

The GayZette



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Reid Makes DADT Repeal Promise to Lt. Dan Choi

By Advocate.com Editors

Lt. Dan Choi gave his West Point ring to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid who promised to return it when "don't ask, don't tell" is repealed, reports CBS News. The exchange took place yesterday in Las Vegas during an onstage discussion at Netroots Nation, a conference for liberal activists and bloggers. The discussion moderator gave Choi's ring to Reid as a gift from the outspoken veteran of the Iraq war. Reid said he couldn't accept it, that Choi had earned the ring. Choi walked on stage to join the majority leader. Members of the audience shouted at Reid to keep the ring until "don't ask, don't tell" is repealed.



"When the bill's signed," Reid said, "I'll keep it safely and then give it back to him."

Choi was honorably discharged from the military last week for being openly gay.

Comic-Con Fans Thwart Westboro Protest

By Jeffrey Gerson

Fred Phelps took his group of hate-mongering protesters to San Diego's Comic-Con on Thursday, only to be met with a 50-strong group of Jedi's, robots, aliens, and other costumed counter protesters.

The array of brandished signs parodied Westboro's traditional "God hates fags" messages. Among the slogans were "Kill all humans," "God hates Jedi," "All glory to the hypno-toad," and "God loves gay robin." According to Comic Alliance, the counter protesters also led cheers of "What do we want?" "Gay sex!" "When do we want it?"

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The church members' demonstrations were ultimately drowned out by the Comic-Con crowd, diffusing Westboro's messages of hatred with a little laughter and a lot of creativity.



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Court Deals Blow to DOMA

In two separate cases a federal judge has ruled unconstitutional a portion of the Defense of Marriage Act that prohibits the federal government from recognizing gay marriages.

By Lisa Keen and Advocate.com Editors

In a major victory for marriage equality advocates, a federal judge in Boston ruled Thursday in two separate cases that a critical portion of the federal Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional.

In one challenge brought by the state of Massachusetts, U.S. district judge Joseph Tauro ruled that Congress violated the U.S. Constitution when it passed DOMA and took from the states decisions concerning which couples can be considered married.

In the other Tauro ruled that DOMA violates equal protection principles of the constitution as embodied in the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment. That case, Gill v. Office of Personnel Management, was brought by Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, the group that won the landmark gay marriage decision in 2003 before the Massachusetts supreme court. GLAD represents seven married couples and three widowers in the suit who claim DOMA renders serious harm to same-sex couples by denying them federal marriage-based benefits afforded to opposite-sex couples.

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"In the wake of DOMA, it is only sexual orientation that differentiates a married couple entitled to federal marriage-based benefits from one not so entitled," Tauro wrote. "And this court can conceive of no way in which such a difference might be relevant to the provision of the benefits at issue."

Largely overshadowed by the federal challenge to California's Proposition 8 currently before a San Francisco judge, the two DOMA lawsuits are narrower in scope, targeting just one portion of the 1996 law, known as Section 3, that limits the definition of marriage to one man and one woman for all federal purposes. Attorneys challenging Prop. 8 have made broad-

er claims regarding the fundamental right to marriage and the unconstitutional nature of laws that bar marriage rights for same-sex couples.

The two legal victories come just two days after gay rights activists were dealt a stinging defeat in Hawaii, where Gov. Linda Lingle vetoed a bill that would have granted civil union rights to gay and lesbian couples in the state. Legal advocacy groups have vowed to file a lawsuit challenging Lingle's veto.

"Today the court simply affirmed that our country won't tolerate second-class marriages," said GLAD Civil Rights Project director Mary Bonauto, who argued the case. "I'm pleased that Judge Tauro recognized that married same-sex couples and surviving spouses have been seriously harmed by DOMA and that the plaintiffs deserve the same opportunities to care and provide for each other and for their children that other families enjoy. This ruling will make a real difference for countless families in Massachusetts."

In his 39-page opinion in Gill, Tauro dismissed lawmakers' intentions in passing DOMA to "encourag[e] responsible procreation and child-bearing," among other identified societal

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"Even if Congress believed at the time of DOMA's passage that children had the best chance at success if raised jointly by their biological mothers and fathers, a desire to encourage heterosexual couples to procreate and rear their own children more responsibly would not provide a rational basis for denying federal recognition to same-sex marriages," Tauro wrote. "Such denial does nothing to promote stability in heterosexual parenting.

