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HRC Equality Bus Thank You

It's hard to believe that the weekend is behind us. On behalf of the Human Rights Campaign, I am writing to say THANK YOU for making this weekend's festivities wonderful. Without your active participation and promotion, we would not have been able to promote and advance our collective efforts to equality.



The HRC Bus parked in front of The Max

Last night, we concluded our Nebraska tour at the University of Nebraska's Big Red Welcome. It was wonderful to see so many students open to our priorities. It was a great way to wrap up an amazing weekend of activities. We are grateful to you for your energy and many, many efforts on our behalf. In particular, I want to thank Jeff Schamp and Citizens for Equal Protection for being wonderful partners and hosts.

As you may have read in the Omaha World Herald, we released a poll on Friday that clearly shows that Nebraskans — and Omahans in particular — support equality. I thought you might be interested in these so I pass them along for your use.

Once again, MANY THANKS.

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2nd Annual Neighborhood Night Out at MCC Omaha

On Tuesday, August 2, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha partnered with the Imperial Court of Nebraska to host its second annual Neighborhood Night Out Celebration. 300 of our neighbors enjoyed music, free food, games and activities for the children, professional clowns, and an inflatable bouncy.



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Among the guests for the evening activities were Mayor Jim Suttle and Police Chief Alex Hays. This community effort brought together 47 volunteers from MCC Omaha, the Imperial Court of Nebraska and the general community along with several volunteers from Target Stores who played games with the children and distributed Target gift cards. Music was provided by DJ Jim Kaup.

Thanks to the generosity of the Imperial Court of Nebraska who donated \$500 to purchase school supplies and of generous donors from MCC's congregation and community donors such as Jan Ritterbush, and State Senator Gwen Howard, MCC was able to distribute 50 backpacks to neighborhood children on the weekend before the Neighborhood Nite Out and then distribute over 1100 items of school supplies to over 120 children and youth.



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The next family event at MCC Omaha will be a family picnic on September 11 which will be held on the church grounds following the 11:15 Sunday Service. This picnic will feature a potluck dinner (main course provided by MCC), and games and activities for children, youth, and adults willing to participate. A special feature will give the young people the opportunity to take part in making "homemade ice cream."

If Bachmann Ever Needs a VP Huntsman Says He'd Do It

By Lucas Grindley

Maybe Jon Huntsman doesn't think the rest of the Republican presidential field is so "fringe" after all.

The former Utah governor had aggressively tried to separate himself this week from others in the race. He criticized Rick Perry on secession and for denying climate change. Of Michele Bachmann's promise to reduce the price of gas to below \$2, he said while on ABC's This Week, "I just don't know what world that comment would come from."

But Monday, Huntsman told Piers Morgan that he would "absolutely" sign up to be in Bachmann's orbit, wherever it


might be.



Jon Huntsman, Michele Bachmann

"Every time I've been asked to serve over different administrations from Reagan to the two Bushes to President Obama, I have the same answer and that is: If you love this country, you serve her," Huntsman said, seeming to riff on his standard explanation for why he served a Democratic president. Huntsman had also lumped in Obama with the "people on the fringes," and yet he left his job as governor to join the administration as ambassador to China.

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(Huntsman Says He Would Be Bachman's VP, Continued from page 4)

Most presidential candidates won't engage in talk of being named vice president. And Morgan pointed out that the admission sounded like a signal of defeat, to which Huntsman responded by insisting the conversation had only been "hypothetical."

If Huntsman ever did get the chance to be Bachmann's vice president, his views on gay rights line up on same-sex marriage (he's against it) and repealing the Defense of Marriage Act (he calls it a "safeguard").

"I think we can do a better job in this country as it relates to equality and basic reciprocal beneficiary rights," he told Morgan. "I am in favor of traditional marriage. I don't think you can redefine it without getting in trouble. But I think along with that we can have civil unions. I think this country has arrived at a point in time when we can show a little more equality and respect."

