



## Tasmanian Premier Supports Motion for Same-Sex Marriage

By Winston Gieseke

The head of Tasmania's executive government endorses same-sex marriage but says she won't "go it alone."

According to The Australian, Premier Lara Giddings supports a parliamentary motion urging Australia's federal government to legalize marriage equality, but says the state won't officially change the definition of marriage until the rest of the Australian Labor Party is on board.



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On Tuesday, a measure in state parliament calling on the federal government to amend the Marriage Act was tabled despite the efforts of the Tasmanian Green party, who have repeatedly tried legalize marriage in Tasmania.

"I can say that there is strong support for this within the parliamentary Labor party, as there is within the state branch of the Australian Labor Party," Ms. Giddings said, adding that she will not move to legalize same-sex marriage but hopes the Prime Minister will take the Tasmanian government's position on board.

"What I'd certainly say to the Prime Minister in that respect is that it is important to listen to what Tasmanians are saying. But we of course are not the decision makers in relation to this, the Prime Minister has to articulate the views of the Australian views as a whole."

A recent survey says that 59% of Tasmanians support same-sex marriage.

## DADT is Dead

By Andrew Harmon

The military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the one described in 1993 by President Bill Clinton as "an honorable compromise" that eventually destroyed thousands of careers, ended Tuesday at 12:01 a.m., nine months after Congress repealed the law.

Though September 20, 2011 may be remembered as much as a nonevent for the nation's armed forces as it is a landmark day for equality, an official military memorandum on the end of DADT distributed Monday is striking nonetheless:



"From this day forward, gay and lesbian soldiers may serve in our Army with the dignity and respect they deserve," Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh and Army officials wrote (see a PDF of the letter here). "For over 236 years, the U.S. Army has been an extraordinary force for good in the world. Our soldiers



are the most agile, adaptable and capable warriors in history — and we are ready for this change."

Lawmakers and defense officials will mark the occasion Tuesday without considerable pomp and circumstance. At

12:30 p.m. eastern time, a bipartisan group of senators instrumental to passage of "don't ask, don't tell" legislation — Sens. Carl Levin, Kirsten Gillibrand, Susan Collins, Mark Udall, and Joseph Lieberman — will be joined by representatives from

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Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, Human Rights Campaign, and Outserve, whose co-director, known up to this point as J.D. Smith, has revealed his identity as Josh Seefried, a finance officer in the Air Force and 2009 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"I personally felt it was important to come out of the closet on Day 1 to show that sexual orientation in the military will truly be a nonissue," Seefried said. "Overseas we have seen that some militaries still do not have people that feel comfortable coming out with their sexual orientation, even years after the policy has changed. I hope that by coming out, along with the other military members who chose to come out publicly in the pages of our magazine, help to show our military was ready for this change."

Later on Tuesday afternoon, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta will also hold a news conference at the Pentagon to discuss repeal.

The Associated Press reported Monday that the Defense Department had begun accepting applications from gay recruits, to be processed directly after the ban is lifted. "No one should be left with the impression that we are unprepared. We are prepared for repeal," Pentagon press secretary George Little said Monday.

Gay service member advocacy groups and their allies struck a justifiably victorious tone Monday evening, with countdown celebrations held throughout the country. "[T]hanks to the persistent hard work of unwavering advocates, especially those who have been directly impacted by this issue, and some courageous politicians over the past six years, Don't Ask, Don't Tell is now history," Servicemembers United executive director Alex Nicholson said in a statement. "As a result, those who continue to serve can sleep easier tonight knowing that they can no longer be arbitrarily fired because of their sexual orientation. Justice has prevailed and don't ask, don't tell is dead. God bless America."

SLDN executive director Aubrey Sarvis said, "Our work is far from done, but today we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of our patriots as we look forward to a new era of military service - one that honors the contributions of all qualified Americans who have served or who wish to serve."

Religious and social conservative groups who have worked to

undermine repeal at every step remain defiant, however. "Tomorrow, the U.S. military becomes a tool in reshaping social attitudes regarding human sexuality," Family Research Council president Tony Perkins said in a Monday statement. "Using the military to advance a liberal social agenda will only do harm to the military's ability to fulfill its mission."

