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## COMING OF AGE

by Sharon VanButsel

Wow! I never thought that sitting down to write a column for the magazine could be such a positive experience. I feel GREAT! And I guess I have good reason for feeling that way.

With this issue, *The New Voice of Nebraska* is EIGHT YEARS OLD! For a publication put out strictly by volunteers, that is pretty astounding. Publications in the Gay/Lesbian Community come and go so fast that the Gay Yellow Pages will no longer list any publications except "those with recognized readership."

Very few publications survive the ups and downs that the *New Voice* has experienced. Very few could withstand the impact of having someone walk off with the entire treasury. Very few could come back from a point when just 2 or 3 people were putting out the entire magazine and a steering committee meeting consisted of two people meeting on a downtown street corner in Lincoln. Not many could survive having the editor fall ill and resign just one month after accepting the position, leaving a staff who had at the most one or two months of experience at putting a magazine together. *The New Voice of Nebraska* survived these trials and is stronger and better than ever before.

In February, 1988, (the first issue after

I became editor) an article appeared that outlined the financial picture when the *New Voice* moved to Omaha. In the summer of 1987, the Imperial Court raised \$1,400 for the *New Voice* which went to pay off outstanding bills. When the *New Voice* moved to Omaha in January, 1988, there were still \$1,200 in outstanding debts and printing and production costs of about \$800 per month.

Today it is a much different picture. *The New Voice of Nebraska* is completely out of debt. We are able to pay our bills on time each month and actually have a small cash reserve.

The *New Voice* is looking more professional than at any time in the past. We no longer do 'paste-up' by hand but have professional layout and typesetting done by International Minute Press. Bob Ewing at Printing Plus continues to do a super job of producing a quality finished product. Both of these businesses are strong contributors to the success of the magazine.

We have more feature writers than ever before and are constantly receiving new submissions. We still need reporters, artists, and photographers for local events, but we are seeing growth in that area.

Eight years of publication, over three years in Omaha, and we're doing GREAT! Thanks, Iowa and Nebraska. You're the ones who've made it possible.



## WHAT'S THAT?

Dear Mr. Editor:

Enclosed please find a verse (author unknown) that I found in an old paper and thought it very good and up-to-date now and always. I would like this verse and what I have written to please put into *The New Voice*.

I try very hard not to speak ill of people, but I have also made the mistake, that many people do all the time.

I have been hearing rumors in the past few weeks about me and many people I care about a great deal. The rumors about me are coming from some I thought to be good friends of mine, too bad they can't talk to me face to face.

If I have in the past hurt anyone by an angry word or deed, or have upset someone while I was working I am truly sorry and I apologize.

To satisfy everyone I WAS NOT FIRED. Kenny and I came to a mutual agreement. I love Kenny and Gilligan's and only want the best for them now and always.

Alice Bellamy  
A friend

## NOBODY'S FRIEND

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice.

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My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no time and no face.

To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become.

I am nobody's friend.

Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same.

I topple governments and wreck marriages.

I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches, and indigestion.

I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip. I make headlines and heartaches.

Before you repeat a story, ask yourself:

Is it true? Is it harmless? Is it necessary?

If it isn't, don't repeat it.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GOLDEN THREADS

The Fifth Annual Golden Threads Celebration will take place on June 28-30, 1991, at Provincetown Inn in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Lesbians from all over the United States, many from Canada and other countries, will converge in Provincetown to celebrate what they are and their age, whatever it is.

In existence since 1985, Golden Threads is a worldwide social network of Lesbians over 50, and women who are interested in older women - no Lesbian is excluded. A contact publication, *Golden Threads*, is published four times a year. It lists many self-descriptions of Lesbians, resources, book reviews and an editorial, all addressing the interests and concerns of the older Lesbian.

For more information please contact: Christine Burton, Golden Threads, P.O. Box 3177, Burlington, VT 05401-0031.

## GOODBYE

Dear Sharon,

Here's a little obit on Pete Nicotero, who died last week. He was well known in the community and was always helpful to anyone regardless of whether it was bail money, a donation, or whatever.

Best wishes to you and the *Voice* for 1991.

As ever,  
B.M.

Peter J. Nicotero

June 4, 1918      January 24, 1991

Pete Nicotero, a good friend and a longtime supporter of our community, passed away in Lincoln on Thursday, January 24. Pete had operated a number of bars where the gay community was always welcome and where good times were had by all. The bars were *The Swingers* and *The Court Adjourned* in the downtown area and *The Swingtime Lounge* on Cuming at 29th Street.

It was always a lot of fun to sit and listen to Pete tell of stories of downtown Omaha in the 40's and 50's. Other fun times were his and Evie's birthdays with the Italian sausage buffets. To his friends and family we offer our sympathy.

## THANK YOU

Editor of *The New Voice* :

We would like to extend our thanks to those of you who generously gave the basket of food and other necessities to Jim Siemens during his last few weeks. You'll never know how much your thoughtfulness and kindness meant to Jim, his family, and Mike. Thank you so much.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Siemens  
Joni and Jeanine Siemens (sisters)



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## ACT-UP NEBRASKA FORMING

The first organizational meeting of AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power-Nebraska was held February 16th. ACT-UP Nebraska is part of an international and nationwide network. The group will be the state chapter grass-roots, democratic, militant direct action organization, dedicated to challenging the gross inadequacies of the governmental and private sector responses to AIDS, Homophobia and all forms of discrimination, and to creating AIDS policies by non-violent public protest.

ACT-UP Nebraska has been drawn together as a group by our awareness that society and government have not perceived and responded to the epidemic of AIDS in an appropriate way. Misinformation, mistreatment, and misunderstanding abounds regarding this disease and persons affected by it. We believe our society and government has perceived AIDS to be an illness of gay men and have based their response on prevalent homophobic and discriminatory attitudes and therefore we will also take issue with homophobia and promote the civil rights of all people. We will identify, define, and respond to issues that deny Per-

sons with AIDS, ARC, or HIV of their rights, including but not limited to: housing, employment, availability of treatments, and access to public areas and events.

We insist that each person has a right to determine their own path towards healing. We do not endorse any course for treatment or lifestyle. Our purpose is to respond to issues that are identified and defined by the group in a manner that is direct and visible.

We will state our positions in a potent, powerful manner; including non-violent civil disobedience, if such an action is supported by members of the group. We believe all of us who live are equal, valuable members of our culture and membership is open to anyone who supports our cause.

ACT-UP Nebraska welcomes people of all sexual orientations, categories and classes of disenfranchisements who support our cause. We expect to form chapters throughout the state of Nebraska including Omaha, UNO, UNL, and western Nebraska. We will network with existing groups, such as the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights and Queer Nation Nebraska, when necessary.

Persons who are interested in joining ACT-UP Nebraska may contact Rodney A. Bell, II at (402) 464-0371 for meeting information and proposed actions. Future activities

of ACT-UP Nebraska may include, but are not limited to, boycotting homophobic and AIDS phobic companies and products, challenging governmental, private, religious, educational, correctional and social service agencies, letters and phone calls to fulfill our purposes, the dispensation of condoms in public and educational materials on safer sex, pickets and demonstrations, and supporting other groups with causes within our purview.

## CHILI FEED AT DIAMOND

ANGLE, Inc., will sponsor a Chili Feed at the Diamond Bar from 5 to 9pm on March 10. There will be plenty of Chili (both hot and not so hot), crackers, and toppings, along with some just plain fun. We encourage you to come on down and join us for this event. All proceeds go toward PRIDE Week activities, including bringing in a nationally known figure in the fight for Human Rights.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL ARTISTS TO SHOW WORK

by Todd Brittain

We know you're out there and we hope you'll share your creations with us. On Saturday evening, May 4, the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights in Lincoln will be sponsoring *Our Works*, an evening of poetry and visual art.

We hope to display a diverse range of creative activity among lesbian, bisexual, and gay artists. Participation by all is encouraged. Works will not be restricted to 'gay themed' content and the show will be non-commercial. However, artists will be encouraged to include some biographical information with their work. The potential for a longer running commercial exhibit exists depending on the level of interest and availability of space.

So, if you want to allow the rest of us to groove on your paintings, photographs, drawings, sculptures, or whatever then write to *Our Works C/O Coalition*, P.O. Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Tell us about yourself, your art, and how you may be reached. For further details as they are available you can also call Todd at (402) 476-1848.



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## PURIM PARTY AND MCC SEDER IN MARCH

by Gary

Mishpachot Chaverim, "A Family of Friends", Omaha's gay/lesbian Jewish organization, is sponsoring its second Purim Costume Party/Potluck on Saturday, March 2. Members of other Omaha gay/lesbian religious organizations are invited to attend. Call Gary at 551-0510 for details.

Mishpachot Chaverim and Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will co-host a Seder Meal on Thursday, March 28, at 6pm at the church. The evening will include a traditional Passover Seder, followed by communion and dinner. Because of space limitations, reservations are required. For more information, contact MCC-O at 345-2563.

At its February meeting, Mishpachot Chaverim voted to join the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations. Members are also planning to work with the Jewish Community Center of Omaha later this year in presenting a seminar about gay and lesbian Jews in our community.

Information is available on the Twelfth International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews, coming to San Francisco May 24-27. Details are available by contacting Mishpachot Chaverim.

Mishpachot Chaverim has scheduled a March meeting/brunch for 10am, Sunday, March 17. Phone Gary at 551-0510 for the meeting location.

Shalom!

## NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT

Hi Everyone,

Well, another day, another month. It all flies by so quickly, but I guess that's what happens when we're all having fun.

We would like to give a big thanks to those of you who attended Snowball, Black Night, and Mardi Gras. We would like to congratulate Maxine Padd as the new Widow Max.

