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Boehner Accused of Breaking the Bank on Defense of DOMA

By Lucas Grindley

Speaker John Boehner's insistence on fighting to keep the Defense of Marriage Act is busting his budget, according to a complaint filed by a government watchdog group.



Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics alleges that Boehner directed payment of \$500,000 to the law firm selected to defend DOMA and that not only is that more money than the federal government has to spend, it's also illegal.

CREW points to the Antideficiency Act, which it says is designed to stop government officials from overspending - violations of which can lead to jail time.

Boehner's spokesman strongly denied any wrongdoing in a statement to The Hill Newspaper.

"The Speaker expects any cost to be recouped from the Obama Administration Justice Department, which should be defending the law in court," said Michael Steel. "The 'anti-deficiency act' has nothing to do with this situation, as anyone with a basic grasp of the law knows."

CREW's executive director pressed the hypocrisy label in her announcement of the complaint.

"Speaker Boehner has vowed to end deficit spending and usher in a new era of government fiscal austerity, warning Americans we need to make do with less. But apparently, the House leadership can continue freely spending money it doesn't have," said Melanie Sloan, the group's executive director, in a statement. "This is yet another case of do as I say, not as I do."

PRIDE UPDATE

This will be the last update for Pride. June 23rd's Candle Light Vigil kicks off an exciting weekend and time in Omaha! In 5 short months some incredible hurdles have been overcome to bring this community a great weekend!

We are excited for so many things. Bridging the Iowa and Nebraska communities, promoting and including youth, offering diverse entertainment, over 50 vendors and organizations, a great Kids Korner, a cool pet zone and so much more!

What's next? 2012 has been booked! A brand new location for this city! The date is set! Join us at pride to learn more!

I extend a big thank you to the GLBT/Friendly businesses and organizations that stepped up to provide sponsorship, guidance and support to help make 2011 happen.

Our 501c3 paperwork was filed this week, we are on our way to many great things. We know we are heading in the right direction, and we still are drawing in those who want to make a dif-

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THURSDAY, JUNE 23rd join us at Lewis and Clark Landing

For the "Harvey Milk Candle Light Vigil" A wonderful tribute to both Harvey Milk and a tradition that started with Omaha's first Pride event! 7pm Douglas County Courthouse 1701 Farnam Street.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24th at Pride Festival Grounds, 10th and Pacific.

This event is a 16+ event until 11pm. 21+ after 11pm. 7pm starts the night off with an Open Call Show! (We need you!) Email us by June 23rd at info@inclusivelife.org to give us your name and act. Then at 8pm Our DJ's take the stage to create the hottest spot in the city! 9pm begins PURE! (A White Block Party!) Put on your best white and join the energy, fun and good times! This place will be lit up, energized and ready for you to get your dance on!

SATURDAY, JUNE 25th Pride Parade 11am Step-off 10th Street from Farnam South to Pacific Streets (Enter your group/organization/business now! www.heartlandpride.org)

10th and Pacific, 12pm kicks off Festival opening ceremonies featuring the River City Mixed Chorus! We are so excited about this year's Festival! \$5 after 5pm for each person (regardless of age.)


Thank you Cox Communication for sponsoring Kids Korner and supporting partners Omaha Public Library and Joslyn Art Museum. Kids Korner will be open from 12pm-4

The Nebraska Humane Society heads up our Pet Zone from 12pm-4, featuring great vendors and a pet pride contest!

Entertainment? YES! Sit back and be prepared to be entertained by some of the most diverse groups of performers! Not just a few numbers here and there, but a full day packed, from 12pm-12am!

River City Mixed Chorus, Jammin Jude, Dominique Morgan, Susie Brenner-Beckstead, Nebraska Spoken Word Artist, Some Assembly Required, 2010 Pride Title Holders, Imperial Court of Nebraska, Square1, Jessica Bower & Company, Max Title Holders, The Diamond Foundation, Lotus Dancers, Crush Bois, Ana Roxia, Incognito, Once A Pawn, BITCH, Leslie and the Ly's, Dynasty Show Cast, NJoy Show Cast, and closing the night: Pog Mothon, Furiosity, and Clincher!

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH 12pm at Pride Festival Grounds Pancakes and Mimosa's! Come get your fill of pancakes and get read for Drag Queen Bingo at 2pm!!!



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Friday, June 24th
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Saturday, June 25th
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Seventh Annual Pride Prom A Success!

By Carrie Spencer

On Saturday, May 21, local LGBT youth and their allies celebrated at the seventh annual Tom Mahony Pride Prom.

