



John Fetterman, Pennsylvania Mayor, Officiates Gay Marriage Despite State's Ban

The mayor of Braddock, Pennsylvania performed his county's first gay wedding August 5th in spite of the statewide ban on same-sex marriage.

Calling Pennsylvania's Defense of Marriage Act "a fundamentally unjust piece of legislation," Braddock Mayor John Fetterman said he was happy to marry John Kandray and Bill Gray, who have been together for 11 years and had obtained a marriage license in Montgomery County, CBS Pittsburgh is reporting.



The ceremony took place around 9:30 p.m. on Monday in front of the couple's family and friends, who had gathered at Fetterman's home.

"We pay the same taxes, we do everything the same, but we don't have the same rights," Kandray is quoted as saying. "It felt like, you know what, let's stand up for ourselves and do this."

Meanwhile, Pennsylvania officials have filed a lawsuit alleging that D. Bruce Hanes, the register of wills in Montgomery County, violated state laws when he began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples last month, the Associated Press reported.

"I decided to come down on the right side of history and the law," Hanes said, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer. More than 60 marriage licenses have reportedly been issued to same-sex couples by Montgomery County so far.



Reps Propose Homeless Youth Act With LGBT Protections

By Daniel Reynolds

Democratic Representatives from Wisconsin Gwen Moore and openly gay Rep. Mark Pocan, have proposed legislation that would provide assistance for runaway and homeless LGBT youth.



The Runaway and Homeless Youth Inclusion Act would add language to the Reconnecting Homeless Youth Act, last reauthorized in 2008, to include specific protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people, a demographic at high risk for homelessness and displacement. The act is scheduled for reauthorization this year.

"I ran away from home when I was an adolescent," Moore said in a recent statement. "It was the first and last time. Living on the streets is a difficult and dangerous experience — one that no child should have to endure. Unfortunately, homelessness is the reality for hundreds of thousands of youth each year.

"According to some studies, LGBT youth account for up to 40 percent of all homeless youth," she added. "LGBT homelessness is an issue that negatively impacts our children, our families and our communities. Omitting these young people from the RHYA sends a powerful message to this population: that addressing their trauma and fear is not a priority. The LGBT youth homelessness experience cannot be ignored."

The True Colors Fund, along with the Williams Institute and The Palate Fund, released a 2012 report that claimed 94% of U.S. youth service providers serve LGBT youth, which comprises up to 40% of their clientele. This report also listed family rejection as the most common cause of LGBT homelessness, as well as abuse within the family.

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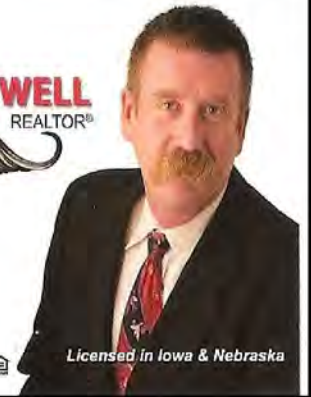
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The Hungry Homo

Spicy Citrus Chicken

By Lisa Broadway-Savage

Looking for something for dinner that has a little kick? You might want to adjust the red pepper flakes in this recipe to suit your personal heat tolerance. The last time I made it I didn't measure the red pepper and boy-oh-boy was my nose running!

This recipe is nice because it doesn't need time to marinate. When reduced, the extra sauce is delightful when served over rice.

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 c lime juice
- 1/4 c lemon juice
- 1/2 tbsp red pepper flakes
- 1 tbsp minced garlic
- 1 tbsp grated gingerroot
- 4 tbsp sugar
- 4 scallions, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro

Directions:

1. Sauté chicken in olive oil with a tilted lid until it is golden on both sides.
2. Mix together lime juice, lemon juice, red pepper, garlic, ginger and sugar and pour over chicken.
3. Sauté for another 3 min on each side, then move the chicken to serving plates.
4. Reduce sauce a little and pour over chicken.
5. Sprinkle scallions and cilantro over each breast.