Our next function, *Closest Ball*, for those of you that don't have the faintest idea what it is, is a function that the Imperial Court has done for a number of years. It is intended for those who want to be on stage for the first time.

This is what happens. With the help of a 'female impersonator' as a sponsor, you first come on stage presenting yourself as a man. Then you and your sponsor have one hour to paint your face, get your dress on, panty hose on, and make sure your shoes fit (Payless has size 12 - Joe Reed has bought them there before).

During the evening the judges will be judging you on presentation as a man, presentation as a woman, and your talent number. There are applications on the cigarette machines at the bars. If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina (346-3609) or Deitra Snow (391-6575).

Coronation '91 is still being planned for June 14-16 with a theme of *Renaissance of Unity: Clash of the Titans*.

A group of us got back from Houston, Texas, with a great feeling. Our reception in Houston was fabulous. Most of the Texas courts, along with Denver, Cincinnati, and Los Angeles are planning to attend our coronation in June.

We are still planning a trip to Denver in April. If anybody is interested, please contact Gerald or Joe (346-9255).

As always, our meetings are open to the public. Please come and add your input. They are held at The MAX on the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

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## 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 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 this year Tulsa, Oklahoma, is taking the reins of FANTASY 91?

Sponsors Dustin Logan and Bob Ewing, the members of T.U.L.S.A., and Dave Rhodes - publisher of *The Leather Journal* - are putting together the most exhilarating Fantasy to date. The charge starts with the HUN creating the official logo. Once hearts and other body parts begin pounding, the weekend begins. There will be a presentation of club colors, introduction of title-holders and dignitaries, and a pub crawl that can be considered a journey through the people, the places, and the leather that shape the Tulsa community. How about a Street Fair with shops, seminars, and demonstrations on the leather lifestyle; as well as exhibits, games, and food; and beer donated by the Anheuser Busch Company? Let's not forget FANTASY, the show in which the guests entertain you, talk to you about what's been on their minds as your local, regional, and national representatives, and, of course, perform their sexual fantasies live on stage. Want more? How about an after hours party, and a send-off brunch hosted by the Toolbox II and W.U.L.F.?

Already scheduled to appear at FANTASY 91 are:

Brian Dawson, Mr. Drummer 89; Jan Lyon, Ms. NLA 89/90 and TLJ Woman of the Year 90; Dustin Logan, TLJ Man of the Year 90; Chuck Renshaw, Director of I.M.L.; Jim Richards, Co-Chair NLA; Shan Carr, IMSL 88; Jolanne Tierney, Ms. Leather Sacramento 89/90; Jeff Burnam, Mr. Floyd's Leather 88/89; Ruth Marks, Ms. NLA 91; Howard Martin, Mr. NLA 91; Pat Sullivan, Mr. Oklahoma Leather 89/90; Steven Scott, Mr. Oklahoma City Leather 91; and Vance Reger, 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 on your calendar of events too hot to miss. The charities receiving money from FANTASY 91 will never forget the contributions made, and most certainly, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will never be the same.

Title-holders: don't miss this opportunity to represent the people behind your title, as well as raise money for the Tulsa Shanti Project, Nebraska PFLAG, and one national charity yet to be named. To be included in this year's event, all you need to do is contact:

Dustin Logan & Bob Ewing

## MR. OMAHA DRUMMER 1991

This summer Omaha will have its first opportunity to represent itself in the Mr. Drummer saga. OMEN is proud to bring a part of this nationally recognized contest to Omaha. It's an event that is sure to cause a stir (probably in your Levis). Excitement is already building as the search for contestants begins. Who will be Mr. Omaha Drummer? Maybe you have the power to take Omaha by storm and then surge on to the Mr. Great Plains Drummer Contest. The fury of competition can lead all the way to the nationally represented Mr. Drummer contest itself.

For those of you who haven't the drive to enter the contest, let me just say that this is one you won't want to miss. Don't just settle for hearing who won and wonder why. Crawl out of the woodwork and see for yourself what it takes to represent Omaha as a Drummer Man. Remember, every man marches to the beat of a different drummer.

Mr. Omaha Drummer will be chosen on May 18, 1991 at The Max. The competition will begin at 9pm. Tickets are \$8.<sup>00</sup> in advance, and \$10.<sup>00</sup> at the door. Tickets can be

purchased from any OMEN member.

For more information on how you can become a contestant write to OMEN at:

Omaha Men — OMEN  
P.O. Box 3706  
Omaha, NE 68103

## GAY/LESBIAN INFO LINE IN OMAHA

Thanks to a grant from the Imperial Court of Nebraska, ANGLE, Inc. is able to establish a Gay/Lesbian Information Line in Omaha. This service will begin April 1, 1991, and will operate utilizing the Voice Mail Services of U.S. West Communications.

This service comes as the result of requests by persons new to Omaha or just newly coming out who have had difficulty finding information on organizations and activities. The Gay/Lesbian Information Line will be listed in both the white and yellow pages of the U.S. West phone book as well as being publicized within the Gay/Lesbian community.

Callers will leave their name and phone number with the confidential Voice Mail service. A volunteer member of ANGLE, Inc. will return the phone call that same day and will have available information on community businesses, organizations, and current activities. Individuals in need of professional counseling will be referred to the Personal Crisis Service for assistance and referral.

This Information Line is not a dating service. ANGLE volunteers will not meet personally with callers nor will they arrange meetings between individuals. Callers wanting to meet others will be referred to various community organizations.

Surveys have been sent to as many community organizations and businesses as possible, requesting information which can be used with the Information Line. If your business or organization did not receive a survey, please contact ANGLE, Inc. at 556-9907.

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## KEARNEY NEWS

The Tri-City HIV/AIDS Coalition has put together a resource list of professional people who are willing to work with people affected by the disease. They also coordinate information on support services for not only the infected person, but also their family, lover, friends, etc. These are very sensitive people working for a united front in the battle with AIDS and those misinformed on the subject of HIV and AIDS. The next meeting for the Coalition will take place Monday, April 22nd, in Hastings. You are welcome to attend. For the exact location of the meeting, call the Empty Closet, (308) 234-6500.

In Kearney the word is slowly starting to creep around of a new support group for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and sensitive others. In the Kearney area, check out your local cable channel 25. The K.S.C. TV Bulletin Board lists "The Empty Closet". There's also a public service announcement on the college radio station, 91 KICK (91 FM). *The Kearney Daily Hub* lists the Support Group in the Saturday "Calendar" section and the Tuesday "Program" section of the paper. KOLN/KGIN TV will be carrying a listing for us on the Thursday public service section called the "Calendar of Events". The Kearney State College Newspaper, *The Antelope*, ran an article about The Empty Closet Support Group on January 31st. They promise to have other articles concerning gay/lesbian issues in the next few weeks. We are also listed weekly in the "Loper Scene" section of the *Antelope*.

Besides the speaking panel for the workshop held in Kearney on January 10th, the Empty Closet had a booth for the K.S.C. Health Fair February 12th. Hastings College also asked us to come and speak to a group February 22nd. We are open to speaking to a wide range of groups and letting them see and hear from the vocal 10% of the population. We try to include some handout material for people to look at later. If you know of a

school or group that would be open to a speaker or panel please tell them about us or contact us at (308) 234-6500. Also, if you have spoken to groups before concerning the gay/lesbian community and can help, in or out of town, with panels, please call.

We hope to sponsor some sort of a workshop or lecture at K.S.C. in May. Nothing is definite at this time but we are starting to make the proper contacts to ensure a successful event. Keep watching the news for future stories on this subject.

The Empty Closet Group meets every Thursday now. One week we offer a Rap session for lesbians, gays, and bisexuals at 8pm. The next week we offer a Popcorn Night. This is a night which varies somewhat from time to time with educational and entertainment happenings. In general, it is a night that starts with a Potluck, Brown Bag, or other social food function around 6:45pm, then moves into the main portion of the night that may include movie videos, lectures, or fun and games. The meeting place is never listed in any publication for the sake of anonymity and general privacy. To find out the specifics for a certain Thursday night's events, give us a call. The Popcorn Night is a time when we try to encourage not only lesbian, gay, and bisexuals to attend, but also any other supportive friends. Please DO NOT bring anyone who is not OPEN to the primary group that we service. More info? (308) 234-6500 or 234-8248.

P-FLAG (Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meets on the third Sunday of each month at 3pm. The location of the group is the St. Lukes Episcopal Church at 2304 2nd Avenue in Kearney (enter at the southwest side of the building). P-FLAG is a support group that welcomes anyone gay sensitive to attend. For more information concerning the meeting agenda or P-FLAG's speaking program, call Bob or Keenie Baker, (308) 237-3870.

The Kearney AIDS Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. This group is for anyone who is personally

affected by the AIDS epidemic. The group is not limited to lesbians and gays because the disease does not discriminate. If you know of anyone who is HIV positive or friends, lovers, family, etc. of someone who is, please tell them about the group. The group meets privately so, to get the address and more info, call Sharon M-F 9-5 at (308) 234-8709. The Empty Closet would like to thank the women involved with facilitating the group. A special thanks to Ms. T. and best wishes!

## MCC SPLIT

DES MOINES - In a move that can strengthen and diversify the Gay and Lesbian Christian 'presence' in Des Moines, a new church group called Faith Fellowship has been formed. Created by differing needs and perspectives, Faith Fellowship has emerged from its parent, Church of the Holy Spirit MCC. The birth of a second predominantly Gay and Lesbian Christian Church in Des Moines has had both its moments of pain and opportunities for healing.

Differing perspectives on 'visibility' vs. 'safe place' needs, language differences and economics have been given as the reasons for the second church.

