



The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Presents

the

# GAYZETTE

News and Events for the GLBTA Communities



Miss Ashley Simone

Photo by L Francois

## THE MAX Spotlight is on Ashley Simone

The best Gay Dance Club in America is also home of nationally known talent. Our first spotlight shines on Miss Ashley Simone. She first took the stage back in 1995. A new starlet looking for a chance to perform. Her first event was Closet Ball. For her first on stage performance, Ashley channeled the Disco Diva, Thelma Houston and her hit, "DON'T LEAVE ME THIS WAY". Well, little Miss Simone left us wanting more. Ashley

began performing in ICON shows and her mentor, Miss Max, Monica West also gave her stage time and exposure. For Ashley, the fun and the attention were intoxicating.

After becoming a rising star, Ashley set her sights on one of the most recognized drag titles in America, Miss Max. Ashley stole the costume competition as Lieutenant Uhura, from "STAR TREK". With the audience in her hand, she wowed the crowd with the disco version of "The Locomotion". With that, she become a part of gay history as Miss Max 13. Ashley said that the best part of her year as Miss Max was the fans and that she felt she was part of a wonderful tradition.

After Miss Max, Ashley also held titles of Miss Gay Omaha and Miss Gay Pride, but the title that has meant the most to her is Miss Max.

Not known as a ballad queen, Ashley tears up any stage she is on with her high energy dance numbers. Her favorite performance has been to the female version of "TAINTED LOVE" and her biggest inspiration has been Monica West.

*Continued on Page 5*



### DINING OUT FOR LIFE

TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2006 · FIGHT AIDS BY DINING AT SELECT RESTAURANTS

**DINING OUT FOR LIFE!**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006**  
Go to [www.nap.org](http://www.nap.org) and click on the Dining out for Life image to see participating restaurants!

March 31, 2006 - April 14, 2006

Published every two weeks by the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center  
P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, Nebraska 68108 (402) 341-0330  
Web Site: [www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org) email the GAYZETTE: [news@rainbowoutreach.org](mailto:news@rainbowoutreach.org)



**Jeremy & James**  
 Will be hosting Game Day at the Center  
 1719 Leavenworth St  
 Sundays: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Come down and check out the games we have available or bring your favorite game and show us how to play.

Ages 5 – 105.

Parents ..... bring the kids down and play or read some of the books in our Library while they play.

# Jim's & SEEK SAVE

*Antiques, Collectibles & More*

4679 Leavenworth • Omaha, NE 68106 • 402.660.0778  
 Tues., Wed., Thurs. – 3-8 pm. Fri. – 2-6 pm. Saturday – 10-6 pm.

## Helping the Center is Easier than Ever!

**The Center is now accepting donations of household items that can be sold on eBay to raise money!**

We accept donations during regular Center hours or arrange for local pickup.

We are currently accepting the following types of items:

Clothing & Accessories  
 Working Electronic Equipment



Houseware & Giftware  
 Tools  
 Jewelry  
 Books  
 Music CD's  
 DVD's & VHS tapes  
 Video Games  
 And more.....

If you are not sure if we can accept an item, call (402) 341-0330 or email: [auctions@rainbowoutreach.org](mailto:auctions@rainbowoutreach.org) and we will be happy to assist you!

**Please Remember; All Donations to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!**



*Building A Community of Stronger Men*

- Are you a man who has sex with other men?
- Are you looking for a discreet way to learn about making sex safer?
- Would you like to get FREE Stuff?

→Web Visa•T-Shirt•Safe Sex Kit←

**Check it out On-Line**  
<http://www.projectsamson.org>

## GAYZETTE AD RATES, PRINTED COPY AND ON THE WEB

Whole Page	7 ½ X 10	\$100.00	Half Page	7 ½ X 4 ¾	\$ 50.00
Fourth Page	3 ¾ X 4 ¾	\$ 25.00	Business Card		\$ 15.00

All ads must be camera ready. Payment must accompany ad. Checks should be made payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. 10% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha NE 68102 on or before the deadline or emailed to [news@RainbowOutreach.org](mailto:news@RainbowOutreach.org). Please email or call ahead to reserve space. We reserve the right to refuse any ad which we deem to be inappropriate.

**Ad Deadlines:** Friday, Mar 24, for Publication Mar 31st      Friday, Apr 7, for Publication Apr 14th

# FLIXX VIDEO BAR

www.flixxvideobar.com



## PIANO BAR HAPPY HOUR

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS

6:30-8:30PM

FOOD, FRIENDS & COCKTAILS...



**BACARDI**  
ESTD 1862

APRIL 20TH BACARDI FLAVOR KICK OFF PARTY! BACARDI WILL KICK OFF THEIR NEW FLAVOR AT FLIXX. JOIN US FOR DRINK SPECIALS AND THE BACARDI BOYS FROM 9-1



## THE KINGSMEN!

APRIL 28TH DOORS OPEN @ 9PM  
OLD MARKET EVENT CENTER



## WET BOXER CONTEST

FRIDAY APRIL 21ST @ 11:00PM  
\$100 FIRST PRIZE

## FROZEN FRIDAYS

FROZEN DRINKS  
\$3.00

& TO WARM YOU UP...