Bachmann and Huntsman also agree on the states' right to define marriage, although Bachmann supports simultaneously trying to add a ban to the U.S. Constitution, while Huntsman does not.

"Leave it to the states," he said. "I think it is a state issue that ought to be driven by discussions in various states, and you've got the Defense of Marriage Act that basically is a safeguard that allows that to happen."

A Celebration of the Life of Rusty Colexi

Rusty Colexi passed away on Wednesday, August 17th in his home from natural causes. He was a long time member of the community and was a regular at happy hour at the Max.



There will be a brief Memorial service Sunday, August 28th at MCC church at 2:00pm for those who wish to mourn his passing. Please join the friends of Rusty Colexi as we celebrate his life on Sunday, August 28, 2011. The Max at 3:00pm on the patio.

GOProud Slams Gay Candidate for "Running Around With a Rainbow Flag"

By Lucas Grindley

GOProud is attacking Fred Karger, the first openly gay presidential candidate, by accusing him of "running around the country with a rainbow flag" instead of mounting a real campaign.

"Fred Karger is not a credible candidate," executive director Jimmy LaSalvia told the San Francisco Chronicle. "I would love for there to be an openly gay, credible candidate for president who was out there making a case for why they would be better than Barack Obama.

"Unfortunately, Fred Karger is playing a stunt, and his stunt has run its course. His whole shtick is ... running around the country with a rainbow flag, saying 'I'm the gay guy,' " LaSalvia reportedly said. "But he hasn't made a case about why he should be president of the United States."

The comments were made in an article about Karger being excluded from the upcoming California Republican Convention. Karger, a Californian, said he requested the chance to speak alongside candidates including Michele Bachmann and Ron Paul but was told there's no room in the schedule.

Karger has also been excluded from Republican presidential debates. He filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission because the Fox News Channel decided Karger had not qualified to be onstage in Iowa even after the candidate provided the five national polls the rules seemed to require.

The next debate is September 7 at the Reagan Presidential Library in California.



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N.C. Marriage Ban Supporter Wants the People to Decide

By Winston Gieseke

In response to a recent editorial in The Charlotte Observer that questions the need for a constitutional amendment restricting marriage rights in North Carolina, Tami Fitzgerald, executive director of N.C. Values Coalition, says the reason for the proposed measure is simply that the definition of marriage should be up to voters and not an "activist judge."

"Putting the marriage amendment on the ballot for the people to decide is the right thing to do," writes Fitzgerald, using an argument she repeats several times throughout her article. "It fulfills the democratic process by letting everyone vote."

"The people of North Carolina want to determine for themselves how they want to define marriage," she continues. "They don't want activist judges doing it for them."

The August 16 editorial to which Fitzgerald responded had posed the question, Since North Carolina already has an active law that defines marriage as a union of a man and woman, why are the state House and Senate bothering to spend time on a constitutional amendment that outlaws gay marriage?

Fitzgerald seems to be suggesting that it's simply for the satisfaction of voting: "Passing this amendment means that marriage will continue to be marriage between a man and a woman just as it has always been in our state. It's nothing more, nothing



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less than letting the people decide this fundamental issue.”

Which raises the question, What other existing laws should North Carolinians have the satisfaction of re-deciding?

Fitzgerald's piece also compares same-sex relationships to incest and pedophilia.

The Observer reports that legislators will return to Raleigh in September to consider the amendment. If three-fifths of the N.C. House and Senate support the measure, it will go on the ballot so citizens can have the pleasure of voting on it in 2012.

Parents of Mitrice Richardson: \$900,000 Settlement

By Andi Alexander

Nearly two years after their daughter's disappearance and subsequent death, the parents of Mitrice Richardson have reached a tentative agreement to settle their lawsuits against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for \$900,000, sources tell the Los Angeles Times.

