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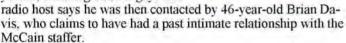
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McCain Chief of Staff Outed?

Republican presidential candidate John McCain's chief of staff was outed Monday after radio host Michelangelo Signorile quoted additional sources to confirm the long-blogged-about rumors. Mark Buse, 44, previously served as a lobbyist for several large corporations including AT&T and ExxonMobil, the

only Fortune 10 company without a nondiscrimination policy covering sexual orientation, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

Signorile said on his blog that he had previously been contacted by three sources, all wishing to remain anonymous, claiming Buse is gay. The



Davis claims he first met Buse at a Phoenix bar called Connections in 1986, around the same time Buse started work as a McCain intern during the presidential hopeful's tenure in the House of Representatives. Davis said Buse asked him to move to Washington, D.C., with him after a long-distance courtship taking place over several months. A year after moving to Washington, Buse left Davis for his current partner.

McCain has opposed several gay rights bills during his Senate tenure. He told the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network in 2007 that the ban on openly gay and lesbian military personnel was necessary and that the legislation "unambiguously maintains that open homosexuality within the military services presents an intolerable risk to morale, cohesion, and discipline."

McCain also voted against two hate-crimes bills in 2000 and 2002 and did not cast a vote for the Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act in 2007. He voted against the Employment Non-Discrimination Act in 1996 and 2006, because, he said, current laws already apply to LGBT workers.

In 2003, McCain voted against the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would have federally banned same-sex marriage. Instead, he said, he favors states' rights to grant or deny same-sex marriage, and he supported Arizona's proposed (but failed) ban in 2006. (Michelle Garcia, The Advocate)

Council Bluffs Community Alliance Meeting Oct. 19th

The next meeting of the Council Bluffs Community Alliance (CBCA) will be held Sunday, October 19th, 4:00 p.m. It's free to attend. Come find out about the CBCA. The guest speaker for the October monthly meeting of the CBCA will be... Doug Struyk ...Iowa State Representative representing the 99th legislative district (which covers eastern Council Bluffs).



As usual, after the speaker, there's a potluck dinner. The meeting will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church, 22 Dillman Drive in Council Bluffs. Please enter through the basement doors on the east side of the church. For the potluck dinner, please bring the following, according to the first letter of your last name: A - K a Salad or Dessert, L - Z a Meat or Hot Dish. Beverages and table service are provided.

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Gay Customers Called "Faggots" By Kentucky McDonald's Staff

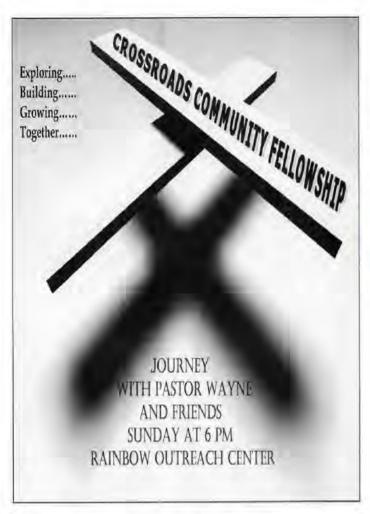
ACLU Not "Lovin' It;" Files Complaint With Louisville Human Relations Commission

LOUISVILLE, KY – After an employee at a McDonald's restaurant in downtown Louisville called a group of gay customers a series of anti-gay slurs, the American Civil Liberties Union is representing two of the customers in filing an official complaint with the city. Louisville law bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Ryan Marlatt, Teddy Eggers, and three other friends had stopped for lunch at a McDonald's restaurant on East Market Street on July 26, 2008 while visiting Louisville for the weekend. While they waited for their food to be prepared, an employee behind the counter referred to them as "faggots" to another employee. Marlatt and Eggers then approached the cashier, said they didn't come to the restaurant to be insulted, and asked to speak with a manager. As they waited for the supervisor on duty to appear, the employee who had called them

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Michael, Heather, and baby Abigail



(CBCA meeting, story Continued from page 1)

According to CBCA President Mike Yowell, "This is an important meeting...

and if you only attend one meeting in the next six months, this would be the one. Doug is a moderate republican. We should be able to influence him to be on our side if we show him that there are enough of us to keep him in office if he votes against any constitutional amendment that limits full marriage equality for gays and lesbians. The CBCA needs as many people at the meeting as possible. Our goal is to have 50 people at the meeting. We want both GLBT folks and our allies. Please tell all your friends and relatives about this meeting." If you have questions, please contact Mike Yowell, CBCA, at 402-619-6331.

