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Judge: No Stay in DADT Ruling

By Andrew Harmon

U.S. district judge Virginia A. Phillips has denied a request by the Justice Department to stay her ruling against any further enforcement of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Phillips, who indicated during a Monday court hearing that she would reject the government's attempt to keep the policy in place pending its appeal in the case Log Cabin Republicans v. United States of America, wrote in her Tuesday order that the Justice Department's arguments in favor of a stay were "unpersuasive" and short on specifics of immediate harm.



"To the extent Defendants now argue that stopping discharge under [don't ask, don't tell] will harm military readiness and unit cohesion, they had the chance to introduce evidence to that effect at trial," Phillips wrote. "Defendants did not do so. The evidence they belatedly present now does not meet their burden to obtain a stay."

In the Monday hearing, assistant U.S. attorney Paul G. Freeborne had asked Phillips for a five-day stay of her injunction so that the government can pursue an appeal with the U.S. court of appeals for the ninth circuit. The Justice Department has not yet filed an appeal of Phillips's stay, though attorneys involved in the lawsuit predicted that the ninth circuit would rule on the matter this week or early next week.

News of Phillips's ruling came as little surprise, and her injunction against "don't ask, don't tell" has quickly altered the military landscape. On Tuesday a Pentagon spokeswoman said the Defense Department has suspended enforcement of DADT and ordered military recruiters to accept applications from gays seeking to serve in the armed forces.

Several gay service members discharged under DADT, including a Log Cabin Republicans chapter vice president in San Diego, visited military recruiting offices Tuesday seeking to reenlist or to be reinstated. Advocacy groups continue to warn current gay service members against coming out, however, should a higher court overturn Judge Phillips's order. In a statement, Log Cabin Republicans executive director R. Clarke Cooper said of the ruling, "It is vital that as a nation we uphold the fundamental constitutional rights of all soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen. With recruiters accepting gay and lesbian applicants and a week having passed without incident, it is clear that our military is well-equipped to adapt to open service, and eager to get on with the work of defending our freedom."

During the Monday hearing, Phillips said the injunction she ordered does not preclude the government from carrying on any training or education efforts for service members nor does it prevent completion of a Pentagon Working Group study on DADT repeal due in December. "The implementation of new regulations can and should go forward," Phillips said. "That's not prohibited by the court's order."

Iowa...A Great Place for ALL People

By Miriam Smith, Allie and Board Member of the Council Bluffs Community Alliance

To be a resident of Iowa at this point in time is such a privilege, and to be a member of a Christian community that honors and understands the sanctity of a couple's love and commitment to each other is also a privilege!

I first became aware of the Council Bluffs Community Alliance at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs. A dear member of our parish had passed away, and at his funeral I met members of his family who represent all of the goodness and

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(Iowa, A Great Place...... Continued from page 1) caring that their father had shown us in our church family. They introduced me to the CBCA organization, and later on it was a very blessed day when, at the same church, I had the honor to witness these new friends of mine exchange their vows in our church's first same-sex marriage ceremony.

In Council Bluffs, the legalization of same sex marriages has allowed us to encourage our high school students to become more active in the community. Through the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) at Thomas Jefferson High School, the students decided to make posters for the rally, in celebration of the one year anniversary of marriage equality in Iowa. They carried their posters high and marched on the Pedestrian Bridge in solidarity with the others in our community. In the Thomas Jefferson Year Book, the GSA was given a big color spread with pictures of the students on the "Bridge to Equality" during the rally, and pictures of students listening intently to guests speakers from the CBCA who explained to them all of the implications of marriage equality in Iowa. The GSA members see their recognition in the Year Book as a great leap for them, and an encouragement to try to do even more in the school district and in the larger community to ensure equality for everyone.

Please support the Council Bluffs Community Alliance in their work to promote the city of Council Bluffs as a developing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender family community. This will help assure the equality of all our residents.

We Are Who We Present Ourselves to Be

By Tammy Story

As many of you know I was interviewed by Ryan Luby from Channel 7 News recently in support of the proposed anti-discrimination ordinance being voted on here in Omaha. He did a wonderful job of conveying my story and opinions to the public.

A lot of what we talked about was not presented in the short segment that actually aired. I would like to give you that information and maybe a bit more and close with a call to action.

We talked about my life, from childhood to present. How there was a little boy who was playing alone in his sister's room. Barbie dolls and clothes spread all about. He was content and happy. That was until his mother entered the room. She slapped him across the back of his head and shouted "Little boys don't play with dolls."

That is what it was like for me growing up as a child, torn between what I knew I was inside and what everyone else told me I was. When I was born, the doctor classified me based on what my genitalia were and not what my brain was.

