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Barney Frank Marries Longtime Partner

By Jeremy Kinser.

Democratic Representative Barney Frank tied the knot with his longtime partner, James Ready, on Saturday, reports The New York Times.

The union makes Frank, who recently announced plans to retire after more than three decades in office, the first sitting congressman to enter into a same-



sex marriage. The ceremony, which took place at the Boston Marriott hotel, was officiated by Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick and was attended by approximately 300 friends and colleagues.

NBC reports Democratic congressman Al Green saying that Patrick added levity to the ceremony when he mentioned Frank and Ready has vowed to love each other through Democratic and Republican administrations alike and that Frank was beaming.

"It was no different than any other wedding I've attended when you have two people who are in love with each other," Green says.

ICON July Meeting Rescheduled

The July Meeting for the Imperial Court of Nebraska has been moved to Monday, July 23rd. It will begin at 6:30pm at the Rainbow Outreach Center.

Obama Conspiring to Turn Boy Scouts Pro-Gay, Says Chuck Norris

The conservative actor wonders if the president has 'prodded' a Scouts national board member with 'perks and favors.'

BY Trudy Ring.



Chuck Norris

While LGBT activists have long petitioned the Boy Scouts of America to change its antigay policies, right-wing actor Chuck Norris sees this as a sinister conspiracy with President Obama at its center.

In a column posted online this week, the former star of Walker, Texas Ranger lists a variety of connections between Obama and business executive James Turley, a member of the BSA's national board who has pledged to work from within to end the ban on gay scouts and leaders. Norris wonders, "Is Turley working on his own initiative, or has the White House prodded him with perks and favors?" and continues with a series of paragraphs asking, "Is it a coincidence ... ?"

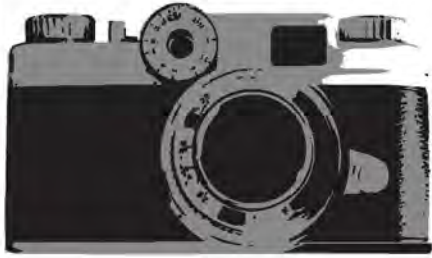
The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation reminds Norris that Obama's Republican opponent in the presidential

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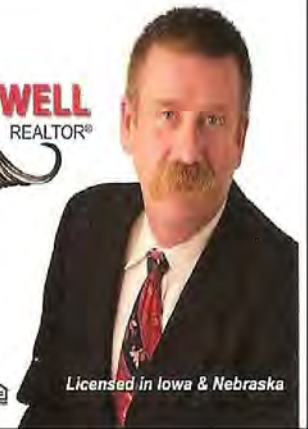
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race, Mitt Romney, has also called on the BSA to accept gay members — in 1994, when he ran for U.S. senator from Massachusetts against Ted Kennedy. “I feel that all people should be able to participate in the Boy Scouts regardless of their sexual orientation,” Romney said in a debate that year.

Also, Jennifer Tyrrell, who was recently ousted from a leadership post with the Scouts because she is a lesbian, issued a statement challenging Norris. “Chuck Norris is clearly out of touch and I’d like for him to sit down with my family and fellow scouting families who support us,” she said.

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Iowa Marriage Equality Opponents Admit Losing Enthusiasm

The campaign to repeal marriage equality in Iowa appears to be suffering from changing public opinion and declining interest even among some conservative Republicans.

BY Julie Bolcer.

Campaigners that hope to reverse Iowa’s status as a Midwestern outpost for marriage equality appear to be losing their opportunity to win a public vote because of increasing acceptance for same-sex marriage and lack of interest even among conservative Republican voters and lawmakers.



The Associated Press reports on the changes since 2009, when Iowa became the first state in its region to allow same-sex couples to marry after a unanimous state supreme court decision. Conservative activists including the National Organization for Marriage struck back the following year by recalling three of the judges who voted for the decision, but public attitudes have grown more supportive of marriage equality in the years afterward and about 4,500 same-sex couples have married in the state.

“Even Republicans seem to be more accepting, said Julie Summa marketing director for The Family Leader, a social conservative advocacy group,” according to the AP. “She and other

evangelical leaders attribute the change to libertarian Republicans, like supporters Texas Rep. Ron Paul, who oppose restrictions on personal freedoms.”

