



Survey: Most Gays Stay Closeted at Work

By Michelle Garcia

Fifty-one percent of LGBT employees say they hide their sexual orientation or gender identity from most or all of their coworkers, according to a survey by the Human Rights Cam-



paign Foundation. Despite major gains at many American companies and antidiscrimination laws on the books in several states, 42% of LGBT employees say they've lied about their personal relationships in the past year. Only 5% of workers ages 18-24 say they are open about their sexual orientation or gender identity, while 20% of their older colleagues say they are.

"We've found that inclusive nondiscrimination policies and equal benefits are the essential first step toward cultivating a productive and engaged LGBT employee, but they are not the last step," said Daryl Herrschaft, director of the Workplace Project. "By understanding how LGBT identity surfaces and unfolds in the workplace, we will be better able to turn policy into practice and address opportunities to improve productivity and retention of LGBT employees."

The survey also found that only 18% of LGBT Latinos are willing to be open with everyone at work, compared to 25% of African-Americans and 29% of whites.

National Coming Out Day

By Bruce Bufkin

Many of you are probably wondering why we have a National Coming Out Day. I mean really we already have pride festivals with parades, Gay and Lesbian Film festivals, leather gatherings, Transgender socials and a plethora of other events. Because these events are the ones we go to after we are comfortable with ourselves, after we are out.

For some of us the coming out process is easy, for others it is a hard bitter road. We need the example NCOD sets to help those who are still working on coming to grips with themselves. So now you can understand the need for such a day and the events surrounding it. It is about those of us who have gone before making the way easier for those who follow.

Individuals such as Don Randolph, when younger, went by the name Don

Flowers because he could not be out. Then there was the old Diamond Bar, whose owner was out and about in Omaha one evening. He stumbled on several young gay men who had been asked to leave a bar because of their orientation. He said hey come over to my bar. They did and were welcomed, thus started the Diamond Bar's Gay Days. If incidents like these did not happen we would still be afraid and in the dark. Of course we have come along way, but not far enough.

When I was younger I had several incidents of my own. I was once asked to leave a restaurant because our conversation offended the table next to us. I was told by a clerk in a mall that people like us should not travel in large groups. I have been in several altercations of a physical nature because individuals decided to pick on the "Fag". Wrong "Fag" to pick on! Even in this wonderful new chapter of our country with our first African-American President we still have issues. A young lady who works with me, who is Transgender, was asked to leave her apartment because her landlord did not want "someone like her" living in his building. So you see, we still have a long way to go.



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Of course you say look at all the advances we have made. All of the states that recognize Gay Marriage. Need I remind you that there are 50 states in our Union. Yes, the new fashion among high school boys is wearing girls jeans! Ask my nephew. If I would have done that I would have gotten my ass kicked. One of my nephews young friends calls himself mostly Gay. ??? But even then we still have bullying, hate crimes, discrimination and hate.

So that is why we have NCOD. To make the next generations path easier than ours. Just as Harry Hay, Harvey Milk, Quentin Crisp, Oscar Wilde and so many others have done for us.

So help celebrate National Coming Out Day, either with us or on your own. Go out be open, be proud and be out, whether your a quiet studious wall flower or the drama queen deluxe. Whether you are an up front in your face person or an individual of serene and elegant reserve. Whether you're Gay, Transgendered, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Straight go out, be out, be proud. Show the world that we are there friends and neighbors. Show them we have hearts, minds and souls. Show them that we have cares, feelings and desires. Show them that we are real human beings. So Go Out, Be Open, Be Proud.

Gay Student Receives Death Threats

By Julie Bolcer

The start of the new semester brings homophobic death threats at a college in Greensboro, N.C.

A gay student at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., received two threats against his life last week that cited his sexual orientation in a derogatory way.

The threats occurred on Monday and Thursday via two separate notes -- one taped to a dorm room door and the other dropped via rock through the student's window -- that used the same antigay slur, according to the video from the local Fox affiliate.

"You don't deserve life like the rest of the world," said the note delivered on Thursday. "It's bad enough with out all the gay crap pulling people down. It's sick, unnatural, and death is almost too good for you. Almost."

Many students were reportedly shocked to learn about the crime, and the college administration promised to hold the perpetrator(s) accountable. No suspects have been identified, and friends say the victim is doing well, all things considered.

The Guilford College gay pride organization plans a march on Wednesday in response to the incident.

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIDE

"You lie!" screamed Representative Joe Wilson as he interrupted President Obama's speech on healthcare reform.

Kanye West grabbed the mic from the hands of Taylor Swift to proclaim the talents of Beyonce, during Miss Swift's acceptance of Best Female Video Award at the MTV Video Music Awards.

Tennis Pro, Serena Williams had a public meltdown at a line judge at the US Open.