(McDonalds Name Calling, Continued from page 1)

"faggots" started arguing with them, repeatedly calling them "faggots" in front of other customers and calling one of them a "cocksucker" and "bitch."

"Nobody should be treated the way my friends and I were at that McDonald's," said Eggers of Indianapolis, Indiana. "When we finally got to speak with a supervisor, she said she didn't see what the big deal was. I couldn't believe what was happening." The supervisor on duty refused to refund the group's purchase, claiming that only the restaurant's general manager could authorize a refund. Marlatt said he attempted several times in the

following weeks to contact both the general manager of the McDonald's and the corporate offices. But when he filed reports with a corporate customer service number for McDonald's, Marlatt said, he never received any sort of response, and every time he called the McDonald's where the incident took place the staff hung up on him.

"It may just be a few dollars for a Big Mac and some fries, but if I'm going to spend my hard earned money anywhere I should be able to do so without being verbally abused," said Marlatt. "The original name-calling was bad enough, but the fact that McDonald's refuses to do anything to make this right just adds injury to the insult."

"Although their complaints have gone unanswered by McDonald's, Louisville has a law that protects people from this kind of treatment from any business," said Christine Sun, a senior staff attorney with the ACLU Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Project who is representing Marlatt and Eggers. "Even though they won't return Mr. Marlatt's phone calls, we hope the Human Relations Commission will convince them to finally respond to this. It shouldn't be considered a tall order to expect businesses to treat customers with basic human dignity."

Marlatt and Eggers say all they want is an apology, a refund of the \$28 they spent on the McDonald's meal, and appropriate disciplinary action for the employees involved. They added that they would like to see one employee – the cashier who originally handled their order – be commended. "The cashier was the only person behind the counter who seemed to get that this was wrong, and she was trying to get the woman who was calling us names to stop," said Eggers. "We really appreciated

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that she was at least trying to do the right thing when nobody else would."

Nebraska AIDS Project, Community Agencies Recognize National Latino AIDS Awareness Day October 15th

Outreach to Community includes Educational Forum and Free, Confidential HIV-Testing

October 15 marks the culmination of Hispanic Heritage Month and signals the annual observance in the fight against AIDS: National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD).

In the United States, the HIV/AIDS epidemic has adversely affected Latino/Hispanic communities, and its impact on these communities continues to grow at disproportionate rates. Currently, Hispanics/Latinos comprise 15.3 percent of the U.S. population but account for 24.3 percent of the new HIV infections in the U.S. As a response, National Latino AIDS Awareness Day was created in 2003 as a mobilizing vehicle implemented at the local level to help stem the tide of HIV/AIDS in Latino communities.

The theme this year -- Unidos Podemos: Detetengamos al VH/SIDA. La Prevencion empieza con nosotros: HIV/AIDS Stops Here. Prevention Starts With Us - speaks to the importance of working together to educate the community to prevent the infection from spreading; to encourage HIV testing; to provide medical treatment and care; and to continue to advocate for those living with HIV/AIDS.

A variety of events have been planned to increase awareness

and education of HIV and AIDS and to provide free, confidential HIV testing by Nebraska AIDS Project, in partnership with One World Community Health Clinic, Planned Parenthood, American Red Cross Heartland Chapter, Douglas County Health Department, Mexican Consulate, Radio Lobo, UNMC Center for Reducing Health Disparities, Methodist College, Metropolitan Community College, Latina Resource Center, Creighton University, UNMC Community Health Clinic and the RESPECT Clinic.

Agenda of local events planned for NLAAD include: Monday, October 13, 10:00 a.m.

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day Proclamation presented by: Vicki Quaites-Ferris, representative of Mayor Mike Fahey's Office; Mexican Consulate Jorge Ernesto Espejel Montes; and Nebraska AIDS Project Executive Director Sharon G. Renter.

Keynote speaker Dr. Jose Soto, Vice President for AA/Equity/ Diversity Southeast Community College Area, Lincoln, Nebraska

Metropolitan Community College South Campus, Connector Building, 2909 Edward "Babe" Gomez Avenue Wednesday, October 15, 10 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. One World Community Health Clinic: Youth/Parent and Community Workshops: 4920 South 30th Street, Omaha, NE

10:30 – 11:15 HIV: Just the Facts, presented by Martha Connot, American Red Cross (Heartland Chapter)

11:15 – 12:00 Talking to Your Kids about Sex, presented by Suzy Prenger, Planned Parenthood

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(NAP AIDS Awareness Day, story Continued from page 5) 12:00 – 12:45 Hazte la Prueba-- Protect Yourself, presented by Alberto Cervantes, Nebraska AIDS Project

12:45 – 1:30 Sensitive Conversations about Sex – a Q & A roundtable with all presenters

1:30 – 2:15 ITS/STI's (Sexually Transmitted Infections), presented by Sherri Nared, Douglas County Health Department

5:00 – 7:30 Respect Clinic, 5155 South 36th Street HIV and STD testing at the RESPECT Clinic

HIV testing is free and no appointment is necessary. STD screenings are available by appointment by calling the RE-SPECT Clinic at (402) 595-2296. There is a \$15 fee for STD testing.

