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HIV Rates Rose Among U.S. Gays Last Year

Matthew E. Berger,
PlanetOut Network

WASHINGTON -- The number of HIV diagnoses for U.S. men who have sex with men (MSM) increased last year, according to the latest government report, and experts are unsure of the cause.

An analysis of trends released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found an overall stable annual rate of diagnosis of the AIDS virus, and a 5 percent drop in the diagnosis rate for African Americans.

But the study also found an 8 percent increase in HIV diagnoses among MSM between 2003 and 2004, after several years of relatively stable data. Analysts suggest increases in high-risk behavior and syphilis may be the cause, but some say increased HIV testing among gay men may also be partially to blame.

"We don't yet have all of the answers regarding the factors driving these trends," said Ronald Valdiserri, acting director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention. "Increased diagnoses among men who have sex with men could reflect increased HIV incidents, increased testing or some combination of both."

The analysis relies on data from 33 states. For the first time, New York was included, and the Empire State accounted for 20 percent of new diagnoses from 2001 to 2004.

The number of total diagnoses of HIV disease in these states dropped to 38,685 last year, from 41,207 in 2001. Diagnoses from heterosexual sex and intravenous drug transmissions both declined during that time.



The survey found 61 percent of new male diagnoses came from men who had sex with other males, compared to 17 percent of transmissions from heterosexual sex and 16 percent from intravenous drug use.

"What we do know from these and other data is that HIV continues to exact a tremendous toll on (men who have sex with men) of all races, especially (men who have sex with men) of color," Valdiserri said.

Among females, heterosexual sex accounts for more than three-quarters of transmissions.

New efforts to expand HIV testing may lead to increased HIV diagnoses, the CDC warns, and may suggest increased infection when it is not necessarily the case.

The inclusion of New York may have also affected the results, since the state has seen a sharp decline in infection because of needle exchange programs and educational initiatives.

The 33 states were studied because they have conducted confidential, name-based HIV case reporting for the last four years. California and Illinois are among the states that do not provide such accounting.

The AIDS Project Los Angeles urged California on Thursday to add name-based reporting. A measure to do so failed to reach the state Assembly earlier this fall.

Diagnoses among African Americans in the states fell from 88.7 cases per 100,000 black people in 2001 to 76.3 last year.

But the virus continues to disproportionately affect that community. The survey found the rate of infection was eight times higher for blacks than whites, and blacks make up more than half of all HIV diagnoses. By comparison, there were only nine cases of HIV diagnoses per 100,000 whites last year.

Matt Foreman, head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, was distressed by the statistics related Thursday.

"No gay or bisexual person can think that HIV/AIDS is no longer a problem for our own community when nearly two-thirds of new infections among males are from men having sex with other men," he said in a prepared statement. "Clearly, the

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(HIV Rates Rise, story continues from front page)

Bush administration's de-funding, de-prioritizing and de-gayng HIV prevention programs has been nothing short of a disaster and we call upon Congress to act immediately to begin to address this tragedy."



Jewish Leader Blasts Anti-Gay Religious Groups

Kristen Hayes, Associated Press

The leader of the largest branch of American Judaism blasted conservative religious activists in a speech Saturday, calling them "zealots" who claim a "monopoly on God" while promoting anti-gay policies akin to Adolf Hitler's.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the liberal Union for Reform Judaism, said "religious right" leaders believe "unless you attend my church, accept my god and study my sacred text, you cannot be a moral person."

"What could be more bigoted than to claim that you have a monopoly on God?" he said during the movement's national assembly in Houston, which ran through Sunday.

The audience of 5,000 responded to the speech with enthusiastic applause. Yoffie did not mention evangelical Christians directly, using the term "religious right" instead. In a separate interview, he said the phrase encompassed conservative activists of all faiths, including within the Jewish community.

He used particularly strong language to condemn conservative attitudes toward homosexuals. He said he understood that traditionalists have concluded that gay marriage violates Scripture, but he said that did not justify denying legal protections to same-sex partners and their children.

"We cannot forget that when Hitler came to power in 1933, one of the first things that he did was ban gay organizations," Yoffie said. "Yes, we can disagree about gay marriage. But there is no excuse for hateful rhetoric that fuels the hellfires of anti-gay bigotry."

The Union for Reform Judaism represents about 900 synagogues in North America, with an estimated membership of 1.5 million people. Of the three major streams of U.S. Judaism -- Orthodox and Conservative are the others -- it is the only one that sanctions gay ordination and supports civil marriage for same-gender couples.