I grew up in a very devout religious family. Anything that was out of the "norm" was considered "of the devil". Even as a child I could not express to my parents that I was really a girl. On the few occasions that I did mention it to my mother, I was told that I was just being silly and did not mean it.

Ryan and I discussed the discrimination I have had to endure, such as when going to school to become a Certified Nurse Assistant. We talked about months of searching for a job in newspapers and online. Applying everywhere that advertised

open positions, only to be turned away. Within a matter of weeks, all of my class mates were working as CNAs in the field. No one ever came out and directly said my inability to get a job was because I was transgender. I had almost 2 years of college to go with my license as an assistant so I was very qualified.

We talked about how, in March of 2005, I changed my name and started living my life as it should have been. In other words, on that day I started to live my life as a woman 24/7. I lived happily until November 2007 when was I hired into my current employer and they demanded that I present myself as a male while at work. I was forced to cut my hair and bind my breasts if I wanted a job. How I cried as a dear friend took the scissors to my hair, and then the pain of having to cross-dress every workday. I contemplated suicide a few times during that year. It was only after contacting Lambda Legal services that (on their advice) I asked one final time to please allow me to be myself at work. The word came down from corporate head-quarters that yes I could come to work as female. Words can't describe the joy and release I felt upon hearing those words.

Since then I have had numerous threats of violence, been called Freak, Faggot, Shemale, Pervert, and the one I truly love, That. I try to be a decent and honest person. I tell everyone that takes issue with me to just take their time to get to know me. You may just find a friend.

Ladies and gentlemen, life is far too short to deny to yourself of who you are. Be that person that you know deep down inside. Present to the world that person, be proud and stand your ground. There will be opposition. A lot of closed minded people desire to live in a black and white world, one where everything fits into their tiny little box, positive and negative, yin and yang, and up and down. I say "Thank God for all the shades of gray!" It is truly the wonder of this world that we have such diversity.

In the Transgender community there is a concept called "stealth". That is where the person transitions completely to the new gender role and never acknowledges the past. I have willingly given up any hope of that. I will be forever known as "That tranny that was on TV". Someone had to speak up for the Trans community. I am just glad that I had the opportunity to do so.

We are who we are and who we present ourselves to be and that is all that should matter. Present yourself as a beloved child of a loving God and hold true to that image.

Now is the time when your city and your community need to hear your voice. Contact your representative on the council. Let them know that in their district are members of the GLBT and that without their support of this ordinance, discrimination will continue. Injustice in the city of Omaha will con-

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tinue unless we as a community shout with one voice, "We are here and we matter!"

By Tammy Story

Note from The Gayzette editor

We urge you to please keep calling City Council at 444-5520 and let them know you support the decision to vote for the inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination ordinance on Tuesday, October 26th. We only have a few days left and every call counts! Please pass this on to your family and friends, thank you! Robert Patterson, GOglbt

Dan Choi Reenlists in Army

By Andrew Harmon

Lt. Dan Choi, who was honorably discharged by the U.S. Army in July under "don't ask, don't tell," is in New York seeking to apply for entry into the U.S. Marine Corps — the same day a Pentagon spokeswoman said that military recruiters have been informed they must accept gay applicants.

Choi tweeted on Tuesday that he is "Headed to Times Square Recruiting Station" and told The Advocate he expects to meet gay rights advocate David Mixner at the recruiting office as well as Justin Elzie, who was honorably discharged under DADT in 1997.

"As we say in the military, this is a target of opportunity, " Choi said. "It's an opportunity for me to serve in whatever capacity that I can. And I'm going to go try to do that."

It's unclear how military recruiters would handle Choi's application, however: The Marine Corps does not accept lateral transfers of officers from other branches, a military source said.

Update: Choi later tweeted he was told that he was too old to join the Marines, and instead filled out an application for the Army.

Sources said other service members discharged under DADT may seek to reenlist or seek reinstatement this week as well. One such service member who also sought reinstatement on Tuesday was Log Cabin Republicans' San Diego chapter president, Will Rodriguez Kennedy.

Pentagon spokeswoman



Cynthia Smith said the Defense Department has suspended enforcement of DADT. Military recruiters have been advised to inform potential recruits that the moratorium against DADT could be lifted.

As The Advocate reported last week, the Defense Department had previously notified all five branches of the military via a Thursday e-mail that they must comply with with the injunction ordered by a federal judge on enforcement of "don't ask, don't tell."

U.S. district judge Virginia A. Phillips, who ruled DADT unconstitutional in September, is expected today to deny the Justice Department's request for a stay of the injunction she issued against the 1993 law. In a Monday court hearing Phillips said the government had not proved why military readiness would suffer should the policy be blocked pending an appeal in the case, Log Cabin Republicans v. United States of America.