Preserving marriage as a one-man, one-woman institution for the interests of "responsible procreation" was a central argument for attorneys defending Prop. 8 in federal court — one that faced similar scrutiny during closing arguments last month from U.S. district judge Vaughn R. Walker, who has yet to reach a decision in the case.

In oral arguments in May, Bonauto argued in Gill that the government has no reason to withhold the more than 1,000 federal benefits of marriage from same-sex couples, noting that a 1996 House Judiciary Committee report "explicitly stated the pur-

pose of DOMA was to express moral disapproval of homosexuality."

In Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Health and Human Services, Maura T. Healey, chief of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Civil Rights Division, told Tauro during oral arguments that Section 3 violates the state's right under the federal constitution to sovereign authority to define and regulate the marital status of its residents. Healey called DOMA an "animus-based national marriage law" that intrudes on core state authority and "forces the state to discriminate against its own citizens."

Christopher Hall, representing the Department of Health and Human Services, argued that Congress should be able to control the meaning of terms, such as

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YOUR BODY, AGING and SELF-IMAGE

By Michael Kimmel
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More and more of my clients – straight, gay, whomever – are asking me if I think it’s wrong to get botox or restylene treatments to look younger. I’ve had clients go to Canada, Mexico and even Asia for plastic surgery. A client who just had his eyes “done” told me, “I just want to look like myself, only ‘fresher’.” At a recent conference for psychiatrists and psychotherapists, some of my colleagues admitted that they had some work “done”. It’s pretty popular, but how does altering your appearance relate to your mental health?

Plastic surgery and less “major” forms of body altering are heavily promoted. Injecting Botox (a poison) into your body is considered perfectly normal. We don’t seem to care what the doctor injects into us, as long as we get fewer wrinkles. Let’s cut to the chase here (pun intended) and ask: why would I want to alter my body or face surgically? What would be my goal? I get a lot of referrals from plastic surgeons who ask me to evaluate their clients for elective cosmetic surgery. When these clients come to my office, I encourage them to dig deep into their psyches and ask themselves: “What do I want to achieve from this procedure?” Is it:

- To like myself better?
- To have the admiration of others?
- To look like the bodies I most admire in others?

Answering these questions gives people clarity into their motivation...and why not give it some thought? These procedures are typically very expensive and not without risk. Before you spend all that time and money, why not see if there are other easier and cheaper ways to achieve your goals.

For example, let’s say your goal is to like yourself better. I’ve had clients who actually felt worse about themselves after their plastic surgery, because they spent all that time and money and their self-esteem was still lousy afterwards, only now they were several thousand dollars poorer. They had hoped they’d like themselves more with a new nose, flatter stomach or less baggy eyes. They found out that changing the outside doesn’t necessarily change how you feel inside.

Consider these questions:

- If your goal is to like yourself more, are there better ways to do it than altering your appearance? Is self-esteem really based on physical appearance? If this were true, the most beautiful people would be the happiest people (and we know this is not true).
- Would working on raising your self-esteem be a better investment than a few thousand bucks for a “fresher” face?
- Would you be more likely to have the admiration of others if you were the type of person people liked, felt comfortable with and could emotionally connect with?
- If you want to have the kind of body that others admire, would exercise (lifting weights, yoga, jogging) and eating more healthily be more effective in the long run than a tummy tuck or liposuction?

• Why do so many of us feel so desperate to change our image? Why do we allow the media to make us feel bad about our bodies? If we are unhealthy, ill or vulnerable to disease, that’s one thing. But if we are none of these and just don’t like how we look, wouldn’t a more powerful question be: why am I so dependent on what others think of my appearance? Promoting body insecurity sells products that promise us the illusion of popularity and admiration. If you depend on externals like Botox or plastic surgery to feel good about yourself, you’re doomed to despair. This stuff is temporary. The only thing that really lasts – and is likely to improve as you age – is your mental health. Physically, we all age, eventually get sick and die. We can fight it for a while, but none of us gets out of here alive, and few of us do it looking “fresh” and youthful. Hoping to achieve the perfect face and body is like going on a trip knowing we will never get to the destination. There is no real “perfection” out there, and even if we somehow manage to get there, it’s temporary. Today’s fashion model (our alleged cultural ideal) is typically passé in a few years. If the image of the perfect man/woman doesn’t change, you can’t sell new products (clothes, skin care, cosmetics, hair color, etc.) so the ideal standard of beauty is constantly in motion...and the consumer product industry is always on the outlook for new things to sell us. A recent fashion magazine article talked about plastic surgery methods for altering elbows, stating that faces, hands and most other body parts are easily altered now, and that elbows are the hip new target for plastic surgery.

