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# COME OUT ! COME OUT ! WHEREVER YOU ARE!

Jerry Peck

As a child I recall playing the game "Hide and Seek." What sticks in my mind is the disappointment of the game. If I were found first it meant I was no good at hiding. A greater disappointment was to have the "seeker" abandon the search, and call out "come out, come out wherever you are!" What a lack of diligence!

In October there is "National Coming Out Day" October 11, encouraging gay men and lesbians to come out of hiding in their closets. I have attempted to hide my sexual preference in a closet. Like others, I wanted a prince to be riding his white charger seeking to find me, and his kiss would awaken my sexual fantasies and make them a reality. Sadly enough there was no one outside my closet seeking me as I was hiding. No one yelled for me to "come out, come out wherever you are". There are gays and lesbians looking for someone to love; however, few are willing to rummage through dark closets to find someone and then lead them out. Many gays and lesbians move to San Francisco or New York where more people are out. When we look at the population of our cities in the midwest, and as we realize there is one in ten that are gay and lesbian, we wonder where they are hiding. In playing "Hide and Seek", I learned that there was no shame in my coming out of hiding. Some kids came out screaming. Some gays and lesbians come out screaming. If you are hiding, you may believe you must come out in cross-dress, leather, 501's (with the crotch sandpapered) or some other stereotype. 'Tis not so!

"Hide and Seek" is a child's game. Concealing your sexual nature is far more serious. Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are! Be as beautiful as you are intended to be!

# WHY NO COVERAGE OF THE GAY KILLING?

Sharon Van Butsel

We at the New Voice join with other Nebraskans to mourn the death of that young man who died as the result of a gay bashing. His death was needless--the result of blatant prejudice. The killing, the arrests, the vigil held at the State Capitol are all news worthy events and should be front page news.

Unfortunately, we have received no input from the Lincoln community regarding these events. I could reprint what was in the Omaha World Herald but those stories do not reflect the impact on the gay community. I could send a reporter down to Lincoln to do interviews--but we have no reporters. I could write about the Hate Crimes legislation but I am not able to do the research necessary. I would publish articles about this important incident if I received any. This incident only reflects how badly the New Voice needs reporters. We cannot cover even local events with only the members of the steering committee to call upon. We need the help and

input of our readers. We need you to become reporters and part of the staff of the New Voice.

If you are interested in reporting local events for the New Voice, please contact me to set up an interview. (I am terrible about returning phone calls so if I don't get back to you within 48 hours, call again.) It's only with your help that we can truly be the Voice of the Gay and Lesbian community of Nebraska.

### LOOKING AHEAD

The New Voice is constantly looking for new contributors. If you have something written on any topic, please submit it by the 10th of the month. We are especially looking for articles related to various feature topics in upcoming months:

**NOVEMBER** - What Are You Thankful For?

**DECEMBER** - Religious Celebrations, Spiritual Issues for Gays & Lesbians.

**JANUARY** - The year in review



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## Letters to the Editor

### To the Editor:

The Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) will soon complete four and a half years of service. Hundreds of people have been involved with the organization in one way or another. NAP has struggled from a beginning effort when a volunteer Creighton University student started it to now when there is a professional staff and a team of volunteers exceeding 100. Tens of thousands of hours of service have been given by people who work with NAP's hotline, test site, buddy program, practical support system, support group program, interfaith network, and emergency assistance program. Others have assisted with the development of training manuals and training sessions.

Financial and in-kind support has come in a wide variety of ways - from individuals, foundations, corporations, and organizations. Sometimes it has been spectacular, related, perhaps, to a major event. Often it has been silent with no fanfare or expectation of recognition. Always, however, whether large or small, such support is appreciated.

Recently, NAP has been supported by the efforts of many individuals and organizations in the gay community who generously contributed time, talent, and resources.

Although there is always danger in making lists and failing to recognize someone, a few should be acknowledged who have done much.

NAP is particularly grateful to Dustin Logan and Bob Ewing who produced and

organized "Fantasy '89" and the Two Wheelers of Omaha (T.W.O.) and its membership who assisted them by providing organizational backup and manpower. It was a huge undertaking which attracted participation and support from across America.

Similarly, NAP thanks ICON, the Omaha Meatpackers, their memberships and the gay community for their support over the Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day weekends. Efforts such as these help bring attention to the seriousness of AIDS in Nebraska and to the urgent need to maintain and even expand NAP's services. Indeed, without the continuous and early help of organizations like T.W.O, ICON, and others as well as the bars in Lincoln, Grand Island and Omaha, the Nebraska AIDS Project could not be where it is today in its development.

NAP's mission is statewide. It relies upon volunteer and financial support from both the straight and gay communities. AIDS is no respecter of persons and all of us are affected in one way or another by this

disease. My personal thanks go to all who help NAP try to educate and serve. As with any young organization, there is still much to do and much to learn, but by working together we do and will continue to make progress.

John G. Coe  
President

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### To the Lesbian and Gay Community:

When I started my campaign for office of Athena II, I tried to imagine what I could contribute to the gay community. Through observation I discovered a void between female and male gays. The community has accomplished so much as separate entities, how much more they could do together. As a result, I decided to base my campaign on the premise of uniting our community - the gay men and women working together, side by side, towards a common goal.

When I had my interview with the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, one of the questions I was asked was, "What can you contribute to the community as Athena II?" When I told them my goal of unity among gays, Don Flowers kind of chuckled and said, "Good luck, I've been trying to do that for the last twenty years."

Although I have a difficult task before me, I have received support in my efforts by both the men and the women of our community. I assumed the community elected me because they liked my views and wanted to support me in my efforts.

I have men and women in my Royal Family as well as my Royal Court. They all work wonderfully together. They want the unity. They need it.

I have spoken to other people about this idea, and they have communicated to me that they enjoy the friendship and new openness between men and women of our community. The ability to relate to men and women gives them broader scope, and they find it quite inspirational.

The Emperor also has a mixed Royal Family. We had decided early in our campaign to promote unity, love and compassion for the community as a whole.

We have enough problems just dealing with a straight society without having segregation within our own family. We need each other's support and love.

## The New Voice

Another issue I would like to touch on at this time is the problem of trying to get women to participate in community activities. We have had a very hard time getting the women involved in many different activities. For example, last year we had a bowling league. We had a total of six women in the whole league of sixteen teams. This year we set a goal to make a special effort to get more women involved in our league. We advertised, word of mouth, flyers, posters, etc. We did get about eight more women to commit. They never showed for the meeting in August of this year. We even had the bowling alley open a booth at the Labor Day picnic. We only had four women commit.

With this problem of not being able to get the women involved in activities such as these, it is very difficult to build a relationship, to be open to communicate, and to speak for the women in this community when they don't share their ideas and thoughts with anyone.

I want to open the door for this communication to start rolling. I am here for the women as a spokesperson to relate the ideas and thoughts you have to the Court, so that we may deal with these things and help whenever we can. We need the people to talk to us. Let us know what your needs are. We need to know if someone is in trouble. That's what we are here for, for all of you.

If you are really concerned and care about what we are working towards, feel free to contact me by writing, Debra Levensgood, c/o The New Voice, and I will be glad to schedule a time to meet with you so we could talk about your feelings and some ways to better the community. I need everyone's support.

Sincerely,

Debra Levensgood  
Athena II to the  
Imperial Court of Nebraska

Dear Editor:

Once again NAP has turned its back on people who support and raise monies for them. On August 18th and 19th, Dustin Logan, Mr. Gay Nebraska, with the help of the leather community in Omaha and around the country, held a benefit from which the majority of the profits will be going to the Nebraska AIDS Project. NAP sent to press a week later their newsletter. Nowhere in the letter was there a mention or a "Thank You" to the leather community or Mr. Logan.

When contacted, a spokesperson said that they didn't print anything about an event until the monies were received. Yet in the newsletter there is mention of two upcoming fund raisers. This seems to be in conflict with the statement from the NAP spokesperson.

