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MORE PRIDE NEWS!

The 2011 pride theme has been chosen: "United In Pride" It is about bridging Omaha and Council Bluffs, celebrating the GLBT communities and rallying with our allies to produce an event to raise awareness, educate and have fun! We have also set up a Facebook page to help keep you informed: "Heartland Pride".

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We of course are in need of volunteers and anyone who can share their time and talent to help produce a community wide event that involves everyone!

2011 Pride is June 24th and 25th.

Friday June 24th will begin with a Candle Light Vigil, that will lead to lighting candles across the pedestrian bridge from Omaha to Council Bluffs where the festivities will begin as Council Bluffs hosts Friday Night Pride!

Saturday June 25th will include the annual Pride Parade and the Pride Festival with Entertainment. 2011 Pride Location will be the Flixx Parking lot/Burlington Train Station area.

MCC Omaha Food Pantry Blessed by Bowlers' Donations

This holiday season has been made even more special thanks to the generosity of the Bowling Community. The Ice Bowl Regional Bowling Tournament held over Presidents' Day Weekend each year presented MCC Omaha with a check for the pantry for \$500 from funds raised at last spring's event. Then the River City Mixed Bowling League held a food drive and brought in several cases of non-perishable food items along with checks totaling \$275. The donation of nearly \$800 will buy meat, vegetables and fruit for clients of Nebraska AIDS project and for others in need. MCC is able to make these funds feed so many people in need by using the Food Bank of the Heartland.



Pastors Tom Emmett and Melissa Smithee along with the congregation of MCC extend heartfelt thanks to the Bowlers and to other generous individuals and organizations that help us make sure that those who are hungry will have food during this holiday season. Thanks River City Bowlers and thanks Ice Bowl!

Obama Signs Repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell"

President Obama signed the repeal of the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" law during a ceremony at the Interior Department in Washington on Wednesday.

By SHERYL GAY
STOLBERG

WASHINGTON — The military's longstanding ban on service by gays and lesbians came to a historic and symbolic

end on Wednesday, as President Obama signed legislation repealing "don't ask, don't tell," the contentious 17-year old Clinton-era law that sought to allow gays to serve under the terms of an uneasy compromise that required them to keep their sexuality a secret.



...No longer will tens of thousands of Americans in uniform be

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asked to live a lie or look over their shoulder,” Mr. Obama said during a signing ceremony in a packed auditorium at the Interior Department here. Quoting the chairman of his joint chiefs of staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, Mr. Obama went on, “Our people sacrifice a lot for their country, including their lives. None of them should have to sacrifice their integrity as well.”

The repeal does not immediately put a stop to “don’t ask, don’t tell.” Mr. Obama must still certify that changing the law to allow homosexual and bisexual men and women to serve openly in all branches of the military will not harm readiness, as must Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Admiral Mullen, before the military can implement the new law. But the secretary and the admiral have backed Mr. Obama, who said ending “don’t ask, don’t tell” was a topic of his first meeting with the men. He praised Mr. Gates for his courage; Admiral Mullen, who was on stage with the president during the signing ceremony here, received a standing ovation.

While there is still significant resistance within the military to the change in policy, especially within the Marine Corps, at least one proponent — Representative Barney Frank, the openly gay Democrat from Massachusetts — insisted on Wednesday that this latest effort to integrate the armed services will go more smoothly than did racial or gender integration.

“Reality will very soon make it clear that there is nothing to worry about,” Mr. Frank said. He called the signing the biggest civil rights moment in the nation since the signing of voting rights legislation in the 1960s. “If you can fight for your country, you can do anything,” he said.

In the years since President Bill Clinton first enacted “don’t ask, don’t tell” in 1993, some 17,000 service members have been discharged under the policy. While many gay people in the military are now breathing a sigh of relief, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which represents soldiers facing charges under the policy, is warning its members that they are “still at risk” because the repeal will not take full effect until 60 days after Mr. Obama, the defense secretary and admiral certify readiness.

“The bottom line is DADT is still in effect and it is not safe to come out,” the organization said.

For Mr. Obama, the ceremony — held at the Interior Department because the White House is tied up with holiday tours — marked yet another in a string of last-minute, bipartisan legislative triumphs, a surprising turnaround in the wake of the self-described “shellacking” his party took at the polls last month. He had already signed a bipartisan tax deal into law, and the Senate appears headed on Wednesday to approve a new nuclear arms pact with Russia, which will give him a significant foreign policy victory as he wraps up the first half of his term. He looked relaxed and upbeat as he soaked up the energy from an enthusiastic crowd. For the gay rights movement, which has been frustrated with the pace of progress under Mr. Obama,

Wednesday marked a celebratory turning point. “Thank you, Mr. President,” someone shouted, as Mr. Obama took the stage, prompting a round of other shouts: “Chicago’s in the house, Mr. President! You rock, Mr. President!” Mr. Obama pronounced himself overwhelmed.