Two hundred and sixty five high school, college and middle school youth attended. Three teens traveled from Norfolk, NE, and told me they were happy they made the trip. Another teen confided in me that he was disappointed in his school prom, he called it lame. He told me that he always had much more fun at Pride Prom. I saw that young man dancing and having fun with friends the entire evening.

This year's theme was Video Gayme Night. The committee once again transformed First United Methodist Church's Cary Hall to fit the prom theme. Youth were decked out in very creative video game attire; my favorite was the young man who was dressed as a video game ninja warrior, complete with a wooden sword he made himself.

We were fortunate to have as special guests, Kay Mahony and her son Tim who came from Washington, DC, to see his mom and attend the prom. The Mahony family was responsible for the Omaha Public Schools changing the protection clause for gay youth in their code of conduct in the mid 1990s. Dave England, former PFLAG president and founder of Proud Horizons youth group and the Pride Prom also was in attendance and spent his evening volunteering at the prom reception desk. Bet-

ty and Bob Dorr, both past PFLAG presidents, also were our special guests.

Once again performers from the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) entertained. Prom goers and volunteers enjoyed performances by Macy Riley, Teagan Thomas, Dominique Divamoore and Mr. Max, Sean. ICON, led by the efforts of Macy Riley, as in past years, raised money all year for Pride Prom and PFLAG's youth group, Proud Horizons. The performers are always excited to be a part of prom; they told the excited crowd that they look forward to this event all year long.

Music at this year's prom was again provided by DJ Jim Kaup and Dave Gomz and professional photos were taken by Lisa Welch. Additionally, four off-duty Omaha police officers generously gave up their Saturday nights to provide security for our youth.

This year the prom committee gave special recognition to five very special people.

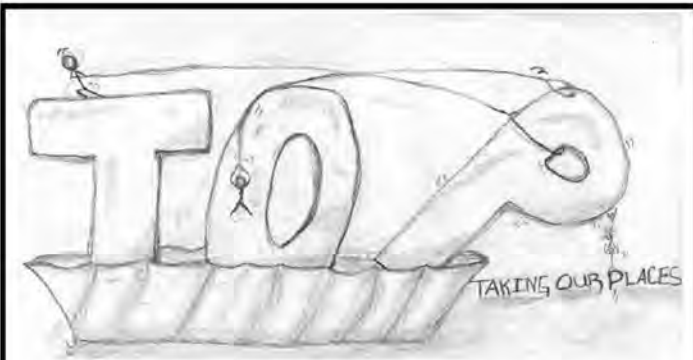
Ferial Pearson, GSA Sponsor at Omaha South High School, was recognized for the numerous awards she has received over the past year. She was awarded teacher of the year by the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN). She also received the Virginia Uribe Civil Rights award from the National Education Network for her dedication to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth. And just recently, she was awarded the Nebraska Affiliate Intellectual Freedom Award from the National Council of Teachers of English.

Michael Jones, a strong supporter of our community's youth

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Remember Me in the Morning

Poetry by David Gomez

You're asleep in your bed.

I take a cigarette from your carton, walk out on the deck and look up at the night sky.

The glow of orange ash bright in front of the back drop of stars.

A few cars drive past below unaware of my gaze.

I look back at you lying shirtless on the bed. The blanket wrapped around your waste. How angelic and peaceful you look. One arm resting under your head. Lovers tonight, enemies tomorrow. You're so guarded even after all this, you still won't let me in.

I silently crawl back into your bed, feeling your body's warmth and I want to bask in your comforting heat. I remember when I used to be one of you. Life in abundance, no concern for mortality.

I reach for your chest, wanting to feel your heartbeat. I stop. I don't want to wake you and have you deny me. Sleep now. Please don't hate me in the morning.



activities, was also recognized. Mr. Jones has provided mementos and pins all seven years of the prom. This year along with the commemorative pins, he donated and helped create the wonderful graphic design for our prom theme, Video Gayme night.

Also recognized was Sharon Broadway. Sharon is the proud mother of Lisa Broadway, one of our Proud Horizons facilitators. She has volunteered to bake and serve delicious cakes at the prom for five years. She always works the prom theme into her cake designs, her cakes are works of art.

And last, but definitely not least to be recognized, our talented deejays Jim Kaup and David Gomez. They amaze us every year with new and exciting experiences with their music, video and special effects.

I was impressed that quite a few of the youth came to Cary Hall early Saturday morning to help us decorate and at the end of the evening, even more kids helped us clean up. These kids inspire me and I'm so proud to be a part of a group that can give them a place to completely be themselves for a few hours.