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Singer Cyndi Lauper, a co-founder of the True Colors Fund and an advocate for homeless LGBT youth, applauded the proposed legislation.

"No young person should ever be homeless, let alone because they are gay or transgender, but when they are, we need to ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect when they seek help," Lauper said. "If we want a strong future, we need to invest in all of our youth."

All Out, Athlete Ally To Deliver Pro-LGBT Petition To International Olympic Committee

By James Nichols, The Huffington Post

On Aug. 7, prominent LGBT advocacy organization All Out will deliver the culminating results of an international effort to condemn anti-LGBT legislation and sentiment in Russia to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

A petition containing 300,000 signatures from All Out members, thousands from members of Athlete Ally, and a letter from actor Stephen Fry will accompany the symbolic gesture to pressure the IOC to take action.

In an effort to articulate what the large-scale response is calling for, Anastasia Smirnova of the Russian LGBT Network in St Petersburg stated:

We hope the International Olympic Committee responds to All Out's members and the millions of people worldwide who want Russia to treat all of their citizens with dignity under the law...Unless the anti-gay laws are repealed now, after Sochi Russians will be left with a government ready to punish people simply because of who they are or who they love. We continue our call for world leaders, including the IOC, to speak out now before it is too late.

Previously, All Out sponsored another petition that aimed to "Stop Uganda's Kill The Gays Bill" in response to impending legislation in the East African country that would allow those in positions of power to execute gays and lesbians.

Illinois Gay Marriage Ban in Court

Illinois' ban on same sex marriage is facing a court challenge this morning.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Sophia Hall will hear argu-

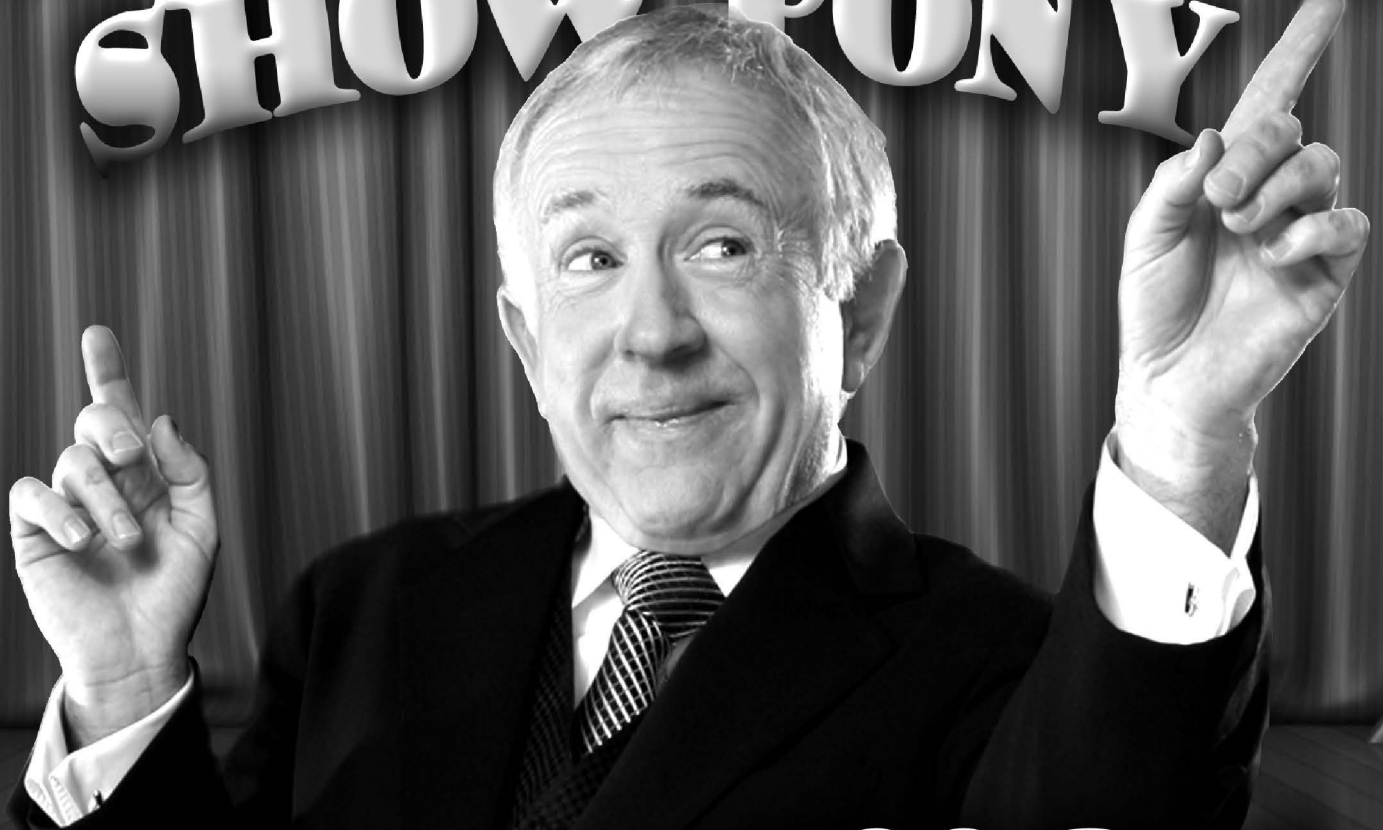
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ments on whether to dismiss a case that challenges the state's ban on same-sex marriage.