Faith Fellowship met for the first time at 2pm on Sunday, December 9th. They are renting space at the Church of Grace and Hope at 5554 N.E. 1st Street in Des Moines. In a showing of 'good faith' and 'friendship,' the Reverend June Norris (Pastor of the Church of the Holy Spirit MCC) attended with the Reverend Bonnie Daniel (Mid-Central District Coordinator of the UFMCC). It is unclear at this time if Faith Fellowship will join the UFMCC denomination. Persons who are planning to join the new church have been encouraged to have their membership transferred as soon as possible to 'affirm their choice' and expedite operational changes.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OPENLY GAY CANDIDATE FOR KC CITY COUNCIL

For the first time in Kansas City's history, an openly Gay candidate is seeking election to the City Council. Jon D. Barnett filed sufficient signatures on January 15, adding his name to the slate of 6 candidates running from the 2nd District At-large. The city is portioned into six districts, each of which are represented by two council seats; one "in-district" which is voted on by district residents, and one "at-large" on which the entire city votes.

Barnett made the decision to run after being approached by the Greater Kansas City Greens, a local organization akin to the European Green Party. They have spent more than a year developing a comprehensive platform addressing the environment, grassroots democracy, decentralization, social justice and non-violence.

Barnett has developed extensive position papers on a broad range of issues including Human Rights and Hate Crimes, Response to AIDS and HIV Disease, Campaign Reform, Recycling, and Mass Transportation. His positions are very compatible with the Green's platform, and he said, "after reading their platform, it was clear to me that I could comfortably run as a Green candidate."

Barnett, a small business owner and long-time community activist, is also co-director of the Human Rights Project, a local coalition of organizations and individuals founded over a year ago to work for the passage of a proposed Gay-rights ordinance for Kansas City. Although that ordinance was sent back to a Council committee where it died, a city resolution was ultimately passed which states the city's stance of non-discrimination against city employees based on sexual orientation. Simultaneous legislation amended the city's civil rights law to include HIV disease as an example of a handicap, and therefore a protected status.

In addition to his work with the Human Rights Project, Barnett has been involved with several local AIDS service providers, the Choice Coalition of Greater Kansas City, the NAMES Project Quilt, and Harmony in a World of Difference, a local organization working for racial and cultural harmony.

"I see myself as a grassroots organizer, and work hard to build coalitions and consensus. The City Council should represent the diversity of our city, and I would like to be a part of that representation," said Barnett.

The city's primary election was February 26. The two top vote-getters in each race will have a run-off general election on March 26.

## 1991 PRIDE WEEK LOGO CONTEST

ANGLE, Inc. (Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors) is proud to announce the 1991 contest to select a Logo for Gay/Lesbian Pride Activities in Nebraska and western Iowa. This logo will appear on buttons, tee shirts, signs, and other publicity related to Pride Activities during June 1991.

All entries should reflect the International Pride theme for 1991, *Together in Pride*, and be suitable for reproduction on both buttons and tee shirts. The design should include the year and the location. All entries should use only one color for the design. Colors other than white may be suggested for the background. Submissions should be no larger than 5" X 7".

The winning logo will appear on the cover of the June issue of the *New Voice of Nebraska*. Please indicate if you wish your name made public or what pen name should be used. The winner will receive a free subscription to the *New Voice* along with a PRIDE tee shirt featuring his or her winning logo.

All entries become the property of ANGLE, Inc. and must be received by March 31, 1991. Entries will be judged and the winner selected at the ANGLE meeting on April 2.

Send entries to:

ANGLE, Inc.  
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## NEW VOICE STARTS PRISONER PROJECT

With this, the 8th anniversary issue, *The New Voice of Nebraska* extends its community outreach to Nebraska's gay and lesbian prisoners. Free subscriptions will be offered to those incarcerated in state institutions.

The decision was reached by the steering committee after considerable research into how such projects are run by other gay publications around the nation. Mike Riegle of *Gay Community News* in Boston wrote in response to our inquiry: "Projects like GCN's offer people in a very disadvantaged/powerless situation a voice which, even if it doesn't bring a mountain of support letters from your readers, says to them that the community is willing to at least listen."

Riegle went on to say, "None of us are so naive, especially after *Bowers v. Hardwick*, as to think the system is not homophobic, as well as biased against poor people and people of color. We need to be reminded of this. Prisoners do this for us."

Given our limited resources, *The New Voice* asks that gay and lesbian Nebraska prisoners who do request a free subscription

share the magazine. We also welcome your letters, poems, and drawings for publication.

## THE MAX IN MARCH

by Gloria Revelle

Forget about that spring cleaning. Just start marking your calendars for all the fun that The Max has ready for you. March starts out like a lion's roar on March 3. J.T. will be back at The Max singing all the way. If you like country music live, and with a lot of fun to boot, this is the night for you.

Marc & Company on March 10, is a group new to our area. Marc is a puppeteer comedian. This Las Vegas act will keep you laughing with its off-beat humor.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget our special St. Patrick's Day party and don't forget to come and enjoy the fantastic Miss Gay Nebraska U.S.A., Phoebe Tate. Phoebe will soon be leaving to compete in the Miss Gay U.S.A. Nationals, so show your support.

Those crazed homosexuals from Lincoln return to The Max stage on March 24. Yes Omaha, fasten your seatbelts. It's The Screaming Cupcakes. This is one show you all should experience.

Congratulations to our new Miss Max 7, Dorian Drake. This year's contest was terrific. It was great to have Miss Max 3, Sable, back for awhile. We hope to see her again soon. Dorian, with all her experience and quality, will be a perfect new addition to The Max. We all wish her the best for the year ahead.

I'm told that some new specials and new additions are coming to the bar. Keep reading this space for further developments. The spring and summer show schedule is filling up fast. So don't miss a minute of fun this spring, at The Max.



## MCC HEADLINES

by Carla P.

Easter Sunday is heading our way, so dust off those bonnets and get ready to join us in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. But before it gets here, we have a busy month of worship, fellowship, and activities planned.

Deacon Classes, which began in February, will be meeting almost every Friday evening this month. Eight from our congregation are involved in the 12 classes. They'll finish their studies in May, and through their ministry, we hope to build and maintain better communication between all who join us for Sunday worship.

The Building Fund Pledge Campaign, which also got going in February, continues to receive pledges. In 1990, the Building Fund grew to over \$9,000. We're praying that the 1991 pledges and fundraisers will bring us over the \$20,000 mark.

Lenten Family Groups have been meeting each Wednesday and the Support Groups continue to meet each Tuesday evening and Saturday morning. These are both great opportunities to share your triumphs and concerns as gays or lesbians.

About mid-month we'll be gathering for our Congregational Forum. At that time we'll be discussing the upcoming district and general conferences for UFMCC, the building search, Church logo, and other items of interest to members and friends of MCCO. We urge you to join us for the Forum. Contact the Church Office for the date and time.

During Easter week, some special services are being scheduled. Since today is February 9 and those details haven't been confirmed, I urge you to call the Church Office at 345-2563 for specific information. I do know that starting Easter Week, March 25-31, Metropolitan Community Church will be one busy place. On Thursday there's a Seder Dinner planned; Friday there'll be a Good Friday Service; Sunday, a Sunrise Service, and, of course, our regular Morning

and Evening Worship Service. Please join us as we Celebrate Life in Christ.

See you in Church Sunday. Remember - God loves you!

## RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

by Sharon Van Butsel

At the end of the 22nd week of bowling, the race for first place was being held right in the center of Gilligan's Bar. Hopefully, it's a friendly rivalry as Gilligan's #2 and Gilligan's #3 battle for first place with only three games separating them. The Gilligan's teams #1, #2, and #3 had also walked away with the honors for the top three scratch team games and scratch team series for week 22. Gilligan's #2 had a team game of 793 and a team series of 2068. Gilligan's #3 had a team game of 699 and a team series of 2050. Gilligan's #1 had a team game of 677 and tied with CharDan Enterprises with a team series of 1939.

The men's high scratch game for the week was a 226 bowled by Jim V. Dustin Logan bowled the high men's scratch series with a 562. Elyse M. continued her winning ways by taking both the high scratch game and series for women for the week with a 188 game and a 501 series.

League standings at the end of the 22nd week are:

1. Gilligan's #3	W-112	L-42
2. Gilligan's #2	W-109	L-45
3. Maximum Balls	W-107	L-47
4. A & E Video	W-101	L-53
5. CharDan Enterprises	W-101	L-53
6. Mama's Family	W-91	L-63
7. D.J.'s	W-89	L-65
8. DIDIT	W-82	L-72
9. Run Blew Lights	W-79	L-75
10. CharDan Enterprises II	W-74	L-80
11. Holy Rollers	W-73	L-81
12. Cruiser's Crew	W-69	L-85

13. Gilligan's #1-She's Back	W-67	L-87
14. Babes With An Attitude	W-66	L-88
15.3 + 2	W-64	L-90
16. The Max	W-64	L-90
17. Madonna's Bastard Kids	W-59	L-95
18. Hood Chuck's	W-54	L-100
19. You Can't Touch This	W-51	L-103
20.4 Guys & 1 Doll	W-30	L-124

## CHORUS TO PRESENT FRUIT SALAD APRIL 14

by Gary

"Peareachinapplegrapeanderry" was the way a 1970's commercial described fruit salad.

"Off the wall" is the way to describe another kind of Fruit Salad... the first-ever River City Mixed Chorus variety show, Sunday, April 14 starting at 9:30pm at The Max. Be forewarned: this is not your typical Chorus presentation.

Sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska, *Fruit Salad* is a combination of live performance acts from Chorus members and the community, plus some of your favorite female impersonator acts.

Three dollars (cheap!) will get you in the door that night (additional dollars appreciated), you'll have fun, and the money will go to a good cause (according to reliable Chorus representatives). It's a fund-raising event to ensure that RCMC does a better job of balancing the budget than the Government is doing. It's also going to be a heckuva lot of fun.