Yoffie said liberals and conservatives share some concerns, such as the potential damage to children from violent or highly sexual TV shows and other popular media.

But he said, overall, conservatives too narrowly define family values, making a "frozen embryo in a fertility clinic" more important than a child, and ignoring poverty and other social ills.

One attendee, Judy Weinman of Troy, N.Y., said she thought Yoffie was "right on target."

"He reminded us of where we have things in common and where we're different," she said.

Yoffie also urged lawmakers to model themselves on presidential candidate John F. Kennedy, who famously told a Houston clergy group in 1960 that a president should not make policy based on his religion.

On other topics, Yoffie asked Reform synagogues to do more to

hold onto members, who often leave after their children go to college. He also said the Reform movement, which is among the most accepting of non-Jewish spouses, should make a greater effort to invite spouses to convert.

Polish Candidate Slams Unnatural Gays

Gay.com U.K.

To the dismay of gay rights activists in Poland, a candidate for prime minister of the country slammed gay rights and warned that homosexuality is "unnatural."

Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz, who has been chosen by the country's Law and Justice party to lead a right-wing coalition in the country, also warned that any lesbian or gay man found "infecting" others with homosexuality will face state "intervention."

The comments came in the Polish edition of Newsweek magazine, and are set to stir more anger against right-wing politicians in the country from the West.

According to press reports, Marcinkiewicz made his comments when quizzed about the status of gay rights in Poland, after a row earlier this summer when Pride celebrations were banned. "It's unnatural," he said about homosexuality.

"The family is natural, and the state must stand guard over the family," he said. "I don't care if someone is a homosexual or not, and even if I found out something like that, I wouldn't judge a person differently than on their actions alone."

"But if that person tries to 'infect' others with their homosexuality, then the state must intervene in this violation of freedom," he added, according to press reports. He is not the first to speak out against gay rights.

Law and Justice leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski said during the country's election campaign that gay men should be banned from teaching. His twin brother Lech, the mayor of Warsaw, was behind the ban on the Pride celebrations in the city.

That action led to criticism from western European politicians, who attended the Pride and called for action against the mayor. Additionally, a conference held in London last month saw Pride organizers from across Europe "reach out" to lesbian and gay communities in Poland and other eastern European countries. The Law and Justice party is set to form a government with the Civic Platform later this month, after the former left-wing government lost the election last week.

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“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.

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5	A Long Way From Home	22	14
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8	Bowling With Antlers	20.5	15.5
9	The Bowler Sisters	20	16
10	Chicks & Dicks	20	16
11	Unique Auto	20	16
12	Chicken & Her Noodles	20	16
13	Josh & The Tuna Factory	20	16
14	Omaha Hospitality	19	17
15	2 Str8 4 U	19	17
16	2 Bye Two	18	18
17	Here For Beer	18	18
18	T's Tavern	18	18
19	GA ME SU 2	17	19
20	Family Affair	17	19
21	Kumoniwan2layya	16	20
22	DC's Comics	16	20
23	4 Beer 2	15.5	20.5
24	Holy Bowlers	15	21
25	All In The Family	14	22
26	Four Queens & A Space	14	22
27	Flixx's Newbies	14	22
28	Steam Co.	13	23
29	Fab Four	13	23
30	Fruits & Nuts	13	23
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		576	576

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Then the Imperial Court of Nebraska held food drives in conjunction with its annual Food 4 Thought Benefit which provides Thanksgiving food vouchers to clients of the Nebraska AIDS Project. Approximately 300 pounds of non perishable food was donated to MCC's Pantry by the Imperial Court.

In addition, the Panera Bread restaurant on Saddle Creek donates bread products to MCC's pantry on a weekly basis. Each Thursday, at the end of the business day, whatever bread products are left are bagged up and given to MCC's pantry coordinators, Heather and Shirley, who take them to MCC where the bread is put in individual bags and frozen for use in Pantry orders.

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Christmas at the Crawford's

She's back...Joan Crawford, that is. Why snuggle close to the fire with someone you love, sipping egg nog and stealing a kiss under the mistletoe, when you are invited to Joan Crawford's house on Christmas Eve.

SNAP! Productions and Shelterbelt Theatre have teamed up again this year to give you the drag romp that the Omaha World-Herald says is "... one of the hottest tickets for the Holiday Season." Christmas With The Crawford's is sort of a "Mommie Dearest the Musical" with a holiday theme and the show is back for it's third hilarious year.