All of these incidents were met with public outcries, apologies, denunciations, and in some cases, praise. Sadly, the acceptance of responsibility for inappropriate behavior only seemed to come when the outcries threatened their positive publicity and possibly their paychecks.

Responsibility, it's a big word for a very important part of making everything work as it should. It involves how we treat ourselves, others, and our world. It affects every aspect of existence, yet it is something that everyone tries to escape, avoid, or deny. The scriptures of virtually every religion on the face of the earth are filled with the stories of accepted and abandoned responsibility.

If everyone accepted responsibility for those things on which they can actually have a positive impact, we might truly see world peace. We might truly see universal acceptance of our diversity. We might truly eliminate world problems. Unfortunately, our own greed, our own wanting to somehow be "better than everyone else," gets in the way of our accepting our responsibilities. "Pride goeth before the Fall..."

There, I said it. I brought it up. Pride... In religious writings, pride is listed as the worst of all deadly sins. All other evil can be traced in a clear path to Pride... In this context, pride refers to vanity, arrogance or hubris.

Coming from Nebraska Pride, this article makes for an interesting paradox, or does it?

Pride has another meaning. It has to do with the virtue of respect. When "PRIDE" refers to a strong sense of self-respect, a refusal to be humiliated as well as joy in the accomplishments of oneself, a person or a group you identify with, then "Pride" can offer hope to the GLBTQ community.... It is this vision of "hope" within Pride that I wish to discuss.

Nebraska Pride has grown tremendously in recent times. The celebration has reached new heights in diversity of attendance as well as entertainment and activities. The quality of the festival and the presence of Rainbow Celebrations have grown, as they should. Growth and vitality should be the norm for any public charitable organization. However, the biggest hope of Nebraska Pride/Rainbow Celebrations is to be an example of acceptance and hope for the community, the whole community, the LGBTQ and the Straight community.

What does that mean? In the short term, that means involving as many individuals as we can as volunteers in all aspects of the festival. If you want to work, if you want to be a part of Nebraska Pride, we need you and want you. We will take you where you are and work with you in finding your niche within the bigger picture.

In the long term, being an example means inviting, involving, assisting and participating with other organizations that benefit the GLBTQ population and the Straight population, even if they do not support us.... The point is, do what is right, JUST BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT! It also means being a force for the positive, a force for cooperation. A force for cooperation and some-

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times compromise, does not mean becoming the community's door mat.

Can Nebraska Pride make everyone happy? NO! Happiness comes from within you. No one or no thing can make you happy. Does Nebraska Pride try to be welcoming to everyone?

YES, but you have to know what it is you want and be willing to be a part of making it happen. It has to be something that has a benefit to more people than just you. JUST YOU! There is that "vanity" again. Sometimes being a force for the positive means seeing the bigger picture and what is possible within the context of the budget, income, volunteers, and time, and space. Be realistic. Being a part of the "FORCE FOR THE POSITIVE" means being willing to seriously look at all sides.

Looking at all sides means a willingness to praise when praise is due; a willingness to say "thank you" when thanks is due. A suggestion or plan of how to correct a problem and an offer of assistance to make it happen instead of just criticizing! Be a force for the positive. Be an active part of making things happen. Give instead of always taking. To go back to the "respect" and "responsibility" within the positive meaning of "Pride", I will quote Heather Small:

What have you done today to make you feel proud?

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It's up to you....It's your Pride!

Dan Knobbe

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MCC-Omaha to Dedicate the Accessibility Projects

The community is invited to MCC-Omaha on 11 October 2009, for the dedication of the accessibility projects done to make MCC-Omaha a place for all to come and worship.

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Embodying Fatherhood

Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

Years ago I was asked to write an article for a Honolulu gay newspaper about “fathers”. I can’t find the article, but I remember talking about the idea that fatherhood is a quality not determined by gender or genetics. To me, fatherhood is the ability to encourage, nurture, protect, support and serve as a role model for others. Looking at fatherhood this way makes it a quality that all of us - men and women, single and married, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender – can demonstrate to the adults, children and animals in our life.

In my private practice, I am pleased to work with many same sex couples with kids. No matter who these folks are, there is always one person who is more the “dad”, e.g., she or he is less protective of the kids, encourages them to be strong, try things, have adventures and risk failure. This is traditional “dad” stuff, but women can be just as good at it as men (maybe even better).



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And...the truth is, we all need good dads in our life. Most of us didn’t have such great biological dads. Richard Rohr, in his book, *From Wild Men to Wise Men* writes that most of us (men and women alike) didn’t have dads who were really there for us, mentored us or gave us good examples of what mature, grounded adult men can be like.