## Foo Fighters Sing About Tolerance Before Westboro Protesters

By Jeremy Kinser

The Foo Fighters warmed up for a concert in Kansas City, Missouri last Friday by performing on a rolling rig before a group of Westboro Baptist Church picketers, who at first seemed unaware of the band was making fun of them, reports Huffington Post.

Members of the hate-spewing Westboro congregation were picketing before a concert of the band, led by Dave Grohl, which recently released a very NSFW homoerotic video for their faux-country song "Keep It Clean (Hot Buns)."

The band, long noted for its playful sensibility, dressed in the redneck truckers costumes from their video, rolled on to the street across from the protesters and began to perform the song on the back of a rig adorned with U.S. flags. The Fred Phelps

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followers seem to think a group of unanticipated allies have arrived until they hear lyrics such as "I'm in the mood for hot man-muffin."



Their confusion ended when during a break in the song, Grohl announced, "God Bless America! It takes all kinds. I don't care if you're black or white or purple or green, whether you're Pennsylvanian or Transylvanian, Lady Gaga or Lady Antebellum. Men loving women and women loving men and men loving men and women loving women — you all know we like to watch that. But what I'd like to say is, God Bless America, y'all!"

## Jamey Rodemeyer, 14, Dies in Suicide

By Lucas Grindley

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"I always say how bullied I am, but no one listens," he wrote on September 9. "What do I have to do so people will listen to me?"

In May, he was on a high after coming out to friends, and he pointed to the support from people online as the reason it gets better.

"I have so much support from people I don't even know online," he told the camera. "They don't ever want me to die."

Reaction on Tumblr has been of shock and sadness.

"Jamey Rodemeyer is dead? I've followed him on Tumblr since I made mine," wrote one person. "I can't believe this. I don't even know what to say. Although I didn't know him in real life, it's hard to cope with his suicide."

"He lived 45 minutes away from me," another said. "It kills me  
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### About BUG

This serio-comic psycho-thriller set in a seedy Oklahoma motel follows the story of Agnes, a lonely waitress with a tragic past. Her lesbian co-worker, R.C., introduces Agnes to Peter, a peculiar, paranoid drifter, and they begin a tentative romance. However, things aren't always as they appear and Agnes is about to experience a claustrophobic nightmare reality as the bugs begin to arrive . . .





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to think that not even one person could stand up for this kid."

Rodemeyer said in his It Gets Better video that he was being taunted in the hallways of his school.

"I felt like I could never escape it," said Rodemeyer, who claimed Lady Gaga as his inspiration for keeping his head held high.

Dan Savage reacted to the news on his blog, calling for those "who tormented this vulnerable kid" to "be held to account — not bullied themselves, not prosecuted or persecuted, but held to account — for their actions, for their hate, for the harm they've caused."



The It Gets Better project was founded to help kids get through times like Rodemeyer faced.

"The point of the 'It Gets Better' project is to give kids like

Jamey Rodemeyer hope for their futures. But sometimes hope isn't enough," Savage wrote. "Sometimes the damage done by hate and by haters is simply too great. Sometimes the future seems too remote. And those are the times our hearts break."

In other videos from Rodemeyer, he talks about gay people being called "disgusting" by other students in class, about his belief that same-sex marriage should be legal, and about how Lady Gaga is "the reason why I am alive."

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# Assurances of Equality in a Post-DADT World

By Andrew Harmon

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen pictured.

The White House, military officials, and lawmakers who voted to end “don’t ask, don’t tell” celebrated today’s official repeal as a historic moment that will better the integrity of the nation’s armed forces.



The many details of a post-repeal world — how the military will handle harassment issues, how to bring parity to gay service members and their families in the face of the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act — were better left for another day, however, judging by some responses in news conferences on both sides of the Potomac.

This morning, President Obama, who is in New York at the United Nations for a first-ever meeting with Libya’s transitional leader, praised gays and lesbians in uniform and said to those who were discharged as a result of the 1993 law, “your country deeply values your service.”

“For more than two centuries, we have worked to extend America’s promise to all our citizens,” Obama said in a statement. “Our armed forces have been both a mirror and a catalyst of that progress, and our troops, including gays and lesbians, have given their lives to defend the freedoms and liberties that we cherish as Americans.” Obama said the day was a step “toward fulfilling our nation’s founding ideals.” (Read the full statement here.)