Justice Department attorneys, meanwhile, have said they would seek an emergency stay of Phillips's injunction with the U.S. court of appeals for the ninth circuit.

Hillary Clinton on Bullying

By Advocate.com Editors

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has joined the sustained national chorus against antigay bullying.

In a new YoutTube video, Clinton says, "Children are particularly vulnerable to the hurt caused by discrimination and prejudice, and we've lost many young people over the years to suicide. These most recent deaths are a reminder that all Americans have to work harder to overcome bigotry and hatred."



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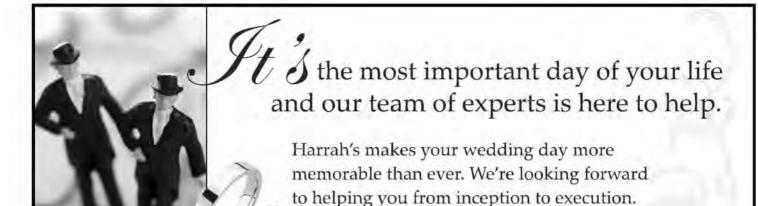
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Briefs Filed to Keep Prop. 8 Ruling

By Michelle Garcia

Plaintiffs in the ongoing legal battle to overturn California's ban on marriage equality filed a brief with the ninth circuit court of appeals Monday to stress their view that the law is unconstitutional.



Theodore Olson and David Boies, lead attorneys for the plaintiffs in Perry v. Schwarzenegger, wrote that the U.S. Supreme Court has stated marriage is a fundamental right of all individuals at least 14 times.

Additionally, lawyers for the city of San Francisco also filed briefs to counter an appeal brought forward to the court by Proposition 8's sponsors. The city wrote that Prop. 8's sponsors failed to make a sound case for preventing marriage equality while still allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children, according to the Associated Press.

Log Cabin Member Seeks Reinstatement in Marines

By Advocate.com Editors

Will Rodriguez-Kennedy, president of the Log Cabin Republicans' San Diego chapter vice, has joined a handful of service members who have attempted to rejoin the military since the Pentagon ordered recruiters to allow gay applicants.

As first reported by San Diego Gay & Lesbian News, Rodriguez-Kennedy, a 23-year-old former corporal in the Marines, visited a recruiting office in El Cajon, Calif., on Tuesday with Lisa Kove, the executive director of Federal GLOBE, an advocacy group for gay service members and civil servants.



The recruiter told Rodriguez-Kennedy that the office would not know how many reenlistment requests from former service members it would be able to accommodate until January. "Even if I were to return, I would probably suffer a demotion due to the time I've been out of service," Rodriguez-Kennedy told The

Advocate.

On its face, Rodriguez-Kennedy's attempt to be reinstated in the Marines is not contradictory to what Justice Department attorneys have argued in court: That any injunction against DADT be strictly limited to service members who are also members of Log Cabin Republicans, which brought the lawsuit challenging the military's policy barring openly gay soldiers.

Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith said the Defense Department has suspended enforcement of DADT. Military recruiters have been advised to inform potential recruits that the moratorium against DADT could be lifted, however.

Mormon Leader Asked to Correct Antigay Statements

By Julie Bolcer

HRC and Utah-based gay rights groups plan to call Tuesday on Mormon leader Boyd K. Packer to correct his statements characterizing marriage equality as immoral and claiming that gay people can be "corrected."

Earlier this month, Packer, the president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, addressed the 180th semiannual general conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City and, among other statements, denied that gay people "were pre-set and cannot overcome what they feel are inborn tendencies toward the impure and unnatural."

Protests greeted the statements from the influential religious leader as the nation

coped with a series of LGBT youth suicides. Boyd is next in line for the church presidency.

According to a news release about the Tuesday morning event, "Nearly 150,000 people have signed onto a petition asking Elder Packer to make it right. Today, HRC President Joe Solmonese, Utah Philanthropist Bruce Bastian, Affirmation President David Melson, Equality Utah Executive Director Brandie Balken, Utah Clinical Social Worker Melissa Bird and Utah Pride Center Executive Director Valerie Larabee, will provide their remarks and then travel to the Church Office Building to deliver the petition signatures."

Assemblyman Lunges at Shirley Phelps

By Advocate.com Editors

New York state assemblyman Dov Hikind charged through a barrier surrounding Westboro Baptist Church's Shirley Phelps-Roper during a Monday protest in Brooklyn and shouted, "You're a whore!"

"It was an emotional moment," Hikind said after the altercation,



according to the New York Daily News. "I just wanted to take that sign from her. They're a despicable group."

Police restrained Hikind but did not arrest him. Phelps reportedly declined to press charges against the assemblyman.

