paper on "homosexuals adopting and raising children." This was before the number was published anywhere but in *The New Voice*, so an enterprising student must have called Directory Assistance to get the number or else they read *The New Voice*.

For information on organizations and activities in Nebraska and western Iowa, call (402) 558-5303. A member of ANGLE will return your call and provide information made available by the various organizations.

If your group, business, or organization would like to make information on upcoming events available to the community, call 558-5303 or write to ANGLE, Inc., P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131-0375.

This service is made possible by a grant from the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

## 1991 LOGO WINNER

The winning logo for 1991 Pride Activities in Omaha and Council Bluffs was submitted by *The New Voice's* own Terry Sweeney.

Terry's design features two figures holding a banner in the shape of a triangle with '91 on it. This design was selected from 19 excellent designs submitted by 8 different artists.

The selection was made by 13 members of ANGLE, Inc. during the April 2 meeting. The designs were all displayed without any identifying information that might reveal the identity of the artist. In addition, all voting was by secret ballot. In this way an impartial decision was assured.

As winner of the 1991 Logo contest, Terry receives a free Pride T-shirt and a free subscription to *The New Voice* (which he immediately donated to the River City Mixed Chorus).

Congratulations, Terry!

## FORMER DIGNITY/OMAHA RAFFLE HELPS FUND PRESBYTERIANS

Though DIGNITY/Omaha disbanded last September, members of the former group have donated to Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (PLGC) proceeds from a

## DIGNITY/USA raffle.

Because Dignity/Omaha has disbanded, former members offering sweepstakes tickets decided to shift proceeds meant for the now defunct local chapter, half the total, to the Nebraska/Western Iowa chapter of PLGC, a group similar in size and struggles to the former Dignity chapter (a Roman Catholic group).

Tickets for the national organization's sweepstakes were sent to Omaha since Dignity/Omaha members remain current in the national organization until individual memberships expire. Nebraskans and western Iowans gave Dignity admirable support by donating a total of \$70.00 for tickets, primarily during an ANGLE benefit chili-fund held at The Diamond bar in March. The winner from the nationwide sweepstakes will receive the winner's choice of a week's vacation for two to either Hawaii or the Caribbean.

The national drawing was to have taken place April 26 at Loudenville, NY, too late for this issue of *The New Voice*. Members of the former local Dignity chapter said they would be sure the winner's name, wherever in the country the winner lives, will be made available for publication in *The New Voice*.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## CITIZENS FOR EQUAL PROTECTION

by Sean Kershaw

Work has begun to enable Omaha to join the approximately 70 cities throughout the country who have decided to insure the basic human rights of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals.

Citizens For Equal Protection, a group of gays, lesbians, parents, and supportive citizens, has been formed to lobby for the inclusion of "sexual orientation" into the City of Omaha's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

The proposed legislation would extend to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals, the same civil rights given other minorities under the current ordinance. This existing ordinance prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations. (Public accommodations refers to restaurants, theaters, motels, or any other place of business.) Currently, the ordinance forbids discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, age, or disability.

In the proposed legislation, "sexual orientation" would refer to a person being perceived or identified as homosexual, heterosexual, or bisexual.

If approved by the City Council, the amendment would simply add sexual orien-

tation to the existing list of groups protected under Omaha's Civil Rights Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. No group is granted affirmative action or quotas by provisions of the ordinance, and it would not entitle gays, lesbians, or bisexuals to any special privileges under the law. It simply prohibits the denial of rights currently enjoyed by other Omaha citizens. The ordinance also empowers the City to take steps to prevent and redress discrimination.

Citizens For Equal Protection has been working to gain the support of groups and individuals throughout Omaha, building a network of allies for the political effort. In cities like Denver, Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Chicago the involvement of religious organizations, political groups, and other minority coalitions has been vital to the success of their gay and lesbian civil rights campaigns. Currently, organizations such as the Greater Omaha Clergy Association, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Rainbow Coalition, and the Coalition Against Racism have expressed their support for the proposed legislation. Many more groups are in the process of doing so.

An amendment to a City ordinance requires that a majority of the seven members of the City Council approve the legislation, and that the Mayor sign the ordinance into law. Any ordinance in Omaha, especially one as controversial as this, may also face a City-wide referendum. In such a referendum, the citizens of Omaha would vote to approve or reject the proposed changes.

The effort in Omaha is still in its very early stages. Citizens For Equal Protection is not working on any set time-line, but hopes to have the necessary support and organization to introduce the bill later in the year, or at the beginning of 1992.

However, before this can take place, a great deal of work must be done. First of all, we must gain support from groups throughout Omaha and make sure that the gay, lesbian, and supportive community is effectively organized. Citizens For Equal Protection must also present well documented evi-

dence that discrimination against gays and lesbians exists here in Omaha. Although not a necessary step to success, solid examples of how discrimination is a fact of life for many gays, lesbians, and bisexuals will greatly strengthen the efforts to pass such an ordinance.

If you or anyone you know has been a victim of discrimination in employment, housing, or public accommodations, PLEASE contact Citizens For Equal Protection at the ANGLE address: P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131, or call (402) 333-3164. Confidentiality is assured. All examples will be used in abstract, or nonspecific form.

Future articles will provide updates to the legislation and the lobbying effort.

## MR. GREAT PLAINS DRUMMER

Mr. Great Plains Drummer is moving north to Fantasy land. This year the contest will be held in Omaha, Nebraska. The same city that sponsored Fantasy for the previous two years. In fact Mr. Great Plains Drummer is being sponsored by Fantasy Productions, so you know that the fireworks will be toward unrequited success.

The Mr. Great Plains Drummer contest is an opportunity for the people of the great plains to show some regional pride, as well as meet new friends in our own neck of the woods. It is time for a man from the Great Plains states (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota) to become Mr. Drummer.

Contestants in the Mr. Great Plains Drummer contest, as in all Drummer contests, are judged in the categories that follow: Interviews, Speech/Leather Image, Jockstrap, and Erotic Fantasy.

Plan on coming to Omaha June 28th and 29th for the regional Drummer contest that should be the highlight of the Great Plains spirit. The event will be held at The Max located at 1417 Jackson Street. Full weekend packages are available from Fantasy Productions. For information or to purchase a weekend package, contact: Fantasy Productions, P.O. Box 6262, Omaha, NE 68105.



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## TWO SEDER MEALS ADD SPECIAL MEANING TO THIS TIME OF YEAR

by RJ

On Thursday night, March 28, MCC-Omaha threw open their doors to receive a Passover meal. Thanks to Mishpachal Chaverim, the LAG Jewish group, a Seder was held at MCC. It was a very unique occasion that one hopes will become an annual tradition at MCC.

Altogether, this special night drew 34 people to the celebration of this Passover meal, one that many Christians believe Jesus took part in as his last meal.

Leaders in the Seder were Lay-Rabbi Marti and MCC's Rcv. Matthew Howard. Readings were assigned to individuals seated around the table.

The Kadesh started out the Seder meal followed by the lighting of the candles. Marti gave a commentary as we proceeded through the Seder.

The Passover meal is in remembrance of the Hebrew people fleeing from bondage in Egypt to a new promised land. The matzo bread, a non-leavened bread, is the symbol of their hasty flight. They didn't even have time for the bread to raise.

Songs were sung, ably led by Marti and her guitar. *Let My People Go*, *The Ten Plagues*, *Diapena*, and *The Passover Symbols* were sung by all and greatly enjoyed.

Following the Seder, a pot luck was held, observing the Jewish dietary laws. Needless to say, this was a very interesting pot luck. I enjoyed it and thought it was good.

Friday night I was invited to B'nai Israel Synagogue in Council Bluffs to share another Seder. This event started out at 6pm and ended at 10:30. There were around 80 people there. Sitting at the head table were Lay-Rabbi Marti, Rabbi Sharon Streit, and Ann. Readings were assigned to various members of the congregation.

The Haggadah used for this Seder was *On Wings of Freedom*. Following in the tradition of the scrolls, this book went from right to left.

With this Seder about half way through, the meal of the evening was served at 8:15. It proceeded through 5 courses. The first was the gefilte fish followed by matzo ball soup. A very good fruit salad was served. The main course consisted of fish, kugel, and was beans. Dessert was raspberry crepes. At 9:45, the Seder commenced again and continued to 10:45.

It was a real good evening. I'm glad Russ invited me to this Seder. It was a real honor to share this special evening with Jewish friends who are very open and caring. This evening also gave me, a person following the Christian Faith, a deeper meaning of this Faith, where it came from. It was, for me, truly, a closer walk with Jesus.

## METRO CLUB

The Metro Club held its Mardi Gras celebration on February 23. Though it was a little later than the traditionally recognized date, it was well-attended. Costumes and masks were optional and all in attendance enjoyed dancing with music by DJ Doc (through musical connections with Peermers CD's and KKVU radio), decorations by the Metro Club Board, and a dessert bar with various sweets baked by the Board. This was the most recent event sponsored by Metro Club.

Metro Club began its year with a kick-off last September with its newly elected Board. In December, Metro Club held its annual Christmas party at Sam's Mandina's. Those who attended enjoyed food, conversation, singing, and because it was a small group, ended up enjoying pastries at Delice in the Old Market afterwards.

In the future, Metro Club is planning Spur-of-the-Moment activities monthly. These are somewhat different than a regular monthly meeting and are a casual way of getting together and socializing in a non-threatening environment. Activities can range from ice skating to potluck dinners. Most will be held on the weekends so that more members can attend. Friends are also welcome to join us.

Our next big event will be the Cloc Find.

This will be a chance to compete with others in locating Omaha landmarks in a race to see who can find them in the shortest time or distance covered. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be catered after the hunt. The Cloc Find is free to members, and at a cost of \$7.00 pre-registration fee to non-members (\$8.00 to walk-in). The money goes to help furnish prizes and refreshments. The date is set for May 18, 1991, at 7pm. We will start off with clues being given out at Sam Mandina's, 401 South 39th Street, and will conclude with refreshments at Sam's. People interested in participating can send their names, registration fees, and name of contact person to the Metropolitan Club, P.O. Box 31331, Omaha, NE 68131. Pre-registration would be appreciated by May 13, 1991.

Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line:  
**558-5303**

## MR. OMAHA DRUMMER

Yes, it's getting closer to that day when one local man will be chosen to represent Omaha as Mr. Omaha Drummer. Who will he be?

Omaha Men - Omaha - is proud to sponsor the 1991 Mr. Omaha Drummer contest. Be there as the panel of seven local and regional judges, including Mr. Oklahoma City Leather, score the contestants on question & answer, leather image, jock strap appearance, and, of course, sexual fantasy. Win-win for yourself (the energy of the contestants and the lively entertainment from local talent. It's a party you don't want to miss.

On May 18, 1991, the video bar at The Max will be transformed into your fantasy reality. Be part of the Men of Omaha marching to the beat of a different drummer.

One last thing: the price of admission is \$8.00 in advance, and \$10.00 at the door so get your tickets early. Oh, and by the way, once you're inside, the beer is on us.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## FANTASY 91

You know it as the third largest draw of leather dignitaries, with over 40 title-holders and special guests last year. You have heard of the \$18,000.00 that it has raised for its designated charities over the last two years. And finally, you know that it promotes the power of unification in the leather community. But, did you know that Fantasy 91 is returning to Omaha, Nebraska for its third consecutive year?

Sponsors, Dustin Logan and Bob Ewing, and *The Leather Journal* are putting together the most eye popping fantasy to date. The charge starts with official art work by The Hm. Once hearts and other body parts begin pounding the weekend begins.

On Friday night there will be a presentation of club colors. If you will be representing a club be sure to bring your club colors with you. After club colors is the introduction to title-holders and dignitaries.

On Saturday prepare yourself for a picnic. Not just any picnic, we're talking about a leather picnic with seminars and demonstrations on the leather lifestyle, as well as exhibits, and game booths. Think of it as a journey through the people, the pride, and the leather that shapes our community.

And let's not forget FANTASY, the show in which the guests entertain you with talk

about what's been on their minds as your local, regional, and national representatives, and of course by performing their sexual fantasies live on stage.

This year FANTASY, the show, is being produced by I.R. Productions. Already scheduled to appear at Fantasy 91 are:

Bill Costomiris: TLJ Man of the year 91  
Shan Carr: IMSL 88  
Vance Reger: Mr. Great Plains Drummer 90  
Brian Dawson: Mr. Drummer 89  
Jeff Burnam: Mr. Florida Leather 89  
Chuck Retzlows: Director L.M.L.  
Jan Lyon: Ms. NLA 89/90.

TLJ Woman of the year 90  
Patrick Sullivan: Mr. Oklahoma Leather 90  
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Ruth Marks & Howard Martin:  
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Dave Rowles:  
Publisher of *The Leather Journal*  
Dustin Logan: TLJ Man of the year 90,  
Mr. Great Plains Drummer 89

Once again, Fantasy promises to be one of the year's biggest national leather events. So, mark August 16th, 17th, & 18th on your calendar of events too hot to miss. Omaha looks forward to your return. Tickets are \$25. and \$30. after August 1st.

Title-holders, don't miss this opportunity to represent the people behind your title, as well as raise money for PFLAG, and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. To be included in this year's event, all you need to do is contact Dustin & Bob at Fantasy Productions, P.O. Box 6262, Omaha, NE 68105-0262. Registration forms are now available at local bars.

## DES MOINES PARADE DATE ANNOUNCED

Saturday, June 29, is the date of this year's Gay and Lesbian Pride parade in Des Moines. This caps a week of events which begin on Saturday, June 22. The Des Moines Men's Chorus will have a concert on the 29th. The bars in Des Moines will sponsor a picnic again this year. Iowa City is also holding a parade. Details will be announced later.

Pride Parade committee meetings are held at the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 4211 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. Call (515) 277-1454 for details.

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## THE MAX IN MAY

by Gloria Revelle

Spring has sprung and the show schedule at THE MAX is packed with great entertainers and shows.

May 3, Miss Max 7, Dorian Drake and friends take to the stage. Dorian is a former Miss Gay Nebraska America and USA. Dorian's guests include Miss Gay Omaha II Jennifer Jetz, Miss Gay Nebraska USA 1991 Phoebe Tate, and Diestra Snow. Phoebe just recently returned from the Miss Gay USA nationals where she did one of the finest jobs ever by a Nebraska representative. With this caliber of talent in one show, you won't want to miss it.



In May, our volleyball and bowling teams will be going to national tournaments. In the past, both teams have been very successful. Many national championships have been won by our local boys. At last year's volleyball tournament, the men from Omaha captured the title in their division. Both groups will also hold benefit shows at THE MAX. May 9, the volleyball team will show us if they can spike in heels and May 12, the bowling team will give us a hint of what happens when you play with big balls.

THE MAX is pleased to announce a new contest in the Midwest. May 19 is the date for Mr. Omaha Drummer. This contest is sponsored by O-MEN. The winner will go on to compete for Mr. Great Plains Drummer and then on to National Mr. Drummer in

San Francisco. Both Mr. Omaha Drummer and Mr. Great Plains Drummer will be hosted at THE MAX. It certainly will be an exciting summer. Both of these contests are sure to draw many new visitors to the Midwest. The highlight of the summer will again be Fantasy '91. If you'd like more information, contact any member of O-MEN or I can put you in contact with the appropriate sources.

You can see that THE MAX is making quite a name for itself across the nation in every facet of our community.

Don't think for a moment that we've forgotten all you die hard stripper fans. Sunday, May 23, THE MAX welcomes Tony DiAngelo and The Male On/Off Review. Tony and his men are pumping up everything they have for their visit to Omaha.

Nacho Tuesday is the latest success for Wayne. If you've missed it, don't worry. It happens every Tuesday night. Wayne serves up some great tasting nachos, that taste so good because they're free, and he's serving up his special recipe Margaritas for only \$1.00. Where else in Omaha can you get a deal like that?

Anyone looking for a hot young Latino should stop in for happy hour. Our new bartender Michael will serve you like you've never been served before. Happy hour features not only include Michael, but, also \$1.00 drinks and \$1.00 well drinks.

The pain is officially open for the summer. You can look forward to some new additions this summer. THE MAX is constantly changing and improving so, take advantage and have some fun.

### NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT (ICON)

Bigger!! Better!! Cooler!! Grander!! That's Progressive Park, the site of the 1991 holiday picnic: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day! Sand volleyball pits, a softball field, the river, a pavilion, a beer garden - all in the privacy of one park and all available for your enjoyment if you attend the Memorial Day Picnic sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

Progressive Park is located just over the South Omaha Bridge in Council Bluffs, Iowa. See an ad in this issue of *The New Voice* and the files and posters in the bars for maps and directions. The picnic will run from 12 Noon until 5pm. For an afternoon of games (tag-of-war, drag racing, potato rams, three-legged races, and pyramid building, as well as those you provide yourself) and all the beer and pop you can drink, make your plans now to attend. See you there!

Congratulations to the new Miss Closet Ball! What a fun evening that was! Hope you caught the excitement. Thanks Stephanie, Diestra, Sabrina, Vance, and Russell for planning such an entertaining event.

Coronation is just around the corner. Candidates will be announced soon, and then the campaigns will begin. The more you get involved, the more you will enjoy the festivities. Plan now to attend all of the Inbuds, Stepping Down Show, Out-Of-Towners' Show (June 14 - Airport Ramada), Coronation (June 16 - Airport Ramada), the Coronation Brunch (June 16 - Airport Ramada), and the Victory Show (June 18 - The Max). Erica and Ornel have planned a weekend of frolicking fun to celebrate the completion of our Tenth year and to ring in the monarchs who will represent the Court in the coming year.

## WANTED

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# LOCAL NEWS



## MCC-O NEWS

by Carla P.

We'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to the folks at Gilligan's and everyone in the community for supporting our building fund campaign drive by attending the Spaghetti Supper the fourteenth. Also to those of you who bought 'treasures' at our spring yard sale, we extend another thank you.

Be on the lookout. The logo printed above will soon be appearing on T-shirts and our banner. If you'd like to purchase an MCC-O shirt, just contact the Church office for price, sizes, colors, etc. The logo, which was selected from 11 entries at the March Congregational Meeting, was designed by

Bill H. Prexy neat, huh!

MCC Sioux City, under the guidance of our Student Clergy, Brian Hanlon, got off to a rousing start Easter Eve with over 40 Sioux Citizens in attendance. Each Sunday evening from now on, they will gather for worship at the Unitarian Church.

Six student clergy, lay pastors, and/or transfer clergy are attending the Samaritan Class on Sexuality being taught by Reverend Howard the first weekends of April and May.

Those participating in the Deacon's training will complete their classes this month. With their assistance, we are looking forward to getting to know the community better.

District Conference for UPMCC is coming up over Memorial Day weekend in Wichita, Kansas. MCC-O is leading the Friday evening service, and several from the congregation are planning to make the jump to participate.

We invite you to join us for either Sunday Service: 10:20am or 7pm. God loves you! See you in church Sunday.

### SEDER DINNER UNITES RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

Over forty people of varied backgrounds and religions joined together March 28, 1991, for a Seder dinner at Metropolitan Commu-

nity Church of Omaha. The event, co-sponsored by MCC-O and Mishpach Chaverim, Omaha's organization for Jewish gays and lesbians, was proclaimed a resounding success. The full evening consisted of a one-hour Seder, a wonderful potluck dinner, Communion, and closing words.

As is traditional during a Seder, a number of foods were used, representing the historical story. The relaxed evening included both prayer and singing. Seder...literally, "order"...is the meal traditionally served in Jewish families during Passover. It recalls events surrounding the Jews' exodus from Egypt. This year, Passover coincided with Easter weekend, and it was very appropriate to attempt a "Test annual" community Seder.

This Seder was many years in the making. In the early 1980's, Pastor Jan Kroos of MCC-O spoke of a community Seder dinner, perhaps with support from Jewish community members. The suggestion finally came into fruition this year.

It's traditional to end the Seder by saying "Next year in Jerusalem!" At the evening wound down, more than one person was found to say, "Next year we'll do it again in Omaha!" Thanks to Mishpach Chaverim members and to Pastor Matthew Howard of MCC-O, along with all others who attended and brought their spirit, food, and fellowship.