YOUR HOTTEST DIVA VIDEOS ALL NIGHT LONG



## OLD MARKET EVENT CENTER

### MONTHLY SUNDAY BRUNCH "THE NEW TRADITION"

SUNDAY BRUNCH & BINGO

APRIL 30TH 12 PM \$10/ PERSON

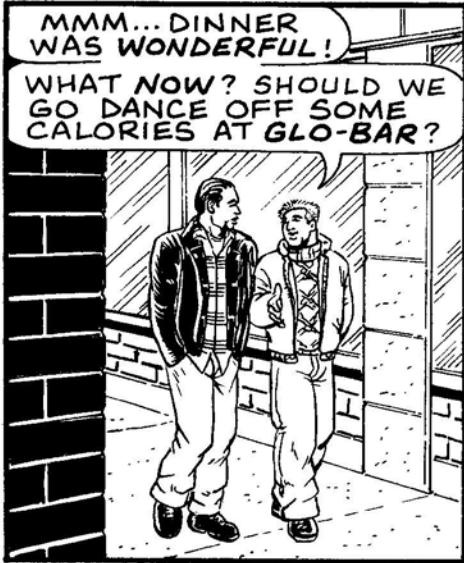
PLEASE CALL 408.0882 / 408.1020 OR SPEAK TO A FLIXX BARTENDER TO RESERVE A SPOT!



THE OLD MARKET EVENT CENTER IS AVAILABLE FOR PARTIES & SPECIAL EVENTS!  
1015 SOUTH 10TH STREET—NEXT TO FLIXX. CALL MIKE @ 408-0882 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



**“Attention: Omaha area GLBT homeowners in trouble! There is a solution!”**

*Candice Zoucha - Omaha, NE*

Many Omaha area gay and lesbian homeowners who have had trouble with credit cards and so on have found that there is *one* place in Omaha where they can be treated with respect.

No “better than you” attitude, no “b.s.,” no guilt just for being gay or lesbian.

At last, finding financial help doesn't have to be like a “coming out” at Thanksgiving dinner with everyone pointing fingers, and finding fault.

Mindy Hahne, of Service First Home Mortgage in Omaha's Midtown area works at a GLBT friendly outfit that *specializes* in helping Omaha area GLBT homeowners in need.

Hahne says she takes great pride in being gay and lesbian friendly. And treating the folks she helps like family.

“A lot of people in the GLBT community don't realize that even *without* gay marriage, or civil unions, there are already several equal protections in place for gay and lesbians as real property owners! Maybe because *no one else* wants to tell you about them!” Mindy says.

“Being gay or lesbian doesn't have to be a barrier to equal treatment anymore!” Hahne says.

Hahne has helped many gays and lesbians over the years, many personal friends.

“I am the one person in town that *specializes* in helping gay and lesbian folks with debt consolidation, cash out, credit repair and so on!” Hahne says.

“These are good people with damaged credit reports and/or hard to prove income! Not through any fault of their own! I *specialize* in helping the gay and lesbian community get a *fair shake* from the financial industry!” Hahne says.

Hahne says she has a lot of connections to Wall Street money, “I have personal relationships with investors *nationwide*, even *internationally*! Fair-minded people who want to fund loans for people with past credit problems!” she says.

“Many of them have a social conscience! And they take pride in helping gay and lesbians in particular! Just like I do! They use my *proprietary* system as their own little bit of “*social activism*!” Hahne says.

These investors are people who buy “pools” of mortgages of 50 million dollars at a whack! 50 million bucks! It's taken me 4 long years and it's been *really* hard to find these “fat cats!” People who are “like-minded” about what I do for the Omaha gay and lesbian community!” Mindy says.

“Not only is it *illegal* to discriminate against the GLBT community, it's just plain *wrong*!” Hahne says. “The self-limiting perceptions held by some in the community are just as much of a problem as the crooked people who perpetrate the discriminatory practices themselves!” she says.

Hahne says, “It's my *personal mission* to change the mindsets! And to *liberate everyone* from the restraints!”

“I grew up in a house where we didn't have much money! And my parents understood just how money *really* works even less! Nowadays, it's a lot of fun for me to help people get control over their money and their lives!” Mindy says.

**Mindy Hahne can be reached at 934.9248 x1010.** “I'm *really busy*, so those who don't get a live answer from me need to leave a detailed message and then give me at least 24 business hours to return the call!” **Or to learn more, you can call 800-223-6724...option 1...then ext 8619.** Just listen in to the free-recorded message.

SFHMI is a Nebraska Residential Mortgage Licensee, an Equal Opportunity Lender, an “Honor Roll” member of the Heartland Better Business Bureau and Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.



**Mindy Hahne with her dogs Piper and Emerson.**

*Ashley Simone continues.....*

If you want to get close to a star, Ashley knows one night in the audience, she'll find that considerate, outgoing hottie that will counter balance her off stage shyness.

As everyone knows Ashley has been a member of the N'JOY GIRLS, since 2002. This has brought our star back to where it all started THE MAX stage. Ashley is proud to be back at THE MAX every month and has a lot of surprises for her fans this summer during THE MAX N'JOY GIRLS premier shows. And she is waiting for that super spectacular big production number in her future.

You know where the stars are. Live on stage, at THE MAX.

## **The Crowning of Miss Divine Diva - April 8**

On Feb. 26, 2006, the first Diva pageant was held in Omaha at THE MAX.

According to the promoter, there were 4 enthusiastic contestants: Michele Michaels, Aspen Brooks, Courtney DuMae, and Kapnita Fitz.

“It was a great contest. The winner that night went to Michele Michaels,” said Miss Chandler Chubbs, the owner and promoter of the newest pageant to hit the Omaha/Lincoln area.