Pride Prom would not be possible without all the generous sponsors and hard-working volunteers and committee members who make it happen. You can all take great pride in being a part of this fantastic event for our youth. The Pride Prom committee includes representatives from Proud Horizons, PFLAG Omaha, GLSEN Omaha, ICON, the metropolitan Omaha gay straight alliances and other community groups.

Save the Victorians

By Mike Yowell
President, Council Bluffs Community Alliance

The City of Council Bluffs has acquired, through a former owner's failure to pay property taxes, four circa 1892 Victorian homes. These four beautiful Victorians are currently vacant and in need of total restoration. All four homes are in a neighborhood that was recently placed on the National Register. In fact, all four homes were contributory to the neighborhood being placed on the Register.

The city wants these historic homes saved. And as an enticement to purchase these homes, the city is considering special incentives. The homes will be sold for \$20,000 each on a promissory note. Once restoration is completed and the new owner receives a certificate of occupancy, the city will forgive the remainder of the \$20,000. Also, the city will provide a grant of up to \$50,000 per house for restoration. And, the city will forgive the city's portion of the property taxes for several years afterward.

The city had an architectural engineer do a feasibility study on the four homes to determine if they can be saved. The study was completed in January of this year and the engineer determined that they can be saved.

If you are interested in seeing any of these incredible homes, please contact Mike Yowell at 402-619-6331 or myowell@npdodge.com. Mike is a real estate agent with NP

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YOU CAN BE THE CHANGE YOU SEEK

By Royal D. Bush, Interfaith Chaplain

Maya Angelou (one of my hero's) shared "I can be changed by what happens to me, but I refuse to be reduced by it." At work. At home. In our communities. With family. With friends. With our beloved's, we can allow ourselves to change; sometimes drastic and sometimes subtle. Do, however, allow yourself to be reflective, released, revived!

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Any day we wish; we can discipline ourselves to change it all.
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Any day we wish; we can start a new activity. Any day we wish; we can start the process of life change. We can do it immediately, or next week, or next month, or next year.

We can also do nothing. We can pretend rather than perform. And if the idea of having to change ourselves makes us uncomfortable, we can remain as we are. We can choose rest over labor, entertainment over education, delusion over truth, and doubt over confidence. The choices are ours to make. But while we curse the effect, we continue to nourish the cause. As Shakespeare uniquely observed, "The fault is not in the stars, but in ourselves." We created our circumstances by our past choices. We have both the ability and the responsibility to make better choices beginning today. Those who are in search of the good life do not need more answers or more time to think things over to reach better conclusions. They need the truth. They need the whole truth. And they need nothing but the truth.

We should not allow our errors in judgment, repeated every day, to lead us down the wrong path. We must keep coming back to those basics that make the biggest difference in how our life works out. And then we must make the very choices that will bring life, happiness and joy into our daily lives.

If you don't like how things are, change it! YOU (and you alone) are the author of your own life story! You have the ability to totally transform every area in your life - and it all begins with your very own power of choice.

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Advice for LGBT Mortgage Applicants: Deploy Preemptive Tactics in 2011

LGBT real estate buyers and homeowners who have been thinking about taking out a home loan or doing a mortgage refinance may now have more reasons to do so – and to start working on the project sooner instead of later. That's because interest rates are currently hovering at record lows, representing some of the best bargains in decades. But after being historically cheap for the first half of the year interest rates are expected to soon start their inevitable ascent. Many experts predict that the window of opportunity to get the best rates may even close before the end of summer.

LGBT borrowers can expedite the process for a smoother transaction that results in a great rate if they follow these preemptive guidelines:

– Shop Around for the Best Broker

In today's market any lender can offer attractive rates, but mortgage brokers who are resourceful problem solvers provide additional value. Borrowers may encounter obstacles related to closing costs, property valuations, and available cash for the down payment. Or they may experience hassles with refinancing when there is a second mortgage or home equity loan involved. LGBT borrowers often face additional challenges, for instance, because they want to buy in partnership but are not legally married – or if their legal marriage from one state is not recognized in the jurisdiction where they want to buy or refinance. But a creative mortgage broker experienced in making loans to members of the LGBT community can figure out how to pair the borrower up with appropriate lenders, strategize the application process, and find the best overall loan package.

– Get Organized

Processing mortgage paperwork can take time and there are often unexpected delays along the way. So those who want to

capture extremely affordable rates before they evaporate are urged to set their plans into motion now, rather than waiting until rates start to rise. Find out exactly what documents are required by talking to the mortgage broker or lender. Most borrowers will need tax returns for the past two years, at least a month's worth of pay stubs and bank account statements, and any legal documents pertaining to outstanding loans. Statements from stock portfolios, retirement accounts, student loans, and other paperwork related to significant assets or financial obligations should also be obtained. After gathering everything together, make copies and keep them in a central file in a secure, convenient location.