## The River City Mixed Chorus

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## HATE CRIMES BILL IN NEBRASKA

by Sean Kershaw

On March 26, the Judiciary Committee of the Nebraska Unicameral met to hear testimony on LB 396, the Hate Crimes Bill.

The Bill would offer protection to groups who face violence because of their actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation. LB 396, which was sponsored by Senator Brad Ashford of Omaha, is especially important to the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community because it is inclusive of sexual orientation. A "hate crime" is any criminal activity that is motivated by bigotry, hatred, or bias against a community of individuals.

The Hate Crimes Bill will accomplish three goals:

- It mandates that local law enforcement agencies collect data on crimes which are motivated by bigotry or bias. These agencies would then have to report the data to a central collection point, most likely the FBI. In addition to having to measure incidents of violence against these groups, the Bill requires State police to provide training for law enforcement officers in identifying and reporting hate crimes.

- The Bill will increase, by one class, the penalties for vandalism, assault, trespassing, mischief, and disturbing the peace when these crimes are motivated by hatred and bigotry.

- Finally, the Bill provides for civil remedy, e.g. filing a suit, to secure an injunction, damages or other appropriate relief, against anyone who has violated the institutional vandalism or intimidation statute.

The Hate Crimes Bill does not create any new crimes. It merely recognizes that a distinction exists between individual, random acts of violence, and violence against an individual or group because of their perceived or actual connection to an entire community of people. Because of this, hate crimes have a unique and psychological impact on the victim and his or her community.

In June of 1990, President Bush signed the National Hate Crimes Bill. This nationwide bill is similar to Nebraska's, in that it requires that law enforcement agencies collect data on hate crimes. However, that national legislation does not require police departments to undergo any special training, and it does not increase the penalties for crimes motivated by bias or bigotry.

At the March 26th hearing, the response to the Bill was very positive, and no one spoke out against it. The Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith was responsible for organizing much of the testimony at the hearing.

Assuming that LB 396 passes the Judiciary Committee, (no vote had been taken by the New Voice deadline), it must wait until the 1992 Session before it faces a vote by the entire Unicameral. It should not have to go before a committee at this time.

Between now and the next session, it is important that more senators recognize the importance of this bill to each of Nebraska's minority groups. Future issues of *The New Voice* will provide information on the bill, especially information on how to lobby your own senator.

## G/L SUPPORT GROUP HOSTS SPEAKER

by RJ

Recently the Gay/Lesbian Support Group had a guest speaker, Betty Nelson, MSG, who is with Operations Bridge and counsels families with various problems, discussed co-dependency.

The topic of the evening was a new subject to me and one on which I need to do more reading. As I understand, for one to be co-dependent, there must also be a dependent. In plain English, it takes two to tango. The co-dependent lives in the shadow of the dependent. The dependent can be many things, and many things can be dysfunctional. The co-dependent heavily leans on the dependent one and will not, or can not, break this vicious circle, no matter the pain or suffering. Ms. Nelson stated 8 out of 10

people will need therapy to break this vicious circle.

I was given the names of three books to read on this subject: *Co-dependency No More* by Melanie Beattie; *Struggle For Intimacy* by Janice Witte; and *It Will Never Happen To Me* by Claudia Black. These books are generally available through Walkers, B. Dalton, or other bookstores, generally under the self-help or self-improvement sections.

Is one a co-dependent? Does one depend heavily on another for their well-being? Does that "other" person have a mental dysfunction? You could have a problem that might need looking into.

Yes, it was a very good evening with 16 present. The G/L Support Group would have liked to have seen more there, as much as this event was advertised, but it was a good number.

Betty Nelson was a very good speaker and gave an excellent presentation. DeWayne led us in opening the session with the Serenity Prayer and Les introduced Betty. At the close there was a lively question and answer session with helpful answers given by Ms. Nelson.

It was also nice to see some of our visitors in the community attending. Their presence helps to give a broader viewpoint from which we can all benefit. Yes, it was a very good and informative evening. Thank you, Betty Nelson, for giving us a very good talk and for giving us some very good answers to our questions.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## CHORUS GOAL IS TO "FILL THE HOUSE"

The River City Mixed Chorus expresses appreciations and thanks to the co-sponsor Imperial Court of Nebraska, The Mix, and the extremely responsive audience for making the "Fruit Salad" variety show a tremendous success. Live music and lip synch CAN be successfully combined!

Now, the Chorus has eyes and voices firmly fixed on the Seventh Annual Gay Pride Concert, Saturday, June 22, at Strawn Performing Arts Center at UNO. (Yes, Editor Sharon, show time is indeed at 7:05pm!)

The concert will include the World Premiere of an arrangement of Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" for organ and timpani. Guest organist and arranger is John J. Bennett, Music Director of the Omaha Community Playhouse.

The choral program will highlight music from three great American composers — Copland, Leonard Bernstein, and George Gershwin. Other music will include works from John Rutter and Randall Thompson. RCMC Music Director Jonathan Cole promises a lot of variety and some surprises.

Tickets will be available soon for the Pride concert. The difference this time is...tickets will arrive only by mail...and they

will be complimentary.

The goal of this year's Pride concert is to fill every seat in Strawn Performing Arts Center. As a way of thanking the audience, a complimentary ticket will be sent to each person on the RCMC mailing list. If the ticket recipient cannot attend the concert, he/she is asked either to give the ticket to a friend or to return it.

Due to the potential for over-filling the hall, no tickets will be available at the door. As before, PWAs are invited to contact RCMC for reserved tickets.

If you want a ticket but you're not sure that you're on the RCMC mailing list, call the special RCMC Summer Pride Concert Phone Line, 978-8766, by May 15.

## YES GLORIA, PLGC LIVES by RJ

After an absence of 7 months, which saw the PLGC moderator drown with the flu bug (naughty little critter), PLGC met on March 30. It was a good meeting with five present.

PLGC was blessed with a Presbyterian minister present, and one who had with him the recent church report on Human Sexuality, both the short form and the long form. Needless to say, this report has the Presbyterian Church in an uproar. It will be interesting at the General Assembly to see if the Presbyterian Church will move ahead to-

ward the 21st century or fall back towards the Dark Ages.

We had a good afternoon of fellowship and discussion. It would be nice to get more ladies at these meetings, but so far they have been pretty scarce. Surely not all Presbyterian Church goes are male.

Around 5:15, a place to eat was discussed. It's pretty hard for the money to turn down Sizzlers fabulous salad bar and all you can eat. So it was decided to go to Sizzlers and pig out. That salad bar at Sizzlers is a complete meal unto itself.

Hopefully, more Presbyterians will come to the next meeting. The more the merrier, and the more input we can all share. PLGC needs the support from more L/G Presbyterians. And these meetings do not exclude straight people. After all, PLGC stands for Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns. All Presbyterians who support the concerns of L/G people and wish to find out more about our life style, which really isn't any different than straights, are more than welcome. Attend some meetings. I'm sure you'll enjoy them.

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## MEATPACKERS SHOW RAISES \$2142 FOR PWA's

The Meatpackers and the Packettes took to the stage on April 7 to present *Babes On Broadway*, a rousing salute to all those beautiful (7) Dames who inhabit the make-believe world of Broadway. The show featured carefully choreographed production numbers, *Beautiful Dames from Torch Song Trilogy*, *Singular Sensation from A Chorus Line*, and a deeply moving version of *I Am Who I Am*.

The Meatpackers are deeply grateful to the staff and volunteers of Nebraska AIDS Project who supported the show with their presence and their talents. Pam, AKA the executive director of NAP, made her debut as a stand up comedienne, and Mike M., a member of the executive board of NAP, took to the stage to strut his stuff in black lace. Barb Braden and John Coe, also of the executive board, also participated.

Special thanks go to The Max, Tom Check, Tim of O-Men, Dustin Logan, Gay Man of the Year 1990, Felicia and Beth R., Torgie, Frank, Larry Dee, Dale (Widow Max), Muffy, the Oriental Trading Post, to Bruce and Stosh, to Wayne, and to the community for their support. Special thanks to Cindy of the Diamond and Kenny of Gilligan's for supporting our efforts.

The proceeds of \$2,142.<sup>00</sup> will go to the PWA Assistance Fund to help PWA's with emergency needs.

The Meatpackers next show will be the Foolish Follies held Labor Day Weekend. See you there!

## COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS GAY/LESBIAN DRUGS/ALCOHOL by Rodney A. Bell, II

A special task force of the Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs was formed to address the needs and concerns of gays' and lesbians' alcohol/drug use. Members of the task force were pulled from various areas of the Lincoln gay/lesbian/empathetic community and meetings are held once monthly.

The group may act in various capacities including: presentations, workshops, provide a resource list of resources for gay/lesbian concerns, create programs that address problems not currently being addressed, and work with other groups.

Persons who are interested in the work of the Special Task Force on Gay/Lesbian Alcohol/Drug Concerns may contact Margaret Nellis, Ph.D., at (402) 472-2454. Studies have shown that as many as 1 out of 3 gay men or lesbians misuse alcohol. Coupled with the threat of HIV, alcohol and drugs

presents us with a serious dilemma. The task force was created because it was felt that there are some concerns that are not being addressed by current services in Lincoln.

## KEARNEY NEWS

### That's What You Think!!

Under the did you know column... There used to be a gay bar in Kearney some years ago called Trader Jack's, which is now called Geno's Bar. Now we don't want to say that the new owners are homophobic, but they sell or give away T-shirts that say "GENO'S... WHERE FUN IS IN... AND FAGOTS ARE OUT." It's too bad that they feel this way since the Emory Closet knows of several "family" members that go to the bar. On one hand, some people would think Geno's should be off limits until they change their attitude. But on the other hand, maybe if the owners get to know a few of us on a one to one basis they will come around on their own. WHAT DO YOU THINK?? You might want to call or write them and see what they say. The address:

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## KEARNEY NEWS cont.

### AA for GLR's is OK

In coming to grips with the problem of alcoholism one sometimes can not openly share her/his sexual orientation with their local Alcoholics Anonymous group. Some don't feel the need for sharing this part of their life but others do. If you do and would like to know of others in the tri-city area that are in the same boat, call (308) 234-6500.