The audience for the ceremony included a who’s who of gay activists, among them Frank Kameny, who was fired from a civilian job as an Army astronomer in 1957 — an act that prompted him to found a gay rights advocacy organization in Washington D.C. and to file a lawsuit which went all the way to the Supreme Court. In 1965 he picketed the White House, in the first ever demonstration there by gays.

Now white-haired at 85, Mr. Kameny also served as an enlisted Army soldier; he signed up in May 1943, he said, three days before he turned 18, and saw “front line combat” in Germany during World War II. He said he was asked if he had “homosexual tendencies” and denied it. “They asked, and I didn’t tell,” he said, “and I resented for 67 years that I had to lie.”

GOglbt – Greater Omaha GLBT Network

We are busy planning an exciting year for GOglbt in 2011. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 6th from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at H&R Block (7220 Jones Street). For more information, visit www.GOglbt.org.

Target Apologized for Anti-Gay Donations, But Failed to Stop the Hateful Giving

by Michael A. Jones

There's that old saying, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."

LGBT shoppers at Target should probably say that proverb a

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few times this afternoon. Earlier this summer, Target was blasted by gay rights advocates for giving \$150,000 to a group working to elect Tom Emmer the governor of Minnesota. Emmer, for his part, thought gays were immoral, did not have the right to raise children, and shouldn't be allowed to get married. Emmer even made a personal contribution to a religious ministry that advocated death for LGBT people. Yikes.

In the wake of that dust up, Target issued a statement in early



August apologizing to LGBT customers and LGBT employees for any offense their donation in support of Emmer may have caused.

"The intent of our political contribution ... was to support economic growth and job creation. While I firmly believe that a business climate conducive to growth is critical to our future, I realize our decision affected many of you in a way I did not anticipate, and for that I am genuinely sorry," said Target's CEO, Gregg Steinhafel. He even pledged that Target would revamp its process for giving political donations to quell some of the LGBT anger toward the company.

Nice sentiments, but apparently Steinhafel's 'genuinely sorry' was nothing more than window dressing. Because as Abe Sauer at The Awl spells out this afternoon, months after Steinhafel apologized for Target's anti-gay donations, Target continued to distribute a ton of cash to anti-gay politicians.

Among the donations that Target made to anti-gay candidates post-apology include:

- Recently elected New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte. Ayotte, for her part, was the Attorney General of New Hampshire, and a steadfast opponent of marriage equality. And in September 2010, the same month that Target gave her a chunk of change, Ayotte was asked this question: "Should same-sex couples, in your opinion, have the same adoption rights as everyone else?" Her answer? "No."
- Recently elected Ohio Senator Rob Portman. Portman received money from Target in October 2010. His past positions have included calling for a federal Constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, and barring gay people from adopting. His Congressional voting record on civil rights, according to the ACLU? A whopping 7 percent.
- U.S. Rep. Erik Paulsen from Minnesota. Paulsen is a good buddy of Rev. James Dobson, the founder of Focus on the Family, and an ardent opponent of gay marriage. Paulsen also recently voted against repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and has argued that anti-gay violence should not connote a hate crime.
- And U.S. Rep. John Kline from Minnesota. Target gave the

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maximum amount allowable under law to Rep. Kline in September. Rep. Kline, for his part, has tried to take away the rights of gays and lesbians to marry in the District of Columbia, joining with Pat Robertson to call on a war against gay marriage.

Thanks, Target!

To this day, there are tens of thousands of LGBT people and straight allies who won't set foot into a Target. And folks continue to track money that they would have spent at Target, but decided to take elsewhere because the company gives money to people who would eliminate many, if not all, rights for LGBT Americans.

But what hurts the most, as Rascall Flatts might say, is that Target outright lied to LGBT customers this time around. "We're genuinely sorry," their CEO said. And then they continued to give tens of thousands of dollars to candidates with vehemently anti-gay positions. (And this isn't even including money that the company gave to PACs supporting anti-gay politicians like Rep. Michele Bachmann.)

Should this serve as a wake up call to every LGBT customer Target has? Shame on the company for giving bags full of cash to anti-gay politicians. But shame on all of us if there's no accountability for the company this time around.

(We're still waiting and watching for a statement from Best Buy, who also donated \$100,000 plus to the same anti-gay organizations. They seem to feel it will just fade away. But

NONE OF US should buy from either company until it is properly resolved..... Gayzette editor)

Innovative Mortgage Management Ideas for LGBT Homeowners

As the year comes to a close many LGBT homeowners are already planning ahead for 2011 and trying to figure out ways to save money as a New Year's resolution. That's never easy, especially in the midst of so much economic uncertainty, but here are two rather creative ideas that may help LGBT homeowners control or reduce their mortgage expenses and debts.

Accelerated Mortgage Balance Reduction

There are many ways to lower the outstanding principal balance on a mortgage loan, but most of them involve rather difficult austerity measures to free up extra monthly cash. There is, however, one method that can dramatically shorten the length of time it takes to pay off a mortgage without requiring any major financial adjustments or serious budgetary sacrifices. The approach primarily requires a little discipline and organization of one's calendar – but once those resources are put to work this system usually works rather effortlessly.