You'll hear Chorus numbers, solos, campy groups, 50's hits, even a self-proclaimed exotic trio. The acts are still being lined up. If you have an act you'd like included, there's still time: call Stan at 556-8352.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## "THE VOICE" WOMEN'S TREATMENT PROGRAM

In June of 1989, Eppley Treatment Center changed their traditional approach of treating chemical dependency and bulimia in that a gender separate inpatient unit was created. It became clear that while addicted men and women share similar problems, they also have different issues quite specific and distinct to their gender. A male oriented model was replaced with a more feminist model in that the basic premise of the women's unit is to empower women by providing them with a safe non-shaming environment to explore their addictions and bulimia and the impact it has had on their lives.

Without men in the group therapy process, the women are able to gain valuable personal information about themselves. This information is usually a result of their interactions, shared experiences, connections, and eventually their relationships with each other.

Addiction has an impact on every area of a woman's life: her work, her relationships, her family life and her emotional, mental,

physical, sexual, and spiritual life. Often the women discover that the solutions are not held by men but by the women themselves. What occurs in a female group therapy setting is that women discover those solutions through and with each other. They do this with support and nurturing, and through their shared experiences of being women, and the mutual pain they share of addiction.

For more information, call 536-6800.

## GIVE MY REGARDS TO BROADWAY!!!

The Omaha Meatpackers

The OMAHA MEATPACKERS proudly presents *Babes On Broadway* on Sunday, April 7, 1991. The neon lights of Broadway will be shining brightly at Omaha's very own "The MAX." Voluptuous Babes and Beefy Men will dance and sing their way into your hearts!

This will be a benefit performance and all tips and donations will be donated evenly to N.A.P. and the P.W.A. Emergency Assistance Program. There will be a \$3. cover charge and a portion on the door will also go to the above organizations.

The program will start promptly at 9:30pm, so be there early for good seats. So *hand me down my walking cane and hand me down my dancing shoes, as we're Broadway bound!!!*

## COLE SELECTED AS RCMC DIRECTOR

by Gary

The River City Mixed Chorus is pleased to announce that Jonathan D. Cole has accepted the position of Music Director on a permanent basis.

Mr. Cole, as Interim Director, led the Chorus in its February Winter Concert. A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, he has a wealth of experience conducting singers and orchestras, and is an accomplished pianist and composer.

In addition to directing RCMC, Mr. Cole is Associate Artist at the Omaha Community Playhouse. His original scores include *Julius Caesar* for the Playhouse and *Macbeth* produced by the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival. Currently, his scoring of *Alice, A Curious Adventure* at the Playhouse has won rave reviews. In his spare time (?!?!?) Jonathan is working on yet another new composition.

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## NEW MEMBERS, BUSY SEASON FOR CHORUS

by Gary

Over a dozen new female and male voices joined the River City Mixed Chorus at auditions held in February. The Chorus is well on its way towards the goal of 40 singing members by summer of '92.

There's also a current drive for non-singing "Friends" members. These associates help with everything from fund-raising to refreshments at concerts and rehearsals; ushering to set design; public relations to costumes. There's a place in the Chorus for anyone; call Bill at 733-1703 or Brandon at 556-8352 to find out more.

The February 3 Winter Concert, *Simple Gifts*, was a success for both members and audience. Director Jonathan Cole brought a lot of sound out of 21 voices, filling Strauss Performing Arts Center with a variety of music. The Chorus thanks everyone who attended and appreciates those who filled out the questionnaire. Congratulations to winners of the drawing: Carolyn Rutherford, Bob Samon, and Thomas C. Bertino.

The next major concert for RCMC, the June 22 Pride Concert, is in rehearsal. This

first event of Omaha's Pride Week 1991 will feature music from three major American composers: Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, and George Gershwin, plus other selections. Mark the date on your calendar now!

In the meantime, the Chorus has a busy schedule, including its April 14th fund-raiser, *Fruit Salad*, at The Max; a performance at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church; a performance at Metropolitan Community Church; and a performance in Lincoln for COLAGE.

For more information about RCMC, call Bill at 733-1703.

## 1991 INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

Mobilization Against AIDS is actively seeking cities and towns around the world that will participate in the eighth annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, which will occur on Sunday, May 19, 1991. Last May saw over 200 cities in 31 countries take part in AIDS Candlelight Memorials, which consist of locally organized public ceremonies honoring people lost to AIDS and demonstrating solidarity with all those

infected with the HIV virus.

Mobilization Against AIDS, the California-based AIDS lobby group that serves as the coordinating agency for the International Memorials, is also announcing the launch of its "First Families Campaign." Mobilization is asking leaders around the world to follow the example of President Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush, who during last year's AIDS Memorial placed lit candles in the windows of the White House.

Mobilization is particularly interested in initiating Memorials in Eastern Europe and in Third World nations, and is soliciting contacts in those countries. For further information on organizing a 1991 Memorial in your community, or assisting Mobilization in enlisting your mayor, governor, or head of state in the First Families Campaign, contact the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial at 1540 Market Street, Suite 160, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 863-4676; FAX: (415) 863-4740.

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# ◆ FEATURES

## ◆ CARING IN TIME OF WAR

by Jean Mortensen

We've gone to war in the Persian Gulf. Well, that's not news to anyone if you've caught so much as one newscast since last August. I won't presume to debate whether or not the allied troops were truly justified in their actions; that's probably more a matter of personal opinion. That debate will rage on for ages, the same way people still voice opinions about our involvement in Vietnam. Yet these facts remain: we are there, and we are fighting.

What does that mean to the gays and lesbians in the armed services? I can only imagine. Being stationed in a land so far from home probably makes them feel more isolated than ever before. In a time when a person can be drummed out for simply being what he or she is, our brothers and sisters face obstacles in their daily lives in Saudi Arabia that we can barely begin to understand.

What does this mean for lovers who are left stateside when the partner goes off to war? Fear, separation, loneliness, anxiety over what might happen. And anger. I say anger because the armed services will acknowledge someone's wife or husband, but

not their lovers. In the services' eyes, the lovers are nonexistent, not worthy of the courtesies afforded legally married spouses. Even the soldiers' families may refuse to acknowledge that the lover left behind has a right to feel the same loss they do.

I must admit, I am a poor one to write this article. I have no family member in the Gulf. My lover is still safely at home with me. I cannot begin to fathom what it is like to have your lover taken away for perhaps a year or more. Still, I felt compelled to write something.

Heaven knows, I've got a long history of doling out advice even when it's not asked for. I won't presume to tell anyone whose lover is over there how to get through the trying times. But I wish to address those whose lives are not so directly touched by the war, and I hope I don't overstep any bounds in the process.

If there is anything I can say about the war in the Persian Gulf it is this: give them all your support. Not only the troops stationed there, but also the lovers left behind. For those of us stateside, it is little enough we can do to let them know we care about what happens to them.

Keep correspondence with the gays and lesbians in the military, so far from home.

Based on my own correspondence with one person, I hear that letters are a real morale booster. They are in a place so foreign to anything we have here (a different landscape, a different culture), that hearing from friends or family is the only sense of 'roots' they have.

And please remember the lovers left behind. Keep close contact with them as well. Doubtless they are experiencing a vast range of emotions, from depression to anger. They may need some time alone at various points to sort things out for themselves, and they should have their privacy. But it wouldn't hurt to remind them that it's okay to call you whenever they want. The lovers need support as surely as the troops overseas do. In short, just be the best friend you can be.

When the war first started, I heard Henry Kissinger predict it would last only about two weeks. We've gone beyond that and no one knows when it will end. But until it does, let's be as mindful of our sisters and brothers as we can.

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## ◆ COMMENTARY: AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING ANGRY?

by Jim Roche

My friend James and I were leaving New York's Lesbian and gay Community Center a few months ago. A large crowd milled around in the street. Several people were there screaming and crying out their anger at what they had heard at a community forum. We had all listened to some incredible things from the city's mayor, the man who had called himself our friend. Almost every campaign promise of the previous year had been broken. I turned to James and was surprised by his reaction to all this. "Why are gay people so angry?" he asked. "I said to him, 'Apparently you didn't hear that people are dying. People are homeless. People are being beaten in the street by thugs every night!' Well, that didn't help because he still doesn't understand why people are so angry. He still doesn't understand why I'm angry. He was confused by what he heard in the street. 'Why doesn't everybody just sit down and talk things out?' was what he wanted to know. I wanted to know what was wrong with him. To me, if you're able to sit by and listen to the kind of political bullshit we had just heard and not get angry, well, you have to be emotionally stunted. Maybe he is. A lot of people seem to be these days.

Those who are angry (not just upset, mad, or perturbed, but really pissed-off) and those who seem to avoid their anger don't want to understand each other at all. I get complaints from lots of people about my anger. "You can't talk from anger," they say. "They'll never understand or listen if we're yelling at them," others say. Or, "How can you have dialogue when you're so angry?" Give me a break.

Anger has never been easy to deal with, but the time comes when we all must. That doesn't mean controlling it. As incredible as it seems, when we talk about oppression, injustice and unfairness, we try not to get angry. We try to keep "cool heads" and "our wits about us." Most importantly we keep our places, stay in our right roles and don't overstep our bounds. Dialogue has these rules, you see. People aren't ready for anger because when we're angry the rules no longer apply. One thing anger does is put a sudden and complete stop to systems which artificially restrict what we can think, do, say, or act on. Angry people are dangerous people if you get in their way because angry people want to make changes. Angry people will go to extremes. But since when has calling for justice not been a dangerous act?