The lawsuit involves 25 couples who were denied marriage licenses in Cook County.

They want the judge to effectively legalize gay marriage in Illinois.

In a motion filed last month, the ACLU and a gay-rights group cited a Supreme Court ruling that extended benefits to same-sex couples in states that already allow gay marriage.

Efforts to make gay marriage illegal in Illinois have stalled. Civil Unions were approved in Illinois in 2011.

Dinosaurs Were On Noah's Ark, According To Creation Museum's New Radio Ad

By Meredith Bennett-Smith, The Huffington Post

No dinosaurs described in the Bible? No problem, according to creationism proponent Ken Ham,

who recently argued that despite popular opinion, dinosaurs and Biblical characters **did co-exist** -- in fact, they traveled together on Noah's Ark.



Ham, the president/CEO and founder of Answers in Genesis-U.S. and the Creation Museum, made the unconventional claims during a new 60-second radio ad for the museum released this week.

Titled "What Really Happened to the Dinosaurs?" the ad explains that while evolution proponents have used dinosaurs to "indoctrinate children," the scaly beasts actually back up a more Biblical creation story.

"Evolution has claimed dinosaurs evolved over 200 million years ago, that nobody ever lived with them," Ham says in the ad. "But the Bible gives a different history. God tells us that he created all land animals the same day he created man, about 6,000 years ago. What's more, there are even dinosaurs on Noah's Ark because God told Noah to take pairs of every land animal."

In this way, "dinosaurs are no mystery at all," Ham concludes, as long as you believe in a literal interpretation of the Biblical creation story.

This is not the first time that Ham has made an attempt to "reclaim dinosaurs" for the creationism movement. The Creation Museum at one point sold a "We're taking dinosaurs back!" bumper sticker, according to Slate.

Ham's Answers in Genesis organization also offers an illustrated children's primer called "Dinosaurs of Eden: A Biblical Journey Through Time," which features dinosaurs frolicking around the "beginning of time" in the Garden of Eden.

However despite Ham's best efforts, it appears his creationism package is becoming harder to swallow for Americans -- or at the very least, harder to profit from. After raising millions to open the museum in Kentucky in 2007, museum attendance has been dropping for several years, with an all-time low of 280,000 total visitors last year, according to Yahoo!

In an effort to pump up attendance, this June the museum debuted a new zip line course "designed to attract a broader range of people to the Creation Museum and to enhance the museum itself," Ham told Cincinnati.com.

Anti-Gay Graffiti May Cost Nashville \$50,000

By Paige Lavender, The Huffington Post

The city of Nashville may soon pay \$50,000 to a Les Buckner, a Metro employee who says he was a target of repeated homophobic graffiti.