Repeal of DADT does not provide for benefits equity, and no new regulations or policies to rectify that situation were announced Tuesday. Pentagon officials have said that DOMA bars them from extending certain spousal and dependent benefits to gay service members that their straight counterparts are afforded.

“We follow the law here ... And we’re going to follow [DOMA] as long as it exists,” Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen said Tuesday in response to a reporter’s question on unequal benefits for gay service members. “Certainly we’re aware there are benefits which do accrue to this change very specifically and directly that went into effect last night at midnight, and there are others ... [where] there will not be any change.”

Potential harassment against openly gay service members in the absence of explicit protections in military nondiscrimination policy would be dealt with appropriately, said Defense Secretary Leon Panetta during a news conference with Mullen at the Pentagon.

“We have a zero tolerance with regards to harassment,” Panetta said. “And my hope is that ... the standard disciplines that are in place will ensure that harassment doesn’t take place, and that all behavior is consistent with the discipline and the best interests of our military.”

Speaking at what will likely be his last news conference with Panetta before he retires on October 1, Mullen said in prepared remarks, “Today is really about every man and woman who serves this country, every man and woman in uniform, regardless of how they define themselves. And tomorrow, they’ll all get up, they’ll all go to work, and they’ll all be able to do that work honestly. And their fellow citizens will be safe from harm. And that’s all that really matters.”

Following the Pentagon press conference, Defense Department general counsel Jeh Johnson and Vee Penrod, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for personnel and readiness, addressed some issues that have arisen during the post-repeal process. One is the question of whether military chaplains are allowed to officiate same-sex weddings in their official capacities, and in on-base facilities in states where marriage equality currently exists. The Navy’s chief of chaplains, Rear Adm. Mark L. Tidd, issued guidance in April allowing for chaplains to do so, though military officials later suspended that guidance to conduct a legal review.

“We are very, very close to having a resolution of that issue, it’s something I’ve been working on myself,” Johnson said. Of Tidd’s guidance, Johnson said, “We pulled it back for further legal review and I think we’re pretty much done, and there should be something issued to the chaplain community and others very soon on that.”

Penrod also confirmed that service members who were separated under DADT and given less than an honorable discharge have the opportunity to change their discharge statuses (the majority of individuals who were discharged under DADT received honorable discharges). “Through the Boards for Correction of Military Records, they do have the opportunity to correct that,” she said.

Earlier today, a bipartisan group of senators — Joseph Lieberman, Kirsten Gillibrand, Susan Collins, Mark Udall, Carl Levin, and Chris Coons — stood alongside gay and lesbian service members at a Capitol news conference. The lawmakers were among the 65 senators who voted for repeal of the 1993 law, though only half in attendance at the press conference (Gillibrand, Coons, and Udall) have signed onto repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act.

Lieberman indicated his support for repealing DOMA — at least in part, as far as its prohibition of federal benefits to married same-sex couples goes.

Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that House efforts to weaken DADT repeal while broadening the reach of DOMA would be strongly opposed in the Senate.

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# Youthfulness and Your Mental Health

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I recently turned 56 and am damned proud of it. I have my share of wrinkles and gray hair, but I FEEL youthful and healthy. I'd like to share some of what works for me - and my clients - in hopes it will be useful to you too:

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**Notice what you eat.** Try this Zen "paying attention" exercise. Only eat when you are really paying attention to what you're eating. For most of us, we can only eat about 3 bites before we start to zone out. When that happens, stop and refocus. Come back to the present moment: what are you eating? Do you really taste it? This works particularly well with desserts. For me, after the first 3 bites, I'm usually over my "craving" and can leave the rest alone. This exercise alone helped me kick an ice cream "addiction".

**Sit still for a minute or two whenever you can.** It'll calm you down and lower your blood pressure.

**Be a little "goofy":** let go of the "seriousness" of life. About 5% of things are seriously important, the other 95% aren't. Can you laugh at silly things you do? Try it and watch your blood pressure drop and that crease in your forehead disappear.

**Cultivate friendships with 2-3 people who really love you.** 2-3 really good friends is all you really need in life. Do you have someone you can call at 2AM to take you to the ER, or someone who will come over ASAP if your lover dumps you? If not, then you need to develop a couple of close friends. It takes time and energy, don't kid yourself. Close friendships unfold over time...but your intention matters: make an effort to be around people you really love and see who you grow close to.