About Nebraska AIDS Project

Nebraska AIDS Project was organized in 1984 when medical professionals, Catholic nuns, Health Department officials, concerned citizens, friends, family members and lovers joined together for one cause—fighting AIDS. Organized to provide compassionate support to those dying with AIDS and to provide education to prevent the further spread of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, NAP remains true to its original mission: prevention and support. In addition to its statewide services, NAP also serves southwestern Iowa and eastern Wyoming.

Nebraska AIDS Project provides free, confidential HIV testing with results in 20 minutes. Testing hours at the Omaha office (139 S. 40th Street) are:

Wednesday 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm, by appointment only; requires only initials and first name. Call (420) 552-9260. Thursday 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Walk in. Friday 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Walk-in, LAST Saturday of each month 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Walk-in

For testing locations at other Nebraska AIDS Project locations, please visit the Web site at www.nap.org.

Remaining Silent

"All tyramy needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."

Thomas Jefferson

The time is nearing for us once more to speak out and be heard. On November 4th, the vital process of the continuity of the United States of America marches on in the form of the elections. In the midst of various offices of mayors, governors, senators, and other civic leaders is the election of our 44th President, the leader of the most powerful nation on earth. Who will it be? The electoral process will determine the outcome. I often hear many complaints about the system, about the government, and about our elected officials, but when asked if they voted, far too many did not.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Thomas Jefferson A part of the process which protects our freedoms and gives us a voice in our government is our right to vote. Not exercising that right undermines the process and weakens the effectiveness of our government and the Constitution. The easiest and most painless participation in the workings of our government is our

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vote. Collective votes can directly or indirectly determine laws, taxes, judges, law enforcement, safety, health standards, education, and poverty programs. Our vote determines our leaders, but it also determines who rules us! Our government, the senators, congressmen, and the president are there because we voted them in, or because we didn't bother to vote against them! "I am only one person; it's only one vote out of millions..." Yeah, right. So if ten percent of the population doesn't vote because they are only one vote, that's 30million votes! It is interesting that in the 2004 election nearly 40% of those eligible to vote DID NOT!

We, as the GLBTQQS community, have a particular interest in these coming elections. OUR RIGHTS AS HUMAN BEINGS ARE AT STAKE! We are an issue with these candidates and we need to make our voices heard. The greatest teachers ever to walk the earth, Jesus, Buddha, Mohammed, all began ONE PERSON AT A TIME! One vote joined with many is what it will take to change things.

In the aftermath of 9/11, we lost some of our privacy, and some of our freedoms. Out of fear and promises of safety, we allowed some changes in our democracy that would have been unheard of even 25 years ago.

"Anyone who trades liberty for security deserves neither liberty nor security" Benjamin Franklin

We must not sit and wait for someone else to do it. We must make our voices heard. One voice joined by others can become many voices which joined with many more, become a roar! But we must start with that one voice: OURS!

When the Nazis came for the communists,

I remained silent;

I was not a communist.

When they locked up the social democrats.

I remained silent;

I was not a social democrat.

When they came for the trade unionists,

I did not speak out;

I was not a trade unionist.

When they came for the Jews.

I did not speak out:

I was not a Jew

When they came for me, there was no one left to speak out.

Friedrich Gustav Martin Niemöller

We must pay attention. We must get involved! We must speak out. At the very least, but most of all, WE MUST VOTE! Dan Knobbe

President, Executive Board Rainbow Celebrations

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Gay Characters on TV Reach Record High This Season

According to a survey by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the number of LGBT characters on broadcast television will double to 16 this season, reports The Hollywood Reporter.

That marks the greatest representation on major-network scripted shows GLAAD has recorded in the 13 years it has been conducting the survey and a turnaround from the declining numbers in the past two years.

GLAAD president Neil Giuliano told the Reporter that the increase "shows how far many networks have come in developing complex, multilayered lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender characters."