“Unfortunately she has been removed and the 1st runner up, Miss Courtney DuMae, is taking over the responsibilities to the title, crown and jewelry.”

Miss Chubbs expressed her wish to see everyone at The Max on April 8 for the Victory Show 7-9PM in Stosh's Saloon, 6PM for cocktails. She also expressed her appreciation for the participation of the contestants, judges, performers, emcee, THE MAX, and all who came to see the premiere Diva pageant.

## **Senior 50+ Group Meeting**

A new group has begun regular social meetings at the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center at 1719 Leavenworth Street. The next meeting is on Saturday, March 18th, from 7 until 10PM.

If you're 50 or older, or like to socialize with your older peers, share your experiences and viewpoints, then this group is for you. Not into the bar scene? Then stop in for a visit, enjoy some great conversation, and make some new friends. The event is free and open to everyone.

**Don't be an old Scrooge, come on down and have some fun!**



**The preceding is a paid advertisement.**



## Printing Plus Inc

2431 South 120<sup>th</sup> Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68144  
402.333.5935

email: [printingplusinc@aol.com](mailto:printingplusinc@aol.com)  
Serving Our Community for 21 Years

*Did you know that you can see the entire **GAYZETTE** on our web site?*

*Go to:*

*[www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)*

*And click on the Publications link.  
George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.  
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)*

## GLBT Travel Specialist

*Whether you are attending a GLBT event or just want to get away, I can assist in planning a memorable vacation to any destination in the world!*



**Laura Kinney, CTA**  
Certified Travel Associate

**Destinations Travel Center**  
7919 Blondo St \* Omaha NE 68134  
Phone: 397-1314 \* Fax: 397-2817E  
Email: [laura.kinney@destravctr.com](mailto:laura.kinney@destravctr.com)

*There's NO Secret To Great Travel...Just A Great Travel Agency!*



**OMAHA PFLAG**

Monthly Meetings: Second Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
Location: First United Methodist Church  
7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska  
Web Site: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org)

P.O. Box 390064  
Omaha, NE 68139-0064

HELPLINE  
(402) 291-67681



## Omaha's Leading Gay Realtor!

Tim Reeder

612-3833

[timothy.reeder@cbshome.com](mailto:timothy.reeder@cbshome.com)

[www.omahagayrealtor.com](http://www.omahagayrealtor.com)



Tim Reeder has been serving the Omaha metro area GLBT community since 1998. Licensed in Nebraska and Iowa, Tim has helped hundreds of people like you buy and sell their homes. Backed by the areas largest & best real estate firm CBS Home, Tim has the tools, resources and experience to make your next real estate transaction an easy one. Call Tim



**HGRA YARD SALE**  
**APRIL 8**  
**MCC**  
**819 S 22nd St Omaha**  
**8AM-4PM**

**Proceeds Benefit HGRA**  
**Heartland Rodeo May 20-21**  
**Tickets are \$10**  
**For more information go to [hgra.net](http://hgra.net)**

**HGRA Present**



**CROWNS**  
**&**  
**SPURS**



**April 15th 8-11pm**  
**DC's Saloon**

An Evening of Entertainment by  
Some of Your Favorite Performers



Until we can all walk with our heads held high...  
Until we can all walk the hallways of education unafraid...  
Until we can all walk along the street holding hands safely...  
Until we can all walk down the wedding aisle as equals...



...we will walk  
to help create  
that world...



## GLBT Center presents 2006 **PrideWalk**

*Benefitting GLBT-allied Organizations*

GLSEN Omaha ◀ ICON Foundation ◀ PFLAG Lincoln-Cornhusker ◀ PFLAG Omaha  
Proud Horizons Youth Group ◀ Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center ◀ River City Mixed Chorus

**When you collect pledges for this year's Walk, not only are you helping beneficiaries, you're also earning fantastic rewards!**

**Saturday, May 13, 2006**

Register and collect pledges online for the 2006 Pride Walk at

**[www.PrideWalk.org](http://www.PrideWalk.org)**

or visit the Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.  
All beneficiaries are nonprofit 501c3 organizations and programs serving the GLBT-allied community.  
Pledges are tax-deductible. You can register online at the GLBT Center or call (402) 341-0330.

**Register Online before May 1 to  
get a 2006 Pride Walk t-shirt or visor!**

## **Lowe Avenue Presbyterian 1023 N. 40th, Omaha**

**Nebraska's only More Light Presbyterian  
Church, fully open to lesbian, gay,  
bisexual and transgender persons.**

**Join us for Holy Week:  
Maundy Thurs. potluck, 6:00 p.m.  
Easter Sunrise service, 7:00 a.m.  
Easter Sunday service with bell choir,  
10 a.m.**

**Sunday services 10 a.m.**

**Rainbow Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Saturdays  
(Now reading *The Bread Book* by  
Rev. Dale Morgan)**

**Call the church at 551-5207 or  
Cleve Evans at 733-1360 for more  
information.**

## **SEE ILLUMINATED BIBLE FREE AT JOSLYN**

The entire LBGTS community is invited to join MCCer's led by Deacon Michael Devore and visit the Joslyn Museum on Saturday, April 8. They will visit the Joslyn to see *Illuminating the Word: The Saint John's Bible*, the first hand-written Bible in 500 years. Meet April 8 at MCC-O, 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha, at 9:30 AM to join the group tour. Admission is free on Saturdays from 10- Noon. Come and bring a friend!