This is why we all need to embody fatherhood for each other. We’re all missing pieces of a “perfect” dad. None of us got one, no matter how hard he tried. Many of us had dads who were rarely around or too messed up psychologically to really be there for us. We’re all missing pieces of “dad” and – therefore – pieces of ourselves. We can be “good fathers” to each other. We need to. Let me give you some suggestions on how you can embody fatherhood to all the people in your life:

- Be consistent. A good dad knows who he is and what matters to him. His words and actions match. He’s not big on gossip and useless chatter. He speaks when he has something to say and listens when he doesn’t.
- Be openly loving. A good dad is. Even teenagers may say, “oh yuck” or “oh grow up” if you hug them in public, but, in private, they’ll admit they need lots of hugs and encouragement. We all do.

- Don't be bossy and tell people what to do. Help people to find their own way. Encourage them to go after what they want, but don't hand it to them on a platter.

- When children (or adults) challenge you, be prepared to explain yourself calmly. A good dad doesn't wig out when questioned, but will tell you what he's thinking and the rationale behind it.

- Be willing to set reasonable limits with people. Most adults, like children, are comfortable with structure and predictability.

- Focus more on being respected than liked. Respect is powerful and lasting, popularity comes and goes...and people who are respected ARE well-liked anyway.

- Pick your battles. You don't blow up at a kid for every little thing they do; do the same with your adult friends and colleagues. A good dad can let stuff roll off his back.

- Apologize when you're wrong, explain things when you're

asked and give comfort when it's needed. This is a good dad at his best.

In conclusion: whether your father is alive or not, whether he was fabulous or a total dud, and whether you like him or complain about him, today, why not trying to embody fatherhood yourself? Regardless of who you are (and your gender, age, etc.), why not be the best "dad" you can to everyone you know. We'll ALL benefit (and thank you).

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Lesbian Mayoral Candidate Attacked

By Julie Bolcer

Annise Parker, who is running to become mayor of Houston, became the subject of an antigay e-mail campaign Sunday.



Houston controller Annise Parker, an out lesbian who is running for mayor, was attacked on the basis of her sexual orientation in materials e-mailed by an antigay group on Sunday.

The homophobic attack arrived via a press release to promote the Christians for Better Government voter guide, sent to thousands of potential Houston voters, according to the blog GayPolitics.com.

"Annise Parkers lifestyle that of being a HOMOSEXUAL is not the proper role model to lead the fourth largest city in the United States," said the press release, as reported by GayPoli-



tics.com. “The Bible speaks clearly against the lifestyle she represents, James 1:8 says, ‘A double minded man is confused in all his ways’. She does not believe in what the scripture says about her lifestyle which in return means she doesn’t believe in God.”

Parker is one of four major candidates in the nonpartisan mayoral election scheduled for November 3. Should she win, she would lead the country’s fourth-largest city.

Family Activity Day at MCC

The beautifully landscaped yards at MCC Omaha resounded with the laughter of children and the conversation of adults on Sunday afternoon, September 13. Over 20 children and nearly 50 adults came together to celebrate our families that are part of MCC. The children, who ranged in age from 3 to 16, were kept busy with games that ranged from water gun target practice to ring toss to dodge ball to the popular toilet paper toss. Dodge ball brought almost every child and adult out on the lawn. Even Pastor Tom joined in the fun and demonstrated wicked aim as he tagged person after person with perfectly aimed throws. Thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make this activity an overwhelming success.



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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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Great Grocery Giveaway Returns to MCC Omaha

The highly successful Great Grocery Giveaway will be repeated this fall as part of MCC Omaha's commitment to community service. Last spring, in partnership with the Omaha Food Bank, MCC distributed nearly 8,000 pounds of food to 278 families representing 992 individuals.

The Great Grocery Giveaway will take place on Friday, October 2, from 4:30pm until the food has all been given out. All persons who are in need are eligible to take part in the Great Grocery Giveaway. If you are in need, come to MCC Omaha, 819 South 22 Street, and provide basic demographic information. Food is distributed on a first come, first served basis. You may want to bring boxes or large shopping bags to carry the food. When all the food has been distributed, the Grocery Giveaway is over. If you drive, plan to park on the street on the

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 Worship 9am and 11am & Wednesday Worship
 at 7pm

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

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm,
 Maplewood Lanes, starting again after Labor Day

SECOND UNITARIAN, 10:30am Sunday ser-
 vice, 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 RE-
 HEARSALS,** 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United
 Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

Every Tuesday
BEER BUST, FREE POOL AND WII 8:00
 pm, at Connections

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet
 Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session),
 Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [aander-
 son@hastings.edu](mailto:aander-

 son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at
jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-
 PORT 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

COORS LIGHT COLLEGE NIGHT AT
CONNECTIONS 8:00 pm to close, \$2
 COORS LIGHTS, \$4 BOMBS with your
 Student ID. "Fratty Fun till the Evenings
 Done!"