The survey examined 616 regular series characters. In the upcoming season LGBT characters will make up 2.6% of them, up from 1.1% in 2007. Fox had the greatest leap from no LGBT characters last season to five this season, the most of any network. CBS is the only network that will have no gay or lesbian characters as series regulars; the CW, home of Gossip Girl, has just one. (The Advocate)

Salza and Eggs Breakfast

By Michael Pryor

On Saturday October 4th, Rainbow Celebrations hosted a midnight breakfast fundraiser for Gay Pride 2009 at Dixie Quicksrestaurant on 19th and Leavenworth. Food, supplies and the restaurant were donated by owners Rob and Renee'.

The breakfast featured all-you-can-eat omelettes, quesadillas, and French toast, along with home fires and breakfast meats. The dishes sound like the usual fare, but were anything but typical. In true Dixie Quicks fashion they were 5- star meals. The French toast was made from hunks of baguette, smothered on chocolate sauce, bananas, walnuts and whipped cream. Traditional syrup could be added as well. Likewise the quesadillas were plate-sized affairs loaded with cheeses, fluffy eggs, bacon and/or sausage, and fresh pico de gallo sauce, then topped with more sauce and cheese. This was accompanied by Chef Dan's homemade fiery green sauce. The home fries were nice bite sized chunks of well seasoned and browned potatoes in their skins.

The majority of Rainbow Celebration's Executive Board attended as cooks, dishwashers, and waiters. Chefs Dan Knobbe and Corrie Svehla, president and vice president of Rainbow Celebrations respectively, were the cooks. All meals were cooked to order, hot and fresh. Pride Chairman Johnnie Richards was host and head waiter. Salza had been scheduled to entertain guests with her wit and charm, but due to unforescen circumstances was unable to attend as Hostess much to everyone's disappointment. Josiah Lewis stepped in as greeter, and according to DJ Stacy, "Karaoke Queenie", and "Josiah did an amazing job of serenading the guests."

Karaoke Queenie went on to say, "I never miss a chance to eat

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When I arrived at the hospital, I couldn't get any information on Susan's condition. The hospital staff informed me that medical information could only be released to Susan's family. For them, family did not include live-in partners regardless of the length of the relationship. It took six hours for Susan's parents to arrive at the hospital. During that time, I sat in the hospital waiting room and wasn't allowed to see or comfort her.

Only after Susan's parents arrived was I able to see her. Thankfully, they were caring people who accepted our relationship. The doctors predicted that Susan would not make it through the night. She died within the next hour. All that time had been wasted as I sat in that dark waiting room. She had been slowly dying alone, when I should have been holding her hand and couldn't."

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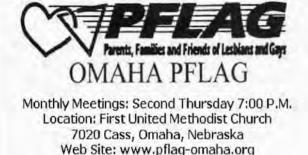
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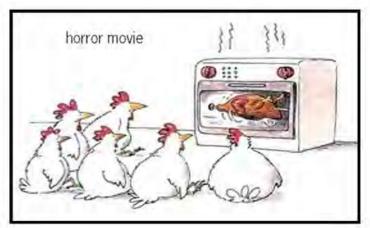
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at Dixie Quicks. I've been a huge fan since they were still down on 15th Street. The food tonight was fabulous as always." Other guests included Stosh and the entire Saturday night staff from the Max. Bartender Courtney Haynes and Cupid commented on the meal. "The food is Phenomenal! There is no way I could possibly eat any more." In fact many in attendance took boxes home. Another Maxx bartender Rusty said, "It's great to have a meal like this after work. We hope they do more of these kinds of things."

The general consensus of the breakfast diners was that the \$10 cover was a very fair price for the amount of food, and the late night entertainment. The event rose close to \$350 for Pride 2009. According to Knobbe, Svehla and Richards another will most likely be held in the next few months. Watch for it and plan to attend.



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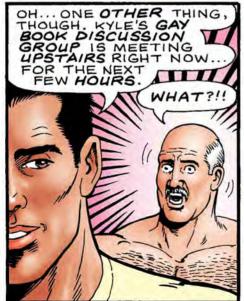


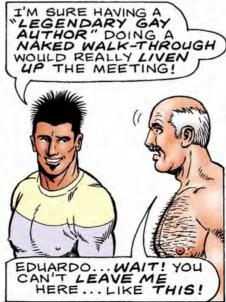


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GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402 -476-3144

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NAP HIV TESTING, 1:30pm to 4 pm by appt. ONLY, 139 S. 40 St., same day results, call 402-552-9260 for info

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KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

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AA ALTERNATIVE MEETING, 7pm, open to men and women, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church in the basement, 1023 North 40th Street

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

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GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 10PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

GLBT AA 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm-9PM walk-in, NAP, 139 S. 40th Same day results

NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING

7 TO 10PM, walk-in, 2202 St. Marys Ave., Same day results

RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY, 6 to 7:30PM. Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 0pen 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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm.

Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

1st Thursday

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7 to 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 6PM. Email at: glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org or see www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org for info

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday OR Sunday HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIA-

TION, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.net for meeting schedules etc.

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

2nd Wednesday

ACTS II WORSHIP SERVICE, 7pm, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd Street

2nd Thursday

PFLAG-OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2nd Sunday

INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING (glbt film shown at 7pm followed by discus-

sion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-

ernors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center. www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL

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

3rd Thursday GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT

AND DISCUSSION GROUP

7–8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln on the third Thursday of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln NE

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

FLOWER OF HOPE Transgender Group, Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Omaha NE. from 6PM to 9:30PM

3rd Sunday

TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

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—

Not currently meeting.

Last Saturday of the Month NAP HIV TESTING, 11AM-3PM, WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

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Stop or Slow Down?

An New York lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by an Omaha cop. He thinks that he is smarter than the cop because he is a lawyer from New York, and is certain that he has a better education than any jock cop . He decides to prove this and have some fun at the cop's expense.

"License and insurance, please," says the cop.

The New York lawyer says, "What for?"

The Omaha cop says, "You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign."

The New York lawyer says "I slowed down and no one was coming"

The cop says "You still didn't come to a complete stop. License and insurance please!"

The lawyer says "What's the difference?"

The cops says "The difference is, you have to come to a complete stop, that's the law, license and insurance please."

The lawyer says "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and insurance. Then, you can give me a ticket. "

The cop says, "Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle sir." The lawyer gets out of his vehicle.

The cop takes out his baton and starts beating the hell out of the lawyer, and says, "Do you want me to stop, or just slow down?"

NCOD, My Story

This year we celebrate the 20th anniversary of National Coming Out Day on October 11th. Founded in 1988 by Dr. Robert Eichberg and Jean O'Leary, it was a celebration of the Second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. These events were aimed at raising awareness of the LGBT community among the general population in an effort to give a

familiar face to the LGBT rights movement.

A "familiar face" is what National Coming Out Day, (NCOD) and Gay Pride is all about. It is that sudden revelation that the favorite uncle, the great aunt who taught her nephew to repair the lawnmower, your daughter's favorite teacher, your doctor, your lawyer, the really nice neighbor with the beautiful lawn----all might be members of the LGBT community. We are everywhere! In some communities we are still afraid. National Coming Out Day and Nebraska Pride are celebrations of hope for those who are out, for those in process, and for those still hiding in the closets of their hearts.

Coming out is a process. LGBT rights are also a process. Giving a member of the LGBT community the face of a beloved member of your family circle makes it difficult to judge wrongly about that person. In coming out, you give a face, a personality that others have come to respect, that person they care about deeply as a relative or friend who happens to be gay. In

coming out, YOU CAN DISARM HATE!

Disarming hate and gaining acceptance as a human being entitled to the same rights and privileges as all others is what this is about. That coming out process takes many forms. A part of that process is coming out to yourself. Learning to love yourself is what will heal the wounds of the past and help you to grow as an out human being. It will also help you to withstand the hurt of those you trusted that turn their backs on you. The

important thing is honesty.

My coming out story follows a marriage of 20 years and includes three wonderful children. The father of a daughter and two sons, working most of his life for the Catholic Church could make for a disastrous end in coming out. It was not easy, and there were some dark moments. Though I finally accepted myself as gay, it carried with it a lot of guilt, which my embittered ex chose to use. I was and still consider myself very fortunate. An event which I consider a miracle saved me from what could have made me another statistic.

In the process of my early days of coming out, I was still very active in my now grown children's lives. My youngest, my hero, has epilepsy and asthma. Most of his life has been in and out of hospitals, testing, blood tests, and finally 3 brain surgeries---all to save his life. He became my champion and defender in the anger and hurt that was the turmoil of the death of my marriage. I have come to accept the anger and pain my ex wife continues to go through. She is the mother of my children and will always hold a part of my heart. But in coming out, I set in motion a chain of events that no one could predict.

In three months time I lost my home, my marriage, my children, my career and very nearly---my life!

My miracle occurred on a lonely night in 2001, in a dark closet with razor blade and a bottle of my son's anti-convulsion drugs that he no longer needed, I contemplated death. I carried so much guilt, and a feeling that I had betrayed everyone in my life, but most of all, my youngest son. For 3 hours I cried and raged and screamed at the world, at myself, and at God for making me this way... Then through my tears, I looked up into the darkness and said, "Give me one good reason why I should not do this!" At that instant, the phone rang, and rang, and

rang. The answering machine would pick up but then the phone would ring and ring again. I listened, waiting to see who it was but the answering machine would only pick up, but the ringing continued. It was so bizarre, that I was distracted and left the closet to pick up the phone. The voice that answered was my son! "I love you Dad!" was all I heard and then I heard my ex wife in the background and he whispered, "I gotta go Dad."