A new AA group has been started in Grand Island and meets each Tuesday at noon. Attendance has been around 10 people per meeting. The meetings are not limited to only "family" members. Those sensitive to gays/lesbians/bisexuals are welcomed.

Studies have been done that show lesbians and gays have a higher incidence of drug abuse than non-gay people. Sometimes it's a hard enough dealing with the addiction to alcohol/drugs much less having to worry about what people in your support group would think if they knew your other secret.

So, until further notice, the G.L. AA group will attempt to meet the needs of the drug abuser. If you have a friend that needs to talk to someone that is understanding in the area of AA, call us. The Empty Closet is not associated with AA, but screens and refers callers for the group which has OPEN meetings at a private location in Grand Island.

**ONE DAY AT A TIME STARTS WITH TODAY.**

### Tri-City Social

March 9th was the kick-off social for the tri-city area. Larry and friends hosted the people from not only the tri-city area, but some from over 130 miles away. There was more than enough food provided by the Hastings gang for all attending. The people talked, played pool, talked, watched TV, talked, played cards, talked, talked, and more talk. The pre-8:30er was termed a success by all attending. Alcohol was kept at a minimum to keep the focus on a wholesome atmosphere as opposed to the old fashioned knock-down, drag-out, go till dawn, anything

going drinking party. The EMPTY CLOSET, in cooperation with the tri-city people, were able to make this a good first start in what we hope will be many low-alcohol events in the next several months. Hats off to Larry and MOM for providing us with such a nice warm place to get to meet some new people.

Phase two of the social weekends found 40 people at C & E place, in Grand Island, playing games. Cards were enjoyed by several groups of people throughout the night and all took part in the group games called "Who/What Am I?", "Name-O", and a game, untitled, that was played like "Hot Potato."

The last of the three get-togethers was held in Kearney on the 23rd of March at Jim & Joel's place. Like the two other weekends, this was a great time for all attending. Several members of the Kearney P-FLAG group came and enjoyed. (Hopes are to include more gay supportive groups and individuals to our functions.) By contrast, we had 44 people show up. A few people played card games while most took part in general chit-chat sessions. The night concluded around 9:30-10pm when people went to the "family" bar in G.I., the Affairs, or went elsewhere. Again, we would like to thank Jim & Joel and all their cohorts in making everyone feel welcome.

### F. K.

The old joke was, "What word starts with 'F' and ends in 'UCK'? FIRE-TRUCK!! Well, add this one to your FYI list. A certain history teacher tells us that the way this often used word came about was back in the days of the stocks.

Remember your history? Well, the stocks were instruments used for inflicting corporal punishment. The device consisted of a heavy wooden framework in which the prisoner sat with his legs and sometimes his arms and head protruding through holes. Those convicted of minor offenses would often spend days in the stocks while passing crowds pelted them with stones or refuse. The stocks were frequently used in colonial New England.

Well, above, or off to the side, of the criminal there was a sign that stated the offense. The sign might read "For unlawful stealing" or "For unlawful lying." For having sex that one was not permitted to have the person would be put in the stocks and the sign would read "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge."

Thus the current word we use is the acronym for this sign. Now, you've got to admit, even if this is not the way the word came about, it sure sounds good.

Should you have another tidbit of information that is as juicy as this one, why not take a few minutes and jot it down and send it to the E.C. so we can share it with all. Of course, it doesn't have to be a four letter word.

*-The Empty Closet Newsletter*

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## ESSEX HEMPHILL TO SPEAK AT EAGLE CONFERENCE

The Employee Association For Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE) will be holding their Third Annual Regional Conference in Omaha, May 17, 18, and 19, 1991. EAGLE is an employee resource organization associated with US WEST Communications. EAGLE is 5 years old with the first chapters starting in Seattle and Denver. Currently there are 11 chapters in the 14 state US WEST region. Last year the annual conference was held in Phoenix and the theme was *Self Affirmation*. This year's theme and conference will celebrate *Lesbians and Gays Creating Positive Change*. There will be workshops surrounding homophobia, language, self affirmation, HIV, and a special workshop for non-Gay people only.

The conference "UN" officially begins with a night of entertainment at The Max, May 16, at 9:30pm. EAGLE will combine efforts with ANGLE for a show to end all shows. This will be an opportunity for you to support ANGLE's Pride Week fundraising, and see some fresh, new "out-of-town" talent.

There will be a special video screening

of the movie *Tongues United* on Friday evening, May 17, at the conference host hotel, the New Tower Inn.

At this year's banquet on Saturday, May 18, our keynote speaker will be Essex Hemphill who will address our conference on issues of racism within the Lesbian and Gay community. Mr. Hemphill is from Philadelphia and is an author, poet, and actor.



ESSEX HEMPHILL



The public is invited to attend this year's conference. The registration fee is \$125 or, for those interested in attending the banquet only, there is a special banquet ticket at \$25. Anyone purchasing a banquet ticket is also invited to view Mr. Hemphill's work *Tongues United* on Friday evening. Checks and money orders for conference fees or banquet tickets may be sent to: Rick Worman, 100 South 19th Street, 12th Floor Central Park Plaza, Omaha, NE 68102.

Registration fees are due before May 15, 1991. For more information contact Pat Phalen at (402) 422-4234(D) or (402) 455-3701(N). Please join us for an educational and exhilarating weekend.

### L.A. PARADE ON LOCAL CABLE TV

Cox Cable has the opportunity to broadcast the Los Angeles Gay Pride Parade on June 23. If you would like to see this carried in the Omaha area please write to the general manager of Cox Cable at 11505 North Dodge Road, Omaha, NE 68154, and let him know your wishes. Satellite transmission of the parade is made possible by Christopher Street West.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, MAY 4

Coalition for GL Civil Rights, 1st Saturday Event, 7-10pm. *Our Works, Literary/Visual* Cimmerstone, 640 N. 16th, Lincoln.

Purin costume party and potluck, 6pm. Presented by Mishpachot Chaverim. 551-0510 for information.

## SUNDAY, MAY 5

New Voice Steering Committee, 4328 Chicago Street, Omaha, 1pm.

## MONDAY, MAY 6

ICON Board of Governors meeting, The MAX, 1417 Jackson St., 6:30pm.

Support Group for Bisexuality, 7:30pm, Cornerstone (upstairs), 640 N. 16th St., Lincoln.

## TUESDAY, MAY 7

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 12 MOTHER'S DAY

Parents-FLAG/Omaha, 3pm, 1st Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 291-0781.

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

## MONDAY, MAY 13

AIDS Interfaith Network service, St. Cecilia's, 7pm, 643 North 40th, Omaha.

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

YARD SALE to fund Pride Activities, 4328 Chicago Street, Omaha, 9am to 4pm.

Metro Club CLUE FIND, 7pm. Members Free, Others - \$7.95. Register by 5/13, send name, fees: Box 31331, Omaha 68133.

ACT-UP!, Lincoln. Call for details: 464-0371.

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

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

GLSO Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, 6:30pm, 558-8121 for information.

Omaha Mr. Drummer Contest. Sponsored by OMEN, The Max, 1417 Jackson.

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 25

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

## MONDAY, MAY 27

ICON Memorial Day Picnic, Progressive Park, 12 to 5pm, Council Bluffs, IA, 57.

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Service, St. Mark's, UNL, 13th & R, 7pm.

## TUESDAY, MAY 28

P-FLAG-Lincoln, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St. Did He Get Wrong?

## SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Neb. Org. Cook Out, 4:30 to 7:30pm, 1417 Jackson, Omaha. Register by May 15. Hosts: ICON and The Max.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

MCC, 4205 24th, Washg 10:20am, 7pm.  
Omaha Frontiersmen, 10am.

### MONDAY

Test Site, 7-10pm, 3624 Leavenworth.  
RCMCRhed, Lowe Av. Prisht. 7:15pm.

### TUESDAY

GL Support Grp, 420 S. 24th, 7:30pm.

### WEDNESDAY

Protroumers, Ford Birthsite, 6:30pm.  
AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7pm.

### THURSDAY

Test Site, 7-10pm, 3624 Leavenworth.  
UNL GL Students, Neb. Union, 8pm.  
Support Group, Kearney, 234-8248.

### FRIDAY

GL AA, Peila Luth., 8:15pm.

### SATURDAY

Women Support Grp., 11am, 420 S. 24.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 7 TO SUNDAY, JUNE 9

T.W.O Anniversary Run. Write: Box 3216, Omaha 68103.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 14

ICON *Out of Towners'* Show, Airport Ramsa Inn, 9pm.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 15

ICON "CORONATION XI", 8pm, Airport Ramsa Inn, Omaha.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 16

ICON "Victory Brunch", 12 Noon, Airport Ramsa Inn, Omaha.

ICON "Victory Show", 9:30pm, The Max, 1417 Jackson St., Omaha.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

River City Mixed Chorus Concert, UNO Strauss Auditorium, 7:05pm.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

P-FLAG Omaha, Open meeting, 7pm, 1st Methodist Church, 6900 Cass Street.

P-FLAG Lincoln, 7pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 'A'. Potluck Supper/Celebration.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28 THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Great Plains Mr. Drummer Contest. The Max, 1417 Jackson Street, Omaha.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Community Recognition Luncheon. Sponsor: ANGLE, Inc., 11:30am. Speaker: Kevin Moriarty, Human Rights Campaign Fund.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE, 4pm. Assembly Point and Route to be determined.

PRIDE RALLY following Parade. Location to be Announced. Speaker: Kevin Moriarty, HRCF.

ANGLE has Park Permit, 4-8pm. Bring Picnic Supper/Enjoy!

Community Worship Service, 7pm. Sponsored by MCC-Omaha.

## In Loving Memory of a Long-Time Friend

But - we all miss you  
I called my friend, and he came.  
Though he was as busy as I was that day, as  
soon as he could get away - he came.

I needed some help on a project, so I left  
a message on his machine asking me a  
service. I only intended for him to call me back,  
but instead - he came.