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

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

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

THIRSTY THURSDAYS 10:00 pm to mid-
 night, at Connections, Reverse Happy Hour
 and Karaoke with Amber at 9 pm

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB
 Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday
 6:30pm (time may vary), for more infor-
 mation call 402-384-8014

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON
 7-9pm, DC's Saloon

DJ & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT at Con-
 nections 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 Leav-
 enworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

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

**NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TEST-
 ING** 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marv's**
Ave., 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

DJ MUSIC AND DANCING 10PM, Con-
 nections Bar

GET YOUR GROOVE ON WITH DJ VON,
9pm, Connections

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

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at
5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for
info

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

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

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lin-
coln 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 Leaven-
worth St.

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm to 9pm, 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 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 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—
OMAHA**

Not currently meeting.

Last Saturday of the Month

NAP HIV TESTING, 11AM-3PM,
WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

**Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

**See, I have open space
here for your
Event! Send it to me!**

The Monkey

A Polish guy walks into a bar and orders
a beer. He notices a monkey on the floor
next to the bartender so he asks "What is
the monkey in here for?"

The bartender responds, "Why he's my
good little buddy!"

The Polish guy says, "What's so good
about him?"

The bartender says, here I'll show you.
He takes a baseball bat, knocks the mon-
key upside the head and the monkey
jumps up and gives the bartender a great
BJ.

"Wow, that is awesome" the Pole says,
"Can I try it?"

Sure, the bartender said.

The Pole said "JUST DONT HIT ME AS
HARD AS YOU HIT THE MONKEY! "

Bad Day

While walking through Golden Gate Park in
San Francisco, a man came upon another man
hugging a tree with his ear firmly against the
tree.

Seeing this he inquired, "Just out of curiosity,
what the heck are you doing?"

"I'm listening to the music of the tree," the
other man replied.

"You've gotta be kiddin' me."

"No, would you like to give it a try?"

Understandably curious, the man says, "Well,
OK..." So he wrapped his arms around the
tree & pressed his ear up against it.
With this, the other guy slapped a pair of
handcuffs on him, took his wallet, jewelry, car
keys, then stripped him naked and left.

Two hours later another nature lover strolled
by, saw this guy handcuffed to the tree stark
naked, and asked, "What the heck happened
to you?"

He told the guy the whole terrible story about
how he got there.

When he finished telling his story, the other
guy shook his head in sympathy, walked
around behind him, kissed him gently behind
the ear and said,

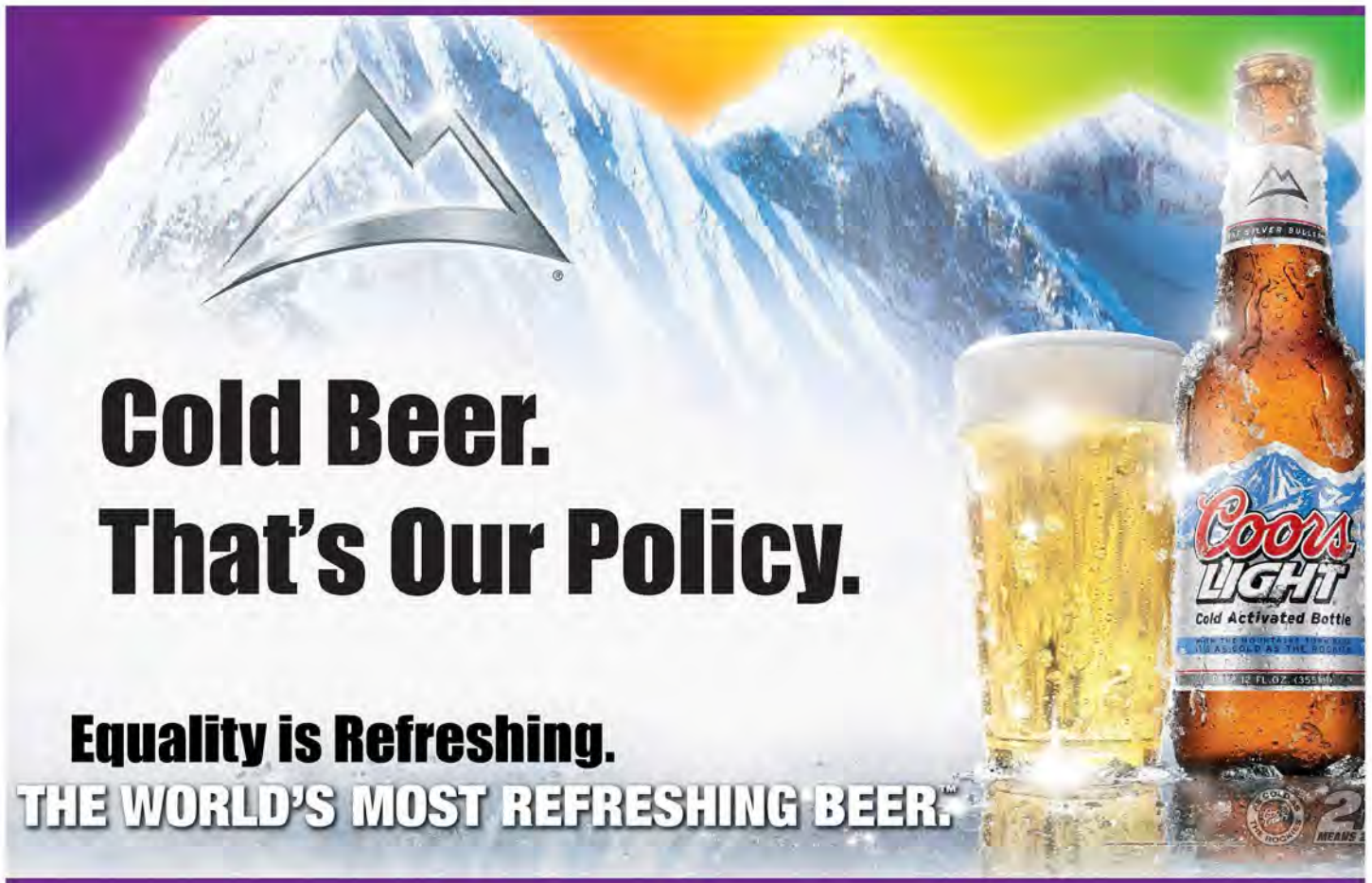
"This just isn't your day, is it Cupcake."