– Put the Brakes on New Purchases

Immediately start working on debt reduction and savings, paying off credit card balances and reining in household expenses. It is important to note that just because the mortgage application has been approved that does not mean that the borrower is free to on a spending spree. Most underwriters currently monitor debt all the way up until the moment the loan is funded, so to ensure that nothing backfires don't incur any new debt from loans or purchases. The timeframe for that moratorium on fresh debt should extend at least 90 to 120 days prior to loan application and be observed until the month after the loan has closed.

Once rates show clear evidence of upside momentum everyone who has been considering a home purchase mortgage or refinance will stop procrastinating and start applying for their loans. That kind of surge in business happens whenever a significant transition toward more expensive rates occurs, but it almost always leaves lenders and borrowers unprepared. Banks that have been trimming back the personnel levels in their underwriting departments in order to save money are usually caught off guard – and it can take them a few months to get up to speed. During the interim period new loan applications pile up and borrowers experience the frustration of watching rates go higher before they have an opportunity to lock theirs into place.

But as interest rates creep up, so do the corresponding monthly mortgage payments. That triggers new calculations in terms of the formulas used to approve or reject mortgage loans, because there is a delicate balance that must be maintained in terms of the borrower's ratio of income to debt. After being badly burned by the recent mortgage crisis lenders have become quite stringent about those parameters, and unless a borrower can verify enough income to comfortably handle the mortgage payment the loan will have to be reworked. If the size of the monthly payment hits a certain metric or benchmark, for example, the homeowner may have to either accept a higher interest rate, pay extra points, or agree to borrow less money.

The key to success is, therefore, to quickly capture the cheapest possible interest rate so that the domino effect of higher costs and more restrictive lending policies doesn't happen. Follow the recommended tips outlined above, crunch the numbers with the help of a qualified lender or mortgage broker, and enjoy snagging a great mortgage and interest rate that will offer sustained value for decades to come.

To find real estate and mortgage professionals dedicated to active support of the LGBT community, visit www.GayMortgageLoans.com and www.GayRealEstate.com, or call toll free 1-888-420-MOVE (6683).

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Ruling Is In: Gay Judge's Prop. 8 Decision Stands

By Andrew Harmon

Supporters of California's Proposition 8 were dealt a blow Tuesday when a federal judge refused their request to throw out Judge Vaughn Walker's trial court decision because he is in a same-sex relationship.

"The sole fact that a federal judge shares the same circumstances or personal characteristics with other members of the general public, and that the judge could be affected by the outcome of a proceeding in the same way that other members of the general public would be affected, is not a basis for either recusal or disqualification," U.S. chief district judge James Ware wrote in a 21-page ruling issued this afternoon.

Judge Walker, Ware wrote, "was not required to recuse himself ... on the ground that he was engaged in a long-term same-sex relationship and, thus, could reap speculative benefit from an injunction halting enforcement of Proposition 8 in California. In particular, in a case involving laws restricting the right of various members of the public to marry, any personal interest that a judge gleans as a member of the public who might marry is too attenuated to warrant recusal."

Judge Ware rejected Prop. 8 supporters' arguments that Walker had a greater interest in the outcome of the case than the general public: "The fact that this is a case challenging a law on equal protection and due process grounds being prosecuted by members of a minority group does not mean that members of the minority group have a greater interest in equal protection and due process than the rest of society."

"In our society, a variety of citizens of different backgrounds coexist because we have constitutionally bound ourselves to protect the fundamental rights of one another from being violated by unlawful treatment. Thus, we all have an equal stake in a case that challenges the constitutionality of a restriction on a fundamental right," Ware wrote.

During a Monday hearing on the matter, Ware said that Prop. 8 supporters' motion to vacate Walker's judgment was the first time that a party had urged a jurist's disqualification based on sexual orientation. He grilled attorney Charles J. Cooper, who argued that Walker had a duty to disclose his relationship, on what direct evidence existed that Judge Walker sought to marry his partner and thus personally benefit from a verdict favoring marriage equality.

The case is currently on appeal before the U.S. court of appeals for the ninth circuit.

In January, a three-judge panel with the ninth circuit asked the California supreme court whether Prop. 8 supporters who have defended the ballot initiative in court "possess either a particularized interest in the initiative's validity or the authority to assert the State's interest in the initiative's validity ... when the public officials charged with that duty refuse to do so."