When in doubt, try moderation: a little dessert, one glass of wine, one morning to lie in bed, one afternoon to do nothing but read magazines...moderation is a wonderful thing. Living in the extremes is exhausting.

**Keep exercising your brain:** If you keep doing the same old stuff over-and-over...no wonder you're bored. Take a class or learn a new sport or skill: cultivating new skills is like aerobics for your self-esteem. You need new challenges to master to stay youthful.

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Several amendments in the House defense authorization bill passed in June focus on DADT and DOMA, including one by Missouri Rep. Todd Akin that would bar same-sex weddings on military facilities.

"We have several members of the Armed Services Committee here today. We will fight against those amendments and do everything we can to make sure that they don't appear either in the senate bill or on the floor," as well as in conference committee for the bill, Levin told The Advocate.

Collins, one of eight Republicans to vote for repeal, read from a postcard recently sent to her from a gay active-duty service member to thank the junior senator from Maine for her vote. The text of the postcard, as read Tuesday by Collins:

*Senator Collins,*

*I will still be deployed in Afghanistan on 20 September when "don't ask, don't tell" is finally repealed. It will take a huge burden off my shoulders. A combat zone is stressful enough on its own. Thank you for your courage in favor of repeal as a Republican. I will repay your courage with continued professionalism.*

*An Army Soldier*

"It is so poignant that he could not sign his name," Collins said.

A spokeswoman for President Bill Clinton, who signed the bill

into law in 1993 as an "honorable compromise" but told CBS's Katie Couric last year that he regretted how the policy has been used to justify witch hunts of gay service members, declined to issue a statement Tuesday on the repeal of DADT.

## Fair Opportunity, Greater Effort

Joe Sestak, a decorated retired admiral and former congressman from Pennsylvania, tells us why the repeal of DADT gives him hope for America.

By Joe Sestak, Advocate op-ed contributor

On September 20, "don't ask, don't tell" will be repealed by the Defense Department, and from today forward all Americans will finally be able to serve in our military, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation. As a young Navy captain, I was asked by the admiral I worked for what I thought of DADT when it became official policy during the Clinton administration. I now think ruefully about my reply: that I soon expected DADT to be overturned by the Supreme Court on the basis of discrimination. Over the years, I remember a number of instances when a young sailor would approach me to let me know he was gay, intent upon no longer living a lie, and wishing I could say, "Please don't tell me, you're too good and I don't want to lose you."



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## Bandits Captured in Florida

By Diane Anderson-Minshall

I had been to war for our nation with such sailors; how could I come home and not believe they deserved equal rights from the country for which they had fought with the same common purpose as their shipmates? But that wasn't the only reason I co-sponsored the legislation to repeal DADT when I later became a congressman from Pennsylvania. I also did it for the betterment of our military.

I came to understand in the Navy that the best part of our nation's character is that America has always been driven by an alliance of rugged individualism and common enterprise; by people striving for their individual achievement, but never measuring it apart from the greater effort. Ours is the first nation founded on principle, not power. But our nation is built upon the belief that individual principles — freedom, suffrage, civil rights, equality — are not attained until they extend to all. It is the success of this long struggle to embody the vision set by our founders for everyone that makes our nation — our military — so powerful. It is the recognition that a fair opportunity for all ensures even greater service to our common effort, our common purpose.

Shortly after arriving in the Indian Ocean during the war in Afghanistan, I launched attack planes from the aircraft carrier of my battle group, one of which had a young woman pilot. Over Afghanistan that night, she disregarded a standing order not to dive low without permission. U.S. Special Forces had been ambushed by the Taliban; four were dead and she felt there was no time to ask permission to save the rest. She immediately dove and strafed the enemy, and in her covering fire, the remaining men extracted their dead and themselves.

When I joined up during the Vietnam era, there were no women on aircraft carriers, never mind flying attack aircraft off them. Because women were later given an individual opportunity to achieve all they might desire in our Navy, our common mission that night in Afghanistan was better and saved U.S. soldiers.

