

# COMMUNITY

(PARTNERSHIPS)

## BLACK PFLAG UNITES

The Portland PFLAG Black Chapter has united with the Urban League of Portland to develop a groundbreaking report that will highlight key issue areas affecting Black LGBTQ Oregonians.

“Black gay and transgender folks are among the most vulnerable in our society, particularly, we experience stark social, economic, and health disparities compared to the general population and our straight black counterparts,” says Khalil Edwards, Portland PFLAG Black Chapter President.

There is little information nationally on Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer people and their primary concerns. Portland PFLAG Black Chapter and the Urban League see this as a huge disparity in the research that is currently available. [pridefoundation.org](http://pridefoundation.org)

(POLICE)

## PATTON FACING TRIAL

Rob Patton, the publisher of FabulousPDX.com and well-known in the local gay community, was arrested on June 13, 2012 by Portland Police. He is alleged to have had possession of sexually explicit photos and videos of children and of illegal behavior with a 12-year-old boy.

According to the *Oregonian*, Patton was convicted in 2011 for failure to register as a sex offender, a requirement after being convicted of a third-degree sexual abuse and

pleading no contest to first-degree possession of material depicting sexually explicit conduct of a child. Patton was the principal of Sherwood High School at the time.

Patton did not respond to *Just Out's* email requesting comment, shortly after his June arrest while out on bail. At press time Patton was in custody, facing scores of felony charges, awaiting trial. If you have information on this case contact Det. Lori Godwin, 503-823-040



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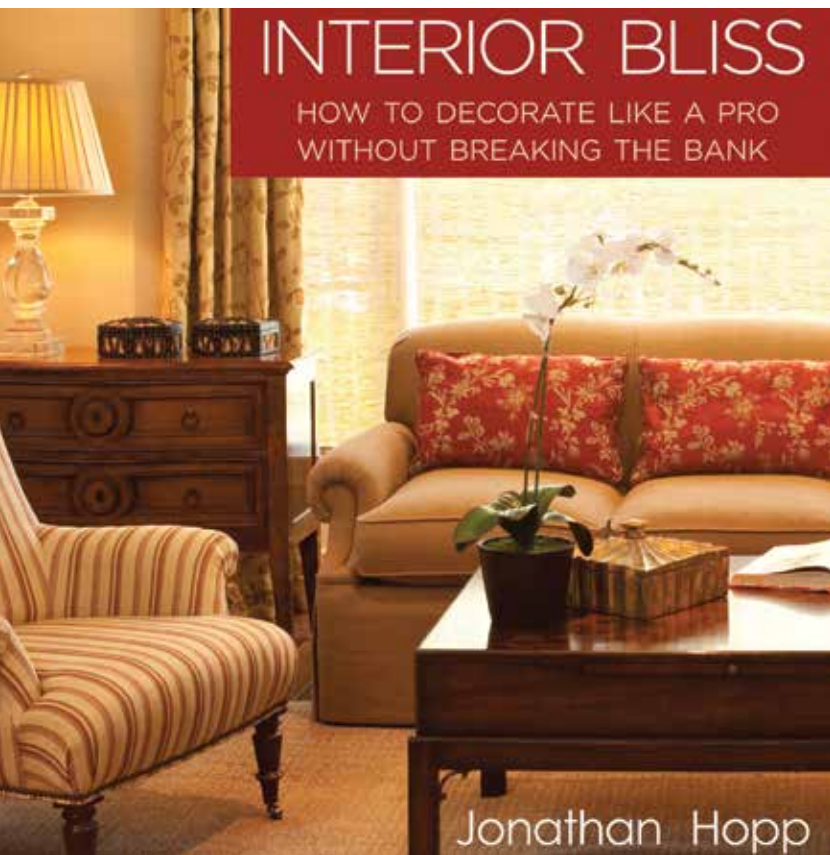
PORTLAND'S OWN TERRY BEAN STOOD UP AS CO-BEST MAN AT BARNEY FRANK'S WEDDING IN JULY. FRANK, THE COUNTRY'S FIRST SITTING CONGRESSMAN TO BE MARRIED TO A PARTNER OF THE SAME SEX, TIED THE NOT WITH HIS LONG TIME PARTNER JAMES READY. THE COUPLE'S VOWS INCLUDED PROMISES TO LOVE EACH OTHER THROUGH DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATIONS ALIKE, ON MSNBC OR ON FOX AND IN CONGRESS OR IN RETIREMENT. THE WEDDING TOOK PLACE AT THE MARRIOTT NEWTON IN SUBURBAN BOSTON, ATTRACTING POLITICAL LUMINARIES INCLUDING NANCY PELOSI, TOP DEMOCRAT IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND ELIZABETH WARREN.

BEAN IS KNOWN FOR CO-FOUNDING SEVERAL NATIONAL LGBT RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN, THE GAY & LESBIAN VICTORY FUND, AND THE NATIONAL GAY GAMES. [BEINBEAN.COM](http://BEINBEAN.COM)

(GROUPS)

## LEARN TO DANCE

This is not your grandma's square dancing! And Fall classes start this month. At Rosetown Ramblers, an LGBT identified club, they whoop it up with no special rules. No dress code. You don't have to bring a dance partner, there is always someone to join the square and dance with you. Want to dance the men's role (Dancer on the left)? The women's role (Dancer on the right)? You choose. After getting one role learned well, many gay and lesbian dancers learn to dance both positions! [rosetownramblers.com/classes](http://rosetownramblers.com/classes)



## INTERIOR BLISS

HOW TO DECORATE LIKE A PRO WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK

CALIFORNIA'S LOSS, OREGON'S GAIN. Interior designer Jonathan Hopp, the author of *Interior Bliss*, has worked on design projects in Los Angeles, Malibu, Seattle, Nantucket, New York, and Geneva. While he still hits the road to work, he is now making Portland his home. Hopp's book covers common design mistakes, offers creative solutions, and opens his top secret "design file" of tips and tricks that have wowed his clients. Watch for Hopp in the pages of *Just Out* in the coming months. He's our newest contributor. [jonathanhopp.com](http://jonathanhopp.com)

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