I never really got the chance to come out to family and friends. My ex spouse called every phone number she could find and told everyone, including my parents that I was gay. In an odd way, I thank her for that, because I found out in the midst of everything where people stood. My coming out and my acceptance of myself has put me in a position of inner peace that I have never thought possible. Though at family events I am still the "elephant in the living room", they let me know that they love me and just want me to be happy. Though it has been seven plus years since I joined this LGBT community as an "out and proud" gay man, I am still learning and transitioning. It is a process and events like National Coming Out Day and Nebraska Pride Festival help me keep hope. Though I am sometimes disappointed in the actions and attitudes of my LGBT brothers and sisters, Charities such as Rainbow Celebrations, the Diamond Foundation, the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, and the Imperial Court of Nebraska help me realize the importance of working together to accomplish a greater good for all people under the rainbow flag.

Events like NCOD and Nebraska Pride may someday change the world enough so that the murder of Matthew Shephard ten years ago and the 18 members of our LGBT community who have lost their lives in 2008 will not have died in yane!

Dan Knobbe President Executive Board Rainbow Celebrations



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Games: Sundays November 2nd – February 22nd

Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Place: Westroads Club 1212 North 102nd Street

Fee: \$20 per player for WHOLE season Register: www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org

YOU: First timer, novice, average, or experienced player

WANT TO: Play for fun, not trophies

SEEKING: Socialization in a friendly sports setting

Register yourself today or tomorrow with some friends. Create a group of up to 4 people & be combined with other individuals and groups to create a full team!

Deadline is October 26th!

A FUN WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND MAKE FRIENDS!



One Liners We Like

- 1. Men are like Laxatives . They irritate the crap out of you. 2 Men are like.. Bananas . The older they get, the less firm they are.
- 3. Men are like the Weather . Nothing can be done to change them...
- Men are like Blenders You need One, but you're not quite sure why.
- 5. Men are like Chocolate Bars .. Sweet, smooth, & they usually head right for your hips.

(These must have been written by a straight woman)



Omaha GLBT Sports

Chris Orr

Thursday September 25th was the last day for flag football season. It was an upside down evening for the teams all the way around. In reflection of that, the scores for the evening were a ways apart from each other. Players though had a great last night however and enjoyed it as much as the first night that they had played. The first game was Green VS. Black. In games past, the two teams were pretty even except the first time they



had met and Black ran away with the game. This game though was the opposite. Green had gotten a little more focused on the offense and a little more aggressive on the defense for the evening. Most of their completion plays were short and sweet. Black had tried their best on defense with a little confusion and missing out more on long distance passes. The second game of the evening was Blue VS. Red. The game was very odd because it had seemed to be a battle of the sexes. Red had carried 6 male players and 5 of them were subs for the team. Blue had their original players of 4 female and 2 male. Blue had done what they did in the week prior with using index cards with plays on them. This tactic though did not go very far in terms of vardage even though the completion rate of the plays were very successful. Red used the out of bounds lines to move the ball up the field and keep it out of the middle of the field were most players were defending. Red had some fantastic 15 plus yard completed passes that kept Blue in a weak spot. Thank you to the players who made this season possible by participating. It was such a blast to have you all involved. See you next season! Thank you to all the spectators we had. It would not have been as fun of a season without you on the sidelines cheering us on! Thank you to our referee of the season, Tom Blome, who did a wonderful job of keeping the game fun, simple, and able to volunteer his time for us to play these games. Thank you to our sponsors of this season, Pride Real Estate Group Tim - Carole - Brian and Connections, it was

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great to be able to have GLBT businesses support us.

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George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

Our next sport is volleyball. The season runs November 2nd – February 22nd. We play Sundays 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Westroads Club 1212 North 102nd Street. The cost per player for the volleyball season is \$20. You can sign up as an individual or register in a group of up to four. The only way to register is on our website www.omahaglbtsportsleague.org and the deadline to register for volleyball is October 26th! If you are interested in sponsoring a team please email us Omaha.glbtsports@yahoo.com and we will respond accordingly.