My belief in the repeal of DADT is based upon my experience of the conviction that the more people given a fair opportunity for their own achievement means a greater effort for the common purpose of America. I saw during my 31 years in the Navy that America's success is born out of the basic idea that everyone should contribute to their fullest and should be given the tools and opportunity to do so. This simple notion has been the bedrock of our achievement, where shared opportunity is shared attainment.

This is why today is important: once again we've looked into the national mirror and said "we are better than that." And it is why no one should ever sell short the character of Americans, with our enormous capacity to change and grow for the better. Our courage to face the truth about the need to live up to our best ideals is why America will — despite any challenge — always grow stronger and move forward as one, united nation.

Joe Sestak was an admiral in the U.S. Navy, and a congressman (PA-07) from 2007 until 2010, when he ran for the U.S. Senate. Follow Sestak on Twitter at @JoeSestak and on Facebook.

A trio of drag queen bandits who've been accused of stealing "thousands of dollars of filmy fabrics, sequins, feather boas, and other accessories" from stores across Florida have been apprehended, according to the Orlando Sentinel.

"It's a whole gang of drag queens," said Amanda Marshall, manager of Jo-Ann Fabrics in Orlando, after police arrested three suspects Sept. 18. "They were real upset when the police made them take their wigs off."

All three cross-dressing shoplifters had been spotted pilfering items from fabric and craft stores in the region. At the time of their arrest, one man had stuffed his man bag with five packs of black feathers, two packs of red feathers, two packs of red lace gloves, two packs of black red lace gloves, eyelashes, five bra pads, five butt pads, five gel inserts as well as three handbags, two boas, three pairs of costume glasses, and 10 bandannas.

"They'd come in and order yards of fabric at up to \$39.99 a yard, stuff it in their man purses and leave without paying," Marshall said. "Oh, gosh, they could wipe out a whole section of boas in seconds..."



According to police reports, Demitri Marsh, 19, swore at a Jo-Ann clerk and threatened to "cut her" before fleeing. Marsh, Renford Patterson, 18, and Antonio Webb, 22, were all charged with felony retail theft of merchandise.

## Marauding Gang of Drag Queen



# 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 4:00PM - 6:00PM  
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, Coffee-house 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 ANONYMOUS** 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 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, NE.

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY**

**CHURCH OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am & 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 714-8552

**RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE,** 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

**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, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

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

**Every Tuesday**  
**HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE,** meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [anderson@hastings.edu](mailto:anderson@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at [jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto:jsandeen@hastings.edu) for further information.

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT 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 (402-804-8720)

**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 Saloon

**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**  
**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 info email [outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com)

**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

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday**  
**HEARTLAND PRIDE,** meeting 1st Monday of each month at Element Hotel, Omaha.



Email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org), or PO Box 8273, Omaha, NE 68106

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

**FREE RAPID HIV TESTING**, 8pm to 10pm at Flix Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit [www.nap.org](http://www.nap.org) for more info

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

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

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

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

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, at 7:00 pm. See [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)

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

**SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN** 12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library [info@inclusivelife.org](mailto:info@inclusivelife.org) and on Facebook

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

**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 6:30pm to 9pm, Country-side Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

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

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

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

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NE**, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://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](mailto:jsandeen@inebraska.com) or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

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

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

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**BCA 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA**, Not currently meeting.

**Email Your Event to:**  
**GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

## Where Am I?

A man, while playing on the front nine of a complicated golf course became confused as to where he was on the course. Looking around, he saw a lady playing ahead of him. He walked up to her, explained his confusion and asked her if she knew what hole he was playing.

"I'm on the 7th hole," she replied, "and you are a hole behind me. So you must be on the 6th hole."

He thanked her and went back to his golf. On the back nine, the same thing happened and he approached her again with the same request.

"I'm on number 14, and you're still a hole behind, so you must be on the 13th hole." Once again he thanked her and returned to his play.

He finished his round and went to the clubhouse where he saw the same lady sitting at the end of the bar.

He asked the bartender if he knew the lady. The bartender said that she was a sales lady and played the course often.

He approached her and said, "Let me buy you a drink in appreciation for your help. I understand that you're in the sales profession. I'm in sales, also. What do you sell?" "I'll tell you, but you're going to laugh," she replied.

"No, I won't."

"Well, if you must know," she answered, "I work for Tampax."

With that, he laughed so hard he lost his balance and fell off the bar stool.