**ABOUT THE ILLUMINATED BIBLE...** Since March 2000, scribes and artists in Wales have been meticulously crafting *The Saint John's Bible*, the first handwritten, illuminated Bible made since the advent of the printing press more than 500 years ago.

*The Saint John's Bible* is commissioned by Saint John's Abbey and University (Collegeville, MN) and executed by world-renowned calligrapher and illuminator Donald Jackson, Senior Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office, and a collaborative team of scribes and artists.

*The Saint John's Bible* incorporates many of the characteristics of its medieval predecessors: calfskin vellum, handmade inks and pigments hand ground from precious minerals and stones such as lapis lazuli, vermilion, and malachite, and gold and silver leaf gild. It is written by hand with quill pens fashioned from goose, turkey, and swan feathers, but state-of-the-art computer technology is employed to create and manage page layouts.



A modern English translation is used, with contemporary scripts and illuminations reflecting a multicultural world and humanity's strides in science, technology, and space exploration. While the nearly 1,100-page manuscript is still in progress, this exhibition celebrates book, art, and scripture and features a selection of more than 60 items, including several as-yet-unbound pages (each measuring more than one foot wide and two feet tall) from the first three finished volumes (Gospels and Acts, Pentateuch, and Psalms) of this seven-volume undertaking, scheduled for completion in 2007. Additional items in the exhibition are Jackson's process sketches, tools from the scriptorium in Wales, as well as other manuscripts, Bibles, and art from special collections at Saint John's University. The Exhibit continues at the Joslyn through April 16.

## HOLY WEEK AT MCC-O

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St., invites the LGBT community to join them for Holy Week celebrations, beginning with a tour of the Illuminated Bible exhibit at the Joslyn on Saturday, April 8 and Palm Sunday Services are on Sunday April 9. Wednesday, April 12 will be the final Lenten Vesper Service. Holy Thursday will be marked with a traditional foot washing service at 6pm, followed by a Seder Dinner at 6:30. The Seder tradition celebrates the Jewish Passover Festival and will conclude with a celebration of communion. Good Friday brings a tenebrae service entitled "The Seven

Nails" in which the lights are extinguished one by one and the sanctuary left in darkness. Holy Saturday includes two services that tell the passion story with a time for reflection. In the afternoon there will be a meditation walk in the gardens of MCC Omaha with seven of the stations of the cross. Easter Sunday begins with an Easter Breakfast at 8:30am. The 11am Easter Worship Service is followed by a Children's Easter Egg Hunt in the gardens, coordinated by MCC's Childrens Sunday School teachers. A calendar of events follows. All activities are open to everyone.  
 Sat., April 8—Tour the Illuminated Bible exhibit at the Joslyn. Meet at MCC-O at 9:30 AM. Admission free. Led by Michael Devore.  
 Sun., April 9—Palm Sunday Service 11 AM led by Scott Hays.  
 Wed., April 12—Vesper Service led by Jon Marlette 6 PM  
 Thu., April 13—Foot washing Service at 6PM, Sedar at 6:30 led by Karla Oliver  
 Fri., April 14—Good Friday Service 7 PM led by Gary Ehlert  
 Sat., April 15—9:00 AM and 5 PM Readings and Reflection in the Sanctuary led by Sharon Van Butsel, Meditation Walk in the Garden 12-5 PM—Guided Walks led by Michael Devore at 12, 1, and 2.  
 Sun., April 16—Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM, Easter Celebration 11 AM, Children's Easter Egg Hunt 12:30 PM

For more details on these activities, contact the Church Office at 345-2563 or email us at [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) or check us out on the web: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org). We have something for everyone—all ages and all interests.

### Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

#### Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth  
 The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street  
 DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street  
 Dixie Quick's, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth  
 Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha  
 Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street  
 The Max, 1417 Jackson  
 The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street  
 Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street  
 Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth  
 Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St  
 Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St  
 Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street  
 Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

#### Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)  
 Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)

#### Iowa:

Adult Emporium, 1 blk. So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs  
 Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park, IA



# MCC

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY  
 CHURCH OF OMAHA

Sunday Services at 11AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

819 South 22nd Street (Just south of Leavenworth Street)  
 Omaha, Nebraska 68103 Phone: 402-345-2563  
 Web site: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org)

## FRANK & GRYVA, P.C.

CRIMINAL/DUI  
 SOCIAL SECURITY  
 DISABILITY BENEFITS/SSI

Julie A Frank

Mary C Gryva

1823 Harney St. Suite 201  
 Omaha Nebraska, 68102

Phone: 402-346-0874



# GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

**SATURDAY APRIL 1ST**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #4, The Reading Grounds, 8pm

**SUNDAY APRIL 2ND**  
**TURNABOUT ON BROADWAY** Where the Pride Bois become Pride Girls, benefit for NE Pride, The Max, 9:30pm

**FRIDAY APRIL 7TH**  
**FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY** MCC Omaha, 7:30pm

**TUESDAY APRIL 18TH**  
**DINING OUT FOR LIFE 2006**, Eat out to raise funds for the Nebraska AIDS Project, details later

**SATURDAY APRIL 22ND**  
**MADELINE FEINSTEIN'S ONE WOMAN SHOW** For the Diamond Foundation's GLBT Scholarship Fund, The Max, 7pm