Party leaders including Kathy Potts, a former Republican county chairwoman, have also endorsed marriage equality. Potts sits on the advisory board for Iowa Republicans for Freedom, and she published a stinging op-ed in a local newspaper last March charging that the fight against marriage equality could be traced to “the loud voices of a few in our party.”

Fewer than 10% of voters in conservative Republican districts now list overturning marriage equality as a priority, according to internal campaign polls cited by the AP. Should Republicans, who already control the governor’s office and the House, win control of the Senate, a marriage equality referendum could appear before voters no earlier than 2015 because of the legislative process. Meanwhile, polls already indicate that majorities of Iowans oppose overturning the marriage equality law.

Republicans need to capture two seats in order to win control of the senate. NOM plans to spend at least \$500,000 to help with that effort, reports the AP.

CPAC's Boy Wonder Swings Left

By PATRICK GAVIN

Jonathan Krohn took the political world by storm at 2009’s Conservative Political Action Conference when, at just 13 years old, he delivered an impromptu rallying cry for conservatism that became a viral hit and had some pegging him as a future star of the Republican Party.

Now 17, Krohn — who went on to write a book, “Defining Conservatism,” that was blurbed by the likes of Newt Gingrich and Bill Bennett — still watches that speech from time to time, but it mostly makes him cringe because, well, **he’s not a conservative anymore.**



“I think it was naive,” Krohn now says of the speech. “It’s a 13-year-old kid saying stuff that he had heard for a long time.... I live in Georgia. We’re inundated with conservative talk in Georgia.... The speech was something that a 13-year-old does. You haven’t formed all your opinions. You’re really defeating yourself if you think you have all of your ideas in your head when you were 12 or 13. It’s impossible. You haven’t done enough.”

Krohn won't go so far as to say he's liberal, in part because his move away from conservatism was a move away from ideological boxes in general.

"I want to be Jonathan Krohn," he said, "and I'm tired of being an ideology, and it's not fun and it gets boring and it's not who we are as individuals."

But a quick rundown of his current political stances suggests a serious pendulum swing away from the right.

Gay marriage? In favor. Obamacare? "It's a good idea." Who would he vote for (if he could) in November? "Probably Barack Obama." His favorite TV shows? "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report." His favorite magazine? The New Yorker. And, perhaps telling of all, Krohn is enrolling this fall at a college not exactly known for its conservatism: New York University.

"One of the first things that changed was that I stopped being a social conservative," said Krohn. "It just didn't seem right to me anymore. From there, it branched into other issues, everything from health care to economic issues. . . . I think I've changed a lot, and it's not because I've become a liberal from being a conservative — it's just that I thought about it more. The issues are so complex, you can't just go with some ideological mantra for each substantive issue."

Krohn is bucking the received wisdom that people become more conservative as they get older, a shift he attributes partly to philosophy.

"I started reflecting on a lot of what I wrote, just thinking about what I had said and what I had done and started reading a lot of other stuff, and not just political stuff," Krohn said. "I started getting into philosophy — Nietzsche, Wittgenstein, Kant and lots of other German philosophers. And then into present philosophers — Saul Kripke, David Chalmers. It was really reading philosophy that didn't have anything to do with politics that gave me a breather and made me realize that a lot of what I said was ideological blather that really wasn't meaningful. It wasn't me thinking. It was just me saying things I had heard so long from people I thought were interesting and just came to believe for some reason, without really understanding it. I understood it enough to talk about it but not really enough to have a conversation about it."

BLAG Request to Stop DOMA Challenge Denied

The march toward the Supreme Court continues with a U.S. District Court judge refusing a request from House Republicans who are defending DOMA.

BY Julie Bolcer.

Judge Vanessa Bryant

A federal judge in Connecticut has denied a request from the House Republican-controlled Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group to halt proceedings in a challenge to the Defense of Marriage Act.

Judge Vanessa Bryant of the U.S. District Court for the District

of Connecticut issued her order Wednesday in the case, Peder-



sen v. Office of Personnel Management. BLAG filed a motion to stay last month, arguing that the same issues were under consideration in *Windsor v. United States*, a case now on appeal in the Second Circuit. Both cases challenge section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages. Last month a federal judge in New York ruled DOMA unconstitutional in the *Windsor* case.