Strongest Sign Yet: Cuomo Sends Bill to Lawmakers

By Julie Bolcer

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo submitted a marriage equality bill for consideration by the legislature on Tuesday afternoon, a strong sign that he and advocates feel confident about the measure passing.

As a program bill, the Marriage Equality Act requires three days to age before it will be live and ready to receive a vote, where the legislative session is scheduled to end on Monday. The Marriage Equality Act would take effect 30 days after it became law.

According to the news release from the governor's office, the bill makes exemptions for religious institutions, which appears to accommodate undecided Republican state senators, most notably Greg Ball, who have suggested their support may depend on the inclusion of such carve-outs. Having publicly picked up its first Republican vote on Monday, along with three undecided Democrats, the bill needs two more votes, which must come from the Republican conference, to reach the 32 required to pass the senate.

"To ensure that the bill does not intrude into matters of religious belief, the Marriage Equality Act affirms that no member of the clergy can be compelled to solemnize any marriage," said the announcement. "This bill grants equal access to the government-created legal institution of civil marriage while leaving the religious institution of marriage to its own separate and fully autonomous sphere. The bill also guarantees that religious institutions and benevolent organizations such as the Knights of Columbus remain free to choose who may use their facilities for marriage ceremonies and celebrations or to whom they provide religious services, consistent with their religious principles."

In the announcement, as he has in previous statements, Cuomo positioned the Marriage Equality Act as a long overdue next step in the long history of civil rights advances nurtured in New York.

"From the fight for women's suffrage to the struggle for civil rights, New Yorkers have been on the right side of history. But on the issue of marriage equality, our state has fallen behind," he said. "For too long, same-sex couples have been denied the freedom to marry, as well as hundreds of rights that other New Yorkers take for granted. Marriage equality is a matter of fairness and legal security for thousands of families in this state –



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OUR HAPPY HOMES

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They say that we LGBTers just LOVE our homes. Is this true? Well, whether we love our home or hate it, I would like to share some ideas with you about how to create a home that brings you happiness. For most of us, we spend more time and money on our home than we do on anything else; but do we end up with homes we really love? Here are some ideas for your consideration:

On some level, our homes reflect who we are and who we want to be: Ask yourself: what kind of environment do you want to live in? What sorts of "things" do you like around you? Do you want something chic and sleek or comfortable and low maintenance? Your home is a place where you get to "play" with stuff like paint, furniture and accessories. Give yourself permission to get creative with it. If you like to mix mid-century modern with Italian baroque, why not? Why not decorate and design your home to express, amuse and please yourself?

Is your house never good enough? Are you constantly spending money on it? Decorating or remodeling your home when you're unhappy is like standing in front of the refrigerator, opening the door and saying, "Okay food, make me feel better." Neither food nor home decorating can make us happy. Plus, if you watch all those home decorating/remodeling shows, you've probably noticed that the media's image of the "ideal" home changes. Continually. Since there is always cool new home décor available, how do we know when to buy and when to chill?

Homes can be places of great amusement, comfort and inspiration. Or they can be "STATUS TRAPS" with all the pressures of "never quite good enough". Many a client has lamented to me that they and their partner spent thousands of dollars on a home renovation project because of a seemingly harmless conversation that went something like this: "You know, ----- and -----'s house looks so good. They just redid their kitchen/bathroom/doghouse and it looks fabulous...we should do something like that too. Our place is a dump compared to theirs."

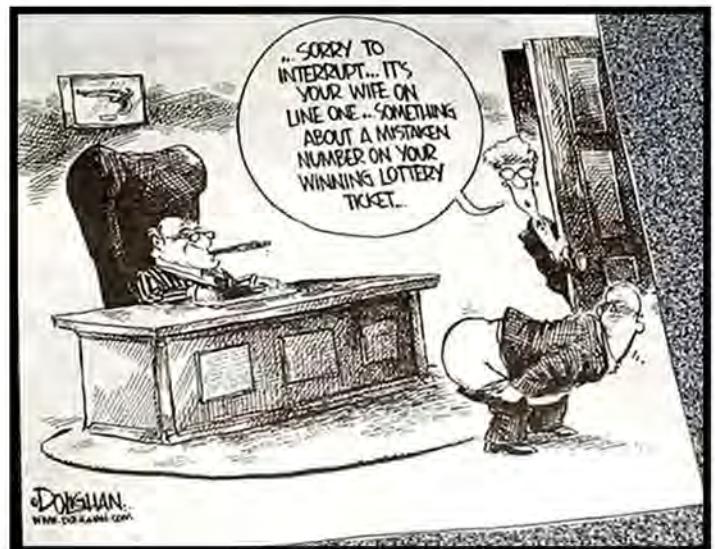
A nice home reminds me of that line from the L'Oreal commercial: "Because I'm worth it!" Of course you deserve a nice home filled with beautiful objects...but racking up a debt that will cause you months (or years) of worry isn't what you deserve, is it? Many relationships are pushed to the edge over home remodeling projects; it's a huge relationship stressor. Money plays a big part in this.