NAP is more than willing to take our monies and our time as volunteers at the test site, as long as it comes in the back door and is not acknowledged.

If that is the case, then there are other organizations working to combat AIDS that

**"Is this the way they choose to thank us or is it a way of saying we don't want the support of the leather community?"**

will accept our support without being embarrassed by its source in our segment of community. We would not want to give support where it's not wanted or appreciated.

Tony Z.

To the Editor:

This is a letter of response to Heather's letter last month, concerning the Athena II, her position, and her Royal Family.

First of all, I would like to say that the Athena is a fairly new position to the court. Since this is a new position, not only to her, but everybody, she will need your support to ensure that she does what you expect her to do. I feel that the Athena II is there not only for the "lesbians." She, like the rest of the Board of Governors, is there for the betterment of the "gay" community whether they are men or women. We, the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON), can't do this ourselves. We need your support and most of all your opinions. Our meetings are usually held at 6:30 pm every 1st Monday of the month at the Max. These meetings are open to anyone for the reasons, so that you, the community, can offer your opinions and concerns.

I leave you with this,  
Joe Reed  
Emperor IX



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## Monthly Columns

### A VIEW FROM A ROOM: COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE.....

Nancy Lyn Define

When I first decided to come out, I had all of the zealotry of a Christian missionary bringing the "light" to a bunch of heathens. It wasn't long, however, before I began to envy the missionaries. **ALL THEY** had to contend with was disease, famine, language difficulties and head-hunters. We, on the other hand, have a much more dangerous path.

After five years of treading down that road, I've come up with a top ten "do's and don'ts" list, it probably won't make people more tolerant; but I had fun thinking it up. And what the hell, heterosexuals have certainly had a good number of laughs at our expense. Anyway, here are some suggestions that may help ease the difficulties of making others come to terms with your sexuality. Or, at least, provide **SOME** comic relief.

#### If you're a gay woman:

1. **DO** announce your homosexuality to the proverbial Mr. Macho you used to date in front of his friends. Make sure to explain to everyone that your sexual orientation was only **ONE** of many reasons you didn't sleep with him. (This can cause a general assertion that all of the notches he so frequently boasts of are really only holes to keep his pants up.)

2. **DON'T** bother explaining to a nerd that you won't go out with him because you **REALLY** are a lesbian. No matter what you say, he won't believe you. He's heard it from every woman he's asked in the last six years.

3. **DON'T** tell a woman with a League of Decency pin that you're homosexual as you hold the door to the Ladies Room for her. Especially if she has a bladder control problem. (Unless you don't like her. Then say it so that her friends overhear you and remain in the bathroom with her as long as possible).

4. **DO** announce that you have to stop at the leather shop on the way home to pick up your roommate's harness. Proceed to mention that her familiarity with horses is strictly limited to watching Mr. Ed on television. Finally, tell a little anecdote about the morning you hid her vitalis. (This is to be used only if you **DESPERATELY** want to be asked to join the Moose Lodge Ladies Auxiliary.)

#### If you're a gay man:

1. **DO** remark that while you find televangelists boring (not to mention hypocritical), some of them have cute asses.

2. **DO** start a discussion about the merits of the NFL hiring Calvin Klein to design their uniforms. This works especially well at a small neighborhood bar, your old frat house, or when your father has some of his business cronies over for Sunday afternoon football.

3. **DO** whistle old Broadway show tunes while working for political candidates (if you don't know any, try bursting into a few bars of "The Man I Love"). Repeatedly use the word "fab" when describing things, especially other men. Also inquire as to whether Jack Kemp was a tight end when he played in the NFL. (This is, of course, most effective at Republican headquarters on an election day).

4. **DO** remark that you find nothing whatsoever sexy about Dan Quayle but that you saw a picture of George Bush in a hardhat and cutoffs that was to die for.

And, finally, for general use by all of us:

**ALWAYS, ALWAYS** root loudly for Martina Navratilova.

(Surprisingly, this works as well for gay men as for gay women. P.S. Be sure to mention what a smart move it was for her to re-hire Rene Richards.) ▼

### THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT ROOM IN THE HOUSE

Hedda Lettuce

Well girls, here it is October, the month which contains, among other things, Halloween. Lief claims that on Halloween he turns into a pumpkin .... Of course I immediately thought of pumpkin soup, or in particular,

#### Soup In A Pumpkin (serves 4)

1 well-shaped pumpkin, about 5 pounds  
1 cup grated cheese (mozzarella or Gruyere is best)  
1 cup cooked ham, chopped up  
2 cups toasted croutons  
2 cups cream  
1/8 tsp nutmeg  
salt and pepper to taste

Remove the top from the pumpkin. Scoop out seeds and stringy portion. Score the inside of the pumpkin with a knife. Fill the pumpkin shell with layers of cheese, ham, and croutons. Mix together the cream and seasonings, pour into the pumpkin, adding more cream if necessary to fill pumpkin. Cover with aluminum foil and place in a baking dish. Put in a 325 degree oven and bake 1 1/2 to 2 hours, stirring several times. To serve, carefully remove pumpkin from oven, remove foil, place pumpkin on a serving dish, top with the pumpkin lid.

Another favorite of Lief's is a corn chowder with zucchini in it.

#### Zucchini-Corn Chowder (serves 6)

3 ears of fresh corn  
6 strips of bacon  
1 pound zucchini or summer squash, sliced  
1 cup onions, minced  
3/4 cups green pepper, minced  
1 clove of garlic, crushed  
1 cup water  
1 1/2 tsp salt 1/4 tsp basil  
1/4 tsp tarragon

## LEATHER NEWS

This marks the another first for the New Voice as we welcome a new columnist. Each month Dustin Logan (Mr. Gay Nebraska '89-90, Great Plains Mr. Drummer '89) will present news of the Leather community in the Midwest. During his

reign as Mr. Gay Nebraska Dustin has demonstrated his talent, his energy, and his commitment to unity within the Gay and Lesbian community. We are proud to welcome him to our staff.

Sharon Van Butsel

We'd also like to congratulate Dustin on being crowned Great Plains Mr. Drummer '89 at the recent contest in St. Louis. He has definitely let the world know that Nebraska has more than a football team and cornfields.

## LET'S TALK LEATHER

The Great Plains Drummer contest was held on August 25 and 26 at the Nites/Gateway Saloon in St. Louis, MO. Judges for the event included Dave Rhodes--editor of The Leather Journal, Mark Alexander--Mr. Drummer 1987, Chris Burns--Male Erotic Movie Star, Walter

Thompson -- Great Plains Mr. Drummer 1988, along with bar owners from Memphis, TN, and Atlanta, GA. The five contestants were rated on personal interviews, communications, personality and attitude, jock strap competition, and performance of their fantasy.

Dustin Logan

The winners of the competition were:  
2nd runner up--Gil Guzman--St. Louis, MO  
1st runner up--Jeff Snyder--New Orleans, LA  
Great Plains Mr. Drummer '89--Dustin Logan--Omaha, NE



The winner of the Great Plains Mr. Drummer competition goes on to compete in the National Mr. Drummer contest which will have been held September 23 in San Francisco, CA. A recap of that event will appear in next month's New Voice.

The National Leather Association is sponsoring "Living in Leather IV" this year in Portland, Oregon, October 6-9. "Living in Leather IV" will consist of workshops and exhibits on the Leather/S&M/Fetish Lifestyles.

Headquarters hotel will be the Inn-at-the-Coliseum, (800/342-1342). The Inn-at-the-Coliseum will also be the site of registration and hospitality rooms. The backup hotel is the Hyatt Lodge (503/233-5121).

Don't forget the Mr. Gay Nebraska 1990 contest to be held at the Ramada Inn--Airport on October 14, 1989. This is NOT a leather contest, nor is it a beauty contest, nor a body builders' contest.