Ann Coulter Defends Carl Paladino

By Julie Bolcer

The right-wing pundit said that the Republican gubernatorial

candidate was simply appeasing his conservative religious audience in Brooklyn, which amounts to campaigning in Chicago and saying, "Go Cubs."

According to the The Huffington Post, in an interview with Bill O'Reilly on Fox News Monday, Coulter said, "I think someone on this network should [defend him]," and called Paladino a "great warrior" who wants to lower taxes.

On Sunday, Paladino campaigned among ultra-Orthodox Jewish leaders and said that children

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Gay Bashing is About Masculinity

Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

The tragic suicide of Rutgers freshman Tyler Clementi has led to a wave of national hand-wringing anguish about the daily torture and humiliations suffered by young gays and lesbians. An article in The New York Times expanded the conversation to include the stories of several

other gay teens who recently committed suicide, such as Seth Walsh of Fresno, CA, who endured a "relentless barrage of taunting, bullying and other abuse at the hands of his peers." Walsh hanged himself last month—at age 13.

Yet, in our collective search for explanations and solutions we've missed one salient fact. Here are the names of the teenagers in The Times article: Tyler Clementi, Seth Walsh, Billy Lucas, Asher Brown. Notice anything?

They're all boys.

Writing that gay "teens" suffer such relentless abuse or bullying obscures as much as it reveals. It's not "teens." It's boys.

Yes, lesbian teens can be relentlessly tormented, harassed and bullied in school. They can be mercilessly taunted in cyberspace, and shunned in real space. But the amount of rage they inspire rarely compares to that experienced by boys.

And that's not because of the current fad of faux-lesbianism among teenage girls. Sure, it's true that many teen girls have "kissed a girl" and "liked it," as Katy Perry proclaims. But there is something fundamental about male homosexuality that elicits what psychologists call "homosexual panic," and a near-hysterical effort to circle the wagons and get rid of the perceived threat.

For my book Guyland I interviewed nearly 400 young people all across the country. I found that many of America's high schools have become gauntlets through which students must pass every day. Bullies roam the halls, targeting the most vulnerable or isolated, beating them up, destroying their homework, shoving them into lockers, dunking their heads in toilets or just relentlessly mocking them. It's all done in public—on playgrounds, bathrooms, hallways, even in class. And the other kids either laugh and encourage it or scurry to the walls, hoping to remain invisible so that they won't become the next target. For many, just being noticed for being "uncool" or "weird" is a great fear.

Why are some students targeted? Because they're gay or even "seem" gay, which may be just as disastrous for a teenage boy. After all, the most common put down in American high schools today is "that's so gay," or calling someone a "fag." It refers to anything and everything: what kind of sneakers you have on, what you're eating for lunch, some comment you made in class, who your friends are or what sports team you like. The average high school student in Des Moines hears an antigay comment every seven minutes, and teachers intervene only about 3 percent of the time. After spending a year in a California high school, one sociologist titled her ethnographic account Dude, You're a Fag.

It's true that gays and lesbians are far more often the target of hostility than their straight peers. But it's often true that anti-gay sentiments are only partly related to sexual orientation. Calling someone gay or a fag has become so universal that it's become synonymous with dumb, stupid or wrong.

And it's "dumb" or "wrong" because it isn't masculine enough. To the

"that's-so-gay" chorus, homosexuality is about gender nonconformity, not being a "real man," and so anti-gay sentiments become a shorthand method of gender policing. One survey found that most American boys would rather be punched in the face than called gay. Tell a guy that what he is doing or wearing is "gay," and the gender police have just written him a ticket. If he persists, they might have to lock him up.

Many guys think being gay means not being a guy. That's the choice: gay or guy. In a study by Human Rights Watch, heterosexual students consistently reported that the targets were simply boys who were unathletic, dressed nicely, or were bookish and shy.

Take the case of Jesse Montgomery, who filed a Title IX suit in the Minnesota courts after suffering 11 years of verbal and physical abuse. Jesse was treated to a daily verbal barrage of "faggot," "queer," "homo," "gay," "girl," "princess," "fairy," "freak," "bitch," "pansy" and more. He was regularly punched, kicked, tripped. Some of the torment was directly sexual:

One of the students grabbed his own genitals while squeezing [Jesse's] buttocks and on other occasions would stand behind [him] and grind his penis in [Jesse's] backside.

By the way, Jesse Montgomery is straight.

So, too, was Dylan Theno, an 18-year-old former student at Tonganoxie High School in Kansas. Beginning in the 7th grade, he was consistently taunted as "flamer," "faggot" and "masturbator boy," harassed daily in the lunchroom and on the playground. Teachers looked the other way or laughed along with the harassers. Why? Dylan explained:

Because I was a different kid, you know, I wasn't the alpha male. ... I had different hair than everybody else; I wore earrings ... I wasn't a big time sports guy at school.