The key to this accelerated mortgage payment plan is twice-a-month payments, but it is important to understand that the borrower does not pay twice as much. Instead the amount that is already being sent to the mortgage company is divided in half, and sent in two equal installments spaced two weeks apart.

A monthly mortgage payment of \$1,200 is normally paid, for example, with one check or withdrawal for the full amount. But with this biweekly payment plan the homeowner mails one check for \$600 two weeks ahead of schedule and then mails another \$600 two weeks later. The bank gets the full \$1,200 on time each month except that half of it is sent in two weeks early.

The net result is that borrowers pay less interest because they are paying off their mortgages a little earlier each month. The homeowner essentially winds up paying a full extra month's worth of mortgage payments each year.

By paying an extra month's worth per year on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage loan a LGBT borrower can save a month a year, 12 months in 12 years, and about two and a half years over the lifetime of the 30-year loan. Consider, for example, a loan with a monthly payment of \$1,200. Over a period of 30 years the savings will add up to approximately \$1,200 times 30 – or more than \$35,000.

Every LGBT borrower should check the terms of their specific mortgage to make sure this payment procedure is allowed. But in most cases it is not only possible but is really easy to implement and lenders are more than happy to get half of each monthly payment slightly ahead of schedule. Refinance into a 15-Year Loan.

Another strategy for shortening the life of a typical mortgage that is amortized over 30 years – as the majority of home loans are – is to refinance that loan into a 15-year mortgage.

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Normally this kind of approach can be prohibitively expensive because the monthly payments on 15-year notes are generally about 50 percent higher than they would be if they were scheduled across a 30-year timeline. A 30-year fixed rate mortgage for \$300,000 with 6.5 percent interest typically carries monthly payments of about \$1,800, for example, whereas the same kind of loan amortized over only 15 years will have monthly payments of more than \$2,600.

But right now the math favors those homeowners who took out a loan back when interest rates were much higher than they are today, and for many LGBT borrowers the 15-year mortgage has become a viable alternative. That's because interest rates today are at historically low levels, having fallen so far in 2010 that they hit all-time lows within the past few months. In early December, for instance, many major mortgage companies were offering 15-year fixed rate mortgages at 3.75 percent interest.

Refinancing a \$300,000 loan at that rate will result in monthly payments in the neighborhood of \$2,200. When using the example from above that's an increase of about \$400 compared to the old payment of \$1,800. But it generates savings of nearly \$50,000 over the lifetime of the loan and the homeowner pays off the loan in just 15 years.

Some LGBT homeowners put significant amounts of money into low-interest savings accounts or routinely invest extra income in the lackluster stock market in order to create a nest egg for retirement. But they may be better served by using that discretionary income toward a 15-year refinanced mortgage – especially since money paid as mortgage interest qualifies for an IRS tax deduction to provide additional financial savings incentives.

Before embarking on any kind of mortgage plan it is always wise to consult a creative mortgage broker or loan officer, and for LGBT borrowers there are many advantages to using a trusted LGBT-friendly mortgage professional. They can help determine what is best for each LGBT homeowner based upon his or her particular financial circumstances, unique needs, and evolving goals and dreams.

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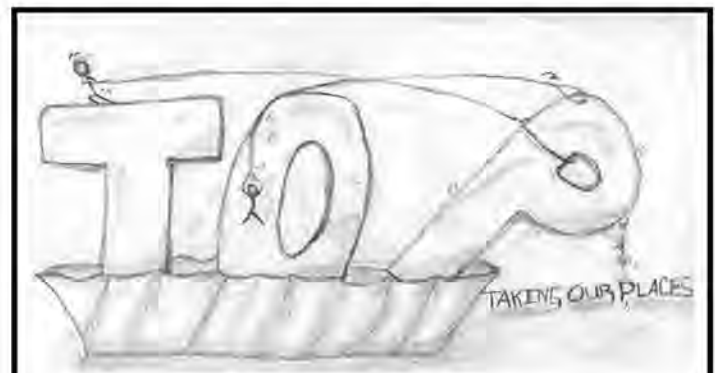
The Misfits Will Come to The Rose in February

The Misfits will fit right in at The Rose Theater, February 3 to 13, 2011. The inspiring original stage adaptation written by Brian Guehring based on the book by James Howe will entertain, engage and empower young people. The Misfits, presented on the main stage and recommended for children age 10 and up, addresses issues of bullying – much like those that have been evidenced in recent news headlines.

The production focuses on four seventh-graders who find strength to stand up to their peers.

Bullied for years about their weight, intelligence, sexual orientation and troubled nature, the “misfits” have decided that enough is enough! Together, they run for student council on the platform of “change” and their goal to put an end to name-calling results in more than they could have imagined.

“Middle school is a time when we have so much self-doubt about our differences,” said Director Stephanie Jacobson, “But this play allows us to watch the characters develop an outstanding amount of confidence. They show that there are things in life that are worth fighting for and learn that they can always



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turn to others for support.”