Having sold out completely the first two years, you won't want to miss your chance to spend Christmas With The Crawford's. Hedda Hopper will be there to telecast a live radio broadcast from Joan's living room. Hollywood elite will sure drop by to help keep the festivities interesting.

Perhaps the show's appeal is that it is just a lot of fun. Christmas With The Crawford's is a refreshing antidote for the anxiety-prone times that the holidays are for so many. Where else these days can you see the likes of Joan Crawford singing "White Christmas" as she dusts, or a grinning, gregarious Ethel Mer-

man leading a rousing Jerry Herman song or Judy Garland offering "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", Christmas With The Crawford's may be the seasonal tonic you need.

Directed by Michal Simpson, with musical direction by Todd Brooks, Christmas With The Crawford's features a top notch cast, and as in any musical, there's a lot of singing and dancing which anyone can enjoy, even those unfamiliar with the people and era covered. The fact that it is mostly men impersonating Hollywood's leading ladies adds a certain "extra dimension" to the roles. And there are all the bitchy lines one would expect in a show like this.

SNAP! Productions and Shelterbelt Theater are pleased to present Christmas With The Crawford's, December 16 - 22 and December 27-31, 2003 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, every night except 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 18 and 7:30 pm on New Years Eve, December 31. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! website: www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members.

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Miss Susan Advises Judge Sensitive

The following is an adaptation from Miss Susan's Etiquette Tips for the Socially Conscious Judge: A Guide to Honorable Conduct Toward Gays and Lesbians in the Courtroom, originally published in the St. Louis University Public Law Review in the Spring of 2005. The entire article is being published in the Gayzette in serial form by special arrangement with the law firm of Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O.

Dear Miss Susan,

I'm reviewing a jury instruction for my first capital murder case. The prosecutor has submitted the following recommended instruction: "If you find that the defendant is a faggot, you may weigh the defendant's sexual orientation as an aggravating factor when you determine whether to impose the death penalty." I attended a two-hour sensitivity class three years ago, so I understand the importance of language in the courtroom. The word "faggot" is obviously too inflammatory to be included in a jury instruction, but I'm unsure if it should be replaced with "gay man" or "practicing homosexual." What would you recommend?

Love,
Judge Sensitive

Dear Judge Sensitive,

I applaud your attention to language in the courtroom. Everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, feels more comfortable when judges avoid unnecessarily harsh and abrasive language. You are of course correct that the word "faggot" is almost never used in polite society. I'm shocked that a prosecutor would even proffer such an instruction!

While we are on the subject of language, I would also advise you to steer clear of the phrase "practicing homosexual." The word "practicing" (or "non-practicing") in this context is apparently meant to indicate whether a person is sexually active or not. In my opinion, this is really too much information for most conversations. For instance, I don't imagine that my grandfather has been sexually active for several years now, but I doubt he would like being called a non-practicing heterosexual. If you need to refer to a person's same-sex orientation, the words "gay" and "lesbian" are appropriately descriptive and inoffensive.

This leads me to the bigger problem with the jury instruction you are reviewing. I think if you carefully review the death penalty laws in your state, you'll find that sexual orientation is not listed among the aggravating factors for the jury to consider. You may find factors like previous criminal convictions or the atrocious nature of the crime, but a defendant's sexual orientation is almost always irrelevant to the sentence imposed.

In those cases where prosecutors or judges have attempted to introduce irrelevant allegations of sexual orientation into jury deliberations, appellate courts have been less than forgiving. For instance, in *United States v. Birrell*, the prosecutor urged the jury to convict the defendant because he was "a homosexual and a car thief and a credit card thief" who could not be turned loose on society. In a *per curiam* opinion, the United States

Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed the conviction because the prosecutor's statements invited the jury to convict simply because the defendant was a homosexual, without regard to the defendant's guilt or innocence.

In *Neill v. Gibson*, a capital murder case, the prosecutor in his closing argument reminded the jury that they were "deciding life or death on a person that's a vowed [sic] homosexual." After defense counsel unsuccessfully objected, the prosecutor told the jury that, while sexual orientation was not an aggravating factor, they needed to consider "the type of person" they were sentencing. The United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit characterized the prosecutor's remarks as "improper" and stated that there was no legitimate justification for them.