In closing, I return to the original question: “is it wrong to get botox or restylene treatments to look younger”. I suggest replacing it with two more practical questions: “will this really make me feel better about who I am?” and “if it does, is this temporary or will it last?” If you want to feel better about yourself, perhaps there are other, more lasting and cheaper, ways to do so. Do your homework, ask yourself the tough questions, and make your decision. The choice is yours.

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“marriage,” used in its own statutes, and should be able to control how federal money is allocated for federal benefits provided to people based on their marital status.

In considering whether the federal government had any legitimate need for DOMA, both Bonauto and Healey had urged Tauro to apply strict scrutiny review, which requires the government to show a compelling reason for a law that affects a fundamental right or a vulnerable group. In both lawsuits, however, Tauro said that DOMA failed to meet even the most simple judicial review, rational basis.

Attorneys Ted Olson and David Boies argued in the Prop. 8 federal case that the antigay ballot measure, passed by a slim majority of California voters in 2008, should be reviewed by the courts under strict scrutiny, in part because it took away rights from a minority group that historically has been discriminated against.

Chad Griffin, a founding board member of the American Foundation for Equal Rights, which spearheaded the Prop. 8 suit, applauded Tauro's decision. "Creating separate classes of people to deny them federal benefits, like DOMA does, is discrimination and it is wrong," Griffin said in a statement.

Jennifer C. Pizer, Lambda Legal's National Marriage Project Director, heralded the decision in a statement on Thursday. "Since 1996, the so-called 'Defense of Marriage Act' has defended no one, while imposing senseless and cruel discrimination against married same-sex couples and their families," she said.

Deploring the ruling Thursday was Andrea Lafferty of the Traditional Values Coalition, who told the Associated Press that Tauro was a "rogue judge" practicing "judicial activism." She added, "We can't allow the lowest common denominator states, like Massachusetts, to set standards for the country."

Mission: EQUALITY

Karen Perdue – Iowa Democratic Platform Committee Member

During the past several months I have had the honor and privilege to serve on the Iowa Democratic State Platform Committee as secretary of the Government and Law section of our platform. It was very humbling to be in a room with people from all across the state and from all walks of life to decide the on Statements of Principles and prioritize important issues for the Democratic Party of the state of Iowa. I was one of two delegates there that represented the western coast of Iowa. The mission and goal for me was simple - protect marriage equality and LGBT rights for the thousands of same sex couples, children, and grandchildren who have married in Iowa from many states across the nation, and most importantly, those from Nebraska.

While I was there, I learned so much about many people who make up the citizens of Iowa.

- The mother raising awareness of health issues due to toxic waste released by commercial farming companies.
- About the veteran who is fighting for rights for all Veterans, including a special statement from the caucus on Veterans Affairs on immediately repealing “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

- The international human rights group who asked for sexual orientation and gender identity to be put into all United Nations human rights policies.
- The teachers, the farmers - real people who just want Iowa to be the best and greenest state to live and raise their families.

To say it was awe inspiring would be inconsequential to the way that I felt in that room.

I am proud to say that more than 500 Democrats who attended the convention, embraced our community by giving us one of the strongest LGBT Democratic platforms in the history of the state of Iowa. The Democratic Party needs your help to elect and re-elect our state legislators to protect marriage equality. This is a grass roots effort, and it really does not matter what side of the river you live on. Help us hold equality in Iowa by volunteering your time one day a week. There are many, many things that need to be done, and we need your help. I invite you to read below. These are the words of Iowa Democrats.

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Kerry Calls for Gay Blood Ban Repeal

By Michelle Garcia

Sen. John Kerry renewed his effort to get the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to revise its current policy barring all gay men from donating blood.