Rose Theater Playwright-in-Residence Brian Guehring has adapted James Howe’s well-known book for the stage. “Howe’s dialogue is funny, quirky and real; and his characters are well-drawn and memorable,” said Guehring. “It is a great fit for the stage because everyone in the audience can relate to one of the four main characters! I have worked hard to honor the wonderful book and hope Misfits fans will enjoy seeing their favorite parts. I am confident that audience members who are unfamiliar with the book will also like this powerful story.” Upon reading the script, Howe himself described the production, in the words of Joe Bunch (one of the misfits), as “Fab. U. Luss!!!!”

Eight actors – Joshua J. Mullady, Patricia Lilyhorn, Chris Stewart, Andy Saladino, Kelcivious Watson, Amanda Waldron, Ryle Smith and Brian Guehring – will bring *The Misfits* to life. “I have great confidence in the entire production team,” said Jacobson. “We have exceptional designers and a great cast – and, above all, a powerful script with an important message that everyone working on the piece is invested in.”

The Misfits will be presented on The Rose main stage February 3 through 13 with performances each Friday at 7pm and each Saturday and Sunday at 2pm, as well as Thursday, February 3 at 7pm and Sunday, February 6 at 6pm. Tickets are \$16 each and available at The Rose Box Office located at 2001 Farnam Street, by phone at (402) 345-4849 or online at rosetheater.org. Rose members receive four free tickets to the show.

The Misfits is recommended for children ages 10 and up because it contains situations and themes that may warrant conversation with adults after the show.

An informal discussion, facilitated by Jacobson, will be held at The Rose following the 7pm show on Saturday, February 5. Principals, counselors and teachers from all area school districts have been invited to attend. *The Misfits* book has spurred a “No Name-Calling Week” program run by the national Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in which thousands of schools across the country participate to bring attention to bullying and make strides to eliminate it.

James Howe – the author of *The Misfits* – will be signing books after the 7pm performance on Friday, February 11 and will speak briefly to the audience following the 2pm show on Saturday, February 12. Interpretation of the performance and Howe’s presentation on February 12 will be offered for the hearing impaired.

“If everyone seeing *The Misfits* really vows to stop calling people hurtful names, this play could make a huge impact on the community,” said Guehring.



Vice President Joe Biden: Marriage Equality Is Inevitable

by Michael A. Jones

What a moment this week when, in front of a bursting room at the U.S. Department of Interior, President Obama signed legislation that authorizes the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” the military’s ban on openly gay servicemembers. The room was filled with scores of activists, politicians, and former members of the U.S. military discharged for being gay.

One of those in the crowd was Lt. Dan Choi, who in many respects became one of the leading public faces advocating for “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” repeal this year. Arrested at The White House in nonviolent acts of civil disobedience, challenging the President and Democrats on cable news, and even flying out to Las Vegas in July 2010, where Lt. Choi confronted Sen. Harry Reid at a conference, Choi gave Sen. Reid his West Point ring back then, and said that he didn’t want it back until “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” was extinct.

This week, Lt. Choi got his ring back from Sen. Reid. And as the ring was delivered, Lt. Choi tweeted one of the best one-liners of the year: “The next time I get a ring from a man, I expect it will be for full, equal, American marriage.”

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” down. Defense of Marriage Act, next.

Indeed, it didn’t take long for folks to start pivoting from an awesome victory on “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” to wondering when the Obama White House and Congress will start to push for repealing the Defense of Marriage Act. Advocate reporter (and soon to be one of the leaders at Equality Matters, the new LGBT media shop from Media Matters) Kerry Eleveld spoke with President Obama in a sweeping interview this week that revealed yet again that President Obama is getting closer and closer to supporting marriage equality. During the interview, Obama confirmed that today, he’s all for civil unions, but not quite there on same-sex marriage. But his position, he says, is constantly evolving.

Then, during a news conference a few hours after signing the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” repeal, ABC journalist Jake Tapper asked Obama about marriage equality, and why if we can expect gays and lesbians to soon fight for their country and put their lives on the line for this country openly, shouldn’t we also recognize the dignity of same-sex relationships and legalize same-sex marriage.

Obama’s response: “I struggle with this. I have friends, I have people who work for me, who are in powerful, strong, long-lasting gay or lesbian unions. And they are extraordinary people, and this is something that means a lot to them and they care deeply about.”

Argh. It’s kind of like that kid trying to get into a swimming pool, but instead of just jumping in, he puts one toe in, and immediately pulls it out. But nonetheless, it’s clear Obama is heading in the right direction.

Then, this morning on Good Morning America, Vice President Joe Biden was asked a question about marriage equality. And his answer? It only confirms what many of us have been saying

Tired of the Same Old-Same Old?