Daddy, How was I Born?

A little boy goes to his father and asks 'Daddy,
how was I born?'

The father (a computer nerd) answers, 'Well,
son, I guess one day you will need to find out
anyway! Your Mom and I first got together in
a chat room on Yahoo. Then I set up a date
via e-mail with your Mom and we met at a
cyber-café. We sneaked into a secluded room,
and googled each other. There your mother
agreed to a download from my hard drive. As
soon as I was ready to upload, we discovered
that neither one of us had used a firewall, and
since it was too late to hit the delete button,
nine months later a little Pop-Up appeared that
said:

'You've got Male!



Gay Groups Defend Wisconsin Domestic-Partner Law

By Christopher Mangum

Lambda Legal and the American Civil Liberties Union are seeking to intervene on behalf of Fair Wisconsin and five same-sex couples in a lawsuit attempting to end newly enacted domestic-partnership protections for same-sex couples in the state.

"There are almost 15,000 same-sex couples and their families living in Wisconsin who need the basic protections provided by domestic partnerships. The law is far from marriage equality, but it helps couples in times of illness and crisis," said Lambda Legal senior staff attorney Christopher Clark, according to a press release from the gay rights organization.

In June, Wisconsin governor Jim Doyle signed into law a provision allowing same-sex couples to register as domestic partners. Registering provides couples with certain legal protections such as the right to visit each other in the hospital, take medical leave to care for an ill partner, and inherit assets when a partner dies.

The following month, antigay group Wisconsin Family Action, in partnership with the Alliance Defense Fund, filed a lawsuit claiming that the registry violates the state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage and civil unions, which was approved by voters in 2006.

"To suggest that these few protections granted to same-sex cou-

ples and their families resemble the much-revered status of marriage is preposterous. The domestic-partnership law and the constitutional amendment barring same-sex couples from marriage are not in conflict with each other," said Clark.

Both sides are currently awaiting a decision by the Wisconsin supreme court to determine whether the case will be heard directly by the court or if it will first receive a trial date in the circuit court in order to develop a fuller factual record.

Thanks From the MCC

To all our community that come out to support MCC-Omaha's annual spaghetti dinner, THANKS, THANKS, THANKS.

The food was good, lots of fellowship and many raffle prizes. \$1129.50 was raised for the accessibility fund.

Once again thanks to the community for attending this annual event. See you next year. MCC-Omaha continues to TEAR DOWN WALLS TO BUILD UP HOPE,

Blessings
Kevin Marik

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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 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.net 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

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

Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

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, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs 7PM-9PM results in a week, Fri 5PM-10PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 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

Northside Christian Church 5555Larimore, Sunday worship 9:30am, Contemporary service at 11:00am

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: NeOutAboout@yahoo.com

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 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

Prairie Bares, male nudist group, no further info available

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

Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

Rainbow Celebrations, PO Box 8488, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, for complete information see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

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

River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org

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

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>

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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
Gnome's Bar, 1951 Saint Marys Ave	991-6470
The Max, 1417 Jackson St.	346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street	
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth	449-8703
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St	342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St	552-9260
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**

“12 Rules for Success”