Richardson's parents and many others have criticized the sheriff's department



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for its handling of the case. Richardson (pictured), a lesbian who was 24 at the time, went missing in September 2009 after being released by the sheriff's Malibu station in the middle of the night without her car, cell phone, or purse. She had been taken to the station after being unable to pay her bill at a Malibu restaurant and was found to be in possession of a small quantity of marijuana.

Some remains were found almost a year later in a remote Malibu Canyon ravine. An official from the coroner's office says police removed these bones without his approval, with the police reasoning that wild animals could have taken them if they had not done so, but the action may have been unlawful and possibly undermined the investigation, according to the Times. In June, while memorializing her daughter at the site, Richardson's mother found a finger bone, which led to the discovery of eight more bones in the area.

If the settlement is approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the money will be split between her parents, Latice Sutton and Michael Richardson. Still, Michael Richardson told the Times, "In my eyes, as the father, I didn't receive justice. My daughter's killer is still out there."

Proposed Gay Bar Near School Divides Locals

By Winston Gieseke

Plans to open a gay bar near a New York City school have outraged some locals, while others are left scratching their head at the controversy.

The owners of the popular gay watering hole Boxers in Chelsea have their eyes on a dilapidated building on Manhattan's west side that they plan to renovate and open as a bar.



Not everyone in the neighborhood is thrilled because the proposed site, in Hell's Kitchen, is near a school and a playground.

An attorney for the bar notes that "there are very specific rules and laws governing how far a 'liquor-licensed' establishment can be from a school or a church. We have investigated that — we've done some area surveys — and based upon what we've seen, so far we feel as though we are in compliance with the law."

One neighborhood resident told PIX 11 News that he didn't foresee a problem since schools and bars are typically not open during the same hours, while another local was quoted as saying, "I don't like it."

Still another, a woman identified as Carrie, said, "I have a son here and I would absolutely not object."

Residents pointed out that the neighborhood is already home to a restaurant that serves alcohol and a liquor store.

The Debt Crisis Impact on LGBT Home Buyers

Despite the downgrading of America's credit rating there is cause for gay and lesbian home buyers to feel somewhat optimistic. That's because LGBT buyers now have an even better chance of securing an extremely cheap mortgage to buy a home at price levels that are highly affordable. They also have the unprecedented advantage of knowing where prevailing interest rates are headed over the next 18 months, which can help them lock in a bargain mortgage rate with keen foresight.

The Silver Lining for LGBT Home Buyers

Mortgage rates had already been super low in recent weeks. But as ironic as it may seem, the recent USA credit downgrade has put additional downward pressure on mortgage rates — which will offer LGBT buyers even lower monthly house payments. Meanwhile the median price of residential properties has been tantalizingly affordable for many months.

The day after the markets tanked, for example, the Fed did something totally unexpected by publically announcing what it plans to do with interest rates for the next couple of years. The Fed is notoriously tight-lipped when it comes to revealing its forward-thinking strategies and policies, keeping that information top secret. But this time Fed Chairman Bernanke came right out and stated the Fed agenda for the next two years, declaring that rates will be kept extremely low all the way through 2013. That disclosure injected much-needed confidence into the financial markets and helped the stock market recover almost all of its losses. But it also set the stage for incredibly affordable mortgage rates within the coming months.

Fed Rates Influence Mortgage Rates

Rather than having to play a guessing game LGBT borrowers can now be reasonably certain that mortgage finance rates will remain highly affordable. That's the next best thing to having a mortgage market crystal ball. As a result, gay and lesbian buyers have a strong incentive to take advantage of some of the cheapest mortgage rates in history.

Normally a downgrade of America's credit rating would cause investors to dump their holdings of United States Treasury bonds, which would have the immediate effect of raising long-term interest rates. That scenario would be terrible for the domestic economy and would soon propel mortgage rates higher, making it harder for gays and lesbians to purchase homes. Fortunately, however, just the opposite happened. Amid all the recent chaos, economists were somewhat surprised and very relieved to find that investors continued to have a strong appetite for United States Treasury bonds. Financial instruments backed by the USA are still viewed as the best game in town, and as long as investors eagerly buy American bonds the interest rates on loans made in the USA should remain cheap.