"It's past time that we examine scientifically and medically sound alternatives to the blanket ban on gay men giving blood," Kerry said at the FDA's Blood Products Advisory Committee hearing on Monday. "The science regarding HIV/AIDS contraction has advanced dramatically in the last three decades, and our understanding of what constitutes high risk behavior has grown far beyond the ignorant idea that sexual orientation is an indicator in itself. I trust that, as we move forward in this pro-

cess, we will be guided by science rather than the past in determining the best screening policies to help make our blood supply even safer for all who depend on it." The current policy bars any man from donating blood if they've had sex with another man since 1977. The same policy allows heterosexual men and women who have had sexual contact with an HIV-positive partner to give blood after only a one-year waiting period.

Arizona Judge Reverses Partner Benefits Blockage

By Michelle Garcia

A federal judge issued a preliminary injunction against Arizona on Friday to prevent the state from enforcing a law that would do away with domestic partnership benefits for gay and lesbian state employees.



"Contrary to the state's suggestion, it is not equitable to lay the burden of the state budgetary shortfall on homosexual employees, any more than on any other distinct class, such as employees with green eyes or red hair," U.S. district judge John Sedwick wrote, according to AZCentral.



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Choi and Maddow Talk Discharge

By Advocate.com Editors

After formally receiving his discharge papers from the U.S. military, Lt. Dan Choi returned to The Rachel Maddow Show, where his journey began, to talk about how his life has changed and why he's still fighting to end "don't ask, don't tell."

"Being in the closet is a poison. It's a deadly toxic disease that people don't even realize how difficult that is until they're finally out. There are a lot of times when I look back at my time in service and told myself, "Why didn't I come out?" or "Why did I? I mean, I knew I was gay. I didn't want to come out to my parents. My dad is a minister. He's affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. He didn't want to know that his son, who went to West Point and went to Iraq, is an infantry man is also gay. He just wouldn't know how to deal with that. There are so many people who have "don't ask, don't tell" in their own hearts and in their own homes. And they deal with that same kind of enforced shame and that kind of enforced hatred of themselves. And it really tears away at the very fabric of who they are."

Choi came out on The Rachel Maddow Show in 2009. Since then, he has become the face of a movement to overturn the military's gay ban.

MCC Hires Second Clergy

Pastor Tom is pleased to announce that after a successful candidacy, recent seminary graduate, Melissa Smithee, has accepted an offer to become MCC Omaha's Pastor of Congregational Life (PCL). Melissa's first day will be in mid-August. For

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HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the

NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

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

ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

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

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

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

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

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

BEER BUST & FREE POOL 8:00 pm, at Connections

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at aander-son@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

COORS LIGHT COLLEGE NIGHT AT CONNECTIONS 8:00 pm to close, \$2 COORS LIGHTS, \$4 BOMBS with your Student ID. "Fratty Fun till the Evenings Done!"

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS KARAOKE & OPEN MIC NIGHT, Alternating Thursdays at 9 pm

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

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

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

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

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

Every Friday

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

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

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

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

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

Every Saturday

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

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Connections Bar

GET YOUR GROOVE ON WITH DJ VON,
9pm, Connections

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

Every Other Friday
CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at
Broadway Joe's (34th & Broadway in CB)
starting at 5:15pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday
LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm,
Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

1st Wednesday
FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm
at Flix 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
HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION, Meeting days and times may vary,
call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.net
for meeting schedules etc.

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

2nd Thursday
MCCO DISCUSSION GROUP, 7p.m. and
shares a light meal. Normally ends at
9p.m. Spirituality, faith, religion, world issues,
life issues are just some of our topics. Contact
Royal for more information: royalb@mccomaha.org
or 516-2759

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

2nd Saturday
LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER
L2EP@aol.com 2pm, DC's Saloon

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

2nd Sunday
OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING
(glt film shown at 7pm followed by discus-
sion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday
IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors 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 Thursday
MCCO DISCUSSION GROUP, 7p.m.
and shares a light meal. Normally ends at
9p.m. Spirituality, faith, religion, world
issues, life issues are just some of our
topics. Contact Royal for more infor-
mation: royalb@mccomaha.org or 516-
2759

4th Friday
LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF
OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET

cookies and I made \$30," she said proudly,
"My sales approach was to appeal to the cus-
tomer's civil spirit and I credit that approach
for my obvious success."