**GLBT SUMMIT PLANNING MEETING**  
Mahoney State Park, 11am, lunch and meeting

**SUNDAY APRIL 23RD**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #5, DC's Saloon, 9pm

**FRIDAY APRIL 28TH**  
**MCCO BENEFIT SHOW** DC's Saloon, 7pm

**SATURDAY APRIL 29TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #6, MCC Omaha, 8pm

**SUNDAY APRIL 30TH**  
**DIAMOND FOUNDATION GLBT SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT** The Q, 9:30pm

**SATURDAY MAY 6TH**  
**GLBT SUMMIT**, Mahoney State Park, Sharing ideas and building bridges, Abel Nebraska Room, 8AM to 4:30PM  
**MCC SPAGHETTI DINNER**, 4:30PM—8PM at the MCCO Church

**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #7,

9pm at The Q, in Lincoln NE

**SATURDAY MAY 13TH**  
**GLBT CENTER ANNUAL PRIDE WALK**  
Have fun, get exercise, and earn great prizes while you raise funds for the Center and your favorite qualifying nonprofit GLBT group(s). Register at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, or online at [www.PrideWalk.org](http://www.PrideWalk.org)

**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL** Prelim #8, 9pm, location TBA

**FRIDAY MAY 19TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL WILDCARD NIGHT** Old Market Event Center, 7PM

**SATURDAY SUNDAY MAY 20TH & 21ST**  
**HGRA RODEO**, Sarpy County Fairgrounds, Springfield NE

**SUNDAY MAY 28TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL FINALS** at the MAX, 8PM, over \$1000 in Prize money

**WEDNESDAY MAY 31ST**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION MEETING** MCCO Social Hall, 7PM

**FRI SAT SUN, JUNE 9TH TO 11TH**  
**2006 NEBRASKA GAY PRIDE**

**SATURDAY JUNE 17TH AND SUNDAY JUNE 18TH**  
**SPIRIT AND SOUL**, presented by the River City Mixed Chorus at the Strauss Performing Arts Center—UNO Campus at 7:05pm. Call 341-7464 for tickets or online at [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Every Sunday**  
**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 11am

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: [EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST**, info at: [www.firstcentral.org](http://www.firstcentral.org)

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST** 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am services

**LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN**, 1023 N 40 10am service

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Sunday Worship: 11am

**NA RAINBOW GROUP**, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Kip K. at 612-4648

**SECOND UNITARIAN**, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

**HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM  
FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

**LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK** Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

**WIMMIN'S SHOW** KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

**RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING**, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

**GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER**, 1719 Leavenworth, 1PM to 3PM

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

**Every Monday**  
**A A RAINBOW RECOVERY**, an AA group meeting at the MCCO Church at 6pm. Call 612-4648 for more info. Starting April 10th 2006

**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**  
Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

**GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP**  
**HIV+ MEN**, 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

**HIV TESTING**, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARSALS**, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

**Every Tuesday**  
**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP**, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

**Every Wednesday**  
**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**MCC OMAHA**, Bible Study, 7pm

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

**READING GROUNDS OPEN MIC NIGHTS**, Music, poetry, comedy or whatever. 40th & Farnam St.,

**HIV TESTING**, 1-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40 St.

**HIV TESTING LINCOLN**, 4-7 pm, using Orasure, results in one week; results in 20



minutes on the last Wednesday of the month.  
2147 South 15<sup>th</sup> #476-7000

### **FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK**

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

**LGBT A A** 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctr 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

**KARAOKE W/ STACY** 8:30pm DC's

### **Every Thursday**

#### **GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT**

sing to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

**HIV TESTING** 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections Bar

### **FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV**

**TEST**, UN-L 472-7447, 3-5:00pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln

### **Every Friday**

#### **GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT**, 5PM to

9PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

### **FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV**

**TEST**, UN-L 472-7447, 2:30-4pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln

**GLBT AA** 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

**GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONY-**  
**MOUS**, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Tony at 933-1318

**GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT**,  
have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

### **READING GROUNDS GAYME NIGHT**

Music, laughter & board games. 23yrs. Old & up, 40th & Farnam St., 502-2008

**RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY**, 6 to 7:30PM,  
Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

### **Every Saturday**

**GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT**,  
have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

**GLBT BICYCLING CLUB OMAHA**, For  
details call Jeri at 614-6145

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP** 4-  
6pm, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

## **MONTHLY EVENTS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

**CENTER LIBRARY FAIRIES**, 7PM. Bookworms become butterflies. Stretch your wings helping the Center library. No experience necessary to volunteer.

Drop-in to the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth.

**VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN**, at the GLBT Center. Be a "VolunQueer" and help out. Spend an hour or two volunteering at the Center - 6PM or 7PM, your choice, whenever it fits your schedule. No special skills or ongoing commitment required. VolunQueers have fun and make a difference.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

**LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm,  
Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

### **FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE**

8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

### **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

#### **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**

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

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a  
Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

**CENTER WESTERN IOWA COM-**  
**MITTEE**, 6PM at the GLBT Center,  
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details,  
visit rainbowoutreach.org

**FREE MOVIE NIGHT**, for fans of  
GLBT cinema, 7PM, at the GLBT Center,  
1719 Leavenworth. Snacks and beverages  
provided. Check  
www.RainbowOutreach.org for movie  
selection or show up and be surprised.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**

**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 7pm, First United  
Methodist Church

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER**  
L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

**INTEGRITY** 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lin-  
coln

### **OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREEN-**

**ING** (glbt film shown at 6:30pm fol-  
lowed by discussion) First Unitarian,  
3114 Harney

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

#### **IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR**

6:30pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St.,  
www.icon.impcourt.org

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

**VOLUNQUEER DROP-IN**, at the  
GLBT Center. Be a "VolunQueer" and  
help out. Spend an hour or two volun-  
teering at the Center - 6PM or 7PM, your  
choice, whenever it fits your schedule. No  
special skills or ongoing commitment  
required. VolunQueers have fun and make  
a difference.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

#### **LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION**

**GROUP**, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

#### **GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN**

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

### **LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm,

Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A,  
Lincoln

### **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

**CENTER POTLUCK**, 6:30PM, 1719 Leav-  
enworth. Everyone welcome. Table service and  
drinks provided. Bring a dish and a smile to  
share.