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Dear Michael:

Today I sat down to make my New Year's resolutions and instead decided to Email you. I feel really discouraged. These are the same as last year's and the year before that. No matter what I do, I can never make them happen. They're just wishes and hopes that never come true. Here they are:
A kind, handsome boyfriend who treats me well;
A new job that pays me well and is interesting to me and where I have a great boss;
Save up money to buy my own home;
Drink and drug less;
Go to the gym at least 3 times a week;
Eat healthier and lose my tummy;
Go to church more often;
Do some volunteer work in the community; and
Improve my self-esteem.
I know that this is a great list, but so what? I can't make any of these wishes come true.
Help!
Tired of the Same Old-Same Old

Dear Tired:

First of all, let's see your desires as goals, not wishes. Wishes imply that you need the Good Fairy to waive his magic wand and make it happen. No offense, but you can't always count on Good Fairies to come along when you need them. By seeing your desires as goals, you reframe them into something that you have more control over. They don't seem so distant this way. Let's look at how you can achieve these goals.

Change comes gradually.

Break your goals down into easy-to-do steps. For example, "save up money to buy my own home"; what are the steps you'd need to take in order to begin to make this a reality? If you don't break down your goals into realistic steps, your goals will always elude you. No one can take on a huge goal like buying a home without planning. Your first step may be to make a budget, another could be to look at home prices in the neighborhoods you want to live in. If you have a habit of being bad with money, do some work with that. It may be a form of self-sabotage. Check it out.

Identify the obstacles in your way

When I work with clients on goals, it is crucial to look at the obstacles in their way. For example, what has stopped you in the past from saving money, or volunteering, or eating better? Take each goal and ask yourself, "Up until now, what has stopped me from achieving this?" and write it down. In therapy, I help my clients chip away at their obstacles, bit by bit. You can do it on your own, but it goes much faster if you get support from a therapist, friend, parent, counselor... someone

who will be there for you to check in with and encourage you when it gets tough.

Build in a reward system for yourself

When you want to achieve some major goals, it's skillful to expect that your interest in achieving these goals will ebb and flow over time. How will you stay motivated when you feel discouraged? This is another obstacle to get clear about. I suggest you create a system of rewards as you progress toward your goal(s). For example, after you make a budget, celebrate! Do something enjoyable for yourself (it can be free or inexpensive). This is simple behavior modification, and it works. Reward yourself each step of the way and you'll find your progress towards your goals is both more pleasurable and sustainable.

Prioritize

It's doubtful that you can work on all your goals at once. Prioritize them. I encourage my clients to take their goals and rate them (#1 is the most important, #2 is next, etc.). Start with the goals that are most important to you; you'll automatically be more motivated to work toward these. Put the less important ones aside for now, it's usually best to focus on no more than 2 or 3 goals at a time, otherwise you dissipate your energy and are likely to feel overwhelmed and give up on all of them.

You Can Do It

Try these ideas and replace your discouragement and helplessness with competence and optimism. Use these "tools" (or any other methods that work for you), get support from people who love you and want you to be happy and I'll bet that next year you'll have a lot to celebrate (and a much shorter list for 2012).





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for years: it's not a question of if, it's a question of when.

"I think the country's evolving. And I think there's an inevitability for a national consensus on gay marriage," Biden said. He then compared the issue of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" to marriage equality, saying that the pendulum swung on the issue of opening up the military, to the point where clear majorities saw ending "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" as the right thing to do. Marriage equality, Biden said, is heading in a very similar direction.

That sentiment certainly echoes what Freedom to Marry pointed out earlier this year. In their top 10 list of marriage equality moments from 2010 (which is an excellent read), their number one moment confirms exactly what Vice President Biden hinted at this morning. And it's that 2010 marked the first time where a majority of Americans expressed support for marriage equality.

"2010 was the first year that polls showed a majority of Americans in support of the freedom to marry! The milestone was further proof that as more gay and lesbian people talk to their friends, family, and coworkers about why marriage matters, people around the country are realizing that there is no good reason to continue state-sponsored discrimination against loving and committed couples," Freedom to Marry said.

Hear that? It's the swooshing sound of the pendulum heading our way.

The Manhattan Declaration: Harmful and Objectionable

by Michael A. Jones

The Manhattan Declaration has been around for a little more than a year now, serving as a cattle call for right-wing activists who think the most important issue facing the world is the "threat" of same-sex couples getting married and starting families. It's a sign-on statement where those who oppose homosexuality can put their names down on paper, and pledge to break laws that give rights to same-sex couples.

At the time of its launch, Chuck Colson (the Watergate felon turned religious activist who served as one of the Declaration's co-founders) said that he hoped the Declaration would be a kinder, gentler form of expressing displeasure at the idea of same-sex relationships. It's why the Declaration refrains from calling gay people derogatory slurs outright, and instead just refers to same-sex relationships as "immoral sexual partnerships" that "erode the institution of marriage."

So much for that whole kinder and gentler bit.

The Manhattan Declaration had created an iPhone app to champion their anti-gay beliefs, which included a poll that told people who support marriage equality that they're "wrong," and linking to the text of the Declaration. Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, after nearly 8,000 Change.org members

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emailed the company in outrage. Apple pulled that app, saying that it contained offensive material.