September 25th

Green 34 VS. Black 6 Blue 12 VS. Red 35

Change

By Royal D. Bush

Have you ever read about the Monkey Experiment, Why Do We Do That? Well it goes like this; Start with a cage containing five monkeys. Inside the cage, hang a banana on a string and place a set of stairs under it. Before long, a monkey will go to the stairs and start to climb towards the banana. As soon as he touches the stairs, all of the other monkeys are sprayed with cold water. After a while, another monkey makes an attempt with the same result, and all the other monkeys are sprayed with cold water. Pretty soon the monkeys will try to prevent it.

Now, put away the cold water. Remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new monkey sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs. To his surprise and horror, all the other monkeys attack him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs he will be attacked.

Next, remove another of the original five monkeys and replace it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment with enthusiasm! Likewise, replace a third original monkey with a new one, then a fourth, then the fifth.

Every time the newest monkey takes to the stairs, he is attacked. Most of the monkeys that are beating him have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs or why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey. After replacing all the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless, no monkey ever again approaches the stairs to try for the banana. Why not? Because as far as they know, that's the way it's always been done around there.

I could tie this experiment in with so many current events. Local mayoral race, state level politics, local organizations, and yes even the presidential race. Perhaps it could apply to where you work, volunteer or belong.

I have been told that "Change for the sake of change benefits no one." And, I agree with that. But having said that, being complacent at work, church, school, and where you volunteer can have a choking effect on that organizations ability to grow, thrive and impact its overall life expectancy.

The Price of Breasts

A man is walking down the street when he sees a woman who has the most perfect breasts he's ever seen. He says to her, "Hey, Miss, would you let me kiss your breasts for \$100?"

"Are you nuts?" she replies and walks away. He runs around the block and gets to the corner before she does. "Then would you let me kiss your breasts for \$1,000?" he asks.

"Listen, Sir," she says. "I'm not that kind of woman. OK?" So he runs around the next block and faces her again. "Well then would you let me kiss your breasts for \$10,000?" The woman thinks about this for a moment and says, "Hmmmmm, \$10,000?" She thinks a bit more.

"OK," she says, "But just once, and not here. Let's go to that dark alley over there." So they go to the alley and she takes off her blouse to reveal the most perfect breasts in the world. The man starts caressing them, fondling them, squeezing them, burying his face in them, but not kissing them. After a few minutes, the woman gets annoyed.

"Well, aren't you going to kiss them?" she snaps. "Nah," the man replies.

"Costs too much!"

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

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I am reminded of two quotes when I think of change and the world. The first is "When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace." I don't know if Jimi Hendrix ever knew how profound that statement is. And the second is something that Gandhi said, "be the change you wish to see in the world."

I urge each of you to get out! Vote, volunteer and make a difference! In order for us to have a better LGBT community, city, country or world we must take a hands on approach. For change to happen it must come from us, the roots up!

Shelterskelter the 13th!!!

That special time of year is here!

Beginning October 2nd Shelterbelt Theatre is proud to present the return of its Halloween extravaganza with SHEL-TERSKELTER the 13th.

We're celebrating the lucky anniversary of the series with 13 macabre one-acts spread over 2 nights. Part One runs Thursdays at 8:00 and Saturdays at 8:00, and Part Two runs on Fridays at 8:00 and Sundays at 6:00. The final two shows on the 30th and on Halloween will include both parts.

Tickets for each show are \$15 for the general public and \$12 for students, seniors, and TAG members. Come back for the other show and pay only \$10. Just bring back your program. We're located at 3225 California Street.

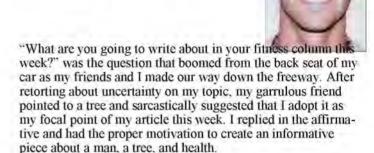
Opening weekend tickets are two for one. Call 341-2757 for reservations; email artistic@shelterbelt.org with questions.

The plays are directed by Adam Nathan, Andrew Yolland, Gary Planck, and Patty Wees. The cast includes Andy Niess, Anna Rebecca Kunkel, Bill Grennan, Carrie Beth Stickrod, Chris Elston, Demian Ryder, Doug Blackburn, Eric Grant-Leanna, Jay Huse, Jessica Gall, John Hatcher, Julie Kestner, Liz Mulhern, Maddie Radcliff, McClain Smouse, and Teri Fender.

Also, as part of the month-long party, we're welcoming Perforated Productions to co-produce a late-night performance of Lighthouse Eternal, an erotic, highly theatrical love story dealing with damnation and salvation. Lighthouse Eternal starts October 3rd and runs Fridays & Saturdays at 11:00 through October 18th. Tickets are \$10 or \$7 if you attend Shelterskelter. See you at the Shelterbelt!