It wasn't the first time he helped that way.  
And I hope he knows that all the times we  
spent as one another's aide, were the reasons  
we were friends in the first place.  
Each time I called - he came...

-Author Unknown

## Death Comes and Goes

Like a storm sent from God; The sun shines  
upon each of us through our lives.

As our life draws toward the final end,  
So does the sun. It fades behind the clouds.

As death comes and snuffs out the last breath  
of life; the lightning, winds, and thunder of  
the storm become frightful.

As tears fall from loved ones that remain,  
The rains will fall from the sky to beautify,  
Sometimes, the falling rains are gentle ones;  
But sometimes, the rains will create floods.

Just like the rains, death can be a peaceful  
one; Or there are deaths that are prolonged  
and painful.

Then it seems that the storm is over. Like  
death, it is final: it did occur. We say our  
farewells to the parted one; As life gives breath  
to other living forms. As we know, the sun  
will shine again.

Our minds allow us to keep memories of our  
loved one. Like the rains, the tears too will  
end.

Like the damage of the storm that lingers in  
our minds, so too will the memories of pains  
and the beauties of our parted one.

And life continues as God has planned...

Until the next storm!

-by Butch Addleman

## Why Do I Care?

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A friend died of AIDS last week;  
A gay adolescent killed himself today.  
My best friend was evicted.

Why do I care?  
The rest of the world won't.  
Denial, play that denial game.

My friend, Sharon, was beaten by her  
husband last night;  
A woman from Queer Nation was slaugh-  
tered by the Nazis this morning.

Why do I care?  
The rest of the world won't.  
Denial, play that denial game.

John went to prison for dealing;  
Wanita's gone to jail for prostitution;  
George had illegal sex with a boy.

Why do I care?  
The rest of the world won't.  
Denial, play that denial game.

Caring, empowering, growth.  
You call me co-dependent.  
Adult, Child, Enabler.  
But someone needs to care.  
I care.

Mike, my Jewish friend, had his house  
burned by the Nazis;  
Donald, my brother, was slaughtered in  
Iraq;  
Gerard, a black classmate, was stabbed by  
a racist;

Why do I care?  
The rest of the world won't.  
Denial, play that denial game.

Suzie's family is starving in America;  
Our local water system has nitrates, leads,  
and toxins.

Jane died of breast cancer.  
Why do I care?  
The rest of the world won't.  
Denial, play that denial game.

Sarah, my hemophiliac pal died of AIDS.  
Gaeth, a disabled kid I know, is called  
'cripple' at school;  
Nicki was murdered by gay bashers this  
afternoon.

Why do I care?  
The rest of the world won't.  
Denial, play that denial game.

Caring, empowering, growth.  
You call me co-dependent.  
Adult, Child, Enabler.  
But someone needs to care.  
I CARE!!!  
And that's all that matters to me.

## A Friend Died Today

A friend died today - I cried.  
There must be some kind of mistake.  
I never said Good-bye. He left me sad and  
confused. Did he die all alone?  
I didn't say, "I Love You."

He has left me depressed and frightened.  
His life was such a struggle; He doesn't have  
to fight anymore. But how do I go on from  
here?

He left me angry - with him, life, and my-  
self... He was so special to me. I didn't tell  
him that in a long while.

Memories are all I have left.  
Happy - Sad - Laughter - Tears  
A friend died today - I cried.  
-Author Unknown

## Since You've Been Gone

A cold feeling swept through me  
The sky is dark and grey  
I just found out my lover walked away.

I can hear his voice  
I can see his face  
But, he's left my world for a better place.

I wish that he knew how much I cared  
Every moment is treasured  
The time we both shared

Even though he's gone away  
In my memories and thoughts and my  
heart, he will forever stay

You'll remain my friend  
I will always love you.

-James Drake

## To My Best Friend!

I LOVE YOU  
There is a much greater motivation than  
simply my spoken words  
For me to love is to commit myself freely  
and without reservation  
I am sincerely interested in your happiness  
and well being  
What ever your needs are I will try to fulfill  
them and I will bend in my values depending  
on the importance of your needs

If you are lonely and need me I will be there  
If in that loneliness you need to talk I will  
listen

If you need to listen I will talk  
If you need the strength of human touch I  
will touch you  
If you need to be held I will hold you

I will be my body with yours  
if that be your need  
If you need fulfillment of the flesh I will give  
you that also but only through my love

Love, George



# AIDS NEWS

## HEALTH COVERAGE FOR PWA'S ON MEDICARE BUT NOT MEDICAID

by Thomas P. McCormack

Now that more and more persons with AIDS fortunately survive the two year wait for Medicare, they face a new health benefit access problem shared by other disabled Medicare patients under age 65 - how to pay the deductibles and coinsurance not met by Medicare, as well as those services not covered AT ALL by Medicare (such as drugs, dental and other "extras").

The Medicaid program can do this for those PWA's who are SSI recipients in Nebraska and Iowa. But most PWA's lose Medicaid once their Social Security Disability Insurance starts (after the 3 month waiting period for SSDI). This is because most SSDI awards turn out to be above the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid income level. Those with SSDI income over the SSI/Medicaid eligibility level can get Medicaid through what is called "spend down" - subtracting medical bills from their income to lower it to the eligibility cutoff - but Medicaid gained this way only lasts a short time, and the procedures for doing so are cumbersome and difficult. Without an unpaid bill for hospitalization, successful "spend down" is usually impractical.

This means that - by the time one waits out the two years for Medicare as disabled - one has no way to cover its deductibles and coinsurance, not to mention care costs not covered by Medicare at all - like drugs and dental, for example.

Because Medicaid isn't the total solution for PWA's who have Medicare, some other way to cover health costs not met by Medicare needs to be found. Extensions of private health insurance under the Federal COBRA law do not work either, because even the 29-month COBRA extension expires just when Medicare starts. Elderly Medicare beneficiaries have long been offered reasonable "Medigap" insurance by private insurance companies, and these plans not only cover the Medicare deductibles and co-payments; they also offer in many cases coverage of "extras" like drugs, and dental care. Unfortunately, all known insurance companies discriminate against the disabled: they offer Medigap only to the over-65 so, well aware of the fact that disabled Medicare beneficiaries - by their very definition - are high cost people they don't want to pay for.

One answer are Medicare-contracting health maintenance organizations (HMO's) and other prepaid health plans. The Federal government requires that these HMO's cover the disabled just like the aged: no higher fees, preexisting conditions clauses or wait-

ing periods can be imposed on the disabled. As one can readily see, the Medicare/HMO's may be the answer for seriously ill people on Medicare who have no other viable coverage alternatives! See the listing below of Medicare/HMO's in the Nebraska area (a Medicare patient must live in the metropolitan area served by a plan to join it).

## Nebraska Health Plans Open To PWA's On Medicare

(These plans can pay all or almost all of the \$628 Medicare hospital admission deductible; the copayments on hospital days over 60; the \$100.00 doctor bill deductible; and the 20% of doctor and other charges not met by Medicare - things paid by patients themselves if they are not on Medicaid.)

Share Health Plan of Nebraska, Inc., Omaha. \$57.03/mo. extra premium; physicals; immunizations; eye and ear exams; dental; small copayments for office visits, hospital admissions, and emergency room care.

Health America/Capitol Care, Inc., Lincoln. Call plan enrollment office for details on premiums, benefits, and copayments; in this plan, patients can go to other providers if they are willing to pay regular Medicare deductibles and coinsurance.

NOTE: Each plan establishes its own rules  
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about enrollment times (generally, one 30 day period once per year, usually in December); copayment amounts, and exactly which services they apply to; limits on types or amounts of prescriptions, where they are covered; and limits on visits or hospital days for mental health care. Enrolled Medicare patients can only get care through the plan, but one can disenroll at any time; this takes about a month to process. Call the plan enrollment office for more information. Some plans have limited experience in treating AIDS: but where patients have no other realistic alternatives for financing uncovered care, this consideration may be a luxury worth sacrificing.

## AIDS 2ND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH

The Centers for Disease Control released new statistics that show AIDS as the second leading cause of death among men 25 to 44 years of age. By the end of 1989, AIDS deaths surpassed those of heart disease, cancer, suicide, and homicide. Unintentional injuries (accidents and homicides combined) is still the leading cause of death for the age group.

"The AIDS epidemic is really taking a toll now," said Dr. Ruth Berkelman, chief of AIDS surveillance of the federal Centers for Disease Control. The new statistics were

reported in the CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

"Overall in 1989, AIDS accounted for 10 percent of all young adult deaths," Berkelman stated. According to CDC, "In 1991, based on current trends, HIV infection/AIDS is likely to rank among the top five leading causes of death among women." As of 1988, AIDS was the 8th leading cause of death among women.

"Nearly one-third of the 100,777 AIDS deaths were reported in 1990," according to Berkelman, "We project that we will see another 100,000 deaths over the next three years."

In New York state in 1989, AIDS was the leading cause of death among Hispanic children ages 1 to 4, and the second leading cause of death among black children the same age.

-TAP Update

## NATIONAL AIDS LOBBY DAYS: MAY 24-JUNE 3

ACT-UP and a coalition of gay/lesbian and AIDS organizations have announced National AIDS Lobby Days, May 24 to June 3. Gay men and lesbians are urged to call, write, or plan a visit to their legislators and staff during Memorial Day week when they

will be at home in their districts meeting with constituents.

National Coming Out Day encourages every gay or lesbian person, with or without HIV, to come out to their legislators. "When elected officials realize they have gay men and lesbians in their districts, they pay more attention to the issues that matter to them. It's that simple," said Lynn Sheppard, Executive Director of NCOOD. "We are encouraging people who contact us to plan a visit to their elected officials during that week."

"Coming out puts a face on the gay and lesbian community. Since half the U.S. cases of AIDS are still gay men, it is incumbent upon our community to be visible on these health issues," agreed Michael Petrelis of ACT-UP/DC.

"There is a link between the level of activism in a given state and the quality of the laws relating to gays, lesbians, and AIDS," continued Sheppard. "According to a study by the California State Senate in 1989... gay political organizations... and all AIDS-focused political groups... have played a major role in shaping public perceptions of the issues."