Of course, if you actually are gay, the harassment is relentless—and often dismissed entirely by the adults in charge or, worse, considered appropriate. Take the case of Jamie Nabozny in the mid-1990s. Beginning in middle school, he was harassed, spit on, urinated on, called a "fag" by a teacher and mock-raped while at least 20 other students looked on and laughed. Each time the school principals and teachers shrugged off his complaints, telling Jamie that he should "expect" this sort of treatment if he's gay and that, well, "Boys will be boys."

Nabozny successfully sued the school district and the principals of both his middle school and the high school, who paid out close to \$1 million in damages. His lawsuit opened a door for those who are the targets of bullying and harassment in school, because school districts and administrators may be held liable if they do not intervene effectively to stop the abuse.

But gender non-conforming boys still need protection—not just from the bullies but from the teachers, parents, administrators and community members who look the other way, at best, or collude with it.

Most Americans find explicit racist and anti-Semitic behavior unacceptable, an affront to their moral sensibilities. Racism and anti-Semitism are out of bounds even when they don't become physical, and most of us believe that those who openly express those sentiments should be severely punished. Why is the same not true of gay bashing?



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Contact Posha_Towers@yahoo.com or Jodi_p07@yahoo.com (Ann Coulter Defends Carl Palentino, Continued from page 9) should not be "brainwashed" into thinking that homosexuality is an "equally valid or successful option." The comments drew widespread outcry while many Republicans including GO-Proud, the group that hosted Coulter at its Homocon event in New York City last month, sought to put distance between themselves and the volatile Buffalo businessman.

However, Coulter said, "He's speaking to Hasidim...it's like going to Chicago. You say, 'Go Cubs.'

Efforts to plan gay-related events in St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia's two largest cities, are regularly foiled by authorities. But a second hearing in a pending case on the legality of the ban of this year's Moscow Pride, coupled with the recent

victory." Russian gay rights activist Nikolai Alekseev wrote in

firing of notoriously homophobic Moscow mayor Yuri Luhzkoy, suggests that similar changes might be in store for Russia's capital.

Court: St. Petersburg Must Allow Pride

By Louis Lucero II

A Russian court has ordered that a gay pride parade must be allowed in St. Petersburg, after city officials banned a march in June.

After ruling that the city's decision to disallow a pride march planned for June was illegal, a judge Monday imposed a November 1 deadline for St. Petersburg authorities to permit event organizers to plan a new march. The St. Petersburg city government has indicated its intention to comply with the court's man-

"If the City Hall respects the decision, it will be an amazing

Suspicious Fire at **Knoxville Gay Bar**

By Advocate.com Editors

UK Gay News.

A fire at a gay bar in Knoxville, Tenn., on Sunday was deemed suspicious, although authorities declined to say whether evidence pointed to a hate crime.

According to The Knoxville Journal, Knoxville Fire Department spokesman D.J. Corcoran said that a passing motorist reported the fire in the back of the XYZ Club on North Central Avenue.

"Firefighters were called to the scene, and found the covered." outside eating area on fire, which had not yet breached the exterior wall to the inside of the building, but had jumped from the deck area of 1215 to the adjacent building next door, which



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occupied Knoxville Barber College, Corcoran said."

No injuries were reported in the fire, which is still under investigation.

Univ. of Wisconsin Launches Antibullying Campaign

By Advocate.com Editors

In light of recent news reports on suicides throughout the country, organizers at the University of Wisconsin–Madison have launched "Stop the Silence," an antibullying campaign to address harassment of gay students on campus.

"This is an issue of concern to everyone in our community," university chancellor Biddy Martin said. "The suicide rates for gay and lesbian youth are appallingly high. Hatred, harassment and bullying have serious consequences. Let us re-commit to a safe, respectful and welcoming community for everyone."

The university's LGBT Campus Center reports, "Bullying toward students identified as LGBT, or those perceived to be, is a

long-standing issue. While a number of LGBT students have committed suicide in the last few weeks, this is by no means a recent phenomenon, nor does it truly reflect the pervasiveness of bullying that students face on a regular basis."



Serb Investigated for Pride Violence

By Julie Bolcer

Prosecutors have opened an investigation into a far-right Serbian leader accused of directing antigay violence at the gay pride march in Belgrade over the weekend.

According to the Associated Press, Mladen Obradovic of the Obraz, or Honor, group is suspected of "violent conduct" and, if convicted, could face up to 12 years in jail for his role in the clashes.

"More than 150 people were injured in running battles with police as thousands of far-right demonstrators tried to disrupt a gay pride march in downtown Belgrade by hurling Molotov cocktails and stun grenades," reported the AP.