By Royal D. Bush Facebook/omaharoyal

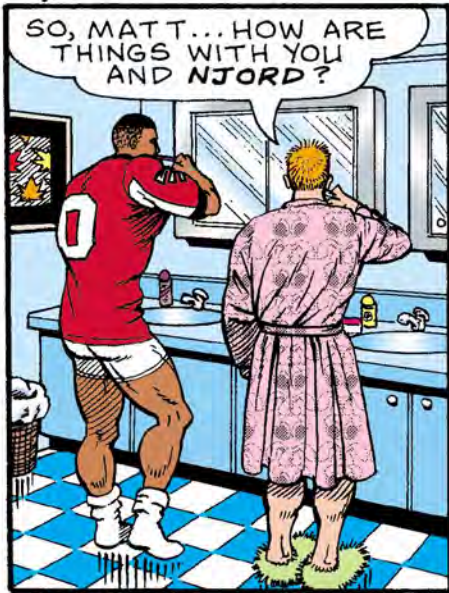
Steve Jobs went from being an unemployed college dropout to becoming one of the most successful entrepreneurs of all time. What lessons can we learn from him, not just at work, but home, play and perhaps worship. How can you adapt these 12 into your life or routine?

1. Do what you love to do. Find your true passion. Make a difference. The only way to do great work is to love what you do. It has been said, make less and be happy then make more and be miserable.
2. Be different. Think different. They say think outside the box, AUGH! If you don't put yourself in the box in the first place you don't have to worry about getting out!
3. Do your best at every job. Not only is your company or organizations name on that, but so is your co-workers, and most importantly YOURS! Be proud and take pride in what you do at all times.
4. Perform SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.) As soon as you join/start a company, make a list of strengths and weaknesses of yourself and your company on a piece of paper. Don't hesitate to throw bad apples out of the company. Be prepared to do what is right, not what is easy.

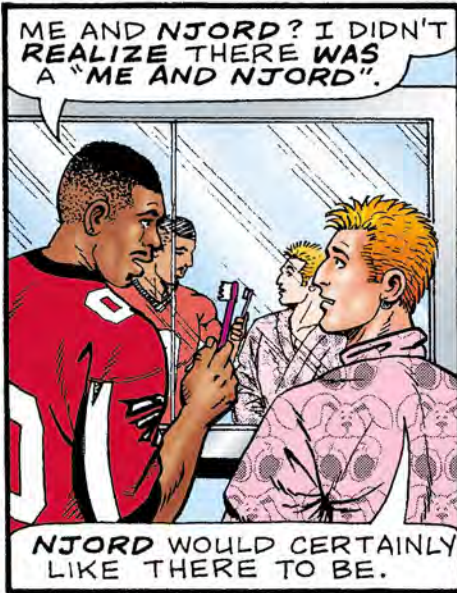
5. Be entrepreneurial. Always look to see new trends, new ideas, and fresh visions. Sometimes the first step is the hardest one. Just do it. Listen to your voice, use your instinct and do what you do!
6. Start small, think big. You don't have to build Rome in a day! Start with a few things and do them well. Grow forward from there. Always think about tomorrow and the next day as you go.
7. Strive to become a market leader. Use and operate the primary technology in everything you do. If there's a better technology available, use it regardless of whether or not anyone else is using it. Be the first, and make it an industry standard. Advertise. If they don't know about it, they won't buy your product.
8. People will judge you by the performance you put out, so put out the best! Be that measure of quality that everything else is judge against!!! Most employees are not used to an environment where excellence, wow and passion is expected, desired or cared for.
9. Ask for feedback from people with diverse backgrounds (really! kids, teenagers, adults, use every opportunity you can.) Each one will tell you one useful thing. If you're at the top of the chain, sometimes people won't give you honest feedback because they're afraid. In this case, disguise yourself,

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Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



SO, MATT... HOW ARE THINGS WITH YOU AND NJORD?



ME AND NJORD? I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE WAS A "ME AND NJORD".

NJORD WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE THERE TO BE.



REALLY? I...

...I'M NOT SURE HOW I FEEL ABOUT THAT.



WHAT ON EARTH IS THERE TO BE UNSURE ABOUT?

HE'S GOT THAT CHISELED BODY... THAT GORGEOUS FACE...



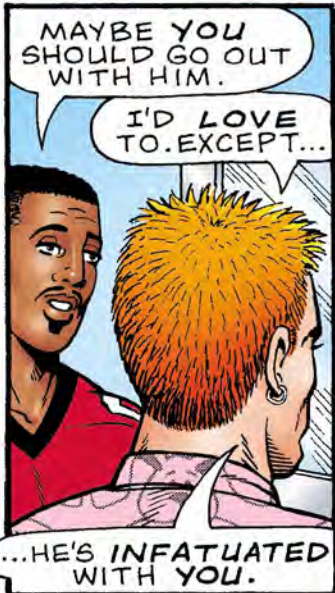
...THOSE LIQUID ICE-BLUE EYES... THAT CUTE NORWEGIAN ACCENT...

...HE'S INTELLIGENT, HE'S FUNNY... HE'S EVEN SOMEWHAT OF A CELEBRITY!



WHAT MORE DO YOU REQUIRE IN A MAN? SUPER POWERS?!