According to Prop 8 Trial Tracker, which first reported on the order, Judge Bryant wrote that BLAG "failed to sustain its burden to establish the need for a stay" under four factors laid out by the Supreme Court, including "(1) whether the stay applicant has made a strong showing that he is likely to succeed on the merits; (2) whether the applicant will be irreparably injured absent a stay; (3) whether the issuance of the stay will substantially injure the other parties interested in the proceeding; and (4) where the public interest lies."

Judge Bryant, a George W. Bush appointee, rejected BLAG's assertion that the Pedersen and Windsor cases are the same, where she noted that in the latter, the standing of the sole plaintiff, Edith Windsor, has been challenged by BLAG, and therefore the Second Circuit could limit its analysis to that question, which would not dispose of the issues under consideration in Pedersen. The judge also wrote that a stay "would not conserve judicial economy" because the district court was already in the process of drafting a decision, and she said that the plaintiffs would be harmed by a stay at this point. Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, which brought the Pedersen case on behalf of six married couples and a widower being denied federal benefits, made that point when it said it would oppose the motion to stay.

"Our plaintiffs are being denied access to vital federal programs under DOMA, and we're gratified that Judge Bryant affirmed their right to a resolution of their case," said Mary L. Bonauto, Pedersen lead counsel, in a statement issued Thursday by GLAD. "As long as Jerry Passaro continues to be denied his late husband's pension; Anne Meitzen continues to be unable to go on her wife Joanne Pedersen's health insurance, and Lynda DeForge continues to be unable to care for her wife Raquel Ardin because she can't get Family Medical Leave, this case should be moving forward. Judge Bryant came to the right con-

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UNLEARNING JEALOUSY

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“Let jealousy be your teacher. Jealousy can lead you to the very places where you most need healing. It can be your guide into your own dark side and show you the way to total self-realization. Jealousy can teach you how to live in peace with yourself and with the whole world if you let it.”

.....Deborah Anapol, Love without Limits

Jealousy feels lousy; most of us do whatever we can not to go there. Why do we give it so much power to make us miserable? Why do some people use jealousy as an “excuse” to go berserk? Ask yourself: what is jealousy to me? For many of my clients, it’s an expression of insecurity, fear, rejection, abandonment, feeling inadequate, etc. Unlearning jealousy is a wonderful thing. I help clients with this all the time. It’s a gradual process that takes time and introspection, but the results are always worth it.

To unlearn jealousy, I help clients establish within themselves a strong foundation of internal security that is not dependent on having or possessing people or things. If we think we own someone or something, we’re stuck in jealousy. We don’t own our partners, jobs, kids, looks, or health...we’re really just “renting” them. We can’t make people stay with us, nor can we hold onto something good forever. It’s in the nature of people and phenomena to be impermanent...ideally, we’ll enjoy them while they’re here and gracefully let go when it’s time. Sounds good, hard to do.

One of the keys to unlearning jealousy is self-validation. Slowly, we can begin the process of looking to ourselves for our own happiness (an internal orientation) and needing less and less from other people, places or things (an external orientation). Start small...begin to develop your own internal compass. For example, when you do something well, don’t call your best friend right away to blurt it out. Instead, give yourself praise and encouragement. People who take loving care of themselves are seldom jealous.

Jealous people need other people to do as they say. Because they don’t have strong internal compasses, they cling to people and situations to feel okay. Jealous people usually feel out of control, so they want to control their partners, friends and everyone in their path. This isn’t because they’re cruel; it’s because they’re scared.

Becoming your own source of strength and comfort decreases your jealousy. When someone does something they don’t like, a jealous person feels personally betrayed. A secure person notices it and may say, “I don’t like that. Please don’t do it again.” and a calm, reasonable conversation can follow where a

compromise can be reached. Sound familiar? It’s how people maintain long-term friendships/romantic relationships. It can’t always be about you. For jealous people, it is all about them, because they’re so insecure and unstable they need you to do what they say and not “upset” them.