Many people think that you need to have a lot of money to be creative in your home. Sure, money helps if you want a new kitchen, but if you're simply bored or want to change things around, moving the furniture, the pictures, the lamps or your "objets d'arte" around is free and can be a lot of fun. Don't

depend on bags of money to make your home the way you want it. We all know people with tons of money whose homes are no fun to hang out in (no names, please).

Is your house depressed? An always-messy house may reflect depression. "I just don't care" can be about casual living or about giving up because it all seems too much. If you can't find things and don't have clean clothes or a pleasant place to eat, sleep or hang out, then your home isn't working for you, it's working against you. This isn't about having a "fashionable" home, it's about having a home you enjoy. If you hate to decorate or think you're missing that gene, consider hiring someone to help you...or, if money is tight, ask a friend whose taste you admire. On the other hand, if you don't care about your home and it's chaotic and disorganized, you may be depressed. Talk with a good friend, mentor or counselor. A casual home is a lifestyle choice; a chaotic and dirty home, however, is a problem. Get some help with it.

Luckily, there is no single LGBT "style" for your home, your clothes or yourself: you can be super butch and decorate with leather and denim or you can fill your home with challis (look it up) and fluffy pillows. The most important thing about designing and decorating your home is to be in touch with your motivation for changing things. For example, if you're clear that you want to change your home to achieve a certain result, then go for it. But, your home is fine and you're comparing your home with other people's places and finding yours lacking, then maybe your lesson is to trust yourself, your taste and your preferences. The only RIGHT way to decorate is to do what makes you happy...regardless of what the magazines say. Try this on as your new mantra (cross-legged posture optional): COMPARISON WITH OTHERS IS BAD. BEING INSPIRED BY OTHERS TO DO MY OWN THING IS GOOD.



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(Cuomo Sends Bill to N.Y. Lawmakers, Continued from page 10)

not of religion or culture. When it comes to fighting for what's right, New Yorkers wrote the book, and marriage equality is the next chapter of our civil rights story."

Cuomo has said that he and the coalition of advocates working to pass the bill did not want to hold a vote on a measure that would fail, which makes the delivery of the bill an indication of their confidence. The presence of the bill also shows their seriousness to Republican senators, who will likely conference the measure on Wednesday. Majority leader Dean Skelos, an opponent of the bill, has said that he would recommend it come to the floor for a vote pending consultation with his Republican members.

GOP Candidates on Marriage, DADT Repeal

By Andrew Harmon

From left: 2012 Republican presidential candidates Rep. Michele Bachmann, Newt Gingrich, and Mitt Romney

Despite optimism that New York will become the next state in the nation to endorse marriage equality — a victory that hinges on support from key state Republican lawmakers — many candidates vying for the 2012 GOP nomination presented a regressive view of the future during Monday's CNN presidential debate in New Hampshire, with a solid majority supporting a federal constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Of the candidates invited to the debate, only Herman Cain and Rep. Ron Paul opposed a federal marriage amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Cain said the matter should be left up to the states, while Paul held a libertarian view and argued that government should not be in the business of marriage.

The remaining candidates, Tim Pawlenty, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum, and Rep. Michele Bachmann, expressed support for a constitutional amendment.

Bachmann, who officially announced her 2012 candidacy at the debate, said "I don't see that it's the role of a president to go into states and interfere with their state laws," yet moments later said she supported an amendment restricting marriage to a man and a woman, arguing in part that "the best possible way to raise children is to have a mother and father in their life."

Gingrich, who presided over the House of Representatives as Speaker during the passage of the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, criticized the Obama administration's decision not to defend the law in federal court and said that if the law is struck down, a constitutional amendment would become necessary.

Former Georgia representative Bob Barr, author of DOMA, has since said that the Obama administration should take steps not to enforce the law and has called for its legislative repeal.

"I can see a number of folks, including some that are making



sounds about running for president on the Republican side, using [DOMA] as a rallying cry to push for a Federal Marriage Amendment again," Barr told *The Advocate* in April. "I don't think it would succeed, but I think ... the implication is that it could lead to a renewed effort to get a Federal Marriage Amendment through in this lead-up to the 2012 election."