The Not-So-Curious Case of Scott Moore His is not the first example of a transgender male pregnancv. But as this father-to-be has experienced, the phenomenon remains misunderstood among doctors and derided by some in the gay communi-



By Emily Drabinski

Though we had spoken over the phone and exchanged e-mails in the days leading up to our interview, Scott Moore sounds confused when I reach him at home on a recent Friday afternoon. "Now, where are you calling from again?" he asks. It's easy to imagine why he might not be able to keep all the media calls straight. Not only is Moore 7½ months pregnant—something that could scramble any first-time parent's brain—but the 20-year-old Northern California college student has just been anointed by the press as the world's second pregnant man, causing an avalanche of attention from national and foreign media outlets. Earlier in the week a representative from a daytime talk show rang his doorbell and delivered a Mexican pizza, complete with a congratulatory note. "It is getting crazy around here!" he says.

What isn't crazy to Moore and his husband, Thomas Moore, is the

pregnancy itself. "Thomas Beatie is not the first, and we're not the last," he says plainly, referring to the media blitz over Beatie in 2008. "It's not that uncommon, it's just not talked about." Helping to make trans male pregnancy an unremarkable occurrence was a factor in Moore's decision to come out. which he did in a January interview with Closer, a U.K. women's magazine, after he had posted a video about his experience on YouTube. "A lot of ground hasn't been broken yet," Moore says. "People's eyes need to be opened."

Moore has been opening eyes since he was just a



child. Born biologically female (he asked that his birth name not be used), Moore knew he was different from an early age. "When I was very young, I didn't even notice a difference between male and female," he recalls. "But as soon as I hit puberty, I realized that I wasn't going to be what I thought I was." Moore came out to his parents as transgender at age 15, and after an initial bout of shock and confusion, they helped him begin his gender transition. He started taking testosterone, began using male pronouns, and changed his name. Soon his voice dropped and he grew facial hair. When he was 17 he underwent a double mastectomy and chest reconstruction surgery. Childbearing certainly wasn't part of his life plan.

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha (mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays 4:00PM - 11:00PM Sundays call before coming by Thursdays 7:30PM - 9:00PM Fridays 6:00PM - 11:00PM

*Closed Most Major Holidays (402) 341-0330 www.rainbowoutreach.org

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday WORSHIP SERVICES: AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,

ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffeehouse casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 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, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

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

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9am and 11am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm. Maplewood Lanes, starting again after Labor Day

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

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 NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm.

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

MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Every Tuesday

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at aanderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at isandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-PORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday

AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

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

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 1921 So. 17th St. 402-476-7000

KARAOKE W/ STACY 9:00 pm, at DC's Sa-

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00pm, Thursday and Friday Walk-In from 5pm to 9pm, & at the Respect Clinic walk-in from 5:30pm to 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS Club Passion Party

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

KARAOKE W/STACY 9:00 pm, at DC's Saloon

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

OMAHA GLBT SPORTS LEAGUE, playing Softball every Thursday 6-10pm, at Churchich park (50th and C). Games will be played through August 12th

Every Friday LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting,

8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON, a group focused on support and recovery for the friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to 8pm at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more information call 402-384-8014

DJ & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT at Connections Bar, theme nights and shows

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 11PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 250 So. 77th, Same day results

Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

DIXIE AFTER DARK, Enjoy Breakfast at Dixie Quicks Restaurant, 12AM to 4AM, every Saturday night, 1915 Leavenworth St., Proceeds benefit local GLBT organizations

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar (open Thurs., Fri., Sat. nights from 6PM to 2AM)

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

Every Other Friday

CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at

Broadway Joe's (34th & Broadway in CB) starting at 5:15pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

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

1st Wednesday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

1st Thursday

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for

1st Friday

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday

HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA-

TION, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.us for meeting schedules etc.

RIVER CITY GENDER LLIANCE, at 7:00 pm . See www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

2nd Thursday

PFLAG-OMAHA, 7pm to 9pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

TOP TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 6 to 9pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS,

NE), Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email to

jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

3rd Thursday

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A,

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

3rd Sunday

CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs

4th Tuesday

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

4th Friday

LEO - LÉATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA. Not currently meeting.

Email Your Event to: GAYZETTE@COX.NET

Hairless

A couple living in a small Minnesota town take on an 18-year-old girl as a lodger. She asked if she could have a bath but the woman of the house told her they didn't have a bathroom as such but she could use a tin bath in front of the fire.

"Monday's the best night, when my husband goes out to bowl," the woman said. So the young girl agreed to have a bath the following Monday night.