**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church,  
6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

### **YOUTH HIV TEST** Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lin-

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

### **4<sup>th</sup> Friday**

#### **LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA**

Not currently meeting anymore.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**FREE MATINEE MOVIE**, at the GLBT  
Center, 1:30PM, Bring a snack to share, every-  
one is welcome, 2nd and 4th Saturdays every  
month

### **LAST Sunday**

**REAL FAMILIES** Omaha-area families  
headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at  
561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com

**Email Your Event to:**  
**news@rainbowoutreach.org**

# GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

**BiMenNebraska**, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

**Family Foundations** Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

**Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 [flatwaterbears@yahoo.com](mailto:flatwaterbears@yahoo.com) Hirsute men and admirers group

**Front Runners/Walkers**, 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

**GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO)** [www.angelfire.com/home/GALO](http://www.angelfire.com/home/GALO) contact: [unogalo@hotmail.com](mailto:unogalo@hotmail.com) or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.

**Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association** Box 3354, Omaha 68103

**Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 819 S. 22 [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto:L2EP@aol.com); Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

**Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, not currently meeting

**LinOma Bares**, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: [Linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:Linomabares@yahoo.com) or call Eric at (402) 553-5944 or Tim S (712) 527-5887

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org) phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm

**NA Rainbow Group**, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft

**NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: [Theohana-group@msn.com](mailto:Theohana-group@msn.com)

**Omaha Bi Married Men** Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>

**Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanebrgaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanebrgaypride@cox.net) or [ongp@cox.net](mailto:ongp@cox.net)

**Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

**Out and About in Nebraska**, website: [www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://www.ouut.org)

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

**Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

**Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

**Rainbow Celebrations**, Box 241733, Omaha, 68124, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

**Real Families**, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email [MargauxPo-lo@aol.com](mailto:MargauxPo-lo@aol.com)

**River City Gender Alliance**, [www.genderalliance.com](http://www.genderalliance.com) Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

**River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)

**WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

## LINCOLN BASED

**GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: [dmoritz2@unl.edu](mailto:dmoritz2@unl.edu) Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.

**Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer

**Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450

**Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center

(sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000

**Mixed Chorus**, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at [sdorchid@neb.rr.com](mailto:sdorchid@neb.rr.com)

**Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

**Plainsmen**, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: [rcga@tgforum.com](mailto:rcga@tgforum.com)

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

**Sexuality Education eXchange**, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094

**Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth** 1-800-850-8078 or email: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

**TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glb.com/>

**UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns**, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu)

**Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

**Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880

## Iowa Based

**Iowa Equality**, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

**Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site:** [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)



## CLASSIFIED ADS

Your Classified Ad Could be HERE!  
20 WORDS/\$5 20¢ each additional word

Ads and Payment May Be Taken to the Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth or emailed to [news@rocc.org](mailto:news@rocc.org). No ad will be published until payment is received in full. Personal Ads Accepted for Those Seeking Relationships, Friendships, etc. NO ADS FOR SEX OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. THE GAYZETTE Reserves the Right to Accept or Reject ANY Ad. Ads may be edited for spelling, grammar, or content.

## AIDS Drugs Show Promise at Prevention

Associated Press/AP Online By MARILYNN MARCHIONE

ATLANTA - Twenty-five years after the first AIDS cases jolted the world, scientists think they soon may have a pill that people could take to keep from getting the virus that causes the global killer.

Two drugs already used to treat HIV infection have shown such promise at preventing it in monkeys that officials last week said they would expand early tests in healthy high-risk men and women around the world.

"This is the first thing I've seen at this point that I think really could have a prevention impact," said Thomas Folks, a federal scientist since the earliest days of AIDS. "If it works, it could be distributed quickly and could blunt the epidemic."

Condoms and counseling alone have not been enough - HIV spreads to 10 people every minute, 5 million every year. A vaccine remains the best hope but none is in sight.

If larger tests show the drugs work, they could be given to people at highest risk of HIV - from gay men in American cities to women in Africa who catch the virus from their partners.

People like Matthew Bell, a 32-year-old hotel manager in San Francisco who volunteered for a safety study of one of the drugs.

"As much as I want to make the right choices all of the time, that's not the reality of it," he said of practicing safe sex. "If I thought there was a fallback parachute, a preventative, I would definitely want to add that."

Some fear that this could make things worse.

"I've had people make comments to me, 'Aren't you just making the world safer for unsafe sex?'" said Dr. Lynn Paxton, team leader for the project at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The drugs would only be given to people along with counseling and condoms, and regular testing to make sure they haven't become infected. Health officials also think the strategy has potential for more people than just gay men, though they don't intend to give it "to housewives in Peoria," as Paxton puts it.

Some uninfected gay men already are getting the drugs from friends with AIDS or doctors willing to prescribe them to patients who admit not using condoms. This kind of use could lead to drug resistance and is one reason officials are rushing to expand studies.