It is a contest to pick the man who the judges feel will represent the state of Nebraska in the most positive manner in the next year and who will accomplish things for the betterment of our community. ▼

2 cups milk, or better 1 cup milk and 1 cup cream  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
salt and pepper to taste

Cut corn from the cobs. Saute bacon in skillet until crisp, remove bacon, crumble and set aside. In skillet put the zucchini, onion, green pepper and garlic, and saute in the bacon drippings. When done, pour the sauteed vegetables in a pot, add corn, water and salt. Bring to a boil and simmer for about 10 minutes. Mix

together the milk and eggs, the salt and pepper. Add to soup and simmer until hot and thickened. DO NOT BOIL! To serve: put chowder into serving bowls and garnish with the bacon pieces.

Now is the time to start thinking about making fruitcakes for the holidays, especially if you are going to wrap them in brandy-soaked cheesecloth to keep them moist and yummy. But this is only October. Hope all your favorite little pumpkins are edible. ▼

## Local Organizations

### AMETHYST AT THE MAX

The new side of the Max took on another new look on September 7 as the highly acclaimed group, Amethyst, took the stage. These women, who proudly describe themselves as Dykes, gave an exciting performance to the standing room only audience. As the lead singer's voice cut through you on piercing notes held impossibly long, the saxophone's wail played counterpoint in the duet. The down and dirty blues sound was obviously a favorite of the crowd. On other songs the saxophone and the lead guitar would flirt with each other in a teasing manner reminiscent of "Dueling Banjos". The group plays with energy and style. They obviously delight in what they do and are a treat to the eyes and the ears well worth seeing and hearing.

Amethyst will be performing at the ZOO Bar in Lincoln on October 11. ▼

### MEATPACKERS FOOLISH FOLLIES

Sharon Van Butsel

The Omaha Meatpackers once again delighted the audience with their presentation of Foolish Follies as the culmination of the Labor Day weekend fund raising activities. This was my first time to see the Meatpackers perform and I was enchanted. The performances were not polished, nor sophisticated, nor letter perfect in the execution but they were FUN!! Don Flowers in a shortie night-gown is worth seeing. So is ICON's former Emperor, Gary West, when his womanly charms exceed those of Dolly Parton. (And even more so when the balloons popped and he threw his deflated endowment out into the audience.) Of course, it was all for a very serious cause but it was good to be able to laugh and have fun along the way.

Thanks, Meatpackers!! ▼

### BOO CELEBRATES NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

The members of Bars and Organizations of Omaha will be recognizing National Coming Out Day, October 11, by placing a classified ad in the Omaha World Herald encouraging those Gays and Lesbians who are still closeted to take one step toward Coming Out.

Members will also be at the Max on the weekend prior to National Coming Out Day to encourage people to take that next step by signing letters to government officials encouraging them to support legislation requiring the reporting of all Hate Crimes.

They will also be showing videos of the 1988 and 1989 Pride Parades. ▼

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# GLSO MEETS

The UNO Gay Lesbian Student Organization had their first meeting of the year on September 11, 1989. Many topics were discussed and officers were elected. The following is a list of the new officers:

- President--Heidi Hess
- Vice President--Greg C.
- Social Director--Geoffrey Rolle
- Secretary--Steve Jackson and Chuck C.
- Alumni Advisor--Wes Perry

We are looking forward to a busy and fruitful year. For more information please call Heidi at 391-0694. ▼

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# NEW PRODUCTION COMPANY TO PRESENT "THE BOYS IN THE BAND"

Star Lyte Productions is coming to Omaha. A new Gay Production company has formed here in the Midwest. Their goal is to produce gay productions with all gay participants--both on stage and back-stage. We at Star Lyte Productions are looking for all types of talents--theatrical, musical, artistic, etc.

Our first production will be "The Boys In The Band." This will be an updated version of the original play by Mart Crowley first produced in 1968. The play deals with a birthday party, and the relationships (and games played by) a few close friends. The dialogue is fast and full of surprises.

"The Boys In The Band" will run during the months of October and November. Look for advertisement at the bars. ▼

# LABOR DAY AT THE DIAMOND

On September 3rd & 4th, Saturday and Sunday, Zephyr Productions presented the 7th Annual Labor Day AIDS Benefit at the Diamond Bar.

Saturday's country theme was a tribute to Empress I & II Dolly. And, with the help of a wonderful cat, Sunday's fantasy theme was great fun. The total proceeds were not as much as we had hoped, but plans and goals are set already to make next year even better. A vote of thanks to our cast -- Forte de Sade, Amber, Nicole, Erica Devane, Charchic, and Margo, also to Emperors VI & VII, Pat Phalen, and Dick Brown. Thanks also to Empress IX Gabrielle for her support. A very special thank you to our co-host and my friend, Frank D.

A welcome addition to this year's efforts was the new sound system and our full-time DJ -- Thank You, Cindy! ▼

# Panic!

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## WHAT IS T.W.O.? AN INTERVIEW WITH TONY ZAMUDIO

Sharon Van Butsel

As I've mentioned in other articles, I've always been awed by the Two Wheelers of Omaha when they appear in full dress Black Leather uniforms accented by gleaming steel rivets and chains. What with the recent excitement of Fantasy '89 and the upcoming Mr. Gay Nebraska contest, I figured it was time to find out more about T.W.O.

My first question to Tony Zamudio, president of the organization, was simple, "What is T.W.O.? Tell me about them."

Tony replied that "T.W.O. is a social group that brings together men and women with similar interests in leather and motorcycles, and doing benefits for charity." Tony went on to explain that while T.W.O. is an all male group there is a companion organization called Two Wheelers Auxiliary Troupe (T.W.A.T.) for women interested in leather. For those interested in joining either group, they should first talk to a club member or pick

up an application at the Diamond Bar. Newcomers are encouraged to first become an "associate member" while seeing if there is a real interest as evidenced by attending and being willing to help at meetings, functions, and fund raisers. There is a \$5 patch fee and \$10 annual dues. Only a few associates go on to join the 9 full members of T.W.O. and the founding member of T.W.A.T.

T.W.O. does not appear at public functions like the Pride Parade in order to protect the anonymity of its members and their employment. The club sponsors several events each year beginning with the Annual Pig-Out Buffet at the Diamond Bar on New Year's Eve. This free buffet is T.W.O.'s way of saying thanks to the Diamond Bar and its patrons for their support. Each June the club holds their Anniversary Celebration and Run. This years run is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of June 8 - 10. The only fund raisers for the club treasury are Mr. Gay

Nebraska and the Traditional Day Before Labor Day Picnic which was poorly attended this year. The members of T.W.O. were discouraged by the poor showing of support the community despite publicity in the New Voice and sending the T.W.O. newsletter to all local organizations. Tony contrasted this event to the attendance at Fantasy '89 which he felt was well attended because it brought out those not really into leather but there because it was the thing to do that weekend.

Mr. Gay Nebraska '90 will be held at Ramada Inn Airport on October 14. Admission is \$3, and it promises to be an exciting event. Among the contestants will be the new Mr. Max, Todd Vesely, along with representatives from the Boardwalk and Panic in Lincoln as well as an Associate Member of T.W.O. The judges for the event will be Dustin Logan, Dick Brown, Reverend Matthew Howard see T.W.O. on page 11

# MIR. GAY NEBRASKA

## 1990

### OCTOBER 14, 1989

### RAMADA INN - AIRPORT

### COCKTAILS AT 8:00

### CONTEST AT 9:00

### DONATION \$3.00 - ENTRY FEE \$25.00

Reception for Mr. Gay Nebraska and contestants at the Diamond Bar following the contest. Applications available at your favorite bar or by writing: Two-Wheelers of Omaha, MC, P.O. Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103. The Title *Mr. Gay Nebraska* is the property of the Two-Wheelers of Omaha, MC.

# Community Calendar

- 1 **Sunday** New Voice Steering Committee, MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th, 4 pm. All interested parties welcome.
- 3 **Tuesday** "United We Stand" Fundraiser for the Nebraska AIDS Project, Upstairs Dinner Theater, 221 South 19th Street, 8 pm. Admission \$25.  
  