Buckner filed a lawsuit in May 2012 over alleged sexual harassment, saying he had been targeted by slanderous graffiti for years. The Tennessean reports the Metro Nashville Council is considering a recommendation from Mayor Karl Dean's administration to pay \$50,000 to Buckner.

The Tennessean reports:

The slurs continued to appear at work areas Buckner frequented from October 2010 through February 2013, written in vehicle bays, the restroom at the Third Avenue water department office where Buckner works, inside work vehicles and at a gas station, according to his lawsuit.

The suit, initially filed in May 2012, hinges on allegations that Metro maintained a hostile work environment related to mental and emotional suffering under the Tennessee Human Rights Act.

This is hardly the first case of anti-gay vandalism. On August 4, sixty-eight-year-old John Hill, a gay activist, said somebody

tore a rainbow flag from his balcony and spray-painted a slur on the home he shares with his partner.

Former Ex-Gay Leader Rejects Sexual Labels

By Jase Peeples



Though he's been married to a woman for almost 16 years and admits to still having same-sex attraction, Exodus International's former President, Alan Chambers, says he rejects label-

ing himself as gay, bisexual, or straight, reports the Michelangelo Signorile at the Huffington Post.

In a recent radio interview Signorile on SiriusXM Progress, Chambers said, "I am happily married. There's not been one day in the course of our nearly 16 years of being married that I've been tempted to be unfaithful to my wife. I would say I have an orientation towards her. I do have same-sex attractions. But to say I have same-sex attractions would be the same as saying I was a married man with opposite-sex attractions. I am attracted to my wife in every single way that I as a married man need to be attracted to my wife, and our life is amazing. Am I a gay man? Some people would say you're gay simply because you have these attractions. Some people would say you're straight because I'm married. Some people say I'm ex-gay because I'm not leading a gay life."

Chambers also said he believed conversion therapy "sets someone up for tremendous damage" and that it "should never" be offered to minors.

In August last year, Chambers revealed he no longer believed in so-called reparative therapy, and that it was time for Christians to shift from trying to change LGBT people to accepting them.

Nearly a year later, he wrote an apology to LGBT people who've been harmed by ex-gay efforts. In June, Exodus International announced it was closing its doors.

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2-Year-Old Assaulted in Florida Wal-Mart for Wearing Pink Headband

By Jase Peeples

When Katie Vyktoriah let her two-year-old son, Dexter, wear a headband with a pink flower into Wal-Mart in Polk County, Fla., she had no idea her trip to the retail giant would end with a frightening altercation.



While the two were shopping with Vyktoriah's five-month-old in tow, an unknown man approached the family, shocked to hear Vyktoriah confirm to some teenage girls that Dexter was, indeed, a boy.

"The man was overly large with a bushy beard and a camouflage shirt with the arms cut off," writes Vyktoriah. "He had tattered shorts and lace-up work boots with no laces. I could smell the fug of cigarette smoke surrounding him, and there was a definite pong of beer on him."

That's when the man walked up to Dexter, tore the headband off his head, and slapped the child on the back of the head, saying "You'll thank me later, little man!"

When Vyktoriah placed herself between her son and the man and told him not to touch her child, the assailant told Vyktoriah, "Your son is a fucking faggot," before walking away and adding, "He'll get shot for it one day."

Here is the complete, horrifying story as Vyktoriah originally posted it to the website *A Mother Thing*.

"What Happened When My Son Wore a Pink Headband to Wal-Mart" - via *A Mother Thing*

This is Dexter. He is 2 years old. He loves to be Batman and Superman and Spiderman. He's a real boys' boy. He pretends he is flying, and he captures the baddies who threaten us.

He is the sweetest little troublemaker you'll ever meet.

Some other things you might like to know about Dexter:

He is a fabulous big brother. He was a later bloomer vocabulary-wise. He used to be terribly shy but has recently begun to come out of his shell. He loves new people and enjoys greeting them with a big "HI!" when he meets them.

His favorite color is pink. He loves *Dora the Explorer*. He has been known to wear my skirt as a dress, and he delights in cuddling with his mama.