The candidates took an equally regressive stance on repeal of "don't ask, don't tell," which Defense Secretary Robert Gates said in a Monday interview with the AP could be formally certified by the time he leaves office on June 30: The same group of debate participants who called for a federal marriage amendment also voiced support for keeping the ban on open service in the armed forces.

"I believe it should have been kept in place until conflict was over," Romney said.

The lack of pro-gay candidate participation in the debate, Log Cabin Republicans executive director R. Clarke Cooper noted on Saturday, "perpetuates the myth that Republicans are uniform in their opinions on social issues — a myth which hurts the Republican Party among independents, moderates, and younger voters."

Fred Karger, a Republican and the first openly gay presidential candidate, was not invited to the debate. Asked about the candidates' performance on Monday evening, Karger replied via email, "Bachmann is looking good. The rest of the bunch, not."

Update: Cooper of Log Cabin Republicans issued the following statement on "don't ask, don't tell" and federal marriage amendment comments from the candidates during Monday's debate:

"The candidates in this CNN debate did not make a strong case to the American people, particularly not to the moderates or younger voters we will need in 2012 to defeat Barack Obama. Some of the views expressed by the candidates were out of sync with today's GOP. A clear majority of Republicans today support the end of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.' The stark contrast between candidates looking to turn back the clock on repeal on the same day that Republican-appointed Defense Secretary Gates declared that the military would soon be ready for open service makes our party appear fearful of change. Calls for a federal marriage amendment while in New Hampshire, a state

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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.

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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

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WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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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 ander-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

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

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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
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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

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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

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

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

BCBA 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

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HA, Not currently meeting.

**Email Your Event to:
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Going Fishing

The young boy protested vigorously when his mother asked him to take his little sister along fishing. "The last time she came," he objected, "I didn't catch a single fish." "I'll talk to her," his mother said, "and I promise this time she won't make any noise." "It wasn't the noise, Mom," the boy replied. "She ate all my bait."

5 Minute Management Course

A man is getting into the shower, just as his wife is finishing up her shower, when the doorbell rings. The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs. When she opens the door, there stands David, the next-door neighbor.

Before she says a word, David says, 'I'll give you \$800 to drop that towel.'

After thinking for a moment, the woman drops her towel and stands naked in front of David.. After a few seconds, David hands her \$800 and leaves.

The woman wraps back up in the towel and goes back upstairs. When she gets to the bathroom, her husband asks, 'Who was that?'

'It was David, the next door neighbor,' she replies.

'Great,' the husband says, 'did he say anything about the \$800 he owes me?'

Moral of the story:

If you share critical information pertaining to credit and risk with your shareholders in time, you may be in a position to prevent avoidable exposure.

The Ventriloquist

A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and one night he's doing a show. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes, when a blonde woman in the 4th row stands on her chair and starts shouting: "I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes! What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What does the color of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community and from reaching our full potential as a person. Because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general and all in the name of humor!"

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize, when the blonde yells, "You stay out of this, mister! I'm talking to that little shit sitting on your knee!"

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Daily Thought:

SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SLINKIES; NOT REALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT THEY BRING A SMILE TO YOUR FACE WHEN PUSHED DOWN THE STAIRS.

No bait was harmed in the telling of these jokes. Hell, the bait was already dead anyway. How could it be harmed? David was so horny after seeing the friends naked wife that he went home and made mad passionate love to his wife. She got pregnant and had twins, a boy and a girl. The little girl liked to eat bate. Now you know where the first story came from. Don't you just love management stories?

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

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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

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

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

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

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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

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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

OUTline, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, www.outline.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

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

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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

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info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

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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>

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which currently enjoys marriage equality, showed several candidates to be out of touch. True conservatives know that the federal government should respect individual liberty.

"Front-runner Mitt Romney, in particular, knows better. Seventeen years ago he opposed 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' and vowed to support the Employment Nondiscrimination Act. Log Cabin Republicans remember that promise, and are committed to reminding all conservatives that inclusion wins. The pointed exclusion of pro-equality candidates, such as former New Mexico governor Gary Johnson and openly gay Republican candidate Fred Karger, from this debate wrongly perpetuated the myth that Republicans are uniform in their opinions on social issues. Our party deserves candidates who will represent the values which unite us - individual liberty, fiscal responsibility, and limited government."

Where Can You Find *The Gayzette?*

Omaha:

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway	Council Bluffs IA
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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
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Lincoln:

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RICHARD... WAIT.

EH?

I... UM...

...I LIKE YOUR NEW HAIR COLOR.