"We need information about whether this approach is safe and effective" before recommending it, said Dr. Susan Buchbinder, who leads one study in San Francisco.

The drugs are tenofovir (Viread) and emtricitabine, or FTC (Emtriva), sold in combination as Truvada by Gilead Sciences Inc., a California company best known for inventing Tamiflu, a drug showing promise against bird flu.

Unlike vaccines, which work through the immune system - the very thing HIV destroys - AIDS drugs simply keep the virus from reproducing. They already are used to prevent infection in health care workers accidentally exposed to HIV, and in babies whose pregnant mothers receive them.

Taking them daily or weekly before exposure to the virus - the time frame isn't known yet - may keep it from taking hold, just as taking malaria drugs in advance can prevent that disease when someone is bitten by an infected mosquito, scientists believe.

Monkeys suggest they are right.

Specifically, six macaques were given the drugs and then challenged with a deadly combination of monkey and human AIDS viruses, administered in rectal doses to imitate how the germ spreads in gay men.

Despite 14 weekly blasts of the virus, none of the monkeys became infected. All but one of another group of monkeys that didn't get the drugs did, typically after two exposures.

"Seeing complete protection is very promising," and something never before achieved in HIV prevention experiments, said Walid Heneine, a CDC scientist working on the study.

What happened next, when scientists quit giving the drugs, was equally exciting.

"We wanted to see, was the drug holding the virus down so we didn't detect it," or was it truly preventing infection, said Folks, head of the CDC's HIV research lab. It turned out to be the latter. "We're now four months following the animals with no drug, no virus. They're uninfected and healthy."

Years of previous monkey studies using tenofovir alone had shown partial protection. The scientists thought to add the second drug, FTC, when Gilead's combination pill, Truvada, came on the market last year.

The results, announced at a scientific meeting last month in Denver, so electrified the field that private and government funders alike have been looking at ways to expand human testing.

"This is an approach we've considered for a long, long time," but didn't try sooner because AIDS drugs had side effects and risks unacceptable for uninfected people, said Dr. Mary Fanning, director of prevention research at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Tenofovir changed that when it came on the market in 2001. It is potent, safe, stays in the bloodstream long enough that it can be taken just once a day, doesn't interact with other medicines or birth control pills, and spurs less drug resistance than other AIDS medications.

The CDC last year launched \$19 million worth of studies of it in drug users in Thailand, heterosexual men and women in Botswana, and gay men in Atlanta and San Francisco. A third U.S. city, not yet identified, will be added, CDC announced last week.

Because of the exciting new monkey results, the Botswana study now will be switched to the drug combination; the others are well under way with tenofovir alone.

*Continued on Page 14, Column 2*

*AIDS Drugs Show Promise, continues.....*

Farthest along is a study of 400 heterosexual women in Ghana by Family Health Initiative. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation funded it and others in Cambodia, Nigeria, Cameroon and Malawi, but the rest were doomed by rumors, including fears that scientists wanted to deliberately expose people to HIV or that study participants who got infected might not have access to treatment. In other cases, activists demanded better health care or clean needles for drug users as a condition for allowing the studies to proceed.

Such problems are "part of the HIV prevention landscape" in many foreign countries, said Dr. Helene Gayle, who formerly oversaw AIDS research for the

# The Imperial Court of Nebraska

presents...

# Closet Ball 2006

Sunday, April 9 9:00 PM

The MAX



**Come watch as Eva Styles steps down  
and Omaha's newest talent transforms  
for the first time center stage.**



**Applications Available at The MAX**



## MCC Omaha Easter Service Features Pastor Jerry Powell from Kansas City

Pastor Jerry Powell, lay minister at Spirit of Hope MCC in Kansas City, will deliver the sermon at MCC Omaha's Easter Worship Service. Powell served for 30 years in the Southern Baptist Conference as an evangelist and missionary working to bring young people to Christ. During the years when the Soviet government banned Bibles in the USSR, Powell was a missionary smuggling Bibles into China and Rumania. He had a long running TV Show in Kansas City and then went on to found a church in Branson, Missouri. While he was serving in Branson, his Board of Directors discovered that he was "struggling with his sexual orientation" and promptly fired him and blackballed him from serving in any other Southern Baptist Church. The congregation of MCC Omaha invites the community to come hear this dynamic speaker as they celebrate Easter. Sunday Services is at 11am at MCC Omaha, 819 South 22 St. An Easter breakfast will precede the service at 8:30 am and a children's Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service.



Gates Foundation.

Expense also could limit use of the drugs. Gilead donated them for the studies and sells them in poor countries at cost - 57 cents a pill for tenofovir and 87 cents for Truvada, the combination drug. That's more than the cost of condoms, available for pennies and donated by the truckload in Africa, but often unused.

In the United States, wholesale costs are \$417 for a month of tenofovir and \$650 for Truvada.

Still, health officials are hopeful the drugs could fill an important gap.

The National Institutes of Health is starting a tenofovir study in 1,400 gay men in Peru. Private and government funders are considering others. Tenofovir also is being tested in microbicide gels that women could use vaginally to try to prevent catching HIV.

"If you're in an area where there's a really high HIV incidence, something that's even 40 percent effective could have a huge impact," Paxton said.

And in the Atlanta labs where Heneine, Folks and others are still minding the monkeys, "the level of enthusiasm is pretty high," Heneine said. "This is very promising. For us to be involved in a potential solution to the big HIV crisis and pandemic is very exciting."