Last night, I took my two boys out to pick up a couple of things from Wal-Mart. Mark had to catch up on some work, so I ventured out on my own, which is something I don't do very often. It takes a lot of work to get the kids ready, get them in and out of the car, find a shopping cart, keep them happy while I shop and get them home in one piece. You parents will understand this.

After struggling to get him dressed and get his shoes on, I had to pry an overlarge teddy bear out of Dexter's arms, as he was set on taking him with us. This brought on tears and tantrums, which I somehow

managed to calm very quickly. But when I attempted to remove my discarded lace flower headband from his head (which he'd been wearing all day), I saw him getting ready to fight, so I left him to it. Who was he hurting?

We got to the store, and amazingly I managed to get him to sit in the shopping cart with no issues. The fact that he was wearing a cute girly headband made him feel good, and he was charming all the old ladies by waving like a little pageant prince. I snapped his photo after two old birds came up to tell me just how adorable he was.

He rocked that headband.

Soon enough, we were done with our shop and were making our way toward the front. As we passed through the produce section, two teenage girls began giggling and one of them asked, "Is that a boy or a girl?" I smiled and said, "He's a boy." I looked on at him adoringly as they continued to giggle.

Out of nowhere a big booming voice rang out. "THAT'S a BOY?!" The man was overly large with a bushy beard and a camouflage shirt with the arms cut off. He had tattered shorts and lace-up work boots with no laces. I could smell the fug of cigarette smoke surrounding him, and there was a definite pong of beer on him.

"Yes," I said simply, still smiling.

With no notice, the man stepped forward, grabbed the headband off of Dexter's head and threw it to the bottom of our shopping cart. He then cuffed Dexter around the side of his head (not hard, but that is not the point) and said with a big laugh, "You'll thank me later, little man!"

At the same time as I stepped forward, Dexter grabbed his head where the man had smacked him and threw his other hand forward, stomping his foot and shouting, "NO!" I got between my son and this man and said very firmly, "If you touch my son again, I will cut your damn hands off."

The guy snarled at me, looked at Dexter with disgust and said, "Your son is a f*cking fa***t." He then started sauntering out, but not before he threw over his shoulder, "He'll get shot for it one day."

I stood there, shaking, fists clenched, waiting for the man to disappear out the door, and then I fell apart. I was shaking so hard, holding back tears and comforting Dexter.

Not a single person said or did anything. There were several people who had witnessed the encounter, but not one of them came over to offer support or console me or my son.

Let me repeat to you: Dexter is 2 YEARS OLD.

I was there with a 2-year-old and a 5-month-old baby, and my kid had been verbally and physically assaulted by a man. And no one did a thing.

I made my way to the front, still in shock, and I paid for my items and left. I did not report it to the management nor to the authorities, though I am considering doing both. But as I live in a tourist area, I doubt there is anything I can do to find the man -- he could be anyone from anywhere.

It's been almost 24 hours, and I've vented on Facebook and had many supportive comments. I have calmed down. I am able to look at the situation with as much objectivity as I am capable of.

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Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

The Healthy Side of Internet Sex

There's a lot of talk in the air about the pros and cons of Internet sex. The Internet has a lot to offer as far as "healthy sex" is concerned, e.g., we can arrange sexual hook-ups, see erotic photos/videos/webcams and engage in sexual conversations with other people.



However, in the therapeutic world of psychotherapy, Internet sex usually gets a bad rap. Frequently the word "addiction" gets thrown in there too. To me, this is like saying that TV is "addicting" or your ipod is "addictive". When my clients tell me they're worried they may be "addicted" to Internet sex, I usually ask them what they want from the Internet and what's their motivation for using it? For example:

- Do you use the internet to meet real people for sexual encounters?
- Do you use it to masturbate to videos or pictures?
- Do you use it to have erotic on-line conversations?
- Do you cruise sites just out of curiosity and just "observe"?