SOLAG (Support Group for Spouses and Ex-spouses of Lesbians and Gays), 12111 Pacific Street, 7-9 pm, 330-1144.
- 4 **Wednesday** P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7 pm, call 435-4688 for location.
- 5 **Thursday** Bars and Organizations of Omaha (BOO), MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th, 7 pm.
- 8 **Sunday** Dignity, St. John's, Lower Level Creighton Campus, Mass at 7 pm.
- 9 **Monday** **YOM KIPPUR**  
  
AIDS Interfaith Network, St. Cecelia's, 701 North 40th, Prayer Service, 7 pm.
- 10 **Tuesday** P-FLAG/Omaha, First Methodist Church (northeast-entrance) 69th and Cass, 7:30 pm.  
  
SUBMISSION DEADLINE!!! All articles, classifieds, art work, poetry, and letters must be received by this date for consideration for the November issue of The New Voice.
- 11 **Wednesday** National Coming Out Day Take your next step!!
- 13 **Friday** Affirmation/Omaha, 7 pm, call 556-7701 for location.
- 14 **Saturday** Mr. Gay Nebraska, sponsored by T.W.O., Ramada Inn - Airport, 9 pm.
- 15 **Sunday** Affirmation/Lincoln, write for time and location: PO Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501
- 17 **Tuesday** SOLAG Support Group, 12111 Pacific Street, 7-9 pm, 330-1144.  
  
Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, Boardwalk, 20th and O, Lincoln, 7 pm.
- 18 **Wednesday** Metropolitan Club, 6 pm, call 449-9377 for location.
- 22 **Sunday** Dignity "Gathering" 7 pm, call 895-2856 for location.
- 24 **Tuesday** P-FLAG/Lincoln, 7:30 pm, Program: Books! Books! Books!, Review of P-FLAG Library Book Project, call 435-4688 for location.
- 28 **Saturday** Halloween Party, MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th, 7:30 pm
- 31 **Tuesday** **HALLOWEEN!**



## Weekly Events

### Sunday

Metropolitan Community Church  
420 South 24\*, Omaha  
Sunday School, 9 am  
Worship Services 10:20 am & 7 pm

The Max  
1415 Jackson  
Show at 9 pm

### Monday

Early Warning — Social Activist Group  
Room 345, Nebraska Union  
University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
check Union Calendar for time

Alternate Test Site  
Nebraska AIDS Project  
3624 Leavenworth, Omaha, 7 to 10 pm

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## T.W.O.

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of MCC-Omaha, Kelly from Panic, and Payton from western Nebraska. A high point of the evening will be the awarding of the checks for the proceeds from Fantasy '89 to the three recipient organizations, Nebraska AIDS Project, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, and the New Voice of Nebraska. Mr. Gay Nebraska is a title wholly owned by the Two Wheelers of Omaha.

The winner will be required to conduct at least one fund raiser for a recognized charitable organization in Nebraska. He is also required to appear at the four sanctioned club functions and to appear at Mr. Gay Iowa. This will be the first year Mr. Gay Nebraska has been held outside of the Diamond Bar and a large turnout is expected. Lincoln should be well represented since there are two candidates from Lincoln.

The Two Wheelers have been invited to hold a "Black Night" (a Leather and Levi night in a non-leather bar) at the Panic in Lincoln on October 12. (Are you paying attention, Lincoln?)

In closing, Tony noted that no full member of T.W.O. is ever allowed to compete or to be a judge in Mr. Gay Nebraska. T.W.O. also has a policy that when members perform in fund raisers, all tips go to the charity rather than to the performers.

T.W.O. members travel to events at their own expense and do not hold fund raisers for personal expenses. Many people think that the club members are automatically into S&M. This is not true. While some members may enjoy the S&M scene, the club is a "Leather and Levi" club, not an S&M club.

Tony and Craig will be traveling the weekend of October 6 to the National Leather Association's Convention "Living in Leather" held in Portland, Oregon.

They will also be joining other club members in performing at the All Iowa AIDS benefit to be held in Des Moines on November 5. ▼

## MR. MAX CHOSEN

On September 10, the Max hosted the first annual Mr. Max competition. A panel of four judges, including Lafayette and Marty from Lincoln, Dick Brown, and Dustin Logan, ranked five contestants in five different areas: personal interviews, swim-wear competition, formal wear competition, talent competition, and question and answer competition.

Todd Vesely was chosen as the first Mr. Max. Todd brought a western flavor to the stage of the Max as he appeared in classic western garb complete with leather vest, boots by Tony Lama, and a wardrobe of Texas-style Stetsons. His performance of "God Bless the U.S.A." was reminiscent of Dick Brown's inspiring performances while serving as Emperor of the Imperial Court and as Mr. Gay Nebraska 1988. Jesse C., first runner up, demonstrated a more classic style of formal wear in a gray tux with paisley cummerbund. However, the bikini style swimwear and the hot dance fantasy he performed in the talent contest were strictly sensual.

When asked why the Max decided to conduct this contest, Stosh's answer was simple. "Because I'm tired of being Mr. Max." Stosh went on to say that he and Bruce have been talking about this for five years. After all, the female impersonators have titles so why not the men? Mr. Max will represent the Max throughout the community at events such as picnics, pride events, and other community activities, hopefully including such competitions as Mr. Gay Nebraska. Stosh indicated also that the Max is looking for alternatives to offer their customers. Fantasy '89 had a great response and with the new side many more options are available. There will be activities especially for women on Thursday night. Those held so far have gotten good support and more are planned. The Max is considering sponsoring a competition similar to Mr. Max for women but haven't come up with a title yet. They would appreciate hearing from you if you have ideas or suggestions. ▼

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## FRATERNITY ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANTI-GAY NEWSLETTER

In July, evidence surfaced that the Triangle Fraternity at UNL may have had some responsibility for the mock COLAGE newsletter distributed in March. According to a July 13, 1989 "Daily Nebraskan," "In the summer edition of the Triangle fraternity's newsletter, editor Bryce Glenn issued an apology to Triangle members writing. The SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Avocados) in no way represents the views of the Nebraska Chapter of Triangle and is, in fact, largely the efforts of a single brother."

While it appears that the editor had no

concrete evidence that a fraternity member produced the newsletter, the printing of the apology is evidence of some involvement. A similar newsletter was produced in 1985 that ridiculed persons of color, sex and sexual orientation by an underground fraternity. The mock COLAGE newsletter put out by the SPCA set forth the creation of a COLAGE college course in sodomy, androgyny and stereotypical courses in how to be a homosexual. The newsletter did not say who produced it and the newsletter represents freedom of speech. The UNL Administration will not take action on this basis. If you would like to protest this

Rodney A. Bell, III  
anti-gay/lesbian defamation, please write: Triangle Fraternity, Greek Affairs, UNL NU 332, Lincoln, NE 68588 or Vice Chancellor James Griesen, UNL 124 Administration Bldg., Lincoln, NE 68588. Send a photocopy to COLAGE (Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events) for their records.

Editors note: The address for COLAGE is: Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events, University Program Council, UNL, NU 200, Lincoln NE 68588. ▼

## P.A.C.T. NEWS

P.A.C.T. (People of All Colors Together) is still moving at a steady pace. A few of us grouped together and started a newsletter, constructed a flyer, and have set goals for ourselves. Last month we met two times. We celebrated one of our member's birthday and, at the later part of the month, we held a rap session. Also, our group hosted two special guests from a brother chapter of ours in Chicago, Illinois. This coming month the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Chapter will host their annual celebration. A regional conference will be held simultaneously. There will be three members from Omaha attending the celebration. We are excited about the event and hope that we will learn and integrate some new ideas into our forming chapter.