In a recent article in *The Times*, John Pareles writes that many people have a hard time dealing with the anger expressed in a lot of rapp music, "when pop singers get earnest,

the message is likely to be about compassion and charity rather than anger, resistance or placing blame. Not so with rapp music." And not so with the newest wave of gay and lesbian activists, who aren't interested in compassion. Aren't interested in charity. They *are* interested in anger, resistance and placing blame. It's the anger they want heard. Anger, they think, is legitimate in and of itself. Forget compassion. Drop this charity crap. I'm angry! Earnestly angry.

Who has permission to be angry? It's okay for people who have been oppressed, physically attacked, ignored by their elected representatives and discriminated against for years. Unless, of course, they're gay or lesbian. When Queer Nation is out being angry they're called, by others who would rather have dialogue and communication, "Fascist Nation." The name Fascist Nation doesn't come just from straights. You hear "Fascist Nation" today from gays and lesbians too. Gays and lesbians who are as afraid to deal with our anger as they are with their own. For years every time gays and lesbians have grabbed the tiniest bit of power and control, in any situation, they've been called the gay Mafia or queer storm troopers.

I don't know what gays and lesbians are supposed to be if not angry, but heterosexual society thinks that emotions are obviously something we should not have. At least not publicly. Remember the reaction to Black anger during the civil rights movement? People referred to angry Blacks derogatorily as tribal warriors, not thinking these people had the right to be angry and show it. Instead, they were as out of control as natives in a Tarzan movie. That's recognized today as a phobic reaction and racist. Remember too, the way angry women were once called "unladylike" or "strident," "shrill bitches" by people we would immediately recognize today as sexist, just as someday the fear of gay and lesbian anger, which is often thought of as proof we are out of control, infantile or at least a group of spoiled adolescents, will be seen as the reactions of neurotic homophobes. Until then they think our emotions are to be closeted. We aren't to be any more publicly angry than we are to be publicly loving (when we hold hands in public it's again because we are emotionally and sexually out of control, infantile or acting out adolescents after nothing more than the shock effect our flaunting brings about). Heterosexual society will tolerate us as long as we are innocuous. Sedate.

But our anger is not to be mislabeled and misappropriated by others. Anger denied is depression, and suppressing our anger is one of the ways heterosexism has been able to control so many of us for so long. At a recent Queer Nation action against a church/cult which claimed to "convert" homosexuals to heterosexuals, we saw bigots controlling gays and lesbians by denying, disqualifying

and suppressing their anger. We were told that anyone who was angry was not ready to speak. Not allowing you to be angry is one of the techniques used by any good brain-washer. Every time a gay or lesbian would begin to speak in this church about their anger at the way society treated them the subject was changed to love. Jesus' love. The church's love. "Don't be angry," they were told. "If you're angry, you can't be open to our love." Scary!

But don't be confused; you can be fooled into thinking anger is the opposite of love. That they're opposite ends of the emotional spectrum. Anger isn't nor has it ever been, the opposite of love. Being angry isn't sinful as they would like you to believe. Anger is something important that we must nurture and learn to use. Theologian Beverly Harrison says that, "anger is a signal that all is not well in our relationship with others." It's a mode of connectedness, not something that separates us. To be sure, anger doesn't necessarily lead to right action. I've seen my angry coconspirators in Queer Nation do some awfully stupid things when they're angry. Angry people do a lot of stupid things. But as Harrison says, "We must never lose touch with the fact that all serious human moral activity, especially action for social change, takes its bearing from the rising power of human anger." Anger breaks down those artificial walls of rules and properness that separate us from one another. Anger is closer to love than the absence of feeling we sense in many around us. Anger forces us to react to each other authentically, immediately. It's the job of those we are angry with to correctly choose how to react to our anger; by changing, acting, or maybe simply listening. But to deny the validity of anger itself as a means of communicating a serious wrong is to oppress our relationships with each other. Anger denied subverts community. Anger acknowledged and nurtured will give us our first glimpse of the power necessary to exercise our deserved freedoms.

Heterosexuals don't know what to do with angry queers. We upset their stereotype of the wimpy faggot who can be kicked around. And then there is always the promise from heterosexuals that as long as we aren't angry, as long as we want to talk, dialogue, converse levelheadedly, we can avoid being kicked. Right? They can try to deny us our basic human rights. They can deny us our civil rights. They can try to deny us our dignity. But they are not going to deny me my right to be angry! And let's not deny that right to each other.

*Editor's Note: The New Voice welcomes your reactions to this or any other articles we publish. Letters of response will be published. Please indicate if you do not wish your name to appear in print or include a pen-name.*

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR MARCH

## SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights, 1st Saturday Event, 7-10pm. Mental Health II, *Seeking Self*. Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th, Lincoln.

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 3

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

GLSO Gay/Lesbian Student Org. Call for location: 391-0694 or 558-8121. 6:30pm.

J.T. - Live Country Music, The MAX, 1417 Jackson Street, Omaha, 9:30pm.

## MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

Support Group for Bisexuals, open to all sexes, 7:30pm, Cornerstone (upstairs), 640 N. 16th St., Lincoln.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Affirmation/Omaha, 7pm. Call 556-7701 for information.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Parents-FLAG/Omaha, 3pm, 1st Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 291-6781.

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

ANGLE CHILI FEED, 5-9pm, The Diamond, 712 S. 16th St., Omaha. Proceeds for PRIDE.

Marc & Co., Comedian-Puppeteer, The MAX, 1417 Jackson St., 9:30pm.

## MONDAY, MARCH 11

AIDS Interfaith Network service, St. Cecelia's, 7pm, 40th & Webster, Omaha.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15 through SUNDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day Weekend Bash, Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth St, Omaha, 12 noon - 1am.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

### St. Patrick's Day!!

St. Patrick's Day Weekend Bash continues at Gilligan's.

St. Patrick's Day with Miss Gay Nebraska USA, Phoebe O'Tate, The MAX, 1417 Jackson Street, 9:30pm.

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

GLSO Gay/Lesbian Student Org. All students welcome! 6:30pm. Location: 558-8121, 391-0694.

Mishpachot Chaverim meeting, 10am, phone 551-0510 for location.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24

The Screaming Cupcakes, 9:30pm, The MAX, 1417 Jackson Street, Omaha.

## MONDAY, MARCH 25

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

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Parents/FLAG-Lincoln, 7pm. Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St. *Religious Discrimination: Shunning Still Happens.*

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Seder Meal, 6pm, MCC-Omaha, co-sponsored by Mishpachot Chaverim. Reservations required. Call 345-2563 for information.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, 7pm, MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th Street. 345-2563.

36 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins, 12 Midnight, MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th Street. 345-2563.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30

### First Day of Passover

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 31

### Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service, 6am, Northeast corner, Central Park Mall. Call 345-2563 for info.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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

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

River City Bowling League, King Louie Rose Bowl, 4pm, 1100 Northwest Radial Hwy.

### MONDAY

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

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

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 8pm.

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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



## ◆ TOO MUCH IS PLENTY

by Don Longmore

Have you ever heard the expression, "Enough is enough, too much is plenty?" I think I've got an example here of too much.

I decided to save all of the requests for donations that I received during the month of December only, both through the mail and on the phone. I was going to list them all with the minimum amount the requests were for, but frankly it even overwhelmed me and would take too much space, so I will just mention a few unusual ones. Now mind you, most of the organizations are good and legitimate causes and I do support certain ones including the homeless and some of the local gay organizations.

Here is one: a request from Jimmy Carter for \$25. Forget it, Peanuts. National Wildlife Federation. They only wanted \$3. Non-Commissioned Officers Assn., whoever the hell they are, wanted \$25.

This one must have come up over night: GI Christmas Gift Pacs for the Gulf. Minimum beg was \$15. Uta Hallee wanted \$15; sorry girls, I'm still waiting for the sample I sent for last year from Boys Town.

I sent money to the Nebraska Republican Party during the election asking them to get rid of Kay; now they wanted \$30 more not only by mail, but by phone. Here is one I've never heard of: Philanthrofund Foundation. They wanted \$25 and didn't even say for what.

There was a phone call from some local union who wanted \$30 for toys for tots. That had to be phony. I told the gal I had given a teddy bear to the KESY drive, and with all the toy collections that were going on, every homeless kid in town must have received at least 6.

Well anyway, the list just goes on and on. All told, I got 40 requests just in December, and putting it all together, including the donations I did make, the total came to \$583.

Excuse me, there's the phone. Probably Ed McMahon.

morning, reeking of booze and feeling amorous, though more in spirit than in body.

Fantasies don't use your razor for shaving their legs.

Fantasies are cheap: no dinners, no condoms.

Fantasies don't get bitchy and scream back.

Fantasies are at your convenience when you're in the mood.

Fantasies don't dirty the dishes, for you to wash.

Fantasies don't leave their underwear soaking in the sink.

You can have a new and different Fantasy every night (or three or four).

Fantasies don't hog the covers.

You don't have to fix breakfast for a Fantasy.

Fantasies will disappear when you want them to.

Fantasies improve with each episode.

Fantasies won't eat you out of house and home.

You don't have to take a Fantasy home to meet Mother.

Fantasies don't wear your clothes.

Fantasies don't leave rings or hair in the bathtub.

You don't have to pick up after a Fantasy.

Now, aren't Fantasies fun? So, let's all go out and have a good old Fantasy!

month on the 31st, Richard Chamberland will be 56.

Next month look for Doris von Kappelhoff, Harry Bratsburg, Michael Shalhoub, and Harvey Lee Yeary 2nd.

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Got spring fever? Put your energy to work with your favorite organization. There's plenty to do.

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## ◆ MEANT TO BE FIT

We are a unique and special breed... a breed that's "Meant to Be Fit!" Fitness takes shape in all forms. It can be an individual or team effort.

It's a new year — the time when most of us, in one way or another, make those ever-popular (and sometimes grueling) New Year's resolutions. At the top of most lists: get in better shape! The health clubs love this time of year; everyone flocks to them. But alas, after the first couple of months, resolutions fall by the wayside.