When I work with clients who feel stuck in their jealousy, I ask them if they are WILLING to not act out their jealousy (no more screaming, name-calling or throwing things). Instead, we work together so they can sit with their jealous feelings, identify and analyze them; this strips the jealous feelings of their power. I encourage my clients to feel their jealousy rather than act it out. This is initially uncomfortable, and many people tell me things like “it’ll kill me to feel this bad”. But, it won’t. However, habitually acting out from jealousy will kill your friendships, romances, careers and even your own aliveness.

I encourage my clients to OWN their jealousy, “I feel jealous because my boyfriend was checking that guy out” or “I think my girlfriend is cheating on me because she was at the grocery store longer than usual.” Intense jealousy reeks of paranoia, and that brings us nothing but misery and craziness. But, there is good news: if you are willing to sit still and listen to your jealous little self with compassion, you quickly discover that jealousy is survivable. That alone is shocking to lots of people. Unlearning jealousy isn’t easy, but, it sure feels good the more you do it.

I’ll close with a quote from the wonderful book, *Ethical Sluts* (authors: D. Easton & C. Liszt):

“I notice that jealousy comes and goes, depending on how good I feel about myself. When I’m not taking care of getting what I want, it’s easy to get jealous and think that someone else is getting what I’m not. I need to remember that it’s my job to get my needs met. I feel the jealousy, but I’m not willing to act on it, so it mostly goes away.”

And that, dear readers, is how it works.



DIRTY MIND

They're just tall weeds.

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clusion.”

Multiple DOMA cases appear headed for the Supreme Court, with both BLAG and the U.S. Department of Justice asking the high court to consider challenges within the past week. The Justice Department announced last year that it would no longer defend the 1996 law. Judge Bryant acknowledged the dynamic legal climate in her order, where she said that the “public interest” called for the Pedersen case to proceed.

“Lastly, the Court finds that public interest weighs against the entry of a stay in this matter, as the challenge to the constitutionality of Section 3 of DOMA presents an important issue to the nation as a whole such that the Second Circuit and potentially the Supreme Court would benefit from as many opinions and analyses as possible to enrich their review,” she wrote.

Pentagon Hosts First Pride Event

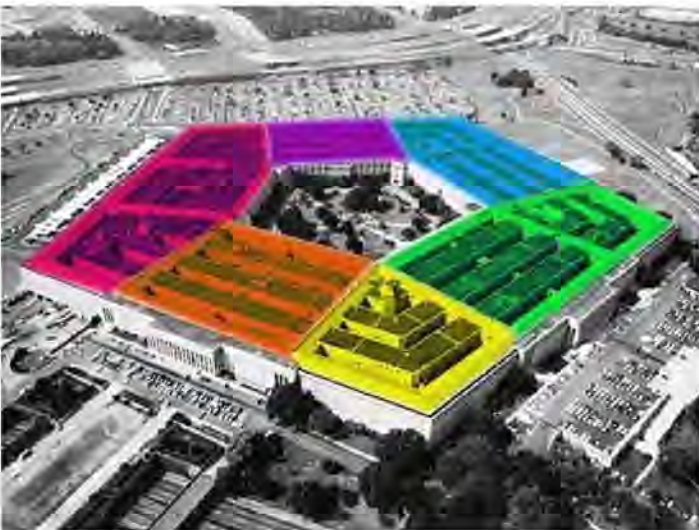
The Defense Department recognized LGBT Pride Month for the first time with a standing-room only crowd at the Pentagon, where speakers praised “don’t ask, don’t tell” repeal but acknowledged the implementation work that remains.

By Julie Bolcer.

A standing-room only crowd packed the Pentagon Auditorium on Tuesday for the first-ever LGBT Pride Month event hosted by the Defense Department, an occasion made possible by the repeal of the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy last year.

Servicemembers and civilian employees gathered to hear a keynote speech by Jeh Johnson, general counsel of the agency and co-chair of the Comprehensive Review Working Group that prepared the report in 2010 concluding the risk to the military of repealing “don’t ask, don’t tell” was low. He reviewed the exhaustive process through which he and General Carter Ham, the other co-chair, approached their task.

Johnson conceded that as recently as three years ago, it “would have been difficult” for top leadership at the Pentagon to see open service, let alone the smooth transition that has taken place. He quoted feedback from a soldier in the field that had been included in the working group’s report.



“We have a gay guy,” read Johnson. “He’s big, he’s mean, and he kills lots of bad guys. No one cared that he was gay.”