Like any other tool, you can use the Internet to make your life more interesting and stimulating or you can use it to avoid interactions with real people. You may be afraid to meet, date and make love with real people, instead, you focus your attention on the newest hot boy/girl on your favorite website(s). If you were my client, stuck in a rut like this, I'd ask you to look at: "Why am I so afraid of people? or "Why is it so hard for me to meet people?"

While those seemingly perfect boys/girls on the Internet can help you get off fast and easy, it's the boys/girls in real life that – ultimately – will bring you the greatest happiness and the best sex.

But, it's hard work. Easier to click, jerk off and go about your day, isn't it?

Do you feel any shame or guilt about your Internet sex life? If you hide it from friends, roommates, or your partner, you've got a problem. What are you ashamed of? Maybe you don't feel good about what you're doing. Often, when you cruise for sex because you're lonely, the sex is usually lousy and you feel empty when it's over. The Internet is great as a supplement to – not substitute for – sex and connections with real people.

A client asked me recently, "How do I know if I've gone too far – spending too much time - looking for sex on the internet?" I

asked him, "Do you use it just to get off or to actually connect with people? I encouraged him to know what it is he wants from the internet, to be clear about his motivation. If you just want to get off, then tell yourself the truth about it. If you want to connect with more people, consider if the Internet is the best way to meet the kinds of people you're looking for. While lots of people hook up on sites like Adam4Adam or Craigslist, other people are looking for friendships and LTRs (long term relationships) on sites like Match.com and YahooPersonals. Why not use the Internet for both? Who said you can't meet nice people through dating sites? And who said there's anything wrong with hooking up on-line? Is it really any different than going to a bar or club, hoping to get laid?

Here's some tips for making your Internet hook-ups as fulfilling as possible. When you hook up with someone, take a risk: REALLY connect with them. See who this person is. This isn't a video, it's a real man/woman, with emotions and feelings just like you. Let your experience with them be a full body/mind adventure: experience them with your mind, heart and body. The best sex involves all three aspects of yourself. Your mind has the creative fantasies, your heart has the emotional connection, and your body has the sexual energy. When you get all three working together: the possibilities for passionate sex and emotional connection are amazing!

Let's say you've met Mr. Handsome on Adam4Adam and he's now sitting on your couch. When you're making out with him, keep your eyes open and connect with him. This is a Tantric Sex tip...here's another one: see if you can breathe together. It will deepen your sexual connection. Contrary to porn videos, you don't need to swing from a trapeze or have sex under a waterfall to have an intense sexual adventure. Great sex requires an emotional connection with your partner(s). If you're not really there with them, you might as well jerk off alone.

If you never use the Internet to eventually meet real people, ask yourself: why do I prefer to masturbate to images of two dimensional hotties instead of have sexual adventures with people I see every day?

While it's true that two-dimensional Internet "lovers" are always there when you want them (as long as you pay), there's so much they can't offer. You can't cuddle with them at night, wake up in their arms, laugh with them over breakfast, or kiss them goodbye before you leave for work.

I recommend that you consider Internet sex as the "dessert" to the feast of your life...and why not have a rich, calorie-laden dessert now and then? However, if Internet sex is always the "main course" of your sex life, you may be using it to avoid meeting real people who could actually hold you, kiss you, caress you, give you a massage and ask you out on an actual date.

Who said you can't use the Internet to have fast and tension-relieving online jerk-off sex AND use it to meet real people that you can kiss, hug, sleep with and maybe even grow to love.

Remember: it's just a tool. How you use it is up to you.

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

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

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting

8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

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

GLBT CENTER MOVIE NIGHT, 8PM, for all ages. Every Friday, excluding major holidays. 3620 Leavenworth Street, snacks, water and soda's provided for free.

Every Saturday

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

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

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

Every Other Friday

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Wednesday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

1st Thursday

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: 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

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

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday

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

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

2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm – 6:30pm, A progressive community in the Catholic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary
Phone: 402.953.7656

Email: ecuomaha@live.com

Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the MCC-Omaha, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

3rd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm – 6:30pm, A progressive community in the Catholic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary, Phone: 402.953.7656

Email: ecuomaha@live.com

Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3rd Sunday

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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

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Dead Penguins

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica? Where do they go?