"Very good," said the teacher.

Little Jenny was next:

"I sold magazines," she said, "I made \$45 and
I explained to everyone that magazines would
keep them up on current events."

"Very good, Jenny," said the teacher.

Eventually, it was Little Johnny's turn.

The teacher held her breath ...

Little Johnny walked to the front of the class-
room and dumped a box full of cash on the
teacher's desk. "\$2,467," he said.

"\$2,467!" cried the teacher, "What in the
world were you selling?"

"Toothbrushes," said Little Johnny.

"Toothbrushes!" echoed the teacher, "How
could you possibly sell enough tooth brushes
to make that much money?"

"I found the busiest corner in town," said Little
Johnny, "I set up a Dip & Chip stand and gave
everybody who walked by a free sample."

They all said the same thing, "Hey, this tastes
like dog shit!"

Then I would say, "It is dog shit. Wanna buy
a toothbrush?"

"I used the governmental approach of giving
you something shitty for free, and then making
you pay to get the shitty taste out of your
mouth."

'OLD' IS WHEN....

'Getting lucky' means you find your car in the
parking lot.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

An 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the
bathroom.

'OLD' IS WHEN....

You're not sure if these are facts or jokes.

*No little boys or girls nor old people were
harmd by these jokes. The toothbrush indus-
try had a great week. A lot of dog poop was
cleaned up (Ewww). Later in life little John-
ny became a multi-millionaire, retired and
now lives in Tahiti on a private island. The
government, well, nothing changed there.*

HOW TO SELL TOOTHBRUSHES

The kids filed back into class Monday
morning. They were very excited.
Their weekend assignment was to sell
something, then give a talk on productive
salesmanship.

Little Sally led off: "I sold girl scout

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, www.icon.impcourt.org

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

Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com, Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

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

LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9am and 11am, Wed. Worship at 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 GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

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

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org, meet at 7pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass

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

Prairie Bares, male nudist group, no further info available

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

Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, call 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete info see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

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

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

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org

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

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

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

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

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

WomenSpace, no current info is available

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org

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

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LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director, <http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa> - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652 <http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 – 9pm,
 Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094
TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.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>

HGRA August Meeting

This months meeting will be held at DC's Saloon in Omaha on Saturday the 14th at 4pm. We need everyone to attend, members and friends of the rodeo, we have a lot of things to discuss about the future of HGRA.



Bluebarn Theater Season Twenty-Two: The Season of Transformation

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THREE TALL WOMEN

By Edward Albee (March 10-April 2, 2011)

REEFER MADNESS – THE MUSICAL

By Kevin Murphy & Dan Studney (June 2 – June 26, 2011)

About BLUEBARN Theatre

The BLUEBARN Theatre was established in the late 1980s with graduates from the Professional Theatre Training Conservatory at the State University of New York at Purchase. Seeking to continue the deeply shared artistic aesthetic and practice that they had developed from their conservatory training, the founding members joined forces with Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts to produce their first play.

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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:
news@rainbowoutreach.org

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



CAN I HELP--? STEP ASIDE, PLEASE. HEAVY LOAD COMING THROUGH.



HUH? WHAT IS THIS? I WASN'T EXPECTING ANY DELIVERIES TODAY.



WHOA. ANOTHER ONE?! WHAT--? NEED YOU TO KEEP THIS ENTRY-WAY CLEAR, SIR. THERE'S PLENTY MORE TO COME.



ALL RIGHT... WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

WHO IS BEHIND ALL OF THIS?!



PRICE KINGSBURY. I HAVE A RESERVATION HERE. I'M GUESSING YOU MUST BE KYLE?



UH... YES. SPLENDID THAT YOU HAVE THIS SERVICE ENTRANCE, KYLE.

THE RAMP MAKES THINGS MUCH EASIER FOR THE MOVERS.



IT'S ACTUALLY A HANDICAPPED ENTRANCE... FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESS.

AND IF YOU'RE PRICE KINGSBURY, YOU'RE NOT DUE UNTIL TOMORROW.



MMM... MY PLANS CHANGED. CAN WE GO INSIDE AND GET A DRINK?

I'M SIMPLY PARCHED FROM THE RIDE HERE.