If P.A.C.T. seems to be of interest to you, we invite you to see what we're all about. Please call 341-4078 for more information. ▼

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# CURTAIN RISES ON RCMC'S SIXTH SEASON

The River City Mixed Chorus has begun rehearsals for its Sixth Performance Year. September 18 was the first rehearsal for the Holiday Concert, "Ring Out Wild Bells!", to be presented Sunday, December 17, in the Strauss Performing Arts Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

But the December 17 Performance isn't the only thing on the Chorus members' collective minds. There's a lot more happening this fall and winter. On Sunday, November 12, the Chorus will sing at the regular Sunday worship service in Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church. This mini-performance will be part of the Nebraska Arts Council's weekend of community arts events. The public is invited to this service and the reception following.

The Chorus will also be performing in December as a part of "Christmas at Union Station" in Omaha's Western Heritage Museum. And, of course, as a treat for both singers and by-standers, the River City Mixed Chorus will once again carol throughout the Old Market and the Bars during the holiday season.

New officers for the 1989-90 Concert Year for the Chorus are: Stan Brown, President; Annie Zinn, Vice-President; Edd Moore, Acting Secretary; and Tanith Korravai, Treasurer.

Even if you don't sing, the Chorus needs YOU as a Friend to help us with all the non-singing activities (and there are a lot!) Friends are full members in the Chorus. This year, we even hope to involve Friends in some on-stage experiences. Contact any RCMC member to become a Friend.

For more information about the Chorus, stop by a rehearsal any Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street; write Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101-0315; or call (402) 341-0763. ▼

# MCC HEADLINES

A dozen MCC'ers attended the MCC's first bar night. About 10:00 we gathered at The Run for fun and fellowship. In October join us on the first Friday night of the month at The Chesterfield. A lottery scheduled us at The Diamond for November, and in December, The Max. Labor Day saw MCC'ers at the ICON picnic staffing or spending money at our game booth. We're not sure which of the prizes we gave encouraged all our participants, but it was a fun afternoon.

Those who participated in the Communication Workshop conducted by the UFMCC Mid Central District Coordinator, Rev. Bonnie Daniel, found the workshop educational and stimulating. A potluck dinner and time of fellowship followed the workshop.

A real crowd gathered at MCC on the 17th to participate in the installation of Rev. Matthew Howard. The installation ceremony was conducted by Rev. Bonnie Daniel. A reception followed the morning service.

The hayrack ride and wiener roast was a big hit. As always, some people get their kicks kicking straw! And talk about singing--well, we'd sure like to recruit some of those songsters for the choir. Speaking of the choir--Did you catch our number at the benefit for the 1990 Pride Week Activities? We made quite a splash!

A new membership class got underway this month. We're looking forward to adding several more folk to the MCC family by the end of October. Also

Carla P. coming up in October will be a Special Song Service on the evening of October 15. The special event of the month is a Halloween Party on the 28th. We remind everyone that the evening service on the last Sunday of every month is a healing service and that all services are open to everyone. Please join us this Sunday! ▼

# THANKS TO T.W.O.

Sharon Van Butsel As Editor of the New Voice and as a pleased spectator, I'd like to say Thank You! to Two Wheelers of Omaha for their part in Fantasy '89. I'm also looking forward to the Mr. Gay Nebraska pageant sponsored by T.W.O. on October 15. Dick Brown, Mr. Gay Nebraska 1988, and Dustin Logan, Mr. Gay Nebraska 1989, have presented us with such strong role models of service to the community (and super good looks, too) that the new Mr. Gay Nebraska is sure to be outstanding. ▼



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## AIDS QUILT SET FOR IOWA DISPLAY

People from across the midwest are expected to view a portion of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt when it comes to the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area November 4-5. The NAMES Project of San Francisco will send eighteen 24 x 24 foot patches of the quilt, or over 560 individual panels. The display will fill the floor and walls of the Central Intermediate School gym (formerly the Waterloo Central High School in Waterloo, Iowa) and have an emphasis on Iowa and midwestern panels.

Local organizers expect many more panels from across the state made by friends and family members who have lost a loved one to AIDS. These will also be displayed in Waterloo before being sent to San Francisco to be added to the national quilt. NAMES Project founder and Executive Director Cleve Jones is scheduled to visit Waterloo and Cedar Falls October 31 - November 2. He will

speak on the humanitarian aspects of AIDS at the University of Northern Iowa



and a variety of community functions. He will also talk about the international impact of the quilt, which has been nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. An estimated \$10,000 will be needed for the two-day display and related events. Grants and foundation gifts are

expected to cover a majority of the expenses, and it is hoped that contributions from individuals, businesses and civic groups will cover the balance. John Deere & Co. has contributed \$500 to start the fund. The Hawkeye Chapter American Red Cross, 2530 University Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa 50701 has established a "NAMES Project Quilt" account to accept donations. Between 200 and 300 volunteers are being recruited and trained to help with opening and closing ceremonies, preparing the facility, clean-up, on-site information, and emotional support. Persons interested in working as a volunteer may call Marty Ziemer at 319/235-7154. Organizers hope that the quilt and other activities will have a positive educational and emotional effect on residents who have been opposed to a local AIDS hospice. The county-owned duplex for persons with AIDS is being established in nearby Evansdale and has stirred controversy and threats. ▼

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## The New Voice

For the first time, the California Court of Appeal has ruled that discrimination against employees with AIDS is illegal in California. The Court upheld an earlier decision won by National Gay Rights Advocates and the Employment Law Center against Raytheon Corporation for discriminating against an employee with AIDS.

Ignoring the opinions of its own medical staff, Raytheon refused to allow John Chadbourne, a quality control analyst, to work after he was diagnosed with AIDS. Chadbourne died of complications from AIDS in January of 1985. In February of 1987, NGRA won a landmark victory when California's Fair Employment and Housing Commission ruled that AIDS is a handicap, thus making it illegal for employers to discriminate against persons with the illness.

After appealing this decision, Raytheon was ordered by the Santa Barbara Superior Court to pay back wages to Chadbourne's estate, all attorney's fees, and to initiate an AIDS-in-the-workplace training program for all employees. ▼

## OCTOBER 3 FUNDRAISER FOR NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

On Tuesday, October 3, at the Upstairs Dinner Theatre in Omaha, several leading performers will volunteer their time to help raise funds for the Nebraska AIDS Project. The show will involve many of the area's top musicians and entertainers who will present an evening of show, jazz, and serious music that should appeal to all tastes. The final lineup will be similar to the program originally scheduled in August at the Omaha Community Playhouse. Due to insufficient ticket sales at that time, the fund-raiser was postponed and moved to this new date. Any tickets still held for that August event will be honored at the Upstairs Dinner Theatre.

"United We Stand" is the theme for the evening. The show will begin at 8 p.m. Reservations should be made in advance by calling the box office at 344-7777. All seats will be \$25.00 with all proceeds going to the Nebraska AIDS Project. ▼

## A NVN SALUTE TO BOB AND PRINTING PLUS

We just wanted to say Thanks! to Bob for his hard work and dedication that made Fantasy '89 a reality. He and Dustin make a team that's pretty hard to beat. (He also looks awfully good in leather.)

Thanks, Bob, for your special contributions on the September issue. You always do a superb job printing the magazine. Thanks for making us look so good. ▼



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## LEARNING ABOUT LEATHER

Prior to Fantasy '89 my leather experience had been limited to staring in awe when the Two Wheelers of Omaha appeared in full regalia at public functions and furtively reading a Mercury Mail Order Catalog which came to the New Voice post office box. (I'm still not sure what all those things are used for.)

Suddenly there I was, surrounded by good-looking men and women who proclaim their sexuality with every move they make, and I was expected to interview them. As I considered the prospect of walking up to these total strangers and asking for an interview I realized that insecurities don't die, they just come back to haunt you.

As you'd probably guess, I found that these guests were friendly, cooperative, and like almost all performers, happy to talk about themselves and their accomplishments. I also found that the title holders were indeed a diverse group, bound together by their love for the leather community and their respect for each other.