Even outside the capital arena, injecting references to sexual orientation into the jury process can be suspect. In *Muzzy v. Cahillane Motors, Inc.*, the trial judge in a sexual harassment lawsuit instructed the jury to evaluate the plaintiff's claim from the vantage point of "an objectively reasonable woman of lesbian orientation." (I cannot help wondering how an objectively reasonable woman of lesbian orientation differs from a reasonable person.) The Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts reminded trial judges that providing unnecessary context to a reasonable person jury instruction could conjure negative stereotypes in the minds of the jury. The court cautioned against including any irrelevant personal characteristics in jury instructions.

Returning to your question, I would recommend that you not use the proffered jury instruction both because it is an inaccurate statement of the law and because it makes unnecessary reference to the defendant's sexual orientation. The jury in your capital murder case needs to struggle with difficult questions. If the jury were allowed to consider the defendant's sexual orientation, they might be tempted to give in to their own prejudices rather than face the real issues before them. While I'm not usually an advocate of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policies, I think justice will be best served in this case by limiting the jury's access to any information that could distract them from their task.

Very truly yours,
Miss Susan

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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.
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

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

Iowa:

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Wilson Resource Center, Arnolds Park, IA



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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12TH
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POTATO SOUP, poetry readings by Twyla Hansen and Barbara Schmitz from their book, The Reading Grounds, 6:30 PM

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH
THE CASE FOR SCIENCE FICTION, 1 pm, discussion about how science fiction has affected our society and more. Author Michael L. Wentz will host. At The Reading Grounds, see www.readinggrounds.com for more information

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH
MCCO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 1PM

THURSDAY DECEMBER 1ST
TROY YGNACIO SORIANO, will be reading from his new book "The Beginning: An Allegory" at The Reading Grounds. See www.readinggrounds.com for more information

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD
TOYZ 4 TOTZ BENEFIT, 2 to 4pm Roundtable discussion, 7pm show auctions and raffles, 10pm to 1am spend some time in the dungeon. Package is \$20 or \$5 for show only. L2EP@aol.com for more info.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH
A PRIDE CHRISTMAS, DC'S Saloon, 7pm

SATURDAY MAY 13TH

GLBT CENTER ANNUAL PRIDE WALK, Raise money for the Center nad for your favorite qualifying group. Details will follow in later issues of the Gayzette.

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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

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, info at: 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, 9am and 11am services

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

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. 40th

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

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

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

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 13 9 S. 40

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 TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 5PM to 7PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays.

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 3-4:30pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE

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

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONYMOUS, (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Joe at 932-8066 or Tony at 933-1318

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st 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

1st Saturday

**CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMIT-
TEE**, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719
Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rain-
bowoutreach.org

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

1st Sunday

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Method-
ist Church

2nd Saturday

**CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOP-
MENT COMMITTEE**, 1:30PM at the GLBT
Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details,
visit rainbowoutreach.org

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

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

2nd Sunday

INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING
(glbt film shown at 6:30pm followed by dis-
cussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm,
MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., icon.impcourt.org

3rd Thursday

**LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP**, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd 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

3rd Saturday

CENTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE,
1pm to 2PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leav-
enworth, for details see
www.rainbowoutreach.org

CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE,
2pm to 3PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leav-
enworth, for details see
www.rainbowoutreach.org

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, at the
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource
Center

4th Tuesday

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

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N,
Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220.
3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
Monthly Beer Bust, 9pm, DC's Saloon

4th Saturday

FREE MATINEE MOVIE, at the GLBT
Center, 1:30PM, Bring a snack to share,
everyone is welcome, 2nd and 4th Satur-
days 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

Queen Elizabeth and Dolly Parton...

.....die on the same day and they both go before an Angel to find out if they'll be admitted to Heaven. Unfortunately, there's only one space left that day, so the Angel must decide which of them gets in.

The Angel asks Dolly if there's some particular reason why she should go to Heaven. Dolly takes off her top and says, "Look at these, they're the most perfect breasts God ever created, and I'm sure it will please God to be able to see them every day for eternity."

The Angel thanks Dolly and asks Her Majesty the same question. The Queen takes a bottle of Perrier out of her purse, shakes it up, and gargles. Then, she spits into a toilet and pulls the lever. The Angel says, "OK, your Majesty, you may go in."

Dolly is outraged and asks, "What was that all about? I show you two of God's own perfect creations and you turn me down. She spits into a commode and she gets in! Would you explain that to me?"