OH, THIS? I THOUGHT I'D TRY A NEW SHADE OF RED.

NOW THAT I'M STARTING A...

...A NEW PHASE OF MY LIFE, IT FELT RIGHT.

OH, RICHARD... ~~SNIFF~~... I'M SO SORRY...

HUH? FOR WHAT, KYLE?

FOR EVERYTHING! FOR MAKING YOU MOVE OUT... FOR NOT FORGIVING YOU...

...FOR BEING SO HARSH... SO COLD TO YOU...

WHICH I TOTALLY DESERVED! KYLE, LISTEN...

...I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T KEEP ALL THAT ANGER AND RESENTMENT BOTTLED UP INSIDE!

THAT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN HEALTHY!

WELL, I... DEFINITELY LET IT LOOSE.

DID YOU EVER.

I STILL HAVE VISIONS OF YOU TOSSING MY ENTIRE JUSTUS BOYZ UNDERWEAR COLLECTION OFF THE FRONT STEPS OF THIS HOUSE!

RIGHT. INTO THE SNOW.

THAT WAS A MAJOR DIVA MOMENT, KYLE.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD IT IN YOU.

I'M ACTUALLY... ...KIND OF PROUD OF YOU.

OH, RICHARD... I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH. WOULD YOU CONSIDER MOVING BACK IN?

GEE, I DON'T KNOW, KYLE. I'VE REALLY GOTTEN USED TO DELIA'S COUCH.

OH. WELL--

PLEASE. I'LL BE PACKED AND BACK HERE BEFORE SUNSET...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



It gets so hot and humid here during the dog days of summer! You don't feel like walking or biking when it is so hot and the air is thick with misery. The winter is even worse with the frigid temperatures and the blinding snowstorms. Jack Frost has always taunted you with his bag of tricks and you just can't get motivated to exercise in the doldrums of winter. You could be successful with a fitness program if only you lived somewhere else!

If only you lived in Phoenix! They have mountains for hiking. They have great bike paths throughout the city. They have warm weather in the wintertime. You could certainly be inspired to get in shape when living in a fantastic place like this! If only you could leave your financial problems back in Omaha. But those monetary matters will find their way to Arizona and wreck your plans to get healthy!

If only you lived in New York City! There are a million things to do at any given hour! There are a million people to make friends with! You could really get excited about creating a whole new healthy you in a vibrant city like the Big Apple! If only you could leave your record of an extreme DUI back in Cornhusker country. But that pesky little peccadillo will find its way to Times Square and ruin your plans to get physically fit!

If only you lived in a tropical paradise like Hawaii! There are palm trees that sway from the cool ocean breezes. There are wonderful sunsets that dance over the shimmering waters each evening and waltz with the soft, gentle clouds before kissing the horizon goodnight. You would be so relaxed and ready to advance three spots to well-being. If only you could leave those memories of that acrimonious break-up with your partner of 11 years back in Nebraska. But those sad moments in time will accompany you to the land of Aloha and crush your will for wellness!

If only you lived across the great pond in merry old England! They have an excellent transit system all over the country. They have a national health care program to look after all their citizens. They have a passion for soccer and rugby and so do you. You could very well see yourself getting involved with an adult soccer league and getting your body looking good once again! If you could only leave your unresolved family issues back in a storage unit on Leavenworth Street! Those matters of mayhem from holidays past will continue to haunt you overseas and eventually disrupt your highway to health!

If only you could just find some ways to begin dealing with what you have right now in Omaha! Your problems will always be right by your side. You can run to those "greener" pastures all over the world, but your problems are just like your shadow and will always be with you. Don't be afraid of your shadow anymore; begin addressing these uncomfortable aspects of your life. And get on with your intentions to better your health and fitness today! You're in the perfect city at just the right time! This health and fitness article is brought to you by that guy who loves all gift horses. That grateful guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at rblake5551@hotmail.com.



Seattle Space Needle Wants \$45K to Go Gay

By Advocate.com Editors

The operators of the Seattle Space Needle told its city's gay community that it will fly a Pride flag from the iconic structure — if they can raise \$45,000 for LGBT charities.



The Space Needle flew the flag for the first time last year, but when asked for a repeat performance, they presented the fund-raising challenge to Seattle. The Space Needle operators want \$50,000 raised — they donated \$5,000 — by Pride weekend, which begins June 25. The money will go to the Greater Seattle Business Association LGBT and allied scholarship fund, Dan Savage's It Gets Better Project, which supports the Trevor Project, Lambda Legal, and Mary's Place, a trans-inclusive women's shelter in Seattle.

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