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Slower is Better

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Are you afraid to slow down? Do you think only stupid people go slowly? You're not alone. Why do we rush so much? What do we think we're achieving? Is happiness basically a numbers game – whoever does the most stuff wins - or a matter of quality? Have you ever rushed yourself so much that you got everything done... but didn't enjoy any of it?

Why is it so hard to slow down? Other people seem to move so fast, we feel like losers if we go slower. We think that people who cram the most stuff into their days must be happier than we are. We're encouraged by ads, music, movies, videos and other media to move faster, do more... don't miss a single text message or cell phone call... see the latest movie, don't miss the newest restaurant, the hottest club, bar, store, trend or... see what I mean?

It's hard to slow down and be in the present moment. So many of my clients find themselves always racing ahead of themselves. For them, it's always: "What's next? What's next?" It's difficult to be 100% where we are. Our minds race ahead to the future and we miss the present. Clients tell me that they can't fall asleep because their thoughts race so much. For them, slowing down and being where they are – exhausted, in bed and ready to fall sleep – is really helpful. Our bodies want us to slow down: will we listen?

Slowing down and being in the present will greatly improve your quality of life: take eating, for example. Slowing down when you eat lets you really taste your food, you eat less and you actually notice what you eat. You win both ways: the quality of your eating experience goes up and the quantity of calories you consume goes down. Eating too fast = eating too much + not enjoying what you're eating. Can you pay attention to your food, starting with the shopping and selection? Or do you just throw down junk food without thinking? Can you eat your food with grace and appreciation? You'll digest better! Slowing down the eating process reduces emotionally-based eating. If you're sad and lonely, you won't reach for Ben & Jerry's if you slow down and notice how you feel. You won't eat something just to stuff your emotions. You'll address your sadness and loneliness in a much healthier way. Slowing down may be the easiest way to lose weight.

The joys of slowing down are unlimited... it's like really fabulous sex... or a great book... when it's savored, and each moment is truly appreciated, time almost seems to stand still. When things are really good, there's a sense of timelessness. Think of the times after wonderful sex when you're just lying there with your beloved – doesn't time just seem to stop and the clock is meaningless? This is another of the joys of slowing down. Still think it's only for stupid people?

Joseph Goldstein, author of *Insight Meditation: The Practice of Freedom*, recommends this simple philosophy: "When you eat, eat. When you walk, walk. When you meditate, meditate. Slow down and do one thing at a time." Sounds old-fashioned, right? But, check this out: recent studies in brain chemistry show that it ages our brains faster the more we multi-task and split our attention in many directions at once. It tends to fry our neural circuits and the quality of information sent along the nerve synapses is less clear and concentrated than when we do one thing at a time. Want a concrete example of this? How about your gym workout? Most well-educated trainers tell you to focus completely on the exercise you're doing: tune out all distractions and concentrate on your body and what it's doing. Rushing through exercises and weightlifting is how many people get injured. Some trainers even tell you to lighten up your weights and do your exercises VERY SLOWLY for maximum strength. So take a tip from weight loss experts, personal trainers, meditators and your humble columnist: slow down and pay attention to what you're doing: you'll enjoy it more and it'll be MUCH more productive than you can imagine.

Slower IS better: try it and see.

Victoria Jackson: Is Homosexuality a Sin?

By Jeremy Kinser

Former Saturday Night Live cast member turned Tea Party activist Victoria Jackson interviews a Christian "ex-gay" couple on her Internet show, asking whether a person can come out of "that lifestyle" and if homosexuality is a sin, among other provocative questions.



Jackson met the couple, Edward and Jessica, who have been married two years, at her church. Both discuss feeling that unhappy or unstable childhoods led to what they perceive as confusion about their sexual orientation. Jessica said she lived as a lesbian from age 18 to 27 until she "met Jesus Christ."