After her husband had gone off for his bowling tournament, the woman filled the bath and watched as the girl got undressed.

She was surprised to see that the young lass didn't have any pubic hair and told her husband when he came home. He didn't believe her, so she said, "Next week, when you go off to bowl, I'll leave a little gap in the curtains so that you can see for yourself, alright?"

The following Monday night, while the girl got undressed for her bath, the wife asked her, "Do you shave down there?"

"No," replied the girl, "I've just never grown any hairs down there. Do you have hairs on yours?"

"Oh, yes," said the woman and she

showed the girl her hairy muff.

After the girl had gone to bed the husband came home and the wife asked, "Did you see

"Yes," he said, "but why the hell did you have to show her yours?"

"Why not?" she said, "You've seen it before."

"I know," he replied, "but the bowling team hadn't!"

Names

An young Indian boy goes to his mother one day with a puzzled look on his face.

"Say Mom, why is my bigger brother named Mighty Storm"?

"Because he was conceived during a mighty storm", she said.

Then he asked "Why is my sister named Cornflower"?

"Well your father and I were in a cornfield when we made her", she replied.

He then asked "And why is my other sister called Moonchild"?

"We were watching the moon-landing when she was conceived", the mother replies.

The mother paused and said to her son... "Tell me, Torn Rubber, why are you so curious"

CAR TROUBLE

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly.

She says, 'What's the story?'

He replies, 'Just crap in the carburetor'.

She asks, 'How often do I have to do that?'

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Alphabet (ABC) Soup at UNO, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uno_abcsoup, Phone Student Organizations at 554-2711.

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

Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org

Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

Diamond Foundation, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/www.diamond-foundation.org

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

First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming

First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firstuuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)
Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at
6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by
softball field. Omaha

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

GLBT Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, see www.hgra.us for information

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, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, www.icon.impcourt.org

Inclusive Life Čare & Service Group 105 S. 49th Street Omaha 68132 Spiritual-Interfaith-Secular Care & Service for all Individuals, Couples and Families www.inclusivelife.org 402-516-8475

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, not currently meeting LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship at 70m

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

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

Nebraska GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

Nebraska Pride IDOL, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, www.NebraskaPrideIDOL,com

Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Contemporary service Saturday night at 5:30pm

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Nontraditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com

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

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

Omaha GLBT Professionals, Contact omahaglbtprofessionals@cox.net for more info.

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org for more information

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

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website:www.pflagomaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org, meet at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 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 Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, call 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete info see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

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

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, www.secondunitarianomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

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

Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

TOP, Taking Our Places, meets 2nd Saturdays at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

WomenSpace, no current info is available Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org

Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

LINCOLN BASED

LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director, http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa - 402.472.1752

or 402-472-1652 http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality

Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm

Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

Nebraska AIDS Project, Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (402) 476-7000

Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, 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/

Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-glbt.com/

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu/www.unl.edu/cglbtc Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494, Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

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

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway Council Bluffs IA Connections, 1901 Leavenworth 933-3033 DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street 344-3103 Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth 346-3549 Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 408-1020 The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 346-4110 Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 342-7343 Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 552-9260 Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 449-8703 Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center. 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 341-0330

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available) 435-8764 Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available) 475-2269

Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: Gayzette@cox.net

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But then he met Thomas. Ten years his senior and also a transgender man, Tom, a graphic designer, had two children from a previous marriage: Greg, 12, and Logan, 10. Last year the couple wed in California. Moore's legal gender status remains female, while Tom is legally male, thus allowing them to obtain a marriage license in the state ("We're going to use that nice little loophole," Moore quips). Soon he changed his mind about having a child: "Once I settled down with Tom, having children just seemed like a fit."

After consulting with the doctor who prescribed his testosterone, Moore stopped taking hormones 10 months before conception; he retained his low voice and hirsute face but was able to become pregnant after being artificially inseminated with a friend's sperm. His son, Miles, was due to join the family in March. "Ever since I was three months pregnant, the kids have been asking how many days until the baby comes," Moore says.

The experience hasn't been without struggle. Before the family moved to California, they lived in Las Cruces, N.M., a fast-growing town with big skies and, according to Moore, big biases. Moore initially wanted to keep his pregnancy a secret, fearing the reactions of his neighbors. "I never wanted to go anywhere by myself," he says. His anxiety kept him indoors instead of running the usual pregnancy errands, buying the avocados that became his most consistent craving, and shopping for baby clothes.

Eventually, Moore and Thomas decided to move to Weed, a town of 3,000 people near the Klamath Mountains of Northern California. That's where Thomas was born and raised, and his deep roots in the community mean that while the couple still face some perplexed looks, they also "know who to trust and who not to trust," Moore says.