Well, hell hath no fury like a group of anti-gay activists who feel like their megaphone for hatred has been silenced. Organizers of the Manhattan Declaration blasted Apple, going so far as to call Steve Jobs (the company's head honcho) a part of the "thought police." They decided to resubmit a version of their iPhone app, sans poll but still including the homophobic rhetoric of the actual Declaration itself.

Apple's response? Essentially, No thanks, this is still quite offensive.

Last week Apple told the creators of the Manhattan Declaration that their retooled app wasn't acceptable either.

"Apple is telling us that the apps' content is considered 'likely to expose a group to harm' and 'to be objectionable and potentially harmful to others.'" Declaration organizers told the Christian Post.

That's not necessarily a difficult leap for Apple to make. Signers of the Declaration include a number of officially-dubbed hate groups, including representatives from the National Organization for Marriage (NOM) and the Family Research Council (FRC). Their work, at least as defined by groups like the Southern Poverty Law Center, is tantamount to exposing groups to harm, particularly LGBT people who continue to bear the brunt of NOM's and FRC's actions.

Organizers with the Manhattan Declaration say that they'll now take their case to the Apple app review board next month. They see this as a full-on assault on Christianity. But of course, they

fail to indicate that they represent only one small segment of Christianity, and that there are plenty of other religious folks who don't view LGBT people with as much disdain and disgust as the folks behind the Manhattan Declaration.

For Apple, the message seems pretty clear: if you believe that same-sex relationships are "immoral sexual partnerships" or that LGBT people are an assault on the institution of marriage, feel free to shout that from your pulpits all you want. But Apple products aren't going to be a vehicle for that type of hatred.

North Carolina Politician: Gay People Are "Sexual Predators"

By Advocate.com Editors

An antigay commissioner in North Carolina's Mecklenburg County called gay people "sexual predators" in an e-mail response to a letter from a fellow commissioner asking her colleagues to sign a thank-you note to the state's officials who voted to repeal "don't ask, don't tell."

Mecklenburg County commissioner Jennifer Roberts circulated the letter earlier this month, prompting an angry response from Bill James (pictured, right).

"Homosexuals are sexual predators," James wrote in response to the e-mail from Roberts. "Allowing homosexuals to serve in the U.S. military with the endorsement of the Mecklenburg County Commission ignores a host of serious problems related



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to maintaining U.S. military readiness and effectiveness not the least of which is the current Democrat plan to allow homosexuals (male and female) to share showers with those they are attracted to."

In 2009, James made headlines for mumbling the word "homo" after a colleague spoke of her son dying of AIDS. A few years earlier, he was quoted as saying people of color "live in a moral sewer."

Change.org is urging people to sign a petition to the Mecklenburg County board urging members to censure James "for repeatedly using his work e-mail to bash LGBT folks." James was just reelected to his seat.



Tea Party Targets Scott Brown for DADT

By Advocate.com Editors

Conservative Republicans and Tea Party advocates are on the hunt for a primary challenger for Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown after his reaching across the aisle to support several pieces of legislation this year, including the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell."

Brown, a Republican, was chosen in a special election in January to assume the seat held by late Sen. Edward Kennedy, who died in 2009. He is up for full election in 2012. Aside from his vote to repeal the military's ban on gay and lesbian service members, it is reported that Brown has drawn the ire of conservatives for his support of the New Start treaty, Wall Street reform over the summer, and a jobs bill earlier this year.

"I think that there will be a primary challenge," Christen Varley, president of the Greater Boston Tea Party, told the Boston Globe last Friday. "There's enough of an underground movement in the Tea Party movement as seeing him as not being conservative enough. There probably will be multiple people who attempt to run against him."

Brown is still popular in his state, and polling stronger than senior Sen. John Kerry, according to the report.



Gay Miner Sues for Harassment, Threats

By Advocate.com Editors

A gay coal miner in West Virginia is suing his employer, a Massey Energy Co. subsidiary, saying several of his coworkers have harassed him because of his sexual orientation.

Miner Sam Hall's suit claims he was the subject of verbal harassment and lewd gestures by his supervisors, and that his complaints to managers went ignored, according to The Charleston Gazette. When Hall started working at one particular mine in 2007, a chief electrician used homophobic slurs against him and wrote them on Hall's dinner bucket. Though management stepped in after Hall complained, the behavior then escalated, and someone allegedly attached a sign to his car that read, "I like little boys."

At another gas mine, coworkers shook their penises at Hall, but when the harassment was reported, the coworkers wrote slurs on his locker.

"They are serious allegations, and we take them seriously," Massey Energy vice president and general counsel Shane Harvey told the Gazette. "We are going to investigate it, and if any of them are true, we are going to take action swiftly to remedy the situation. However, at this stage, they are just allegations, and we are going into the investigation with an open mind."

The suit, assigned to Kanawha County circuit court judge Duke Bloom, seeks damages for lost wages and emotional distress.

Elton John Is a New Dad By Advocate.com Editors

David Furnish (left) with husband Elton John and husband David Furnish are the parents of a newborn son named Zachary Jackson Levon Furnish-John, reports People magazine. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was delivered via surrogate in California on December 25.