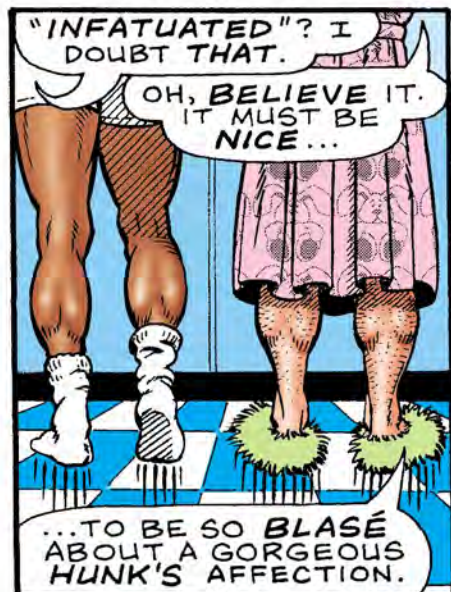
WELL... YOU CERTAINLY SEEM SOLD ON HIM.



MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO OUT WITH HIM.

I'D LOVE TO. EXCEPT...

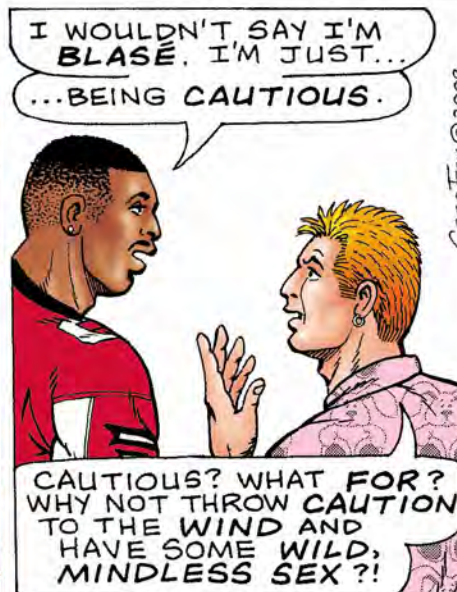
...HE'S INFATUATED WITH YOU.



"INFATUATED"? I DOUBT THAT.

OH, BELIEVE IT. IT MUST BE NICE...

...TO BE SO BLASÉ ABOUT A GORGEOUS HUNK'S AFFECTION.



I WOULDN'T SAY I'M BLASÉ. I'M JUST...

...BEING CAUTIOUS.

CAUTIOUS? WHAT FOR? WHY NOT THROW CAUTION TO THE WIND AND HAVE SOME WILD, MINDLESS SEX?!



YES, WE'VE SEEN HOW WELL THAT ALWAYS WORKS OUT FOR YOU.

WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ME.

THAT WOULD BE A FIRST...

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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



It was three years ago this week that one of my student athletes was killed. I promised his parents and friends that he would never be forgotten. I am keeping that promise with a reprinting of this article I wrote back then. Here it is:

There isn't anything like death that can make you think about the finer points of life. My path recently was detoured by the early passing of one of my former acolytes. His name is, was, and always will be Joe Trimmel. I was his cross country and track coach for two years back in the Hoosier state.

I began my recollections of happier days on the 1500 mile plane trip back to the Midwest last week. It was 1998 and I had just begun building a team of young men that pledged to run and run a lot. I assembled a gallimaufry of two Mormons, a prep, a turtle, a sports fan, a practical joker, a gear head, a jarhead, an all-star athlete, a music lover, and many others. Not exactly the Breakfast Club but it worked for northern Indiana. Then I entered into the equation this skinny, pubescent, bespectacled, transfer student wearing a tie-dye T-shirt. His name was Joe.

I implored the team to be kind to this young and svelte Jerry Garcia. The team obliged and it wasn't long before this kid was acting just like every other kid. He ran all summer preparing for the upcoming season. He turned out to be a great runner too. High school coaches tend to get excited when they see a quality athlete emerge in their freshman year and I was certainly no exception in my delight of this newfound acquisition.

We had scads of fun and just a skosh of monkeyshine thrown in for good measure that summer vacation. There were the cartoons and breakfasts each weekday after our morning runs. I needed something to bribe the kids to show up to run at 6AM every day and Bugs Bunny and the Lucky Charms leprechaun seemed to do the trick. Joe did his best to be alert and affable for this sunrise session and he contributed cereal to our food reserves.

Joe acclimated very well to the new school year in his new hometown. He met loads of friends through his running colleagues. His running prowess earned him many accolades on the daily school announcements and he soon became a household name. As the season progressed, our team had dinners on the eve of the cross country meets. Each parent took turns hosting these spaghetti nights throughout those several months. It was quite fun unless you were the one hosting that gaggle of fifteen hungry and energetic teenage boys. I'm sure that Joe's parents agreed with me on that note.