Jackson, or Vicky, as she calls herself on air, then asks if "homosexuality people" are "born that way as Lady Gaga sings or is it a choice?" Edward answers neither, saying, "There's no gay gene, babies aren't born gay."

Jackson is no stranger to homophobic confusion, having previously described a kiss between Glee actors Chris Colfer and Darren Criss as "sickening."

A Great Time to Borrow at Bargain Basement Levels
 The market for Treasury bonds guides the direction of mortgage interest rates, in other words, and has a big influence on home loan prices. Earlier this year, for example, the federal government invested heavily in purchases of those same bonds by buying 600 billion dollar's worth. The sole purpose of that stimulus program was to help support the U.S. economy and the housing market by making it easier to borrow money at inexpensive rates.

That particular program ended a couple of months ago, however, to the chagrin of many people in the real estate industry. But in light of this month's financial upheaval government officials have already hinted that they may resume the intense buying program – which would do even more to keep mortgages inexpensive. While these conditions continue, LGBT borrowers can use a safe fixed-rate mortgage and lock in a rock bottom rate. That virtually guarantees low monthly payments for the life of the loan.

But LGBT Buyers Should Control Mortgage Risk
 Using an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) right now is not recommended, however, because with rates so low there is little room for them to go any lower. Economists concur that within 3-4 years rates will likely go much higher, especially as the economy recovers, and that will typically make ARM loans more expensive. So it is best to rely on safe, predictable fixed rate mortgages for the next 2-3 years.

Gay real estate experts also generally recommend leveraging the value of working with a LGBT or gay-friendly Realtor.

That's because gay and lesbian home buyers have special considerations that are best addressed by someone who is keenly familiar with the unique issues faced by LGBT buyers. Those include, for example, experience with legal complications that gay and lesbian couples may encounter when cosigning deeds or mortgages. Gay real estate agents typically also have firsthand information about where to find the most supportive gay-friendly communities.

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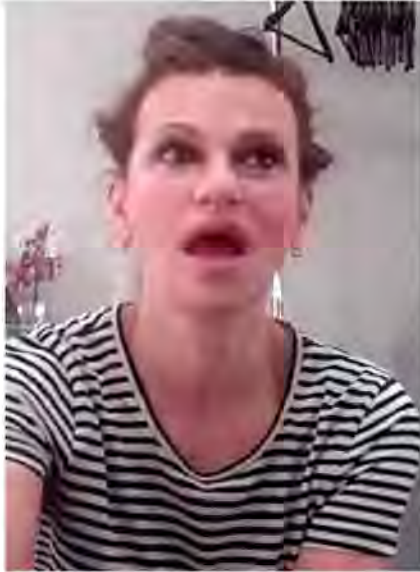
Sandra Bernhard Tells Young LGBT People to Never Be Ashamed or Embarrassed

By Jeremy Kinser

Sandra Bernhard says never having to be ashamed or embarrassed about who you are is the beauty of being in the 21st century, in a new video for the Trailblazer Project.

Bernhard tells viewers that she's always been open and confident about who she is and that anytime they're feeling funky there's a whole network of people to reach out to, including her.

The campaign was launched by actor-activist James Duke Mason to encourage closeted entertainers to come out and be role models to other LGBT young people.



Teacher Who Called Gay Marriages a Cesspool: "Do I Apologize? No"

By Lucas Grindley

The Florida teacher who was suspended for making antigay comments on Facebook is refusing to apologize, citing his First Amendment rights.

Social studies teacher Jerry Buell had reacted to the enactment of marriage equality in New York by going to Facebook and saying the news left him having to "almost throw up" and that same-sex marriages are a "cesspool."

"I'm exercising my rights, First Amendment rights, guaranteed in the Constitution, supported by the state of Florida — on Facebook," Buell told WKMG Local 6. Buell points out that the comments were made during the summer while school wasn't in session.