The couple released a statement to the press that read, "We are overwhelmed with happiness and joy at this very special moment. Zachary is healthy and doing really well, and we are very proud and happy parents."

Historic Gay Sex Convictions Expunged

By Advocate.com Editors

Lynne Featherstone U.K. men with historic convictions for gay sex with a partner aged over 16 will have records of their crimes expunged next year, reports British newspaper The Telegraph. Within the next few days Liberal Democrat equalities

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

Rainbow Outreach
Metro Omaha GLBT Center
1719 Leavenworth, Omaha
 (mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

NEW WALK-IN HOURS

Saturdays 4:00PM - 11:00PM
 Sundays 4:00PM - 6:00PM
 Thursdays 7:30PM - 9:00PM
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The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:
AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM
 FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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

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

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday
CONNECTIONS THIRSTY THURSDAYS
 Club Passion Party

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more information call 402-932-8066 or email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

DIXIE AFTER DARK, Enjoy Breakfast at Dixie Quicks Restaurant, 12AM to 4AM, every Saturday night, 1915 Leavenworth St., Proceeds benefit local GLBT organizations

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

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: GOg-lbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglt.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 ASSOCIA-
TION**, Meeting days and times may vary,
call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.us
for meeting schedules etc.

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

2nd Thursday
PFLAG—OMAHA, 7pm to 9pm, First United
Methodist Church

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

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

3rd Monday
IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow
Outreach GLBT Community Center,
www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

**PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS,
NE)**, Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Con-
gregational United Church of Christ, 7th and
Marian St., 7PM, email to
jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961
or 402.460.8696

3rd Thursday
COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A,
Lincoln
LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm,
Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Sunday
CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM
is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet
at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs

4th Tuesday
PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,
6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

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

Email Your Event to:
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JOKE OF THE YEAR

Two women were sitting quietly together,
minding their own business.

SPEEDING TICKET

A police officer stops a blonde for speed-
ing and asks her very nicely if he could
see her license.

She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys
would get your act together.'

Just yesterday you take away my license
and then today you expect me to show it
to you!'

FINALLY, THE BLONDE JOKE TO END ALL BLONDE JOKES!

A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who
had acquired two new dogs, and asked
her what their names were. The blonde
responded by saying that one was named
Rolex and one was named Timex. Her
friend said, 'Whoever heard of someone
naming dogs like that?'
'HELLLOOOOOOO.....,' answered the
blonde. 'They're watch dogs!'

Golfers

Ed and Dorothy met while on a singles cruise
and Ed fell head over heels for her. When
they discovered they lived in the same city
only a few miles apart, Ed was ecstatic. He
immediately started asking her out when they
got home.

Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Doroth-
y to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, mov-
ies, and museums. Ed became convinced that
Dorothy was indeed his soul mate and true
love. Every date seemed better than the last.

On the one-month anniversary of their first
dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Dorothy to a
fine restaurant. While having cocktails and
waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you
can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd
like a little serious talk before our relationship
continues to the next stage. So, before I get a
box out of my jacket and ask you a life chang-
ing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a
total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I
watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and
breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem
for us, you'd better say so now!"

Dorothy took a deep breath and responded,
"Ed, that certainly won't be a problem. I love
you as you are and I love golf too; but, since
we're being totally honest with each other, you
need to know that for about the last five years
I've been a hooker."

"I see," Ed replied thoughtfully. He looked
down at the table, and was quiet for a moment,
deep in serious thought then he added, "You
know, it's probably because you're not keeping
your wrists straight when you hit the ball."

Famous Quotes

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest
woman I had ever seen. I have since been
visited by her sister, and now wish to with-
draw that statement.

- Mark Twain

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good
beginning and a good ending; and to have the
two as close together as possible

- George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people
only once a year.

- Victor Borge

I was married by a judge. I should have asked
for a jury.

- Groucho Marx

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nebraska GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

River City Mixed Bowling 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

WomenSpace, no current info is available

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

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

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

<http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos

7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

Iowa Equality, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and

Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

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minister Lynne Featherstone is expected to announce the proposal for new legislation, which will benefit thousands of men who were prosecuted for gay sex with someone over 16 during decades when the practice was against the law. Currently, the prosecuted men must disclose the information as part of the program of Criminal Records Bureau checks if they apply to work or volunteer for charities and other organizations.



David Furnish (left) with husband

Consensual sex between two men over 21 was decriminalized in 1967, but it wasn't until 1994 that the homosexual age of consent was reduced to 18. In 2000 it was finally changed to 16, which is the same age of consent for heterosexuals.

Earlier this month Featherstone told MPs that it is "unfair" and "unjust" that men should still fear being exposed for an act which has "long not been illegal."

"Such men will never again have to disclose that information," Featherstone says. "I hope very much that those gay men whom that has inhibited from volunteering will now find that inhibition removed."