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# FEATURES

## THE LEATHER LINK

by Tim Gardemann

SIR, by your permission SIR, I will define the purpose and scope of The Leather Link. A link pulls together all the pieces of the chain, and that's what I hope this column can do. I see it as a place where issues, events, and news concerning you and the Omaha leather community can be the focus.

It is my intent that all items which appear in this column fairly represent the community as a whole because the ultimate goal is camaraderie within the ranks.

The reader should know that I will happily accept suggestions for column topics, comments, criticisms, and any other informative or newsworthy items concerning the leather community.

Send comments to:

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Att.: The Leather Link

And with that finished SIR, I would like to respectfully submit the first column.

This summer you will know that leather is alive in Omaha. How will you know that? You will see it, hear of it, and some of you will taste it.

It is a fact that Omaha will be hosting four leather events, spanning the entire growing season in the heartland. For the leather community I hope this will be a growing season too.

However, many of you who are just beginning to show interest in the new course of leather are being confused by the many events being heralded at you from all sides. This letter is intended to break through the confusion for you. I have included the dates and addresses I have available as well as a description of the character of each event. Without a doubt, the harvest this year will include a stronger, larger, and wiser community in leather in the River City.

-May 19: Mr. Omaha Drummer Contest, The Max. Sponsored by: Omaha Men - Onen.

Mr. Omaha Drummer is the contest that puts emphasis on the local leather community. Contestants must be from the greater Omaha metropolitan area. Someone you know will win. The winner will represent Omaha in the Drummer saga as he moves on to the next level of Drummer competition.

For tickets contact: Omaha Men - Onen, P.O. Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68132.

-June 7, 8, & 9: Bovine Bonanza, "An Udderly Ridiculous Run," The Nanga Ranch. Sponsored by The Two Wheelers of Omaha.

Bovine Bonanza is TWO's seventh anniversary run. This is a traditional outdoor run. Food is included, of course, and so is the donation within specified hours.

For more information contact: TWO - Two Wheelers of Omaha Motorcycle Club, P.O. Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103.

-June 28 & 29: Mr. Great Plains Drummer Contest, The Max. Sponsored by: Fantasy Productions.

Mr. Great Plains Drummer includes contestants from a six state area: Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Kansas, and Nebraska. Of course the winner of the Mr. Omaha Drummer contest will be entered, but the flair is less local and gives those in attendance the opportunity to meet friends from nearby cities, the kind of cities that are close enough to visit on weekend trips.

For more information contact: Fantasy Productions, P.O. Box 6262, Omaha, NE 68105-0262.

-August 16, 17, & 18: Fantasy '91, The Max. Sponsored by Dustin Logan, Bob Ewing, and The Leather Journal.

Fantasy '91 is an event that you have become familiar with in the last two years. Although not originally scheduled to return to Omaha, Oklahoma state laws have forced its return.

Fantasy '91 is a charity event that has raised \$18,000.™ in the last two years. This year the money will go to P-FLAG, and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

Leather title-holders from across the country will be attending. In fact this year's list is already staggering. Many of these title-holders will present their sexual fantasies on stage.

For more information contact: Fantasy Productions, P.O. Box 6262, Omaha, NE 68105-0262.

Many people have told me that Omaha doesn't have enough leather people to pull off the many events in one summer. I don't believe it. I know you are out there, so get that leather dusted off and support the community. I hope to meet you all at some leather event in Omaha this summer.

## NEW VOICE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

PrideTime™ travel videos for the gay and lesbian community are available for viewing by your group or organization. Our current list includes:

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### Auto Club Agrees To 'Family Discount' For Same-Sex Couples

SEATTLE — In a settlement of a Seattle human rights complaint brought by a gay man, AAA Washington has extended its requirements for "associate" member's household.

The discounted associate membership previously had been reserved for the primary member's spouse or dependent children age 21 and under. Effective immediately, the change will be incorporated into AAA's membership literature and direct mail advertising at its next printing, according to terms of the settlement.

Civil rights attorneys say the settlement is the first in Washington state and one of only a few nationwide to prevent a business from discriminating against same-sex couples. It is believed to make AAA Washington the first and only AAA chapter in the nation to formally accept same-sex partners as associate members.

The settlement stems from a complaint to the Seattle Human Rights Department March, 1988, by Dennis, a Seattle resident with a single legal name. In June 1990, the department determined that the former AAA policy discriminated on the basis of marital status when it told Dennis that his domestic partner was ineligible for associate membership.

Primary membership is the non-profit organization's core \$45 for the first year, \$35 for subsequent years. Associate membership costs only \$17 yearly.

Dennis and his domestic partner of 10 years, Steve Bryant, purchased a AAA membership immediately following the board's decision. The two men publish the nationally distributed *Partners Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples*.

"We welcome the opportunity to become AAA members under fair terms," said Dennis. "It just didn't make sense to buy two full memberships for the new vehicle we share."

But be emphasized, "This is a much larger victory. It means that AAA will now equitably serve a diversity of families, including extended families, seniors who share housing, and opposite- and same-sex domestic partners."

Contact: Dennis, (206) 784-1519 or Shelly Cohen, Legal Counsel, Seattle Human Rights Department, (206) 684-4519.

## CAPITOL VIEW

by Kevin Moriarty

The fight for civil rights for lesbian and gay Americans is being fought in many different ways, from grassroots activism to civil disobedience in mainstream lobbying. It's being fought everywhere, in city hall, in courthouses and in state capitols. This month's feature in the New Voice of Nebraska will focus on issues of interest to our community at the federal level, reporting on activity in Washington, DC.

The 102nd Congress reconvened last month following the Easter/Passover recess, and resumed work on a number of items of importance to lesbians and gays.

The Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights Bill (H.R.1430/S. 574) added two more co-sponsors early in April, bringing the total number in the House of Representatives to 34 and the total in the Senate to 10. The split between parties remains weighted toward the Democrats, with only 6 Republicans signing on so far. No Members of Congress from Nebraska or Iowa have added their names to the bill. Action needed: contact your Representative and Senators and ask them to co-sponsor the bill, which would outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual

orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federally assisted opportunities.

Health issues are of particular concern to our community during this session of Congress. The Women's Health Equity Act was introduced in late February, a package of 22 separate bills to address health research, services and disease prevention for women. These include authorizations for additional research in breast and cervical cancers (women who have not had children are at increased risk for these cancers). This legislation has been given high priority by lesbian and gay lobbyists on Capitol Hill.

Also given priority during this session is AIDS legislation. The Ryan White CARE Act, passed toward the close of the 101st Congress last year, authorizes emergency funding for the AIDS crisis. However, President Bush's budget recommends less than \$2 billion in AIDS programs in the Public Health Service. Action needed: write to Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), chairman of the Labor, Health and Human Services Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee to ask for full funding for AIDS programs

under the CARE Act. Point out that each hour of every day, four American families lose a loved one to AIDS (31,196 deaths last year alone), and that only immediate action can help save billions of dollars in future medical costs and tens of thousands of human lives.

Schedule a visit with your Senators and Representative during National AIDS Lobby Days, May 24 through June 3. Your legislators are scheduled to be in their home states during that time, and direct, personal contact will make an important difference in the future of AIDS funding for research, prevention and care. If you need voting records, briefing papers or "How To Lobby" materials, call 202/628-4160 to request them. Remember that few, if any, American communities are as experienced or capable as lesbians and gay men in dealing with health issues. Your Representative and Senators need to hear from you!

*KEVIN MORIARTY is a communications specialist at the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest political organization for lesbian and gay Americans. Moriarty is an Iowa native who now resides in Washington, DC's historic Capitol Hill neighborhood.*

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# FEATURES

## MOTHER'S DAY GIFT IDEA

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To the Editor:

Unless you are an ingrate of a child (like me) who habitually forgets to honor the woman who raised you, you are beginning to contemplate Mother's Day with that old sense of vague indecision. What's the dutiful gay son or daughter to send?

To all you tormented souls in the throes of Mother's Day madness, let me suggest the solution to your dilemma - the PERFECT GIFT! Why not give a suitably substantial donation (let's say \$50, equivalent to sending a dozen roses long distance) in your mother's name to P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays?

P-FLAG is a national organization with chapters in almost every state whose purpose is to help parents cope and accept

child's orientation, it also serves as a rallying point for mothers and fathers who actively work in our behalf. Countless parents are risking ridicule and worse to join speaker's bureaus, staff hotlines, march beside us in our Pride parades, testify in our behalf before Congressional committees, and serve as buddies to People With AIDS.

P-FLAG parents are there for us 365 days a year. This May 12, let's show our love and affection for our mothers by supporting this brave and loyal army of parents in the battle for gay and lesbian civil rights. Send your checks to:

P-FLAG  
Box 27605  
Washington, DC 20038

And let your Mom know that you did: it'll make her proud.

Sincerely,  
Drew Siegel

## NEW VOICE PRISONER PROJECT

The New Voice Prisoner Project is three months old and our list of free prisoner subscriptions continues to grow. Positive comments continue to come in from both sides of the "wall," i.e. prisoners who appreciate the opportunity to have contact with the outside and those of us in the "free world" who are corresponding with them.

Although the comments have been generally favorable, caution when writing to prisoners is in order, since, like every other slice of society the prison population has its number of opportunists who view the gay community as a vulnerable orchard ripe for picking.

How does one tell the "bad apples" from the good fruits with six digit numbers following their names? Whenever an inmate asks for money, alarm bells should start clanging in your head. You are encouraged to offer your moral support, but not your wallet. Using common sense when corresponding with prisoners can result in a rewarding relationship for both parties.

Contact Lee C/O The New Voice if you have any questions or problems regarding inmates.

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## 'OUT' ART AUCTION TO BE HELD IN MAY

For two weeks in May, 1991, OUT Auction, the first-ever auction of 'out' art, will be presented as a direct response to the wave of censorship, repression, and homophobia that is threatening everyone's First Amendment right of freedom of speech and artistic expression.

OUT Auction will benefit the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, the largest organization of its kind anywhere in the world, and the new National Fund for Lesbian & Gay Artists, founded by performance artists Tim Miller and Holly Hughes, who were defended by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) because of the homo-erotic content of their work, established the Fund to provide direct cash fellowships to emerging lesbian and gay artists who are exploring homo-erotic, sex-positive themes.