The new surroundings also brought Moore something else he'd been looking for: a doctor. Because of the lack of awareness surrounding pregnancy among transgender men, finding someone to guide him through this pregnancy has posed major difficulties. "Tom and I called every doctor in New Mexico, and that's not an exaggeration," Moore says. "The second they found out that I was a man who was pregnant, they'd laugh like it was a joke and hang up the phone, or they would suddenly not be taking new patients, even though they had been just a few minutes before." Part of Moore's decision to go public with his story is to remove the stigma for other transgender men who need medical care. He's hopeful that the more men come out about their pregnancies, the more doctors will be willing to take on patients like him. "There's still just so much uncertainty, so much confusion." he says.

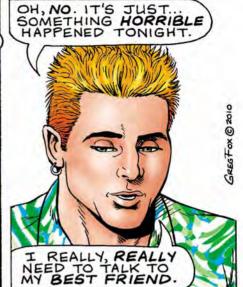
Medical issues aside, Moore also has faced scrutiny from the LGBT community—largely via online comments posted in reaction to articles about his pregnancy. Hardest to take has been the judgment of other transgender men who say that Moore "isn't really a man" but just another pregnant woman who has spent some time on hormones. This doesn't make any sense to Moore, who sees his pregnancy as the mark of an exceptional manhood. "I can do something with my body that not a lot of other men can do," he says proudly. "For once, I might even be lucky to be transgender."

And while some days are about standing proud and strong in the face of criticism, others are simply consumed with navigating the final weeks of a long pregnancy. Moore may be living a life at the edge of what's possible in the public consciousness. But he also worries about the difficult hours of labor ahead, enduring cravings that change every few days (though Mexican pizza has never been one of them; "I made Tom eat that," he says) and looking forward with joy and excitement to welcoming baby Miles into the world. Scott beams at the thought: "We are counting down the days."

Kyle's Bed & BREAKfAST by Greg Fox







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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake

Your father is in the hospital in serious condition after his car accident on the freeway. The car flipped three times and he has three broken ribs, numerous cuts and bruises, and a broken leg. You family and friends gather

by his bedside and give him their love and support. You find a moment to ask your father where he put your tool box that you loaned him. Not exactly a high priority on anyone's list in the room. Rewind and try something more appropriate. What are your priorities in your life?

You have high cholesterol and the doctor has been scolding you to take your medication and watch your diet. Dunkin' Donuts, McDonalds, Burger King, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Pizza Hut adorn your food schedule this week. At least you're takin' the meds your doctor prescribed! Where are your priorities? Your big toe joint is killing you! Another bout with your gout! Alcohol is a major contributor to this painful ailment. Water, rest, and some aspirin should soothe the flames of fire OR a three hour bar tab could be just the remedy for this condition. Where are your priorities?

Work starts early tomorrow. You are responsible for opening the office at 6AM for the corporate big wigs in from New York. There won't be much traffic but you'll still need to be up at 4:30AM to make it all happen. The movie starts at 9:45PM and then there's the stop at the Starbucks for a nightcap. It all ends just after midnight and it's in bed by 1AM. My mathematical skills tell me that's 3.5 hours of sleep. Where are your priorities?

The weekend festivities include the baseball game, the wedding reception, Oktoberfest, the neighborhood block party, and the round of golf with the buddies. You've had this terrible cold for a few days and it seems to be getting worse. You are coughing, sneezing, aching, and feeling fatigued. A weekend of rest should have you ready to head into the workweek refreshed. Where are your priorities?

That spot on your forehead has been changing colors and certainly appears to be growing larger each week. Arizona has the second highest incidence of skin cancer in the world. You've lived in Phoenix for twenty years and haven't really used that stuff called sunscreen. A trip to the doctor would just mean you'd have to forego something out of your normal routine. Where are your priorities?

You are 80 pounds over what is height-weight appropriate for you. The dog can walk himself in the fenced-in backyard. The lawn can be mowed by the neighbor kid. The dart league, the bowling league, the book club, the Elks Club meetings, and open-night poetry reading at the local coffee shop in lieu of working out at the gym. Where are your priorities? I'm just a simple man with a simple plan! I'm also a priority man with a priority plan! I want to live a healthy and happy life for many years. With a goal like that it isn't difficult to get my priorities in place.

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who

matriculates into a new sunrise each day. This graduate of sunshine is Ron Blake and you can send him a beam of warmth at rblake5551@hotmail.com.



NOVEMBER @ THE MAX



FRIDAY NOV 5TH - 7pm

MEN'S NIGHT
AMATEUR STRIP CONTEST
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5UNDAY NOV 1TH - 10pmThe Roast of Anna Roixa

5UNDAY NOV 14TH - 9pm ICON's Annual Food4Thought

SUNDAY NOV 215T - 9pm

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