Jan Lyon, the title holder for the National Leather Association, spoke of how she was working to set an example of community involvement and outreach. On stage at the Max she gave a consciousness

raising message in keeping with her goals. However, at Registration at the Diamond, it was Jan who had her friends amuse themselves by tearing holes in her Fantasy tee shirt so it was obvious that no brassiere confined her generous breasts.

Chuck Higgins, the title holder from Arkansas, on stage presented an intensely sexual image that seemed not in keeping with his profession as a candy manufacturer. On stage he seemed threatening and dominant. In person, he was warm and genuine, quick to laugh and to share a friendly hug.

JoLanne Tierney performed one of the hottest numbers at the Max in a blatantly erotic solo dance number that took her from stage to the top of the bar. Off stage she spoke of her desire to unite the gay and lesbian community, to get men and women together despite their differences. She was also very clear that she was not into S&M like many of the leather people. Instead she hoped to show that leather does not equate S&M.

Mike Sorrentino, Mr. Gauntlet, came to Fantasy to promote his project called Curing the Incurable. He hopes to raise enough money to produce a video of the 200-300 people who have cured themselves of AIDS. These people have utilized holistic health practices, visualization, meditation, and relaxation, to become well again. Mike hopes to bring this information before the public so that more people can be cured. Linda Vickery, Ms. Southeast Leather, showed another side of leather as she modeled a brightly colored wardrobe of leather fashions which she

designs herself. Dressed in a bright blue leather mini skirt she climbed comfortably into a 7 foot tall contraption of wood, chains, and leather designed to restrain and confine the submissive partner in a



leather "scene". She swung at the ends of the chains and demonstrated how easily she could change position and maintain control. The weekend was a whirl of events and people. Dustin, Bob, the Fantasy staff, and the members of T.W.O. were everywhere. Susie Shepherd, International Ms. Leather, enchanted the audience with her flamboyance and her imagination. Her coming out story, which will appear next month, was a fascinating journey into the development of a total person.

Guy Baldwin, International Mr. Leather, dominated the weekend with lectures, performances, and the power of his personality. He spoke several times of the need for our community to respect diversity and avoid being cookie cutter clones. My interview with Guy will appear in the November issue. When the weekend was over, I had taken roll after roll of pictures, helped put up a circus tent, stared at leather and bare flesh, tried to figure out what all the devices on display were for, and watched performer after performer. I was impressed by the talent of the performers. We have much to learn from these men and women in leather. ▼

# WHY SHOULD I?

October, once more, brings us National Coming Out Day. The leaders of our nation-wide gay community originated NCOD for the purpose of showing the rest of America, and even the rest of the world, how many of us gay and lesbian people there are. The whole idea is to set aside one day — just one day — where every gay person will do something which shows someone that we are what we are. That might take the form of outright telling someone else, "By the way, did you know that I'm gay?" Or perhaps it could be something as simple as writing a check to support the National Gay Rights Advocates, and actually writing the organization's full name on the blank rather than writing "NGRA." which is fairly "safe" and noncommittal.

It is the hope of our leaders that if the rest of our society realizes that there are more of us than they thought (more of us in the family, in the workplace, in church, in school, etc.), then they will probably realize that they've already known someone gay for a long time. With luck, this simple revelation will make others step back, think a moment, and say "Yeah, I've known Joe for about five years, but I never knew he was gay. He's a good guy. Maybe gays aren't as bad as other people say." This could be an important step toward relieving the anti-gay sentiments that foster violence. Okay, that's one obvious reason why coming out

is a good thing. It is an effort with a high and noble cause. It is a chance to do something which will benefit others as well as yourself in the long run. This is what National Coming Out Day is all about: making our lives better. That's what the first March On Washington was all about three years ago.

Unfortunately, the wheels of progress turn slowly. Most people have yet to reap any benefits from the march or NCOD. But, like our Pride Day parades, if we keep coming back year after year, eventually it will sink in to the rest of our society. All we have to do is keep up the good fight.

A lot of folks, however, don't like to join in to make the world a better place. They need something more personal to gain from their efforts. Therefore, another answer is needed for the question "Why should I come out to anybody on this special day?" Well, here's a suggested answer. You're probably all familiar with this scenario: you are speaking with a person whom you know fairly well and the conversation becomes a little more, well, personal. You start talking about the most important people in your lives (and I don't mean Mom or Dad). Your throat tightens. This other person doesn't know because you haven't told him, so do you dare speak lovingly about your lover? Butterflies start doing the cha-cha in your stomach. How do you mention this person who is everything in the world to

you without being too "incriminating?" Worse yet, it really isn't fair to your lover to have to take a position of lesser importance in your life, the figurative back-seat, when you talk to people who "don't know." Whenever you assign such a position to your lover in order to protect the great secret, it is something which might gnaw away at your conscience and produce guilt. Nobody needs any more of that. How can you avoid this? Well, if you are really out and living openly, that's not even a problem anymore. National Coming Out Day is the perfect opportunity to rid yourself of that dilemma. If everyone knows all about you, then you have no secret to protect and you won't have to agonize over downplaying your lover's importance in your life.

There is strength in numbers. I think our national leaders have the right idea. If we can show the rest of our society how many of us gays and lesbians have always been around, then perhaps others will find they have less to fear than their ignorance led them to believe. Maybe we can break down some of those damaging stereotypes. And it will take a lot of us, working in concert, to accomplish that goal. I wear glasses, but they are not rose-colored. I know it is not possible for everyone to come out. Many people risk losing jobs, housing, family, or other forms of support that they simply aren't ready yet to do without. I do not encourage anyone to harm their self-esteem or their livelihood by coming out this year if they're not ready, but perhaps by next year...? ▼

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## National Spotlight

### GEORGIA HETEROSEXUAL SODOMY CONVICTION CHALLENGED; CASE MAY FUEL LEGISLATIVE REPEAL EFFORT

Georgia attorneys are challenging the conviction and jailing of an Atlanta-area man on charges resulting from private and consensual sodomy with his wife.

James Mosely was accused by his wife, from whom he was being divorced, of rape and aggravated oral and anal sodomy. A jury found him innocent on all counts of coerced sex, but convicted him of sodomy because Mosely testified that he had engaged in consensual oral sex with his wife. Clayton County Superior Court Judge William Ison instructed the jury that Mosely's admission gave them the option of considering the consensual sodomy charge. The jury returned with a verdict of guilty and Ison sentenced

Mosely to five years in jail. Mosely, eligible for parole after two years, has served 17 months.

Mosely's case has received extensive coverage in the non-gay press in Atlanta and around the state. Georgia Attorney General Michael Bowers, who argued to uphold the sodomy law in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, has said that "the law would have serious constitutional problems were it to be applied to a married couple." In the wake of the Mosely case, Georgia gay and lesbian activists are considering a legislative repeal strategy to strike the law from the books.

Sue Hyde, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Privacy Project, will work with Georgia activists on the repeal campaign. "We should always take advantage of opportunities for repeal of sodomy laws," said Hyde. "Judge Ison, due to his bizarre preoccupation with the private consensual sexual behavior of adult Georgians, has presented us with the possibility of outright repeal. This development tastes particularly sweet because Georgia is the site of the *Hardwick* case in which the U.S. Supreme Court declared gay men and lesbians have no right to privacy." ▼

### I SAW THE QUILT IN MADISON

Gary

On this second anniversary of The March on Washington and the NAMES Project Quilt, I think back to May of this year. It was a Gay and Lesbian Pride weekend in Madison, Wisconsin, and I joined friends I hadn't seen for awhile from Madison and Seattle. The weekend events included a rally, a number of speakers, workshops, a major parade, and...the experience of the Quilt. Friday night, we entered the huge Field House at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. People were streaming into the facility. There were a number of carefully-folded sections on the Field House floor. Spectators were being asked to stay off the area (for the time being) and sat in the bleachers.