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake Certified Personal Trainer



For this suggested workout you first need to find a tree. It needs to be one of the hardier and taller trees in the neighborhood. You will engage in several exercises in this Swiss Family Robinson adventure. You will start with your cardiovascular workout. Climb the tree to the highest and safest point and come back down. Repeat this a designated number of times or assign a designated amount of time for your climbing. Whether it's five times to the summit and back or it's fifteen minutes of continuous monkey business in your tree, you will feel the intensity of the workout.

Now that the blood is flowing you are ready for some specific exercises. I'll have you do some chin-ups. With your palms facing you, grab a sturdy branch and pull yourself upward until your chin is touching the branch. Then let yourself drop back down so your arms are once again fully extended. Do three sets of ten of these or as many as you can do depending on the type of workout you want. You will feel the burn of the bicep muscles from this activity.

Sit for a moment against your tree's trunk and quaff some water. Pullups are the next order of business. Reacquaint yourself with your chiup branch and this time have your palms facing away from you. Spread your arms outward and then grab a hold of the tree branch. Pull up until your head is in front of the branch. This is a pull up and it is a great exercise for your lat muscles of the back.

You can even do your abdominal workout in your tree if you can find two branches close together. You will sit on one branch and hook your feet under another close branch for stabilization. Then you will let your torso fall backward until you are upside down. At this point you will pull yourself back into an upright position. You will most definitely feel the excitement of a good abdominal exercise from this.

There are so many other exercises that can come from this tree. There might need to be a sequel to this column. Go find your elm, birch, or oak and rekindle those childhood climbing experiences while building that better body today.

This column is brought to you by that guy who nary misses a trivia question that involves the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria. That nautical guy is Ron Blake and he can be spotted on the starboard side at blake.fitness@yahoo.com.

I SPY.....

Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. Sometimes I'll be expressing views or giving a heads up on persons, places, or things



that need to be mentioned at all or more of. Remember this is an opinion column and does not reflect the opinions of those who are responsible (staff, owners, persons etc.).

A person can be insane. Activities and the intellect of an insane person can be called insanity when they conduct an action. A person who is sane and not so intellectual on their actions can be coined as ignorant, stupid, and thoughtless; the list can go on and on. Think about some of the examples. A person is text messaging and conducting a train or a vehicle. The result is what happened to that commuter train outside of Los Angeles and at least one person we know that has been involved in an accident.

A business lender decides to make one loan to a person who cannot afford the payments. The person who is asking for the loan is trusting the business that is about to rape them. That friend of yours decides not to vote in this election. You have another friend who relates more with a six pack than the facts. Now take groups of people who fit in with the above described. or think of your own scenarios that are just like the ones described; what do you get? The result is insanity. Insanity can stem off from these groups of individuals when put into a collective overall group. It is insanity we had no strict oversight and people got preyed on from predator lenders. The rate of text message related accidents involving deaths or damage are now on the verge of becoming number one and in some statistical findings if the criteria is more defined, it is a number one cause. In the last election, people wanted a man they could sit down and have a beer with across the table. The man with the beer is now in the approval rating in the twenty something percent range. So far from polling statistics, we find out that forty plus percent of America still wants to sit across the table from

Joe and Jane six pack regardless of what happened in America when we sat across the table from the last man. Isn't it just insanity of what happens when sane people are not so intellectual and are irresponsible on their part? Okay now it is time to talk about some sane events going on in town!

Pride 2009 is having a fundraiser through a garage sale. The sale will take place on October 17th & 18th. A conclusion from last year is that it went over very well. There were lots of good used items big and small. There was some items that just weren't the same old thing either. Johnnie Richards is in charge of the event and he is willing to help you get rid of items you would like to donate! You can call him at 402 – 651-8467.

Gay.com has taken a new format and guess what! The members hate it. Hate it with a passion. The new format is slow, confusing, and takes a step back in time. You also lost your buddy list and your ignore list. The compatible programs that worked with gay.com chat are no longer and you are now forced to go thru gay.com. Many believe that they could have an actual rewarding conversation in person than on the computer now. The result of this could be that we see a spike in homosexual interaction at the gay venues for the next couple of weeks until the problem is solved and people can go back to their computer ego personalities (insert emoticon here).

Dixie Quicks has new hours for the season change. You can enjoy their brunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lunch will be served Tuesdays – Fridays 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Dinner is back and will be served Tuesday – Friday 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Please go visit them and enjoy a great dining experience. Did you know they were on the Food Network show Diners, Dives, and Drive-Ins? Renee and Dan just wiped the table clean on the interview, wonderful job. Don't forget about the art gallery either! Dixie Quicks is located at 1915 Leavenworth.

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7pm Show

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