The audience at the event, which was broadcast live on the Pentagon Channel, broke into laughter.

Compared to civilian organizations like the CIA, which hosted a Pride event 12 years ago, Johnson noted that the occasion marked the first such recognition of Pride in the history of the Pentagon. Because “individual personal characteristics occupy a subordinate position to the mission” in the military, he said the Defense Department event held “a different and qualified place.” The focus should be to honor those LGBT servicemembers who had a burden removed “from their shoulders” and to recognize the professional way the military has adapted to repeal, he said.

As the chief legal officer for the Defense Department, Johnson is responsible for implementing the legal changes that result from “don’t ask, don’t tell” repeal. He acknowledged that the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages, creates a two-tiered system of benefits, and said that his team continued to examine what benefits could be provided to gay and lesbian servicemembers and their families within the limits of the current law. Pentagon leaders committed to study the issue after repeal legislation passed in 2010.

“Until final resolution of DOMA, adherence to the law is basic to the military and central to our efforts,” said Johnson, who called the process “comprehensive and time-consuming.”

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which advocates for individuals affected by the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, sent a letter last August to Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta outlining the benefits that may be conferred within the constraints of DOMA. Areas where benefits can be provided include joint assignment eligibility for married same-sex couples, family center programs and military family housing, according to the group.

“I was heartened by his remarks, but I wish he’d been a little more specific on the benefits issue,” said SLDN executive director Aubrey Sarvis in a telephone interview following the event. “They have been working on this issue for over a year. It’s time to bring the discussion in the building on this issue to a close. It’s been a protracted discussion within the Pentagon and we’re impatient for action and resolution by the Secretary and his team.”

Panetta did not appear at the event, but his Pride message from earlier this month was played at the start of the one-hour program. In the video, he praised the progress of repeal and said, “Going forward, I remain committed to removing as many barriers as possible to make America’s military a model of equal opportunity, to ensure all who are qualified can serve in America’s military, and to give every man and woman in uniform the opportunity to rise to their highest potential.”

The Pride message from President Barack Obama was also played at the outset after a color guard presentation and the National Anthem. Pentagon brass in attendance included Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Erin Conaton, Deputy National Security Advisor Dennis

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

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

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

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

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

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

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

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

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

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm, Walkin from 5pm to 8pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday
DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON 7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

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

NAP HIV TESTING 250 So. 77th., by appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Walk-In from 5pm to 8pm

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB
Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

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

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

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

Every Other Friday
CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at Barley's, 114 West Broadway in CB) starting at 5:00-7:00pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Pride Planning Meeting- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

1st Thursday
GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOg-ibt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOgibt.org for

info

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm
—50th & Ames Ave.

2nd Thursday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Board Meeting- at D
Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-
8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find
us on Facebook

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

2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm –
6:30pm, A progressive community in the Cath-
olic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary
Phone: 402.953.7656
Email: ecuomaha@live.com
Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the Rain-
bow Outreach GLBT Community Center,
www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

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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 Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm—
50th & Ames Ave.

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,

6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530
N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220,
3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

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

How Adam Got Eve

Adam was hanging around the garden of
Eden feeling very lonely.

So, God asked him, 'What's wrong with
you?'

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk
to.

God said that He was going to make Ad-
am a companion and that it would be a
woman.

He said, 'This pretty lady will gather food
for you, she will cook for you, and when
you discover clothing, she will wash them
for you, She will always agree with every
decision you make, she will not nag you,
and will always be the first to admit she
was wrong when you've had a disagree-
ment'. 'She will praise you, She will bear
your children, and never ask you to get up
in the middle of the night to take care of
them!'

'She will NEVER have a headache and
will freely give you love and passion
whenever you need it.'

Adam asked God, 'What will a woman
like this cost?'

'An arm and a leg', said God.

Then Adam asked, 'What can I get for a
rib?'

Of course, the rest is history!!!!

**Harlequin Novel, Updated
.... 2012 Version:**

He grasped me firmly, but gently, just above
my elbow and guided me into a room, his
room. Then he quietly shut the door and we
were alone. He approached me soundlessly,
from behind, and spoke in a low, reassuring
voice close to my ear. "Just relax."