OKAY. WHAT CAN I GET YOU? I'LL HAVE A CALISTOGA WATER WITH A TWIST OF LIME, AND JUST A FEW SHAVINGS OF ICE.



UM... I DON'T HAVE ANY CALISTOGA WATER. WILL POLAND SPRING DO?

↳SIGH↵ I SUPPOSE.

AND I'LL SEE IF I CAN... SHAVE SOME ICE FOR YOU...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Get ready for something a little south of ordinary today! I forgot this was my week to write my health and fitness article. I have decided to dig into my archives to share an article I wrote about something that has nothing to do with health and fitness. Enjoy this article about the 1980s and I'll try to get my head screwed on correctly for the next writing assignment!

It's the Battle of the 1980's Icons. I've pitted one icon against the other. May Darwin's Survival of the Fittest prevail in this land of confusion.

The A-Team versus the Cabbage Patch Dolls

Four Vietnam vets on the lam helping innocent folks. It's so O.J.Simpson meets Robin Hood. On the other hand, we've got those cute baby dolls with those pudgy faces, stumpy arms, and small close-set eyes. How adorable and they were adoptable too. How could something so precious beat out a group of crazy military guys driving around in a big black van with a big black man? The advantage goes to the A-Team until you realize that those coy little dolls caused fistfights and all hell to break loose in thousands of stores around Christmas time circa the mid 1980's. Winner: Cabbage Patch Dolls

Ronald Reagan versus Pacman

Ronnie was fighting the last of those commie bastards while Pacman was fighting Inky, Blinky, Pinky, and Clyde. President Reagan survived a gunshot to the chest while that eating machine survived numerous attacks from those nettlesome ghosts. Our commander-in-chief was waging a war on drugs and that mischievous yellow video mouth was gobbling up little white dots and magical pills. But no matter how many levels Pacman advanced, he still didn't have the power to blow up the world fifty times over with a nuclear arsenal and Star Wars technology at his disposal. Winner: Ronald Reagan

The Goonies versus the Rubik's cube

The cube's got that handful of ragamuffins from Astoria, Oregon by the throat with its sheer numbers. Six sides with nine cubes on each side for an army of fifty-four colorful faces. But then beware of the little Asian kid with booby traps and his cadre of friends who weren't afraid of One Eyed Willie. The mathematical leviathan answers back with its millions of combinations and possibilities that is enough to jostle the footing of Chunk and Sloth as they attempted to eat their Baby Ruths while en route to discovering the buried treasure. Those lovable adolescent misfits and their giant of a friend proved to be a talented bunch of heroes but they're no match for an inanimate piece of plastic that proved to be as frustrating as it was difficult. Anything that could cause me to swear that many times from mental anguish has my vote. Winner: Rubik's Cube

The Village People versus E.T.

In this corner we have an extraterrestrial who has the power to send bicycles soaring through the night sky in front of full moons. In the other corner we have six proud flamboyant Judy Garland loving men who have the power to send straight men soaring to wedding dance floors to embrace the YMCA and Macho Man. Back in corner one the gangly alien is able to phone friends and family across the universe by building a phone that Martha Stewart and MacGyver would be proud of. Meanwhile in corner number two, we have six men who brazenly ensconce themselves in silly little Halloween costumes with no regard for what season it might be. Rebels, all of them! It's hard though to vote against a creature that can eat gobs of Reese's pieces and still maintain his girlish figure while capturing the hearts of millions. Winner: E.T.

Ron Blake is a funny little guy who likes to write funny little things. You can send Ron any funny little comments or funny little suggestions to rblake5551@hotmail.com.

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**MEN'S NIGHT
AMATEUR STRIP CONTEST**
7PM - \$100 CASH PRIZE

SATURDAY AUGUST 7TH - 6pm Door / 7pm Show

ICON's Investiture

SUNDAY AUGUST 8TH - 10pm

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SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH - 6pm Door / 7pm Show

Butts Family Reunion - P-Flag Benefit

SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH - 4p-2a

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Brenner Beckstead Ministries Benefit Concert

SUNDAY AUGUST 22ND - 10pm

Rainbow Pride Benefit

SATURDAY AUGUST 28TH - 6pm Door / 7pm Show

Kings For A Cause Benefit


SUNDAY AUGUST 29TH - 10pm

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