"Do I apologize? No," said Buell.

He is still being paid by Mount Dora High School while on suspension and working in an administrative job. A decision by the school board on Buell's future could come this week, a spokesman told WKMG.



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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 17th 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 or Judy Sandeen at 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

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

1st Monday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, meeting 1st Monday of each month at Element Hotel, Omaha.

Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or PO Box 8273, Omaha, NE 68106

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 info

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN 12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library info@inclusivelife.org and on Facebook

2nd Thursday

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

2nd Saturday

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

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

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

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

Who's Is Bigger?

Four gay guys walk into a bar and start arguing over who's penis is longer.

Well the bar tender finally got sick of hearing them arguing so told them he had a way to solve this problem.

He told them to stick their penis' on the bar and he'd tell them who's was bigger.

Well just as they put them up there, another gay guy walks in looks at the spectacle on the bar and yells "I'll have the buffet!"

Fertile Chickens

A chicken farmer went to a local bar, sat next to a woman and ordered a glass of champagne. The woman perked up and said, 'How about that? I just ordered a glass of champagne, too!'

'What a coincidence' the farmer said. 'This is a special day for me. I am celebrating.' This is a special day for me too, I am also celebrating,' said the woman. 'What a coincidence!' said the farmer. As they clinked glasses he added, 'What are you celebrating?'

'My husband and I have been trying to have a child and today my Gynecologist told me that I am pregnant!' 'What a coincidence!' said the man. 'I'm a chicken farmer and for years all of my hens were infertile, but today they are all laying fertilized eggs.'

'That's great!' said the woman, 'How did your chickens become fertile?' 'I used a different cock,' he replied. The woman smiled, clinked his glass and said, 'What a coincidence! So did I.'

BOTH POLITICIANS AND DIAPERS NEED TO BE CHANGED OFTEN AND FOR THE SAME REASON!

No little kids, Catholic Nuns, farmers, bar patrons, bartenders or pregnant women or fertilized eggs were harmed by these jokes.

Little Johnny was responsible for more Nun's leaving the Sisterhood that year than any other kid in entire history of the Catholic Church. Don't feel bad. One of them is running for President right now. Can we get little Johnny out of retirement? PLEEEEEEZE.....

I've never seen a buffet like that. I wonder if they use BBQ sauce?

I wonder if that lady got pregnant at the bar buffet? I heard she used to be a Nun.

LEARNING MEDICINE

At school little Johnny's class is learning about medicines. Sister Catherine, the teacher, asks the pupils what kind of medicines they know and what they are used for.

The first pupil said: 'Tylenol?'

'Very good! And what is it used for?'

'It is used for a headache.'

The second pupil said: 'Nytol.'

'Excellent!' said Sister Catherine. 'And what it is used for?'

'To help you sleep', replied the student.

Now it is Johnny's turn and he said: 'Viagra.'

'And what is it used for, Johnny?' asked the surprised Sister Catherine.

'It is used for diarrhea.'

'And who told you this, Johnny?'

'Nobody, but every evening my mother tells my father 'take a Viagra, and maybe that shit will get harder.'

Sister Catherine fainted.

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

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.firstuomaha.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 (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 or see www.GOglbt.org for info

Heartland Pride
PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, email: 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 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life
402-575-7006 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 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 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

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 / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com

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

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

OUTLinc, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, www.outlinc.org

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, 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

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

Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

River City Gender Alliance, for info see 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

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

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://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

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd 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 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

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>

Unions Oppose Minnesota Anti-Marriage Equality Amendment

By Trudy Ring

There's a union label on the opposition to Minnesota's proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

Members of the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees, a public employee union, voted Friday to oppose the amendment, which will go before state voters in November 2012, The Minnesota Independent reports.