Without warning, he reached down and I felt
his strong, calloused hands start at my ankles,
gently probing, and moving upward along my
calves, slowly but steadily.

My breath caught in my throat. I knew I should
be afraid, but somehow I didn't care. His touch
was so experienced, so sure.

When his hands moved up onto my thighs, I
gave a slight shudder, and partly closed my
eyes. My pulse was pounding. I felt his know-
ing fingers caress my abdomen, my ribcage.

And then, as he cupped my firm, full breasts in
his hands, I inhaled sharply.

Probing, searching, knowing what he wanted,
he brought his hands to my shoulders, slid
them down my tingling spine and into my
panties.

Although I knew nothing about this man, I felt
oddly trusting and expectant. This is a man, I
thought. A man used to taking charge. A man
not used to taking 'No' for an answer. A man
who would tell me what he wanted. A man
who would look into my soul and say

"Okay ma'am, you can board your flight now."

White House Head Gardener Fired

James "Jim" Whitey, the head gardener at the
White House, was dismissed today after 31
years of loyal service to scores of US Presi-
dents and First Ladies.

In an exclusive interview outside the back gate
of the Presidential Residence, the 64-year old
Mr. Whitey, proclaimed his innocence and
strongly condemned his firing.

"It all happened so fast. I'm still in a daze,"
said the bewildered Whitey. "All I know is, I
was getting ready to weed the rose bed outside
the Oval Office window like I do every week.

"I called out to my assistants, "Has anyone
seen the spade and the hoe?" And the next
thing I knew, the Secret Service was hauling
me off the property.

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

Heartland Pride www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life 402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

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

24547, Omaha NE 68124

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.oglbtsports.com for more information

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

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska,

web site at <http://www.tri-city-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>

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Door 19, 1901 Leavenworth	402-933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	402-344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway	402-346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St.	402-932-3377
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	402-346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	402-342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	402-552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	402-449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	402-341-0330

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

(Pentagon Hosts First Pride Event, Continued from page 9)

McDonough and Major General John S. Patton, according to a list supplied by SLDN.

During the second half hour, a panel discussion addressed the topic, "The Value of Open Service and Diversity." Three openly gay panelists included Outserve communications director Sue Fulton, Marine Corps Capt. Matthew Phelps, and Gordon Tanner, deputy general counsel of the Air Force. Navy Capt. Jane Campbell, director of defense press operations, moderated.

Capt. Phelps commented on the remarkable pace of change, saying that in one year, he went from being required to hide his identity at work to attending the White House Pride reception hosted by President Obama earlier this month.

"I would argue that it got better, because now you have a whole portion of the military who is able to be honest with the people that they work with," he said. "When somebody says, 'Do you have anybody at home?' we can say, 'Yes, as a matter of fact, we do.'"

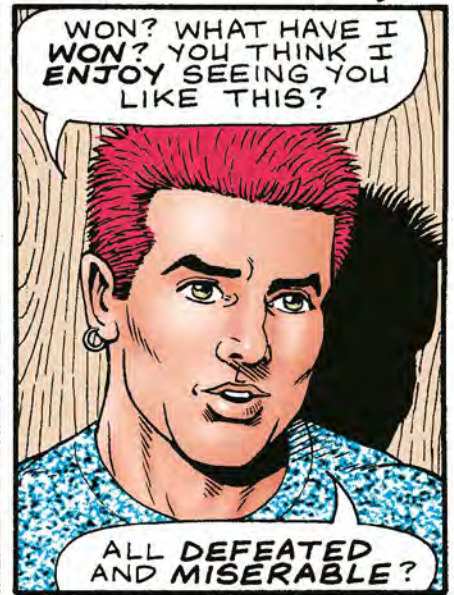
Fulton, a 1980 West Point graduate and member of the military academy's board of visitors, observed that young servicemembers have easily adapted to repeal.

"We braced for impact, and it wasn't even a speed bump," she said. "It's much less of an issue for this generation."

Tanner mentioned the "laundry list" of benefits that are still needed, and he advised servicemembers thinking about coming out to "stretch a little" and "be visible" in the interests of all.

"You can be the bridge," he said. "You can be the face. You can be the friend."