The memories are what keep a person alive forever. I took Joe and his running mates to the County Fair after a practice. Joe and the boys ate too much and rode on the Tilt-A-Whirl one time too many. It was a journey home that was fraught with much nausea and frequent stops.

There was a report of some hooligan that ran through a McDonalds naked and looked strikingly similar to a Joe Trimmel. The report on this sophomoric prank was sketchy at best because of the Halloween mask.

I still picture Joe rolling around the floor in twelve hundred one dollar bills after our big fundraiser that season. He unbundled the cash and was happily throwing money in the air. It was fun to watch him so carefree.

The stories of Joe and the team continued on from that memorable season. I was able to reflect more fully on these and many more anecdotes when I arrived back in Indiana the day we said goodbye to Joe. I shared these moments with my former athletes who have now become my close friends. I was excited to see most of Joe's teammates and his teammates' family members attend Joe's final celebration. That once quiet little boy who showed up for cross country practice years earlier was now the reason that scores of us came together to see him cross the finish line one last time. Thanks for a great race Joe!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who will one day run again with Joe. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at www.myblakefitness.com.

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Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. I'll be expressing views or sometimes 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.)

Another tomorrow. The sky didn't fall and the sun came up over Husker Nation the next day. What led to the loss? Bad calls from referees, bad calls from coaches, or did Husker Nation not pray hard enough to prevent them from a loss? In any case, a pastor present or not, the earth continued to spin and life went on. It would make sense to reflect personally as a team to correct the wrongs and be better prepared for next time. Will that happen? I guess the answer rests with the next game.

Does that happen in our own lives? It depends on your personal character. We catch ourselves reflecting to correct what went wrong on a matter if it is something very meaningful to us. We do this with our family. Some people are fortunate enough to be out and open with family members and continue a happy family unit. The rest of the people have to live with correcting "wrongs" and continuously fighting making them right or have family see life from a different perspective. Unfortunately, some families see only one answer and don't reflect on other black sheep from other families, or do they and use that as the prime example?

Over time, if the desired result is not met, most people remove themselves from the family and move on when tomorrow comes.

Our jobs are no exception. You battle those who try and pin a wrongful accusation on you. You take the proper steps and go till the end. For those who do that, this would be considered a career. It would be considered a job if you just give up and quit or surrender and sign the paper approving the accusation. This occurs with our friends. After wronging a friend you do what you can to make it right. A best friend would be who you do this to. An acquaintance would be you just throwing up your arms and moving on which would also be considered an ex-friend.

The matter is choice. Do you always choose to move on and not reflect and correct when a situation occurs? The other would be, do you reflect the last outcome to improve the next one? In any case of the choice you make, there is always another tomorrow.

Any gripes, comments, or having something checked out? Email me orrthumper83@yahoo.com

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or get feedback from other sources. Focus on those who will use your product - listen to your customers first! If you want to know what is broke, ask an employee. They are the ones doing the work and will know first.

10. Innovation sets leaders and follower apart. Delegate, let other employees do 50% of your routine work so you can spend 50% your time on the new stuff, visions and insuring the passion for wow is kept alive with other employees! Don't get on the wrong track by doing too much. Concentrate on really important topics and radical innovation. Team up with those who want to do it right the first time.

11. Learn from failures. Sometimes when you innovate, you make mistakes. It is best to admit them quickly, and get on with improving your other innovations.

12. Learn continually. There's always to learn. At every level, every day. Cross-pollinate ideas with others both within and outside your company. See what the customers, competitors and employees have to say. If you partner with a competitor whom you don't like, learn to like them - praise them and benefit from them. Learn to criticize your enemies openly, but honestly.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

BLUEBARN Theatre will begin their 21st season with the thriller, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, which opens October 1st and runs through October 17th. BLUEBARN's Artistic Director, Susan Clement-Toberer directs Jeffrey Hatcher's compelling new adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novella, *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, which showcases costumes by Jenny Pool, scenic design by Martin Scott Marchitto, and lighting design by Carol Wisner. Shows run Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, October 4th and 11th at 6 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults; and \$20 for students, TAG members, seniors 65+, and groups of 10 or more.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde showcases the talents of several award-winning actors. Thomas Becker (*12 Angry Men*, Omaha Playhouse) plays Dr. Jekyll and Laura Leininger (*Blithe Spirit*, Omaha Playhouse) plays Elizabeth, the object of Jekyll and Hyde's affection. Ben Birkholtz (*The Pillowman*, *A Piece of My Heart*, BLUEBARN Theatre), Randy Vest (*Compleat Female Stage Beauty*, SNAP Productions), Teri Fender (*Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, BLUEBARN Theatre), and Lee Osorio, making his Omaha stage debut, play all the other characters from Stevenson's novella, as well as each playing variations of the sinister Mr. Hyde.

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Sunday 18th

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Sunday 25th

Miss Great Plains USofA Pageant
9pm



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