"Sorry, Dolly," says the Angel, "but even in Heaven, a royal flush beats a pair - no matter how big they are."

The New Nun.....

..... goes to her first confession. She tells the priest that she has a terrible secret and he tells her that her secret is safe in the sanctity of the confessional.

She says, "Father, I never wear panties under my habit."

The priest chuckles and says, "That's not so serious. Say five Hail Marys, five Our Fathers, and do six cartwheels on your way to the altar."

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George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)*

RAINBOW OUTREACH 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, 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 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 contact: 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 402-203-4680

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 3rd Monday, 819 S. 22 www.icon.impcourt.org

Learning to Exchange Power, 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, Mt 4th Fri Gilligan's 7pm

LinOma Bares, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: 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 website: 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 Website: 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

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: 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 or 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 Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OOUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamer, 68131, 345-3039, www.oout.org

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

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email 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

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

River City Gender Alliance, 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

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; 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 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

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

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, 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

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd 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 Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

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

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

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

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/>

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

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An ABC spokesman told a Muskogee, Okla., paper that the contract for the show specifies that the swapped spouse "could be either male or female. The show is meant to challenge a family's norms." Taped in October 2004, the episode has still not aired. (Advocate.com)

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The Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center is a nonprofit 501c(3) organization dedicated to providing education, information, and social services in a safe, neutral environment. The GLBT Center strives to foster understanding, personal growth, and development for all people, specifically (but not limited to) those persons aligned with and/or directly involved with the GLBT community. We are an all-volunteer organization serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) population as well as family, friends and allies in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa.

Visit: Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth. Free Parking. Walk-in Hours: Sun. 1-6PM, Mon. 1-3PM, Tue. 7-9PM, Wed. 7-9PM, Thu. 1-3PM, Fri. 1-9PM, Sat. 1-4PM. Closed most major holidays.

Write: Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, PO Box 8583, Omaha NE 68108

Email: GLBTcenter@RainbowOutreach.org

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Call: (402) 341-0330

Center Wish List

Do you have something that the GLBT Center could use? Please call us at (402) 341-0330 or email wishlist@rainbowoutreach.org

Some Objects on our Wish List

Items for Raffles (event tickets, etc.); 6ft-tall 5-shelf Bookcase; Games (board games, card games, roleplaying games, chess, puzzles); Laminator (8.5"x11" or larger); Laser Printer (600 dpi or greater, PC compatible); Library Materials (GLBT-related Books, Magazines, Books on Tape, Videos, DVDs); Overhead Projector; Public Address System; Tables (three collapsible, 6-8 ft. long); Toolbox; VCR; TDD/TTY (Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf/Teletypewriters); TeleBraille (TB) machines for the Blind.

Wish List Contributors

Anonymous - Books, Videos/DVDs, Snacks; Bill Gaus - Books; Dino A. - 6X9 envelopes; Roxy Brandt & Chris Hamilton - Books and Magazines; George Broadway - Computer Equipment, PO Box Sponsor, Printer Ink Cartridges; Stephen Cohen - Book; Chris Curtis - Raffle Items; Bob Ewing at Printing Plus - 2 cases of 6X9 envelopes; Marcus Fender - Oscillating Floor Fan, 8 Bulbs, Box of Trash Bags; Flat Water Bears - Bookcase; Bob Gittins - Cards, DVD Players, Books, Office Supplies & Equipment; Judy Hancock - Bulletin Boards, Chairs & Tables, Games, Office Supplies, Printer Stand, more; Jon Holloway - Books; Jim from Jim's Seek & Save - Games; James Lunbeck - Vacuum Cleaner, Open House Food; Monty McClean - Books; Sarah - Coffee Maker, Cleaning Supplies, Magazines; Scott - Books; Sharon VanButsel & Carla Petersen - Books; Brian Wyant - Books, Open House Food, Websites.

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from open to close
happy hour drink prices
for your enjoyment

Midnight Madness

the tradition continues
happy hour drink prices
midnight to close
each sunday
through wednesday

1019 south 10th street

10th & pacific

free parking in the rear!



Presenting

**Don We Now Our
Gay Apparel**

Music for the Holidays

featuring

Trina Tabloid

and members of

River City Mixed Chorus

One Night Only !

Saturday, December 10 at 7:35pm

Dietz Methodist Church

1423 South 10th Street

\$15 adults - \$7 children (12 and younger)

a fundraiser benefiting

River City Mixed Chorus

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