## Day of Silence

Hastings College Alliance will observe Day of Silence April 12 by giving out ribbons the day before to people who want to either remain silent on the 12th, or can't, but are supportive. Our chapel speaker on April 12 (10 AM in the chapel) will be Michael Adee, National Field Organizer for More Light Presbyterians. We will also have a display of Shower of Stoles in the chapel and the library the entire week. We will hold a Breaking the Silence vigil at 8 PM on April 12 in the college Chapel, with readings, music and light. All are welcome to attend all events.

## Homosexuality: Is it a choice? How typical

Mike McManus

We make a lot of choices in life: what kind of cereal to eat for breakfast, what shirt to wear to school and most importantly, which new apprentice is better, Donald or Martha (I'm leaning towards Martha).

However, it often seems that the things that are most important to us are usually out of our control and happen without choice or say. I never choose to be born into my particular family, nor did I choose to wreck my '94 Grand Prix. Some things are just out of our control.

With that said, did I choose to be gay?

The arguments surrounding this particular topic could go on for days without end, mainly because we are yet to find any clear scientific proof that homosexuality is genetic.

Religious groups agree that say that sexuality is purely a choice an individual has to make. You can either walk down the normal path to righteousness (straight), or walk down the immoral path of homosexuality. Some liberals, on the other hand, agree that a person's sexuality is a preconceived trait, just like hair color or eye color, while others believe it is determined by who and what you are surrounded with as a child.

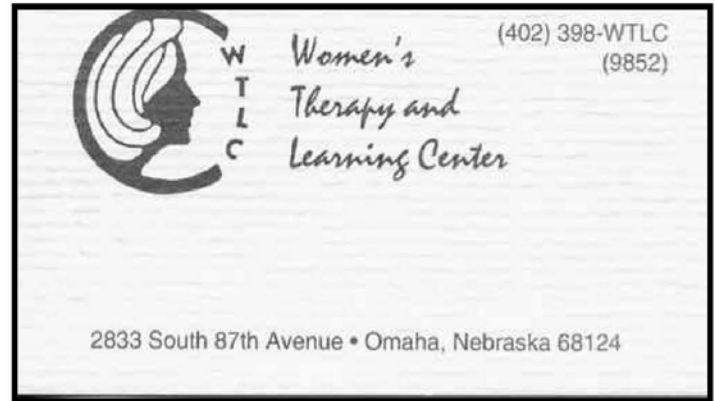
What do I think? I have no clue. All I know is that here I am writing a column in the UNO paper about being gay, so something must have happened.

I knew I was different from a very young age. I remember working on cars with my dad and wishing I were inside playing school with my sister. I remember wrestling in 3rd grade and dreading every minute of it, being in boy scouts in middle school and concentrating more on the boys than the actual knots I was trying to tie. I never had control over these feelings. It's just who I was.

Acceptance has always been a big concern of mine. I wanted to be the best son I could possibly be, the best wrestler on the wrestling team, and the best boy scout out there. But I wasn't.

I was just a confused 10-year-old boy, dealing with something most other boys thankfully never had to think about.

I cried myself to sleep nearly every night throughout middle



school and high school asking God to take away the immoral desires that I had. He never did. I didn't understand how God could be such a miraculous being, but ignore a request that seemed too simple and easy to fix. Maybe he was trying to tell me something.

Maybe he was trying to tell me that homosexuality is a form of love that he specifically picked for me, or that changing your sexuality is a ridiculous request in light of all the other topics worth praying about. Needless to say, he never changed me.

I have learned that God is a merciful being and someone who understands every aspect of each individual person. I thank him for the endless nights of tears and questions that he never answered. He showed me that I wasn't trying to change for myself, but trying to fit the mold that every other boy seemed to fit so well.

So did I choose to be gay? Well, let me word it this way; did you choose your sexuality? Did you ever once sit down and contemplate which side to choose? I sure didn't, why would anyone want to be gay?

It's not easy constantly fighting for simple rights, having crushes on boys when all the others are crushing on girls, and being scared to hold your partner's hand in public. If I were straight, none of the above would apply to me. Why wouldn't I want that kind of life?

I don't know if we are hot wired for homosexuality or if it is something that develops.

All I know is that I once fell in love with a guy, and it made me feel amazing. What's wrong with that? The only choice I ever had to make was whether I accepted myself for who I was, instead of spending the rest of my life hiding it. That's the choice I had. That's the choice we have.

Send questions and comments to [mmcmanus@mail.unomaha.edu](mailto:mmcmanus@mail.unomaha.edu).

This article was reprinted from The Gateway  
Site URL: <http://www.unogateway.com>

# We Have What You Want AT THE MAX

Get Ready To Take It Off Boys!  
Underwear Night Is Back  
Friday, April 7  
It's Men's Night All Night  
Join Us for Our  
Amateur Strip Off At 7 PM

Think You're Pretty  
In Your Mom's Pumps?  
Sunday, April 9  
You Can Prove It  
It's ICON's  
Closet Ball 2006

You Got Two Lips  
Popping Up?  
Sunday, April 16  
It's Lady D'Vore's  
Spring Fling

N'liven Your Spring  
Friday April 21  
The N'Joy Girls  
Are Live On THE MAX Stage

For More Information  
On Our Great Max Events, Visit Us At  
[www.themaxomaha.com](http://www.themaxomaha.com)