One by one, a number of speakers--some locally famous, some just "ordinary" people, some gay, some straight--began reading the names--names of people who had succumbed to infections resulting from the AIDS virus. Most names I did not know...some, such as Liberace and Rock Hudson, were well-known to everyone. Sometimes the speaker's voice cracked. Some announced, at the end of their list of names, "...and my lover" and the name of the person. That, to me, was most striking, because it was so personal to the reader.

Part-way through the reading of the names, eight volunteers solemnly walked into the Field House, and towards one of the sections of the Quilt. First walking several times around a section, they then took their places and began the slow--it seemed painfully slow, but that was perhaps appropriate--process of unfolding the section. It was a very orchestrated, carefully-planned procedure, ending with that section being lifted up into the air as you would raise a sheet being put on a bed, then slowly lowered to its place on the floor. Finally, the volunteers would walk to the next section, and begin again the procedure.

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As several of the sections were "un-veiled", spectators were invited to move onto the floor themselves and see the Quilt sections closeup. Names were still being read over the P.A. system. I was transfixed. So many names, so many panels in the sections, so many sections of the Quilt--and this was only a small section of the entire quilt! The panels themselves were sewn with love and commitment. Most were colorful and gave some indication of the life of the person memorialized. Some would make you laugh, and all would make you think. And the whole time, there was very, very little talking by anyone on the floor. Just looking, walking, hand-holding, many tears. Here it is, nearly 5 months later, and I still think about that experience. ▼

## IGLOO JAMBOREE '89

Great Outdoors, the largest gay and lesbian outdoor recreation group, is celebrating its Tenth Anniversary by holding the First West Coast IGLOO, International Gay and Lesbian Outing Organization Jamboree. Jamboree '89 will be held at Mount Cross, located just a few minutes' drive from Santa Cruz, California, October 12th-15th, 1989.

Activities that await you at the Jamboree itself include a skyline to shore hike at Big Sur, day hikes to the redwoods, Monterey Aquarium, and local amusement parks, a Tacky Tourist Clubs tour of Santa Cruz, bicycle tours, a wine country tour, live entertainment by the Santa Cruz Gay Men's Chorus, folk singer Rebecca Adams, comedian Tom Ammiano, as well as camp cooking and other workshops.

IGLOO Jamboree '89 will cost \$125-\$140 per person, which includes housing and meals for four days and three nights. For more information, call Wayne Proctor at (602) 325-7607 or write Great Outdoors, 3750 North Country Club #44, Tucson, AZ 85716-1264. ▼

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## HHS REPORT CALLS FOR ACTION AGAINST LESBIAN/ GAY YOUTH SUICIDE

A report just released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Task Force on Youth Suicide acknowledges that lesbian and gay youth are at increased risk for suicide.

The report, completed in January, 1989, identifies risk factors for youth suicide, reviews prevention and intervention activities, and defines strategies for the future.

"According to research discussed in the HHS report, suicide is the leading cause of death among lesbian, gay, and other sexual minority youth," said Kevin Berrill, Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Anti-Violence Project. "The increased risk of suicide facing these youth is linked to growing up in a society that teaches them to hide and to hate themselves. We welcome this report and hope it will lead to action that will save lives."

In a section focusing on prevention and interventions, the report stated that "mental health and youth service agencies can provide acceptance and support for young homosexuals, train their personnel on gay issues, and provide appropriate gay adult role models; schools can protect gay youth from abuse from their peers and provide accurate information about homosexuality in health curricula; families should accept their child and work toward educating themselves about the development and nature of homosexuality."

Copies of the 4-volume report of the HHS Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide cost \$45.00 and can be obtained from the

Superintendent of Documents  
U.S. Government Printing Office  
Washington, D.C. 20402. ▼

## ICON NEWS

Well, the year has started. We, the Imperial Court of Nebraska, would like to thank Heather Jamison for her letter of concern. It takes these letters to find out the opinions of the community.

ICON has existed for close to a decade and people still don't know it exists. Our mission states we are a social organization for the advancement of Gay society. ICON is a non-profit fund raising organization promoting Gay Rights and organizations concerned with Gay issues on a local, state, and national level. We are also here for you, the community. We need your input, ideas, talents, and concerns. A Public Relations Committee has been formed for this reason, and we need your help. If you have ideas, thoughts, or problems with ICON, we want to hear them. Our meetings are open to the public the 1st Monday of each month. A date for Coronation has been set for June 16, 1990. We have not yet set a place for this event. Our next meeting is at the Max on October 2. Please come and see what ICON does.

The Labor Day Picnic was a great success. About 300 people were in attendance to see the various booths. We would like to thank the following organizations for participating: MCC, NAP, Dignity, GLSO from UNO, Rose Bowl, New Voice, River City Mixed Chorus, Athena II, and Empress IX. We hope to see the same support throughout the year.

The main event besides the beer drinking was the Cake Batter wrestling. Headed by Steve Kohler and Dorian Drake, we saw Joey Swingerton and Billy Marve fight their way through the frosting. Also Gabrielle, Empress IX, wallowed around with Joe Reed, Emperor IX. (Of course, I didn't have a chance, and it wasn't fair. I had fun.) And the cake tasted awful! Next year we'll get strawberry. We would also like to say a special thanks to the Meatpackers for allowing us to have the auction at their show. We appreciated it. To finish, please come to the meeting on October 2. We appreciate the support.

With Love, Unity, and Support  
Joe, Gabrielle, Debra

# Classifieds

**Brandon**  
Happy Birthday and Good Luck on October 14! Thanks for all your love and support during the last 1 1/2 years.

Stan

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**Wanna Wrestle!** GWM, 27, Wants to meet men who enjoy hot, sweaty body contact and erotic aspects of wrestling. Box 6364, Omaha, NE 68106.

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**GWM, 35, 5'11"**, 155 lbs, Brown, Blue, Mustache, Good Looking. I am looking for friendship and possible lasting relationship. No fems, fats, or drugs. Write PO Box 6544, Lincoln, NE 68505.

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**Hairy Men/Admirers!** Bears, fur-lovers, trappers. Hot, uncensored nation-wide ad listings. Imfopixpak \$3.00: Man-Hair, 59 West 10th, NYC 10011.

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**P.A.C.T.** Are you interested in meeting people from cultures other than yours? Do you enjoy learning ideas, philosophies, and thoughts in an environment where you can feel at ease? P.A.C.T. (People of All Colors Together) is an informal gay group that meets twice a month to discuss issues, events and other topics concerning the welfare of people who come from various ethnic backgrounds. If you would like to join us, please do so. For more information, call 341-4078.

**Professional, White, Male, 35, 6' 210**, dark hair and moustache, hairy, hazel eyes, somewhat balding, would like to meet friend, possible lover for relationship. Please send phone, address, & photo. Hope to meet man 30 - 50, similar description, or man into hunky guys. HUNKY, PO Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103

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**Male, 20, 5'10"**, 136 lbs; seeking lasting relationship with white or oriental male around 25 to 36. Must be stable. Let's meet. John, 2121 Douglas #205, Omaha, NE 68102.

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**Reporters Needed--**The New Voice is in need of reliable volunteer journalists to increase coverage of area events important to the Gay and Lesbian community. If you have basic journalistic skills and are available to cover one or two events a month, please contact Sharon Van Butsel, Editor, (556-9907) for an interview.

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**Typists needed!!** If you have access to a computer (preferably a PC) or / and a modem, the New Voice needs you! A few hours each month is all that is required. For more info, contact Sharon Van Butsel, 556-9907; or Pat Phalen, 455-3701.

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**Seeking male roommate**, 2 bedroom apartment, central air, balcony, furnished, \$200/month. Must be bisexual or homosexual. Call John 451-1004.

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## Bars Clubs & Lounges

### Omaha

**The Chesterfield**, 1951 St. Mary's Avenue  
**The Diamond**, 712 South 16th Street 342-9595  
**The Max**, 1417 Jackson 346-4110  
**The Run**, 1715 Leavenworth 449-8703

### Lincoln

**The Boardwalk**, 20th and O Streets 474-9741  
**The Club**, 116 North 20th Street 474-5692  
**Panic**, 200 South 18th Street 435-8764

### Grand Island

**Chasins**, 4th and Walnut 308/382-0236

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE

**Affirmation of Nebraska**  
 Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501  
 402/556-7701 in Omaha  
 United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian concerns. Meets monthly in Omaha and Lincoln

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

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**  
 Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102  
 Social organization for advancement of gay society.

**Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns**  
 402/733-1360 Cleve

**Midwest Transvestite-Transsexual Hotline**  
 206/329-TVTS (8887)

**The New Voice of Nebraska**  
 Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103  
 Monthly magazine for the Lesbian/Gay community.

**UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center**  
 UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588 402/472-5644  
 Nebraska Union, Rm 342 - Meetings (Mail Rm 222)  
 Social activities, AIDS education, roommate referral, groups, library

**Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.**  
 P O Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131 402/558-1186  
 Meetings, information, & support for Lesbians/Gays

**Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)**  
 Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504 402/435-4688  
 meets 4th Tuesday  
 Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103  
 402/331-5188 or 291-6781  
 meets 2nd Tuesday

LINCOLN

**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous**  
 call 402/466-5214 AA Central Office for location

**The Wimmin's Show**  
 Noon-3pm every Sunday on KZUM radio at 89.3 FM stereo

**UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association**  
 mail: Room 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, 68588  
 402/472-5644 Rodney Bell II

**Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events (COLAGE)**  
 mail: c/o GLSA/GLRC, Rm 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, 68588  
 402/472-5644

**Women's Assistance Emergency Fund**  
 Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

**Women's Journal-Advocate**  
 Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

**Lesbian Support Group**  
 Women's Res. Center, Rm 117, Nebraska Union  
 University of Lincoln-Lincoln, Lincoln NE 68588  
 402/472-2597  
 Informal weekly discussion group for lesbians

**Lincoln Legion of Lesbians**  
 Box 30317, Lincoln, NE 68503  
 Lesbian-feminist collective, newsletter, support, confidential referral, cultural and social programs.

**New Directions Center**  
 402/476-2802  
 Short term counseling, support groups, classes, workshops dealing with coming out, parenting and relationships. Sliding scale fee.

**Open Door Ministry**  
 402/474-3390  
 Orthodox spiritual counseling to all in need.  
 No charge.

OMAHA

**DIGNITY / Omaha**  
 402/895-2856 or 402/341-1460  
 Mass 7pm 2nd Sunday monthly; St John's (lower level) on Creighton University Campus  
 Roman Catholic lesbians / gays & friends.

**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous**  
 402/345-9913 Weekly meeting on Friday at 8:15pm  
 Alcohol and AIDS issues group 7pm Thursdays, call Steve at 346-1556 or NAP 342-4233

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC)**  
 mailing address: P O Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103  
 service at 420 South 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68103  
 Sunday worship at 10:20am and 7pm; 402/345-2563

**Metropolitan Club**  
 Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103 402/449-9377  
 Networking organization of business / professionals

**River City Bowling League**  
 402/345-5118 Scott OR 402/493-6118 Charlie

**Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club**  
 PO Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103

**River City Mixed Chorus**  
 Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101 402/341-0763  
 Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/sensitive people

**UNO Student Group**  
 Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320  
 Heidi at 402/391-0694 / Wes or Rick at 402/558-1186  
 Lesbian and Gay student social/support group

**Spouses & Ex-Spouses of Lesbians & Gays (SOLAG)**  
 12111 Pacific Street, Omaha 330-1144 for info  
 A support group that meets the first and third Tuesday

**Gay/Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics**  
 402/346-0561  
 Support group for adults raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes

**PACT (People of All Colors Together)**  
 402/341-4078  
 A social / support group

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

AIDS RESOURCES

**Information and Referral**  
**Nebraska AIDS Project**  
 3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131  
 402/342-4233 or 800/782-AIDS (2437) (statewide)  
 AIDS Hotline, HIV Testing, Support Groups, Practical Support, AIDS Awareness programs and literature.

**Veteran's Administration Medical Center**  
 42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, NE 68105  
 402/346-8800 - Dean Pierce (ext 4119)

**Viral Syndrome Clinic**  
 University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE  
 402/559-6202 Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith

**Lincoln Cancer Center**  
 64600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE 68510  
 402/483-1872 Barb Morton

**American Red Cross**  
 1701 "E" Street, Lincoln, NE 68501  
 402/471-7997  
 3838 Dewey Avenue, Omaha, NE 68131  
 402/341-2723 Confidential Testing

**Confidential Testing**  
**Nebraska Aids Project**  
 3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131  
 402/342-4233 or 800/782-AIDS (2437) (statewide)  
 Alternate test site; anonymous testing Monday and Thursday 7pm to 10pm

**Douglas County Health Department**  
 4th Floor Civic Center, Omaha, NE 68102  
 402/444-7214

**Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department**  
 2200 St. Marys Avenue, Lincoln, NE  
 402/471-8065  
 Counseling and Support

**Counseling and Support**  
**Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Aids Support Group**  
 call 402/435-4688 for meeting locations in Lincoln  
 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7 pm

**Brother William Woeger**  
 c/o Omaha Archdiocese  
 100 North 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

**Open Door Ministry-Lincoln**  
 402/474-3390 Fr. David

**AIDS Interfaith Network**  
 1104 North 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

**Legal**  
**Nebraska Civil Liberties Union**  
 633 South 9th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508  
 402/476-8091 John Taylor  
 402/346-5025 - Omaha

**Mowbray, Chapin & Walke, P.C.**  
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 402/476-3882 Jim



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**Terry Sweeney**  
**Secretary New Voice of Nebraska**

October 11, 1989, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) is a day for each of us and each of our organizations to take our next step in the continuing process of Coming Out. A call to action, NCOD is designed to encourage lesbians and gays - and their families and friends - to enlarge the circle in which they are "out" about their sexuality and who they really are.

October 11, 1988 was designated as the first National Coming Out Day as a way to commemorate, or better yet, continue the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. NCOD is intended to be an individualistic, positive, affirming and pro-active statement by lesbians and gays everywhere.

Realizing we are all in different stages of the "coming out" process and respecting that right, there are a number of things one might do to enlarge the circle in which one is "out." The following are some suggestions for thought in making your "next step:"

- ▼ Tell someone you are gay/lesbian. (brother, sister, parent, friend, boss, favorite aunt/uncle)
- ▼ Join and actively support, as well as participate in, a local, state or national gay/lesbian organization.
- ▼ Read a book about coming out and leave the "plain brown cover sleeve" off.
- ▼ Put a lesbian/gay bumper sticker on your vehicle.
- ▼ Write a letter to yourself about how you feel about being lesbian/gay and mail it to someone you want to come out to.
- ▼ Write a letter to an elected representative, local, state or federal, regarding lesbian/gay concerns and sign your real name.
- ▼ Hang a lesbian/gay poster at your work (NCOD poster?)
- ▼ Wear a pink triangle the next time you go out and tell the truth when asked what it means.
- ▼ Don't "de-dyke" the house or apartment when family or "other" friends come for a visit.
- ▼ Hug your spouse or friends in public.
- ▼ Subscribe to a gay/lesbian publication. (New Voice of Nebraska?)
- ▼ Write lesbian/gay money on all your cash.
- ▼ Patronize a gay/lesbian owned business.
- ▼ Take a lesbian or gay person to lunch and don't guard your conversation or affection.
- ▼ Greet a gay/lesbian person you're acquainted with in the mall, on the street or in the hallway at work.
- ▼ Be informed about lesbian/gay concerns such as domestic partnership legislation, anti-lesbian/gay violence, victimization and defamation. Participate in boycott and protests confronting these issues.
- ▼ Send a PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbians) pamphlet to your parents and join together.

Being visible and honest about who you are is most important in breaking down stereotypes and barriers facing gays and lesbians everywhere. This October 11th, take your next step, celebrate your being, confront all homophobia and most importantly, be proud of the gay or lesbian person you are.