The group's executive director, Jim Monroe, issued a statement saying, "We were supportive of domestic partner benefits in 2001 because of our union's belief in fairness and equality for all. We remain committed to making sure that all of our members, their families or any Minnesotan is not subjected to discrimination."

In 2001 the union backed then-governor Jesse Ventura's efforts to have domestic-partner benefits included in contract negotiations for state workers. Republicans in the state legislature killed the domestic-partner agreement, however.

Several other labor groups oppose the amendment, including the AFL-CIO, the Service Employees International Union, and Council 5 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.

In other developments, today the Independence Party, one of three with major-party status in Minnesota, announced that it was joining the campaign against the amendment, the Independent reports. "Our platform declares that 'We oppose having the government impose state-sponsored morality or values on people of good conscience with differing views,'" chair Mark Jenkins said in a statement. "This is a perfect example."

Also, marriage equality opponents characterized as "intimidation and harassment" a complaint by Common Cause Minnesota that claimed they failed to report lobbying expenses related to several ads last year. The state's Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board dismissed the complaint last week.

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



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



IRONING YOUR OWN TROUSERS, PRICE?
MY, MY...HOW FAR THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN.
I'D WATCH YOUR MOUTH, RICHARD.



YOU MAY THINK YOU'VE WON, BUT...I'M NOT GOING TO FORGET THE WAY YOU HUMILIATED ME.
IF THAT'S A VEILED THREAT, PRICE...I'D ADVISE YOU TO KEEP SOMETHING IN MIND.



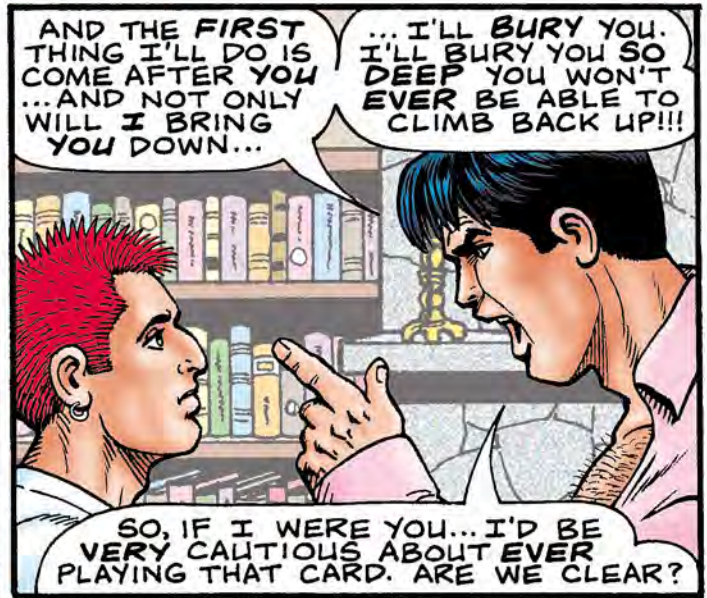
ONE PHONE CALL TO KENTUCKY, AND I CAN DESTROY YOUR FUTURE... YOUR INHERITANCE...EVERYTHING YOU HOLD DEAR.
JUST BY TELLING YOUR PARENTS THAT THEIR PRECIOUS PRICE IS GAY.



OH, YES, RICHARD... THAT'S A POWERFUL CARD YOU'RE HOLDING.
BUT SHOULD YOU EVER DECIDE TO PLAY THAT CARD...



...YOU'RE RIGHT...IT WILL BRING ME DOWN. HOWEVER, AT THAT POINT... I'LL HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE.



AND THE FIRST THING I'LL DO IS COME AFTER YOU... AND NOT ONLY WILL I BRING YOU DOWN...
... I'LL BURY YOU. I'LL BURY YOU SO DEEP YOU WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO CLIMB BACK UP!!!
SO, IF I WERE YOU... I'D BE VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT EVER PLAYING THAT CARD. ARE WE CLEAR?