"See," she said. "I knew you'd laugh!"

"That's not what I'm laughing at," he replied, "I'm a salesman for Preparation H, so I'm still a hole behind you."

## IDIOT SIGHTING

The spotlight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged coworker of mine when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?"

## Speeding in Florida

A Florida senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership.

Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. "Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-75, pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a Florida State Trooper, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this!" and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the Corvette. He looked at his watch, then said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding--a reason I've never before heard--I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused then said: "Three years ago, my wife ran off with a Florida State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, Sir," replied the trooper.



# 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>

**Camp Kindle**, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, [www.CampKindle.org](http://www.CampKindle.org)

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Diamond Foundation**, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/[www.diamond-foundation.org](http://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](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First Unitarian Church**, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, [www.firstuomaha.org](http://www.firstuomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://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 (402-804-8720)

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

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

**GOglbt Professionals**, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: [GOglbt@cfep-ne.org](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

**Heartland Pride**  
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org)

**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, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**Inclusive Life**  
402-575-7006 [www.inclusivelife.org](http://www.inclusivelife.org)  
Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

**Learning to Exchange Power**, no current info available

**Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** not currently meeting

**LinOma Bares**, for more Info email [linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org)  
Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday  
Worship 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed.  
Worship at 7pm

**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 Pride IDOL**, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, [www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://www.prairiewindzen.org) GLBT inclusive

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

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

**Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page**  
<http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org](http://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](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUTLinc**, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, [www.outlinc.org](http://www.outlinc.org)

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

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter**, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

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

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

**Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations**  
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See [www.rainbowpride.org](http://www.rainbowpride.org) for info

**River City Gender Alliance**, for info see [www.rivercitygenderalliance.org](http://www.rivercitygenderalliance.org)

**River City Mixed Bowling** Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267,

Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH**, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, [www.secondunitarianomaha.org](http://www.secondunitarianomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

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

**Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.)** Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to [info@yesomaha.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflagcornhusker.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](mailto:sindu.s@gmail.com)

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

**Spiritual Friends of Lincoln**  
Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln  
[info@inclusivelife.org](mailto:info@inclusivelife.org) and on FaceBook

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

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

## Did Chaz Bono Pull It Off?

By Jeremy Kinser

Chaz Bono appeared confident, unfazed by detractors, and proved to be adept on his feet while performing the cha-cha with Lacey Schwimmer on last night's Dancing With The Stars.

ABC let audience anticipation build for Bono and Schwimmer as the couple was the last to perform. The judges were generally complementary. The pair earned 17 points out of a possible 30.



Bono earned higher marks from his mother as Cher tweeted approval of her son's previously untapped dancing skill. After watching the live feed, she sent a message via Twitter that read, "WOW ! HOW GREAT WAS MY SON THE GREATEST THING, GREATEST THING, GREATEST THING NO MATTER WHAT! WHAT! WHAT!" HE'S A WINNER! I Was So Nervous."

Cher's nerves didn't surprise her son. "My family hasn't seen this side of me before," Bono tells People magazine. "I was nervous going into it, but I was also excited. I think it went pretty well. There were certain little things that I messed up or didn't do, but it was good and it was fun. I had a good time doing it."

Bono remains pragmatic about changing the minds of the show's conservative viewers, who threatened to boycott because he is transgender. "There are certain people who are never going to change their view about anything that's out of their comfort zone," he says. "I went out there and did the best I could for all the people who have been supporting me. I've received tremendous support from people."

Attorney Gloria Allred kept her promise to attend a viewing party at Micky's, a gay nightclub in West Hollywood, to counter-protest conservatives who feel Bono is a bad influence on impressionable viewers. TMZ posted footage from the event that shows Allred dancing with activist Robin Tyler and entertainer Calpernia Addams, among others.

A special meet-the-cast episode of Dancing With The Stars will air prior to the live results show tonight. To learn how to vote for Bono and Schwimmer, [click here](#).

Watch Bono and Schwimmer immediately below and Allred further below. Let us know what you think Chaz's cha-cha in the comments section.

## 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	
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# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

SO, KRISTIAN... I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOUR LIFE IN JAMAICA, BUT...  
...YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN MUCH ABOUT THIS WHITE AMERICAN FATHER OF YOURS.