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN... OR THE DOG PARK

Your dog will help you live a longer and healthier life than if you didn't have him. Pet ownership can improve your overall wellness just like an apple a day. Let's try to reward Fido for what he's done for you. Start pushing for a dog park in your section of town if you don't already have one. Dog parks enrich the lives of man's best friend. Dog parks bring communities together. Dog parks enhance the aesthetic value of our neighborhoods. There are some individuals who are staunch opponents of creating such a park and here they come with pitchforks and torches in tow.

The materialistic and wealthy Cruella De Vil would find a dog park to be a waste of space and money. The villainous vamp has a preference to spend her cash on elaborate cigarette holders and exquisite cars. She would rather wear the fur of two dozen Dalmatians than have a fenced-in grassy knoll for the sake of animal recreation. Try as she might, dogs are just too smart and will use 101 ways to get their dog park.

The mean old lady at the beginning of the Wizard of Oz seems unlikely to be a signatory on any dog park petition. I remember Mrs. Gulch not wanting that little dog Toto to maintain his freedom after he had supposedly bitten her. The sheriff's order requested that the neighbor girl Dorothy surrender her little buddy to the mean spirited Mrs. Gulch. Toto escaped from the crusty old maid's clutches and headed back to Omaha to rally his friends in support of friendly dog parks.

You're a mean one Mr. Grinch! I don't think he'd touch a dog park with a thirty-nine-and-a-half-foot pole. This guy has been known to dress his dog up as a reindeer against his will and force him to pull an overloaded sleigh full of stolen toys. The three words that describe Mr. Grinch are as follows, and I quote, "Stink, Stank, Stunk!" His dog Max deserves better and should have a place to play with his other furry colleagues in a little haven of happiness in an urban setting.

The evil veterinarian Dr. Herman Varnick doesn't win any bedside manner awards and he wasn't very fond of that energetic and famous dog named Beethoven. The nefarious doc's intentions to perform unethical examinations on the lovable St. Bernard and other dogs should send warnings to all those in canine country. Thankfully Beethoven survived his scare and wants to enjoy a relaxing symphony in the park...a fun and exciting dog park.

Don't let these fiendish fools steal your dreams! Every day that goes by and you do nothing is another day that goes by without a dog park. Get up and get going with your efforts to make this healthy happiness happen for you and all the dogs in your city or county. You've got a voice, a four legged pal, and no more excuses. Your elected officials are just a call or email away; start barking up the right trees!

This call to action is brought to you by that guy with Kibbles and Bits on his mind. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be found begging for treats at SmallTownBigCityRadio.com.



250 South 77th Street, Suite A
Omaha, NE 68114

(Located behind McDonald's at 77th & Dodge Street)

www.nap.org

402-552-9260

THE SHELTERBELT THEATRE PRESENTS

CRASH! BOOM! POW!

A PLAY BY BEN BECK
& MOLLY WELSH



July 12 - July 29

8:00 p.m. Thursdays - Saturdays

2:00 p.m. Sundays

Shelterbelt Theatre
3225 California Street

Join us for a Q & A talkback with
Beck and Welsh after the
July 15 performance.

Tickets
\$10 for Thursday, June 12
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www.shelterbelt.org
or call 402-341-2757

Crash! Boom! Pow! written by Omaha playwrights Ben Beck and Molly Welsh, is the story of Benny, a completely unremarkable man, who dreams of a better life. One day, Benny buys a ticket from a mysterious man so that he can escape "the abyss of total meaninglessness that I know lies just beneath my feet." He is thrown into a comic book world of robots, superheroes, magical amulets, wolves, bogeymen, cicadas and onomatopoeic word bubbles. The play is about good, evil, love, hate, fate and beautiful women who fly. *Crash! Boom! Pow!* is inspired by Charles L. Mee's (re)making project. It's a unique show you don't want to miss! *Crash! Boom! Pow!* was part of the 2010 Great Plains Theatre Conference Playlab series.

Directed by Ben Beck, the cast includes Jackie Kay, Matt Karasek, Teri Fender, Matthew Hemmingway, Kris Fleeman, Mallory Freilich, Michael Lane, Hope Henneke, Andy Niess and Drew Roberts, with crew members Matt DeNoncour (set/lighting), Lora Kaup (costumes), Greg Jaxies (sound) and Melissa Borahain (stage manager).



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