OH, PRICE...YOU SILLY SLAB OF SIRLOIN. AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING?
YOUR FAMILY CLOSET STATUS WASN'T THE ONLY DIRT I DUG UP ON YOU.



THERE WAS THE NAKED FRAT PARTY VIDEO...YOUR FRAT FROM BRINKLEY-SLOAN... AND THAT'S JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.
YOU THINK I HAVE ONLY ONE CARD TO PLAY? SWEETIE... I'VE GOT A FULL DECK.



BUT DON'T FRET, SEXY LEGS. I ACTUALLY LIKE HAVING YOU AROUND. IT KEEPS ME ON MY TOES.
THIS ISN'T OVER.
OH, I HOPE NOT. IT'S JUST GETTING INTERESTING...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



“Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance” is a quote attributed to the writer Will Durant. It’s time to gain some knowledge about your anatomy and physiology. The more insight you have about your body, the more likely you are to be healthy and happy. Indulge me in a little quiz I’ve prepared to test your familiarity with YOU.

Is a prepuce a noun that means a fold of skin near the tip of the penis; or is it a verb that means to disqualify oneself as a judge in a particular case? Turn to your friends for discussion. A prepuce is indeed that fold of skin known also as the foreskin of the penis. The definition of that verb I included was just a distraction. It describes the word recuse.

Does the noun paroxysm indicate a periodic, sudden attack or convulsion in the body; or does it refer to a sudden violent emotion or outburst from someone? Phone a friend or ask the audience for assistance on this one. The audience is going with the first choice and you are leaning toward the second answer. You’re both correct and can take a gold star.

What is the difference between a lummoX and a lumen? One is a clumsy person and one is a cavity inside a tube, blood vessel, or hollow organ. Don’t get tripped up on this one! Flip a coin and submit your answer at this time. Heads you win! That clumsy person is a lummoX with numerous lumens throughout his body.

A bursa is an officer at a school responsible for the money. A bursar is a garment worn by Muslim women. A burka is a small sac between bones that decreases friction. Does all that sound right to you or I am still a little shaken with my thought process after that big East coast earthquake? I didn’t really feel the quake but it makes a nice scapegoat for my jumbled ways! The burka is the garment, the bursar is the money officer, and the bursa is the sac that keeps you from feeling pain from friction at the joints.

Which of the following words describes a body part: a coccyx or a cochlea? Take a few sips of your latte and peruse the possibilities of this puzzling perplexity. I’ve gathered the responses and y’all seem to be learning from my trickster ways! They both qualify as parts of your body. The coccyx is your tailbone and consists of four fused vertebrae; and the cochlea is a snail-shaped chamber in the inner ear that houses a receptor for hearing. You really can make heads or tails of all this!

Your final question deals with words that have the need for speed: tachometer and tachycardia. One is a device that indicates speed of rotation, usually in cars. The other is a term that indicates a heart rate over 100 beats per minute. This abnormally fast heart rate may result from elevated body temperature, stress, drugs, or heart disease. Which one goes with which? Your 10th grade biology teacher taught you well! Yes, tachycardia is the fast heart rate and tachometer is the device often found on cars.

Ignorance is always afraid of change. Keep moving toward the light of change especially where your body is concerned. Your health and wellness are very eager to put down the red carpet welcome for new knowledge. You exam scores were exemplary today! Keep on learning!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy with the multiple choice machismo. That fill-in-the-blanks guy is Ron Blake and he can receive correct answers at rblake5551@hotmail.com.

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- CALL 552-9260 (X117 OR X118)
OR VISIT WWW.NAP.ORG FOR
DETAILS**



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LEGENDS BALL
Presented by Chandler Chubbs

SUNDAY 18TH - 9PM
DIAMOND PRINCESS
PAGEANT
Presented by Diamond Foundation

SATURDAY 24TH - 7PM
KITY DUBOIS
CABARET SHOW
Presented by
River City Mixed Chours

SUNDAY 25TH - 10PM
MR MAX 20 SHOW
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