HE IS A COMMERCIAL AIRLINE PILOT, RICHARD. HE MET MY MOTHER BRIEFLY ON A LAYOVER IN KINGSTON.

DEY CERTAINLY DID NOT PLAN TO HAVE A CHILD, BUT...

...NINE MONTHS LATER, I ARRIVED.

I SEE.

I HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIM GROWING UP. HOWEVER...

...DE ONE THING HE DID GIVE ME... U.S. CITIZENSHIP... MAY HAVE SAVED MY LIFE.

ANYWAY...I'D BEST BE OFF TO WORK NOW.

HOW WERE YOUR WAFFLES, KRISTIAN?

DEY WERE... INTERESTING, BREYER.

DON'T WORRY. KYLE WILL BE BACK TOMORROW.

KYLE TOOK HIS MOTHER TO THE DOCTOR AGAIN?

YEAH, BUT...IT'S JUST A ROUTINE CHECK-UP. SHE'S OKAY.

HOW ABOUT US, BREYER? ARE WE OKAY?

YOU'VE BARELY SAID A WORD TO ME SINCE I MOVED BACK IN.

RICHARD...

MY MOTHER IS STILL WONDERING WHY YOU DIDN'T COME HOME WITH ME FOR PASSOVER THIS YEAR.

I DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL HER YOU DESPISE ME NOW.

I DON'T DESPISE YOU, RICHARD. AND I'M ALWAYS GOING TO BE GRATEFUL TO YOU...FOR GETTING ME IN TOUCH WITH MY JEWISH SIDE.

THAT MEANS A LOT TO ME.

SO...THERE'S A CHANCE YOU'LL COME FOR PASS-OVER NEXT YEAR?

A GOOD CHANCE.

AND DOES THIS MEAN WE'RE FRIENDS AGAIN?

YEAH, I SUPPOSE IT DOES.

THEN LET'S DISCUSS YOUR OUTFIT.

OY...



# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



drinking, and sleeping guy. That present participle guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at [rblake5551@hotmail.com](mailto:rblake5551@hotmail.com).

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness. Several weeks ago, my doctor stood before me and said he had the answers that could indeed make my life the best of times by giving me suggestions on lowering my blood pressure sans any medication. His welcome wisdom cast light upon me and sent my shadows of foolishness scattering. Allow me the chance to share his healthy advice as I begin with my blood pressure at 148/94.

The good doc suggested just listening to my favorite music while driving in my new Xterra at any time. He did not think it wise for me to honk and gesture at reckless drivers. I also noticed his suggestions did not include texting, Angry Birds indulgence, or wildly weaving in and out of traffic to make my appointments. He wanted me to just drive, smile, and listen to the radio. 144/92

My pal of a physician proposed eliminating any show of rage toward my neighbor who thinks outside the lines. The guy in 640G thinks that lines exist for all those other people in our building's parking garage. He often uses two spaces in finding that perfect resting spot for his Toyota and I frequently wake to find our cars cuddled together in a car conundrum that doesn't easily allow me access to my driver's side door. My physician told me to let it just slide; it isn't worth the frustration! 140/90

My man of medicine did not find it necessary for me to react so angrily to my cell phone. Yes, it freezes up and will not operate at the most inopportune times. Yes, it has dropped numerous phone calls from some people of interest at times of importance in my life. Yes, it has decided to just take a walk on the wild side when I just want it to walk with me in perfect harmony! No! An inanimate object from T-Mobile should not allow me to see red anymore says Dr. Feelgood! 134/84

"Don't hold grudges," was the short but profound advice that gently met my ears next. My general practitioner has been in the medical field for twenty years and he was not able to tell me of one healthy grudge he had encountered in those two decades. Forgive, forget, and move on with what matters most in your life: happiness! 128/82

Furthermore, my doctor wanted me to be ready for what was likely to come next in my life...the unknown. Life is completely unscripted and full of impromptu moments. Be ready for the broken water heater at 7AM, the loss of power before the big game, or the sick puppy in the middle of the night. Be ready for anything and take it all in stride. 120/80

A blood pressure reading of 120/80 is what you should aspire to achieve. Thanks again Doc for all the words of wisdom! Medication is not always the answer to our medical problems. Make some small but notable changes in your everyday life. It can either be the spring of hope or the winter of despair; start a revolution. Your blood pressure awaits your decision.