"We will have paintings, sculpture, prints, drawings, photography, furniture, decorative objects, gift certificates, celebrity mementos, and lots of other great stuff to auction off to benefit The Community Center and the new National Fund," said Torie Osborn, Executive Director of The Center. "OUT Auction will highlight and encourage 'out' art that is sex-positive, homo-erotic, and about AIDS, feminism, racism, censorship, and political repression. About our lives."

"Yes, it will be controversial," she went on to say. "I suspect it could be as controversial as the Maggiora show in Cincinnati. It will be a political statement. That's exactly why many of the most famous artists in the world, both gay and non-gay, are expected to participate."

OUT Auction will be held over a period of six days in early May, 1991, according to this schedule:

Thur., May 2: Gift Certificates/Celebrity Mementos/Travel Packages, & Misc.  
Fri., May 3: Furniture, Decorative Objects, Amiques.

Sat., May 4: Photography.  
Thur., May 9: Prints & Drawings.  
Fri., May 10: Arts & Crafts, Teasles.  
Sat., May 11: Painting & Sculpture.

These sales will take place at the 18th Street Arts Complex (next to Highways Performance Space) on 18th Street just north of Olympic in Santa Monica, Calif.

To volunteer or contribute to OUT Auction, or for more information: Call OUT Auction Hotline at (213) 464-7400 Ext. 403, Fax (213) 469-2689. Write OUT Auction, c/o The Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, 1213 North Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90018-1292.

## LARGEST LESBIAN/GAY EVENT PLANNED FOR 1994

On February 2-3, 1991, over seventy activists, representing more than fifty local, regional, national and international organizations, met to plan Stonewall 25, a month long series of events commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of the modern day lesbian and gay rights movement, the 1969 Stonewall Riots.

The Stonewall 25 Planning Group will meet at the annual International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) conference in Guadalajara, Mexico, from June 30 to July 6, 1991. A subsequent meeting will be held at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) "Creating Change" conference in Alexandria, Virginia, on November 12, 1991.

Numerous political, religious/spiritual, cultural, athletic, and educational events are already being planned for 1994. Lesbians and gays, and our supporters, from all over the world, will converge in New York City during the last weekend in June for a massive human and civil rights march, Gay Games IV, and the annual ILGA conference.

The march on Sunday, June 26, 1994, is expected to be the largest lesbian and gay event in history. The Gay Games IV, which opens on Saturday, June 25, will attract over 12,000 athletes and 60,000 spectators from over 40 countries. Many other groups will present special Stonewall 25 events, including a concert of over 500 musicians by the Lesbian/Gay Bands of America, a summit workshop service hosted by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and conventions by Black and White Men Together, Girth and Mirth, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and the International Leather Community.

To make sure that we are represented in all our diversity and all our strength, the Stonewall 25 committee is calling on lesbians and gay men and their supporters for their assistance. Each of us should plan to be in New York on June 25-26, 1994.

## GAYS BASHED BY PINK PANTHER

by Jim Roche

New York City's volunteer gay and lesbian anti-violence patrol, the Pink Panthers, is being sued by MGM Corporation for copyright infringement in its use of the Pink Panther name and panther paw print logo.

MGM, in its lawsuit, claims that they are supportive of gay and lesbian rights, but that the use of the Pink Panther name in "amusing or blurring" its reputation in the eyes of the public. Further they claim that the Pink

Panther motion pictures were "created and promoted in the spirit of light hearted, non-controversial family fun and entertainment... a purpose and history not in keeping with the issues the Pink Panther Patrol faces."

The Pink Panther Patrol was formed last year by several members of New York's Queer Nation as a reaction to a dramatic increase in hate crimes against gays and lesbians in the city. The group patrols the East and West Village as well as the Chelsea neighborhood of New York. They had hoped to expand to other cities and neighborhoods in Brooklyn where violent crimes are on the increase against gays and lesbians. The Pink Panthers exist totally on donations, volunteer patrols, and a single grant of \$1,000 received from the city of New York. MGM is suing both the group and one of its founders, Gerri Wells, for over \$100,000 in damages. This suit threatens the existence of the only community group which addresses violent hate crimes against gays and lesbians. Gerri Wells calls the suit, "sinful" and has said that "our name is taken from other activist groups like the Black Panthers, the Gray Panthers, not from their cartoon character, and that it then came down to deciding if it would be Pink or Lavender. Pink won."

## ANTI-GAY VIOLENCE INCREASES

Violence and victimization against gay men and lesbians was a "widespread and critical problem" in 1990, with key U.S. cities reporting dramatic increases in "gay bashing" and other incidents. These findings were presented in a national report on anti-gay attacks, released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute (NGLTF).

The sixth annual NGLTF report, *Anti-Gay/Lesbian Violence, Victimization & Defamation in 1990*, documents widespread and increasing anti-gay violence in six major cities across the nation and presents a shocking picture of the problem of bias crime against gay men and lesbians.

A total of 1,500 incidents — including harassment, intimidation, physical assault, vandalism, arson, police abuse, and murder — were reported to gay agencies in the six cities featured in the report: New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, the Boston area, and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Taken together, anti-gay episodes in all six cities increased 43 percent over incidents reported in 1989. Physical assaults were among the most serious incidents to increase.

The report was released as part of a new "Campaign to Count and Counter Hate Crimes." The campaign, coordinated by NGLTF in conjunction with local groups, is aimed at stemming the tide of anti-gay hate crimes.

## NEW YORK IN '94 SEEKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Fast growing NEW YORK IN '94, the organizers of Gay Games IV, is seeking an Executive Director. The Executive Director will report directly to the Board and be the liaison to all Gay Games IV committees and personnel. She or he will have direct responsibility for day to day operations including overseeing a large volunteer force; managing fund raising efforts and public speaking. Qualified candidates should have experience coordinating large special events. Self-motivated, hands-on-type, with very strong personal skills are key. Knowledge of the lesbian and gay sports community is a plus but not required. Top competitive salary is being offered.

Gay Games IV, which is to be held in New York in 1994, will be the largest sports and cultural festival ever in history. The Games are an Olympic-style showcase for lesbian and gay pride. Send resume and salary requirements to: Search Committee, c/o Karen Morbaum, 693 President St., Brooklyn, New York, 11215-1207. Deadline for applications is May 15, 1991.

## NGLTF REORGANIZES

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the oldest and foremost national gay civil rights group in the U.S., has changed its structure to enhance its political, educational, and membership activities. Under the new structure, NGLTF has created a separate organization — the NGLTF Policy Institute — that will focus its educational and organizing programs. NGLTF will continue its lobbying and other legislative work.

Under the new structure, approved by the NGLTF Board of Directors last December, legislative work will fall under the NGLTF lobbying program, and educational work will be included in the new NGLTF Policy Institute. The Task Force will continue to be called "NGLTF," while "Policy Institute" will refer to its organizing and educational activities.

In addition, the change means contributions to the new NGLTF Policy Institute are tax deductible. Contributions to NGLTF — the lobbying group — will not be tax deductible, as has been the case in the past. NGLTF will continue to be a membership organization.

Day-to-day operations at NGLTF will not change. Both NGLTF and the NGLTF Policy Institute will be housed under one roof in Washington, D.C. Contact: Urveshi Vaid or Robert Bray (202) 332-6483.

## NGLTF RECEIVES ANTI-VIOLENCE GRANT

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has received a \$50,000 grant for its anti-violence work from the Public Welfare Foundation (PWF). This award represents the largest single grant in NGLTF history and is part of PWF's initiative to address rising incidents of hate-motivated violence in the U.S.

Each year, PWF awards more than \$2 million in grants for the environment, community development, health, the elderly, disadvantaged youth and criminal justice programs. NGLTF is the first lesbian and gay organization to receive a grant from the prestigious Foundation.

The \$50,000 grant has been designated for NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project and will be used for, among other projects, the Task Force's "Campaign to Count and Counter Hate Crimes." The nationwide campaign to document hate crimes, educate lesbians and gay men on resisting violence and advocate for strong official response began on March 6, 1991. Contact: Jaime Grant or Robert Bray (202) 332-6483.

## ILGA MAKES BID FOR U.S. RECOGNITION

For the first time in the history of the United Nations, gay and lesbian international activists have lobbied for official recognition and inclusion in the U.S.

But officials with the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), which submitted the application for recognition last year and finalized in the U.N., say their bid for recognition has been postponed until 1993 by delegates who were unable to reach an agreement.

ILGA, which represents gay and lesbian groups throughout the world, is seeking consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the U.N., which oversees, among other things, human rights issues. Consultative status means ILGA would be able to intervene in human rights issues at the U.N. ILGA officials testified before the ECOSOC Committee on Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs).

"We're very pleased at the amount of support we received from African, European and Latin American delegates, particularly unsolicited and highly positive comments by Ethiopia," said Lisa Power, ILGA secretary general. "We're disappointed we did not get in, but not surprised. The deferral was due to religious beliefs and was no reflection on our suitability — we are clearly eligible and have much to offer the U.N."

The countries on the NGO committee include the Philippines, Sweden, Libya, Lesotho, Nicaragua, Oman, Sudan, USSR, Costa Rica, Cyprus, France, Ethiopia,

Burundi, Ireland, Greece, and Iraq. Decisions of the committee are made by consensus, not majority vote. Amnesty of countries supported ILGA.

ILGA will continue to lobby the U.N. for inclusion, and will discuss the issue at its 1991 International Conference at Guadalajara, Mexico, June 30 - July 6. In the meantime, ILGA officials said the organization will cement relationships with those supportive U.N. delegates and work to "enlighten the delegates who cannot see the need for lesbian and gay rights."

For more information on ILGA and the international conference, contact the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force at 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20009, (202) 332-6483. NGLTF is the ILGA backup financial secretariat and is actively involved in ILGA worldwide activities.

## 'FAMILY' RESTAURANT CHAIN FIRES GAY EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Cracker Barrel Restaurants, a major chain of family-style eateries, has fired gay employees after announcing a corporate policy to ban workers "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values."

In response, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute, Queer Nation/Atlanta, and the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA) have established a mailing hotline to present the policy and have launched demonstrations and other actions against the company.