To help with those 'get in shape' resolutions, here are some good, solid suggestions:

— Ask yourself, "What is it I really like to do for exercise?" Realize that this is not just for health, but for fun. Variety is the spice of life. Look for a health club (or similar program) that offers a variety of exercise options. This will help prevent exercise burnout.

— Often, two is better than one, so exercise with a friend.

— Set aside a time to do something for you. Try and have the exercise portion of your schedule consistently at the same time.

— Keep track of your exercise goals. This is important because it enables you to see where you've been, where you are, and where you are going. Set yourself up a time line for goals to achieve in one month, three months, six months, and one year. But don't set your goals so high that they are unattainable.

— Whether it's morning before work, during lunchtime, or after work, exercise is good stress management.

— Remember: the beginning of any change, whether small or large, is the commitment to do it.

## ◆ CELEBRITY CORNER

by Hollywood Joe

Starting off the month, Ron Howard (Opie Taylor, Richie Cunningham, et.al.) was born on March 1, 1954 in Duncan, Oklahoma. Andy Gibb will be 33 on the 5th. Ed McMahon turns 68 on the 6th and Daniel J. Travanti 51 on the 7th. Mickey Gilley turns 55 and Emmanuel Lewis 20, both on the 9th.

On the 12th, Liza Minnelli will be 45 and James Taylor 43. Neil Sedaka turns 52 on the 13th, while on the 14th Michael Caine (Maurice Micklewhite) celebrates #58 along with Billy Crystal who turns 44. Judd Hirsch will be 56 on the 15th. Jerry Lewis (Joseph Levitch) was born on March 16, 1926 in Newark, NJ, while Erik Estrada was born across the river in New York City on the same date in 1949. Kurt Russell will be 40 on the 17th. Bruce Willis, of Penns Grove, NJ, turns 36 on the 19th, while on the 20th William Hurt celebrates #41.

James Coco will be 61 on the 21st, William Shatner 60 on the 22nd, and Chaka Khan (Yvette Stevens) 38 on the 23rd. And don't forget to send a card to Anita Bryant; she'll be 51 on the 25th. Elton John (Reginald Dwight) turns 44 on the same day. On the 26th Leonard Nimoy will be 60, James Caan 52, and Diana Ross 47. Michael York turns 49 on the 27th, Reba McEntire of Chockie, Oklahoma, is 37 on the 28th, and ending the

## ◆ FANTASIES

by RJ

In past issues of *The New Voice* there have been articles on the pleasures of masturbation, the all-American (and every other ethnic group) pastime no one would admit to, even on their death bed. Both little boys and little girls (and some not so little) greatly enjoy this favorite trip to Fantasia. And why not? There is much to be said for a good ole 'Fantasy.' Such as:

Fantasies are good any old time, as long as you can find a place that is private. Public display is frowned upon.

Fantasies don't come home at two in the

# ◆ FEATURES

## ◆ DISTANCE NEVER SEPARATES TWO HEARTS THAT REALLY CARE

by Jim Wetter

Distance never separates  
two hearts  
that really care,  
for memory spans the miles  
and in seconds  
We are there.

WE hear the voice,  
We see the smile,  
and deep inside WE know  
that lovers remain  
a part of us  
where ever WE may go.

So WE can visit any time,  
no matter when or where,  
for distances never separate  
two hearts  
that really care.

Though I don't see you as often  
as I did when WE first met,  
you surely know you're someone  
I can't possibly forget.

I don't need the assurance  
of a visit face-to-face,  
for in my heart, you'll always have  
a very special place.

WE understand each other  
and so it's enough to know  
WE can pickup right where WE left off  
however long ago.

For distance never separates  
two hearts that really care,  
and WE will always be together  
through the special bond WE share.

## ◆ THE BOOK REPORT SIDE BY SIDE

©1990 by Isabel Miller

The late 1960s were a tumultuous time. There was Vietnam and many protests. There was the sexual revolution. There were shootings at Kent State. There was a small riot in Greenwich Village's Stonewall Inn that launched a different kind of revolution. Certainly, coming of age in these times couldn't have been easy.

The story's two main characters are Patricia and Sarah. They were neighbors as toddlers, then schoolmates and playmates. Well, until one of their mothers found out what they were playing. Their parents forced a separation on them, but neither one could

quite forget the other. Eventually they found each other again in New York.

Each chapter is written in the first person voice, alternating both Patricia and Sharon as they take turns telling the story from their separate points of view. That can sometimes be a tricky writing device, but in this book it is quite effective. Miller has managed to create a separate voice for each of the girls so I never got lost as to who was narrating. This also allows us an inside look into their similarities and differences.

While we don't get a 'firsthand' view of what the Stonewall riots were like, we do get a good idea of what life in general was like in the Village during those years, and what the underlying politics were. We also get a good reminder of how lost a very young gay person can feel while trying to find an invisible society that is afraid of the legal ramifications of helping a minor.

Unfortunately, I felt the story's real conflict and climax happened early on, when the girls were separated by their parents and fought to find each other again. The effects of their relationship on their respective families was what held me most enthralled. My interest waned a bit toward the end as the families fell out of the action and the two young women took up living together. Luckily, though, after they were reunited, all the loose ends were tied up nicely and the resolution of the story was satisfying.

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## ◆ MASTURBATION — AND COMMON SENSE!

Or, we might subtitle: things nobody told me!

by Rodney Stander

We are considering a very personal matter, obviously. But let's not confuse feelings of embarrassment with shame. Indeed, if we could talk more openly about it, masturbation would bring less embarrassment. So, let's talk — with common sense.

The very term used calls for clearer thought than many of us encountered in our early days. It is not 'self-abuse' or 'self-pollution' as some dictionaries put it. This realization first came to me when I considered that the male organ receives the same stimulation and ejaculation in intercourse in marriage (acceptable) as in masturbation (not acceptable?). How could one be 'abusive' and the other not? A better term, and one which I have used in seminars, is more accurate: "sexual release."

In men and boys, there is a biological need that is born, not of the imagination

alone, but of the build-up of fluids in the body. Most of us remember many times when we could not study or read or think normally until we had a release. Common sense rejects the notion that this is abuse or polluting. As to the other familiar terms they seem innocuous and merely personal choice.

There is no negative effect upon the body. In fact, we usually relax, rest, sleep, and think better, and return to a more light-hearted spirit. How pitiful, then, to be told in childhood, as many of us were, that "if you play with it, it will turn black — or drop off — or...". What a load of guilt and fear is laid upon that boy! And the reasonable conclusion, too, that if masturbation will cause my penis to turn black, won't intercourse with a woman (even my wife) do the same? How about common sense?

With this honest look at self-sexual release, it seems necessary to point out at least two more matters for the time being. One, it is not the same as 'onanism' (as even one dictionary wrongly interprets it). Onan, in the Bible, was not masturbating. According to the laws of the Israelites, when a man died childless, a brother was to take the widow sexually and give her children who were to bear the dead brother's name, and continue that man's family line. In Onan's case, he took the widow, copulated with her, but spent his sperm upon the ground, in violation of the law. His sin was disobedience to God, and 'using' the widow, not masturbation. In fact, the Holy Bible does not mention sexual self-release at all; our Creator seems to 'take it for granted' that boys and men need release, married or not. So guilt is irrelevant. Would that there were some way of making this known to young boys. Almost all who have been in my seminars have expressed some feelings of guilt, and were grateful to be shown common sense in the matter.

Lastly, for now, masturbation is neither a heterosexual nor homosexual issue. But they seem equally shy about talking about it. In the present fearful situation, it would seem beneficial if all men could discuss and share in this, so as to 'free-up' themselves and one another, and perhaps find methods that will produce deeper satisfaction. Perhaps someone could start a local group for this purpose.

Final word: if I am to continue writing in this area in *The New Voice*, I'd like to have some response from other readers, maybe with suggestions, support, and even questions. How about it?

## ◆ ANAGRAM: ANNIVERSARY

by Lee Donehower

Did you manage to find all 126 words that can be made from *homosexual*? Here's the list:

6 letters: haloes, hoaxes, sexual, shalom.

5 letters: aloes, alums, amuse, axles, exams, hales, halos, hauls, heals, helms, holes, Homes, house, lames, leash, looms, loose, louse, loxes, luxes, males, mauls, meals, moles, moose, mouse, mules, oleos, shale, shame, shoal.

4 letters: ales, alms, aloe, also, alum, axes, axle, elms, emus, exam, hale, halo, hams, haul, heal, helm, hems, hoax, hoes, hole, home, hose, hues, hums, lame, lams, lase, lash, leas, loam, loom, lose, lush, male, mash, maul, meal, mesa, mesh, mole, moos, mule, muse, mush, ohms, oleo, sale, same, seal, seam, sham, shoe, shoo, slam, sloe, slue, slum, sole, solo, soma, some, soul.

3 letters: ale, ash, axe, elm, emu, ham, has, hem, hex, hoe, hue, hum, lam, las, lax, lea, lox, lux, moo, ohm, ohs, sea, sex, she, sol, sox, sue, sum, use.

Since this is the 8th anniversary issue of *The New Voice*, I've chosen *anniversary* from which can be made 151 other words. The breakdown goes as follows:

7 letters: 4

6 letters: 20

5 letters: 47

4 letters: 53

3 letters: 27

Good luck. The answers will appear in April's issue of *The New Voice*.