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"An Evening at the Max"  
Presented by MCC

**SUNDAY, 2ND - 9PM**  
"Miss Gay Omaha" Pageant  
Presented by Jen Jett

**SATURDAY, 8TH - 7PM**  
"Trevor Project Fundraiser"  
Presented by Rob Hickman

**SUNDAY, 9TH - 10PM**  
"MAX Turnabout Show"

**THURSDAY, 13TH**  
"Manhunt"  
with Brent Corrigan

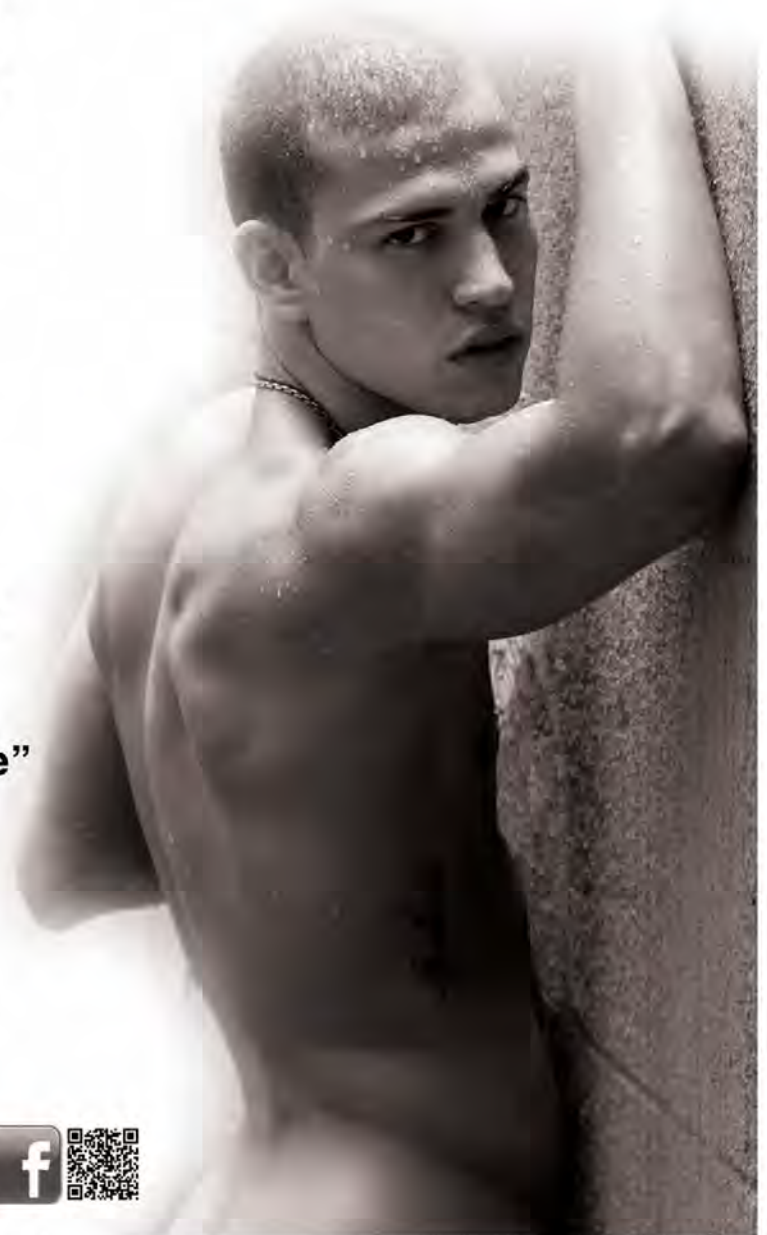
**SATURDAY, 15TH - 7PM**  
"Breast Cancer Show"  
Presented by Phoebe DuVet

**SUNDAY, 16TH - 10PM**  
"There is Still Work to Be Done"  
Presented by Rusty 10pm

**SUNDAY, 23RD - 10PM**  
"Suicide Girls"  
Presented by Miss MAX 27  
Tharin Crase

**SUNDAY, 30TH - 10PM**  
"Camp Kindle  
Christmas Show"

**MONDAY, 31ST**  
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Costume Contest



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