Gays, lesbians and their supporters are urged to call 1-800-325-6000, Hotline 10P 9823, to send a prepared message to Dan Ewins, president of Cracker Barrel Company. Company executives have refused to talk to the media or gay and lesbian activists.

## BEACH CITY PRIDE

Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Inc., announced May 18th and 19th as the dates for their 8th annual Festival and Parade. This spectacular celebration is the third largest of its kind in the State of California attracting over 30,000 participants over the course of the two day event!

The Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Festival features dancing, live headline entertainment, an acclaimed arts festival, and a colorful and festive parade down Ocean Boulevard.

Whether it's sun, amusement parks, partying, or beach sports, Long Beach has it all. Don't miss the opportunity to PARADE YOUR PRIDE at the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Festival May 18th and 19th. Contact your local travel agent or LBLG, Inc. (213-435-5530) to join us in our "Together in Pride" celebration!

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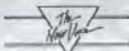
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## Gay Men's Support Group

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## Lesbian Support Group

Women's Resource Center, Room 117, Nebraska Center, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 472-2977. Informal weekly association group.

## Linncoln League of Lesbians

1251 Lincoln Center, NE 68504. Lesbian support network, social, support, educational, and social programs.

## NOLA Scholarship Fund for Gay/Lesbian Students

Box 3080, Lincoln, NE 68503, (402) 494-5555. For profit scholarship fund for students of Nebraska Foundation.

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## Open Door Ministry

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## Pride Friends of Lesbians &amp; Gay (PFL&amp;G)

See Nebraska Statewide listing.

## Purdue Community College Gay/Lesbian Student Association

P.O. Box 9989, Lincoln, NE 68503, 404-0271. Student organization for L&G students and staff. groups consist of educational, social, and political activities.

## Pride Group For Elders

P.O. Box 9913, Lincoln, NE 68503-0913. Open to all ages. Meet 1st Monday of 7-9pm, speakers at Community, 940 N. 19th Street, Lincoln.

## UNL Gay and Lesbian Student Association

1251 Lincoln Center, Lincoln, NE 68509-0473, 473-3444. Social and support organization for Lincoln and Old World students, meet every Thursday night at 8pm.

## UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association, Inc.

Box 3081, Lincoln, NE 68503, (402) 494-5277. Social, educational, and political network for UNL's Gay/Lesbian alumni, faculty, staff, & families.

## UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center

1251 Lincoln Center, Lincoln, NE 68509-0473, 473-3444. Social, educational, political, and support.

## The Women's Place

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## Women's Journal-Advocate

Box 11, Oak, Lincoln, NE 68103.

## OMAHA

## Affirmation Omaha

336-770. United Methodists for gay/lesbian concerns. Meet weekly.

## A.N.G.E.L.S., Inc. (Advancing New Day Lesbians Educationally)

1251 Lincoln Center, NE 68504 (402) 474-0461. Networking, information, and PRIDE activities to the community.

## EAGLES - Omaha

J. McCarthy, 1714 Douglas on the Mall, 4th Floor Omaha, NE 68102.

## Fraternity of Progressives

P.O. Box 4383, Omaha, NE 68104-0383. (303) 363-1000. Meet Wednesday, 6:30pm at First North St. 3700 S. Westroads.

## Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line

1251 Lincoln Center, NE 68504.

## Gay/Lesbian Support Group

343-C Omaha, 433 E. 24th St., 343-2565. Support group for gay and lesbian. Meet Tuesdays at 7:30pm.

## Metropolitan Club

Box 2127, Omaha, NE 68103-0217. Networking organization of heterosexuals.

## Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCCC)

Meeting address: Box 1277, Omaha, NE 68103. Services at 420 S. 24th St., Omaha, NE 68103. Sunday worship 10:30am, Tues. 7:30-8:30am.

## Midnight Chatter

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## Omaha Menopausal, Omaha Women's Community

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## Pride Friends of Lesbians &amp; Gay (PFL&amp;G)

See Nebraska Statewide listing.

## Pride Friends for Lesbians &amp; Gay (PFL&amp;G) Chapter

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## Silver City Bowling League

402-366-4210 (Dinner) or 402-443-0118 (Bowling)

## Silver City Gender Alliance

812 So. 48th, Omaha, NE 68106. Support group for transsexuals, transgendered, cross-dressers, and intersexed with gender dysphoria. Meet on 2nd Saturday of each month, 6:00pm.

## Silver City Men's Group

Box 1130, Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 725-1333. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Transsexual people.

## Seventh Day Adventist Church, Inc.

Box 1130, Omaha, NE 68103, (402) 441-3631. Meetings, information, & support for Lesbian/Gay.

## The Whispers of Omaha (TWO) Menopausal Club

Box 3204, Omaha, NE 68103.

## ENJOY Omaha Group

Box 174, UNL, Omaha, NE 68102-0174. Call 402-345-8211 or 402-345-8176. Lesbian and Gay student support group.

## Women's Support Group

MCC-Omaha, 433 E. 24th St., 343-2565. Support group for women. Meet Tuesdays at 7:30am.

## NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

AIDS Coalition in Lincoln Power Nebraska  
 P.O. Box 9286, Lincoln, NE 68502, (402) 884-3271. National grant-based HIV/AIDS organization to fight the AIDS epidemic, heterosexual, and all forms of discrimination. Coordinator Robert A. Bell 2.

## Affirmation of Nebraska

Box 802, Lincoln, NE 68502, (402) 394-7707. Closed-Meditation for Gay/Lesbian concerns. Meet monthly in Omaha & Lincoln.

## Coalition for Gay &amp; Lesbian Civil Rights

Box 3482, Omaha, NE 68103. Advocates/activists for legal, political, civil rights, educational/professional, social, and social issues. Meet in Lincoln on Tuesdays, 7-9pm, 940 S. 19th St., Lincoln.

## Gay/Lesbian Support Group

Box 2791, Kearney, NE 68841, Call (309) 224-4266. Meet bi-monthly on Thursdays.

## Imperial Circle of Nebraska

Box 2771, Omaha, NE 68103. Social organization for heterosexuals of gay women.

## The New Voice of Nebraska

Box 2012, Omaha, NE 68103. Monthly magazine for the Lesbian/Gay community.

## Pride Friends of Lesbians &amp; Gay (PFL&amp;G)

402-1199 Ave. Kearney, NE 68841 (309) 224-3671. See Nebraska Statewide listing.

## Pride Friends of Lesbians &amp; Gay (PFL&amp;G)

Box 4774, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 474-0461. Meet 4th Tues. 7pm at National Theater, 600 N. 7th. Support group for body members of people with HIV virus meet once a week.

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## Open House

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## Bars &amp; Restaurants

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 Gilligan's, 1529 Lawrence St., 443-6737  
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 The Hub, 1776 Lawrence St., 443-6737

## Lincoln

Pink, 300 E. 19th St., 479-8794

## Grand Island

Adrian, 4th & Walnut, (309) 362-0643

## HIV TESTING\*

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 2019 N. 26th St., Omaha, NE 68111; Monday 8:30 to 7:00pm; appointment or walk in; 402-545-1433.

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 1706 N. 26th St., Omaha, NE 68111; Tues. 1:30 to 4:30pm by appointment; (402) 444-5675.

Douglas County Health Department  
 2019 N. 26th St., Omaha, NE 68105; Tues.-Fri. 8:30 to 11:15am by appointment; (402) 444-5675.

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department  
 AIDS Program, 2060 So. Main Ave., Lincoln, NE 68502; By appointment. Also counseling & support; (402) 471-9066.

Nebraska American Corporation  
 2204 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68102; walk in or call 402-341-8471 or 402-344-9873 for area and times.

Nebraska AIDS Project  
 3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105; (402) 342-4233 or (402) 342-0423 (24/7) answering. Alternate site info on brochure testing Monday and Tuesday, 7pm to 10pm.

Nebraska Association of Paraprofessionals  
 4019 and 12 St., South Central City Hall, 1st Floor, Omaha, NE 68107; Walk in to appointment, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for same day.

## AIDS/HIV RESOURCES

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

American Red Cross  
 1701 F St., Omaha, NE 68101; Call (402) 477-7807.  
 3628 Cassary Ave., Omaha, NE 68131; Call (402) 341-2729.

Douglas County Health Department  
 2019 N. 26th St., Omaha, NE 68105; (402) 444-5675.

Nebraska Cancer Center  
 3630 Valley View, Lincoln, NE 68510; (402) 463-1870; Barb Lincoln.

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department  
 AIDS Program, 2060 So. Main Ave., Lincoln, NE 68502; HIV Testing, counseling, & support; (402) 471-9066.

Nebraska AIDS Project  
 3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105; Call (402) 342-4233 or (402) 342-0423 (24/7) answering. AIDS Hotline, HIV Testing, support, and referral support. AIDS Resource center, walk-in, and referral.

Nebraska Administration Medical Center  
 42nd & Westroads, Omaha, NE 68104; (402) 346-8600; Chem. Free; 7:00-11:00.

West Syndrome Clinic  
 1251 Lincoln Center, Nebraska Center, 600 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE 68106; (402) 559-5020.

## LEGAL

Mothers, Gayles & Walsh, P.C.  
 201 N. 98th St., Suite 242, Lincoln, NE 68506; (402) 474-3662; Jan.

Nebraska Child Welfare Union  
 813 S. 30th St., Lower level, 412 S. Jackson, NE 68108; (402) 474-2660; Fax: (402) 362-7296; e-mail: ncwu@ncwu.com

## COUNSELING AND SUPPORT

AIDS Infection & Research  
 1154 N. 38th St., Omaha, NE 68111.

Bradley William Wright  
 on Omaha Anticommune, 100 N. 42nd St., Lincoln, NE 68503.

Lincoln Community; (402) 474-4243 (Voice).

Open Door Ministry Lincoln  
 (402) 474-2660; Fax: (402) 474-2660.

Pride Friends of Lesbians & Gay (PFL&G) Lincoln  
 AIDS Support Group, P.O. Box 4774, Lincoln, NE 68504. Meet weekly at Wednesday at 7pm. 815-1011. AIDS info & support line.

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