## ◆ AMERICA

by Marta

### OUR COUNTRY'S AT WAR

We'll fight this they say  
Just ask us we'll help  
It's the American way

### OUR COUNTRY'S AT WAR

For over 10 years  
Why should they care?  
Just Junkies and Queers

### OUR COUNTRY'S AT WAR

Come on! Let's all fight  
My friend Joe last week  
He died in the night

### OUR COUNTRY'S AT WAR

Our country's all right  
A generation lost  
Be patient, sit tight

### OUR COUNTRY'S AT WAR

They say that we sinned  
I don't really know  
I'm proud where I've been

### OUR COUNTRY'S AT WAR

You need help? We'll attack  
We won't help our own  
If you're gay, woman or black



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## ★ INSURANCE COMPANY RECOGNIZES DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington, D.C., one of America's oldest business firms, has become the first insurance company in the nation to file a Homeowners policy that recognizes domestic partners. By redefining who is insured, the new endorsement extends to domestic partners the automatic coverage rights enjoyed by spouses and relatives of Homeowners policyholders.

Firemen's offers Homeowners coverage to apartment renters and the owners of dwellings and condos in D.C. and the states of Maryland and Virginia.

According to Carl Blundell, CPCU, a company underwriting manager who created the new endorsement, "this Homeowners policy change will extend automatic coverage to anyone with whom an insured has a close, committed personal relationship that involves sharing household responsibilities and owning property together. Automatic coverage applies after an insured has established such a relationship and lived with their domestic partner continuously for at least 6 months."

Dick Andrews, president of Firemen's Insurance, advises that Firemen's, unlike other insurance companies, will no longer require that the name of an insured's domestic partner be disclosed and appear on the Homeowners policy in order for the partner to be included for coverage. "Because our new endorsement eliminates the need for such notification, unmarried insureds and their domestic partners will have the privacy choices and coverage rights enjoyed by married couples."

## ★ LESBIANS AND GAYS REGISTER RELATIONSHIPS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

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## ★ 1990: WATERSHED YEAR FOR SODOMY LAW REPEAL

Lesbian and gay activists at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) are marking 1990 as a watershed year for legislative and legal battles to repeal and reform sodomy laws.

Three major state court challenges - in Kentucky, Michigan, and Texas - received significant lower court boosts last year and reflect the growing momentum for sodomy law reform since the anti-gay *Bowers v. Hardwick* Supreme Court ruling in 1986, said Sue Hyde, outgoing NGLTF Privacy Project director.

In Kentucky and Michigan, judges last summer struck from the books those states' sodomy laws. The cases were brought by lesbian and gay people who argued that the sodomy laws violate their rights to privacy as recognized under state constitutions. Appeals of both lower court rulings are likely to be filed.

In Texas, a Travis County district court judge on December 10 struck down the Texas homosexual-specific sodomy law with the simple sentence, "I declare this law unconstitutional."

Five Texas lesbian and gay activists had filed suit to challenge the Texas law, commonly called 21.06. The lower court decision in the case, *Morales et al*, may be appealed by the newly elected Texas Attorney General, Dan Morales. Morales is thought to be friendly to the gay and lesbian community.

During the recent gubernatorial campaign, Texas governor-elect Ann Richards won her race with overwhelming support from lesbians and gay men. Richards repeatedly called for repeal of 21.06 in her campaign speeches. Attorney General-elect Morales, having been less direct than Richards, is expected to mount a friendly appeal.

Laurie Eiserloh of the Texas Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby said, "We want an appeal by the state. Without a ruling from our highest court, *Morales* will have limited value. We will again file a bill to repeal 21.06 in the '91 legislative session, in the event our optimism about the appeal proves wrong."

A more ominous note was sounded in Maryland last year when that state's Supreme Court disqualified heterosexual Marylanders from prosecution under the state's felony sodomy statute. The ruling left in place "sodomy and perverted practices" as it applies to sex in private between consenting homosexual adults. The ruling, however, provoked cries of outrage and protest from Maryland's strong and well-organized lesbian and gay community, who have vowed a renewed legislative repeal campaign.

"Overall, 1990 was the most productive year of repeal and reform work for the gay community," said former NGLTF Privacy

Project director Sue Hyde. "Notwithstanding the Maryland setback, I cannot think of more uplifting news on which to end the year than with a Texas victory. The momentum at the state level, spurred by the crushing temporary defeat of *Hardwick*, is now solidly in our direction."

## ★ MS. LEATHER CONTEST TO BE HELD

IMSL: Under Construction is taking place March 23rd, from 3 to 8pm at Club Townsend, 177 Townsend Street in San Francisco. The ever-wonderful Lamar Van Dyke has promised to come down from Seattle and emcee the contest. The Welcome Beer and Soda Bust is confirmed for Friday night at the Eagle at 12th & Harrison Streets, we have a decision about the host hotel, a travel agent for you to work with, and ticket prices and information.

Our host hotel this year is the Travelodge Central, 1707 Market Street at Valencia San Francisco. Not only will most of the contestants be staying there, we'll have a hospitality suite at the hotel that will be the center of all sorts of information during the entire contest weekend. Call the Travelodge at (415) 621-6775 for more information and mention you're part of International Ms. Leather weekend for the special rate.

John Smith of Navigator Travel Service handling travel arrangements this year. You can reach him at (415) 964-0401 or fax him at (415) 864-0204. He'll help with hotel arrangements, too, and promises to be very very nice to anyone who calls as part of IMSL.

Ticket orders are now being accepted and we strongly encourage everyone to get their orders in as soon as possible. Tickets are \$25 for a limited number of seats and \$15 for standing room. Seating is at tables of ten and, if you order together (i.e. send in your ticket orders in the same envelope), you will be able to get seating with your friends. Tables are going on a first come, first served basis and generally sell out by the night of the contest, so you really do need to get your order in soon. Send a self-addressed and stamped envelope with a check or money order (no cash) made out to IMSL to our address: International Ms. Leather, 2215-1/2 Market Street, Suite 450, San Francisco, CA 94114.



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## ALL-WOMEN'S ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

Veteran arctic explorer Ann Bancroft announced that she and four other women will begin a four-month, 1,700-mile ski trek across Antarctica in October, 1991.

The American Women's Trans-Antarctic Expedition (AWE) will make history as the first all-women's expedition to traverse the continent, and will put Bancroft in position to become the first woman to reach both the North and South Poles on foot. The grueling crossing will be made without motorized vehicles or dog sleds.

"I couldn't have made this trip six years ago," said Bancroft, who journeyed to the North Pole on the 1986 Steger International Polar Expedition. "But now I have experience in handling extreme conditions, and I feel up to the challenge of tackling the world's last frontier."

Joining Bancroft will be veteran mountaineers Sue Giller, 43, of Boulder, CO; Kellie Erwin-Rhoads, 33, of Pocatello, ID; Lucy Smith, 39, of Lander, WY; and a fifth team member to be confirmed by the end of the year. All currently are in training for the expedition.

In addition to the physical challenges presented by the expedition, Bancroft said team members hope their actions will send a clear message of self-empowerment. "We want to encourage people everywhere, especially women, to take on new challenges, regardless of their age or condition," Bancroft said. "I hope we'll demonstrate that people can do whatever they set their minds to."

Bancroft's team will traverse terrain previously challenged only via snow tractor by British adventurer Vivian Fuchs' team in 1957-58. The women will travel by ski, pulling 200-pound sleds loaded with food and supplies. Extra provisions will be dropped at three locations along the route.

During the trek, team members will contend with temperatures ranging down to 50 below zero, along with winds of up to 100 miles-per-hour. In addition, the ice-covered terrain is riddled with deep crevasses, requiring constant vigilance in the monotonous white landscape.

The effects of such conditions also will be the subject of an intensive medical research effort to be conducted before, during, and after the expedition. Bancroft said

the trek presents a unique opportunity to fill wide gaps in existing physiological and psychological research on women under extreme conditions.

## TOP FIVE LEISURE-TIME ACTIVITIES

### MEN

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Watching TV     | 15.7 hours/week |
| 2. Visiting        | 5.0 hours/week  |
| 3. Talking         | 3.5 hours/week  |
| 4. Traveling       | 3.4 hours/week  |
| 5. Sports/outdoors | 2.9 hours/week  |

### WOMEN

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Watching TV | 14.5 hours/week |
| 2. Talking     | 5.1 hours/week  |
| 3. Visiting    | 4.8 hours/week  |
| 4. Traveling   | 3.0 hours/week  |
| 5. Reading     | 2.9 hours/week  |

(from *THE FRONT EAR*, the newsletter of Omaha Frontrunners/Walkers)

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- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)  
See Nebraska Statewide listing.
- Support Group For Bisexuals  
Open to all sexes. 1st Monday at 7:30pm, upstairs at Cornerstone, 640  
N. 16th St.
- UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association, Inc.  
Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503, (402) 464 0371. Social, educational,  
& political network for UNL's Gay/Lesbian alumni/ae, faculty, staff, &  
students.
- UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center.  
UNL Campus, Lincoln, 68588, (402) 472 5644. Meetings (Room  
842), social activities, referrals, and support.
- The Wimmin's Show  
Shows to 3pm every Sunday on KZLJ radio at 89.3 FM stereo.
- Women's Journal-Advocate  
Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501.

**OMAHA**

- A.N.G.L.E. (Achieving New Gay Lesbian Endeavors)  
P.O. Box 31375, Omaha, NE 68131; Promoting, networking,  
Consciousness raising, and PRIDE activities in the community.
- EAGLE - Omaha  
c/o Sharon McCartney, 1314 Douglas on the Mall, 8th Floor Omaha,  
NE 68102.
- Frontrunners/Frontwalkers  
P.O. Box 4583, Omaha, NE 68104 (SASE for information).  
Meet Wed. 6:30pm at Ford birth site, 32nd & Woolworth; Sun. 10am  
(see Community Calendar for location).
- Metropolitan Club  
Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103 (402) 449 9377 Networking  
organization of business/professionals.
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC)  
Mailing address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103. Services at 420 S.  
24th St., Omaha, NE 68103. Sunday worship at 10:20am and 7pm.  
Call: (402) 345 2563.
- Mishpachah Chavrim  
Jewish Gays and Lesbians. Call (402) 551 0510: Gary.
- Omaha Men: OMEN; Omaha Women: OWOMEN  
Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68103-0706. Men interested in masculinity  
and masculine image; Women's organization related to OMEN.
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)  
See Nebraska Statewide listing.
- Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns  
(402) 733 1360: Cleve. Meets last Sat. of month Jan. through Oct. and  
2nd Sat. of Dec. No Nov. meeting.
- River City Bowling League  
(402) 346 4110 [Scott] or (402) 493 6118 [Charlie].
- River City Mixed Chorus  
Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101 (402) 733 1703: Volunteer chorus for  
Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.
- Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.  
Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131, (402) 451 5631. Meetings,  
information, & support for Lesbians/Gays.
- Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club  
Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103.
- UNO Student Group  
Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320. Call (402) 391 0694  
[Heidi]: Lesbian and Gay student social/support group.