Lynne Featherstone

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Broadway Joe's Bar, 35th & Broadway	Council Bluffs IA
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth	933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street	344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 1915 Leavenworth	346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha	408-1020
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St.	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St	552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette)	341-0330

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)	435-8764
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)	475-2269

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

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

HEY, PRICE... THAT JAGUAR OF YOURS IS A NICE RIG N' ALL, BUT...
...YOU OUGHTA' BRING IT BY MY GARAGE.

I'LL GET IT RUNNIN' REAL FINE.
IT'S ALREADY RUNNIN' "REAL FINE", AH... NICK, IS IT?
AND IF IT ACTUALLY NEEDED ANY REPAIR WORK...

...THE LAST PLACE I'D BRING IT IS YOUR WOEFULLY INADEQUATE GREASE PIT.
I'M OFF TO WORK. LATER, BOYS.

WOW. WHAT'D THAT GUY MAJOR IN AT DARTMOUTH, ANYWAY? BEIN' A DOUCHEBAG?
SO, WHAT'S GOIN' ON WITH YOU, RICH?

MMM... PERHAPS.
...I DID SOMETHING REALLY STUPID. AND NOW...
...I'M JUST PLAGUED WITH GUILT.

OH, NICK...
WHAT YOU GOTTA DO NOW IS ASK YOURSELF...

OKAY. YOU MADE A MISTAKE. WELCOME TO THE HUMAN RACE.

...DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING FROM DOIN' THIS "STUPID THING"?
OH, YES. HUGE LESSON LEARNED. I ONLY WISH...
... I COULD GO BACK AND CHANGE WHAT I DID.

FORGET ABOUT THAT. JUST FOCUS ON GOIN' FORWARD... N' BEIN' A BETTER PERSON.
I'LL TRY. THANKS, NICK.
DAVE'S A LUCKY MAN TO HAVE YOU.

YOU TRYING TO STEAL MY BOYFRIEND, RICHARD?
TRUST ME, DAVE... I AM DONE MESSING WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S RELATIONSHIPS.
I COULD RENT HIM OUT TO YOU ON WEEKENDS.
HEY, I BETTER GET A CUT OF THAT...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Santa has finished his shopping list and now it's your turn to make your list. What do you want to do in the coming year to improve your life? A pad of paper, a Ticonderoga #2, and some brainstorming should get you on the way to those New Year's resolutions.

Make it realistic Roger! Resolutions are goals that you aim to achieve. It's buckets of fun to imagine losing 300 pounds over the next six months and snagging that hot young guy for a date to your class reunion. There's never anything wrong with having an escapist moment and dreaming in Dolby surround sound! Just have a back-up plan; one that includes a realistic goal that will fit nicely on your shelf of resolutions.

Keep it simple Simon! It's quite possible to have twenty resolutions for the New Year. It's also quite possible to get overwhelmed with that many goals to focus upon. If you spread yourself too thin you will probably not complete anything. Think it through and choose three to five main resolutions that will garner your attention in 2011.

Put it on paper Paula! It isn't good enough to announce your resolution list to the frothy mob from atop the banquet table at four minutes past midnight. There isn't a soul that will remember your blustery bravado and hold you to those good intentions. If you want to do it right then print out your resolution list and hand them out to your friends and family at a sober hour. Your odds of achieving your goals significantly increase when paper meets pen!

Create some challenges Charlie! There isn't much excitement in attaining something easily! Going to the gym once a month is better than not going at all. Going to the gym at least once a week seems to be a bit more challenging and might even spur you to go more frequently than that. Resolutions should get you out of your comfort zone. If it was too easy, you were too comfortable! Try again!

Allow it to continue Carla! There's no shame in not achieving your resolutions from 2010. Keep 'em going again over the next year. If it was important to you last year then I will place good odds that it is important to you this year too! Continue moving toward those goals and make the necessary adjustments. Rome wasn't built in a day!

Sign up your friends and family Frank! There is always strength in numbers. You are more likely to realize success when working with others in your quest to achieve your resolutions. Social networking makes it much easier to find others with similar resolutions. Find a companion or two and support each other on the journey.

That famous lanky statesman with the stove-pipe hat and the full beard once stated, "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other." Those are honest words from an honest man and you'd be wise to heed them! Happy New Year to you all!

This health and fitness article is brought to you by that knight in shining armor. That noble regent is Ron Blake and he can be

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LDS Church Invites Gay Leaders to Christmas Concert

By Advocate.com Editors

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints invited prominent gay activists including Milk screenwriter Dustin Lance Black to its Christmas concert in Salt Lake City over the weekend.

According to ABC 4 News, Black, software entrepreneur Bruce Bastian, and a handful of Utah gay activists were among the VIP guests at the Saturday concert in Salt Lake City.

Black, who grew up in a Mormon household, spoke to the news station by phone about the invitation, which he called an "extraordinary act of goodwill." He said that the church and the gay community have started conversations in an effort to find common ground.

A source told ABC 4 News that the LDS church might be willing to conduct outreach including assistance for homeless LGBTQ youths.



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SUNDAY 16TH - 10pm

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SUNDAY 23RD - 10pm

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