**NEBRASKA STATEWIDE**

- Affirmation of Nebraska  
Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501, (402) 556-7701. United Methodists  
for Gay/Lesbian concerns. Meets monthly in Omaha and Lincoln.
- Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights  
Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509. Advocacy/lobbies for Gay/Lesbian  
civil rights, educational presentations, newsletter, and cultural  
programs.
- Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
Box 2381, Kearney, NE 68848. Call (308) 234-8248. Meets bi-  
monthly on Thursdays.
- Imperial Court of Nebraska  
Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102. Social organization for advancement of  
gay society.
- The New Voice of Nebraska  
Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103. Monthly magazine for the Lesbian/  
Gay community.
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)  
4011 19th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847: meets 3pm, 3rd Sun. at St.  
John's Episcopal. Call Bob or Reenie Baker (308) 237 3870.
- Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 435 4688. Meets 4th Tues.,  
7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A' St. Special group for family  
members of people with HIV meets same time & place.
- Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103, (402) 291 6781. Meets 2nd Sun. at  
1st United Methodist. Call Kathy or Dave at (402) 291 6781.

**Bars & Restaurants****Omaha**

The Chesterfield, 1951 St. Marys Ave., 342-1244  
The Diamond, 712 S. 16th St., 342-9595  
Downtown, 619 S. 16th St., 341-0751  
Gilligan's, 1823 Leavenworth St., 449-9147  
The Max, 1417 Jackson St., 346-4110  
The Run, 1715 Leavenworth St., 449-8703

**Lincoln**

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

**Grand Island**

Affairs, 4th & Walnut, (308) 382-9843

**AIDS/HIV RESOURCES****INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

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

- Charles Drew Health Center  
2201 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68111; Monday 4:30 to 7:30pm.  
Appointment or walk in: (402) 453 1433.
- Clark Street Clinic  
1728 N. 22nd St., Omaha, NE 68110; Thurs. 1:30 to 4:30pm by  
appointment. (402) 444 6875.
- Douglas County Health Department  
1201 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE 68105; Tues./Fri. 8:30 to 11:15am by  
appointment. (402) 444 6875.
- Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department  
AIDS Program, 2200 St. Marys Ave., Lincoln, NE. 68502.  
By appointment. Also counseling & support. (402) 471-8065.
- Native American Corporation  
2226 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68102; walk in or call  
(402) 341 8471 or (402) 444 6875 for date and time.
- Nebraska AIDS Project  
3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105: (402) 342 4233 or (800)  
782 AIDS [2437] (statewide). Alternate test site; anonymous testing  
Monday and Thursday, 7pm to 10pm.
- Nebraska Association of Farmworkers  
34th and O' St., South Omaha City Hall, 2nd Floor, Omaha, NE  
68107. Walk in or appointment; 734 4103 or 444 6875 for date/time.

- American Red Cross  
1701 E' St., Lincoln, NE. 68501. Call (402) 471 7997.  
3838 Dewey Ave., Omaha, NE 68131. Call (402) 341 2723.
- Douglas County Health Department  
1201 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE 68105, (402) 444 6875.
- Lincoln Cancer Center  
64600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE 68510, (402) 483 1872: Barb Morton.
- Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department  
AIDS Program, 2200 St. Marys Ave., Lincoln, NE. 68502.  
HIV Testing, counseling, & support. (402) 471-8065.
- Nebraska AIDS Project  
3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68105: Call (402) 342 4233 or  
(800) 782 AIDS [2437] (statewide). AIDS Hotline, HIV testing, support  
groups, practical support, AIDS awareness programs, and literature.
- Veterans Administration Medical Center  
42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, NE, 68105, (402) 346 8800: Dean Pierce  
Ext. 4119.
- Viral Syndrome Clinic  
University of Nebraska Medical Center, 600 S. 42nd St., Omaha, NE  
68198, (402) 559 6202: Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith.

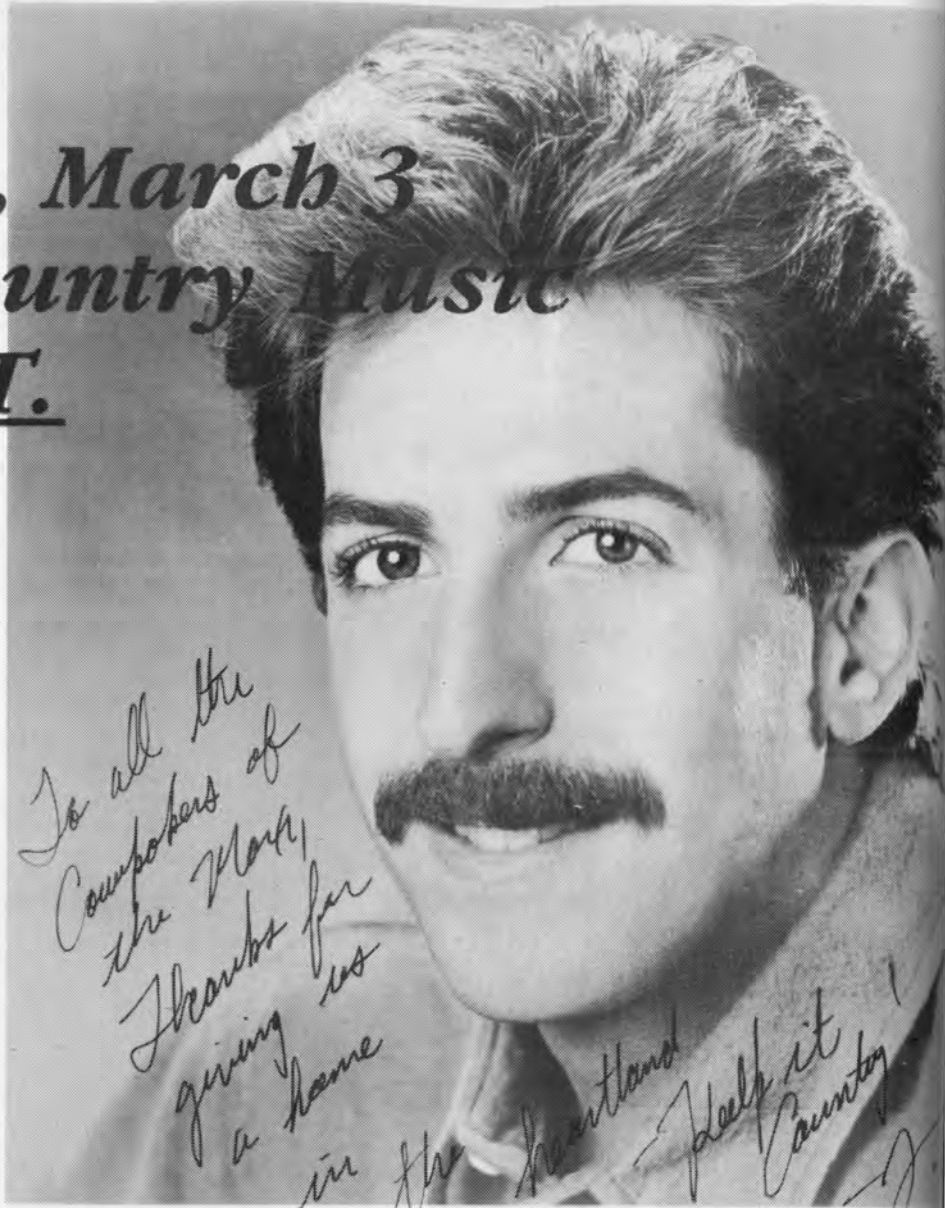
**LEGAL**

- Mowbray, Chaplin & Walke, P.C.  
201 N. 8th St., Suite 242, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 476 3882: Jim.
- Nebraska Civil Liberties Union  
633 S. 9th St., lower level, #10, Lincoln, NE 68508.  
(402) 476 8091 Lincoln or (800) 869 0356 statewide.

**COUNSELING AND SUPPORT**

- AIDS Interfaith Network  
1104 N. 36th St., Omaha, NE 68131.
- Brother William Woeger  
c/o Omaha Archdiocese, 100 N. 62nd St., Omaha, NE 68123.
- Lincoln Caseworker: (402) 474 4243 [Suzy].
- Open Door Ministry-Lincoln  
(402) 474 3390: Fr. David.
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)  
AIDS Support Group meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7pm.  
(402) 472 2437: AIDS information & support line.

***Sunday, March 3  
Live Country Music  
with J.T.***



***Sunday, March 10***

***THE MAX welcomes  
Mark & Company  
Puppeteer and  
Comedian***

***Sunday, March 17***

***Spend St. Patrick's Day  
with THE MAX &  
Miss Gay Nebraska  
Phoebe O'Tate***

***Thursday, March 1***

***Drop Your Drawers  
It's Aunt Mike's  
Underwear Night***

***Sunday, March 2***

***Forget about spring  
cleaning. Come enjoy  
The Screaming Cupcakes***

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