Wonder no more !!!

It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life. The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried.

The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"Freeze a jolly good fellow."

"Freeze a jolly good fellow."

You really didn't believe that I know anything about penguins, did you? It's so easy to fool some people.

Good Health

I recently picked a new primary care doctor. After two visits and exhaustive Lab tests, he said I was doing 'fairly well' for my age. (I just turned 70.)

A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, 'Do you think I'll live to be 90?' He asked, 'Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer or wine?' 'Oh no,' I replied. 'I'm not doing drugs, either!'

Then he asked, 'Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?'

'I said, 'Not much... My former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!' 'Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?'

'No, I don't,' I said.

He asked, 'Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lot of sex?'

'No,' I said.

He looked at me and said,... 'Then, why do you even give a shit?'

The Bar Monkey

A guy walks into a bar with a monkey. The monkey grabbed some olives off the bar and ate them. Then he grabbed some sliced limes and ate them. He then jumped onto the pool table and grabbed one of the balls. To everyone's amazement, he stuck it in his mouth and somehow swallowed it whole.

The bartender looked at the guy and said, "Did you see what your Monkey just did?"

"No, what?"

"He just ate the cue ball off my pool table...whole!"

"Yeah, that doesn't surprise me," replied the guy, "he eats everything in sight, don't worry, I'll pay for the cue ball."

The guy finished his drink, paid his bill, paid for the stuff the Monkey ate and left.

Two weeks later the guy came back, and had his monkey with him. He ordered a drink and the monkey started running around the bar. The Monkey found a maraschino cherry on the bar. He grabbed it, stuck it up his butt, pulled it out, and then ate it. Then the monkey found a peanut, and again stuck it up his butt, pulled it out, and ate it.

The bartender asked, "Did you see what your monkey just did?"

"No, what?" replied the man.

"Well, he stuck both a maraschino cherry and a peanut up his butt, pulled them out, and ate them!"

"Yeah, that doesn't surprise me," replied the guy.

"He will eat anything, but ever since he had to shit out that cue ball, he measures everything first."

Silent Fart

An elderly couple Shannon & Ken were recently attending a church service at their retirement village. About halfway through the service, Shannon took a pen and paper out of her purse, and wrote a note and handed it to Ken.

The note said: "I just let out a silent fart, what do you think I should do?"

Ken scribbled back: "Put a new battery in your hearing aid."

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

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

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

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

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

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats <http://omahalgbtDemocrats.wordpress.com> - contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also <http://ProgressiveOasis.com>

Heartland Pride www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6:30pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

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

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not

currently meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see www.NorthSideOmaha.org

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

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

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

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

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

OUTline, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outline.org, Lincoln NE

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

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

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

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr. 3620 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rcga.org or call 402-291-6781

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

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

Second Unitarian Church, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, www.2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm: 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tricity-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 Health Department/Free STD Clinic

209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, **FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia**

Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. GLBT friendly. 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-5324 - <http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/>

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

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

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and

Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

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(2-Year-Old Assaulted in Florida Wal-Mart , continued from page 8)

There is so much wrong with what happened that I don't even know where to begin.

This man removed an article of clothing that my son was wearing. It doesn't matter that it was a headband. It is never OK.

This man forcefully touched my child without permission. He thought he was being funny. I did NOT think he was.

He called my son an extremely derogatory word AND suggested that he deserved to die.

How is ANY of this okay?!

THIS is what bigotry looks like.

A grown man who should know better decided it was OK to step in and "teach" my child what it is to be manly. He thought it was OK to judge my child because he was not adhering to HIS idea of what a little boy should be. Clearly, the man was a homophobe, which is bad enough -- but to attribute gay tendencies to a 2-year-old is as RIDICULOUS as attributing STRAIGHT tendencies to a 2-year-old. It just doesn't compute!

A 2-year-old HAS no sexuality.

To think you can "teach" a child to be a certain way is unbelievable. Even if being gay is a lifestyle choice (which I don't believe for a sec-

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

- Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 402- 346-3549
- Flixx , 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
- Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
- The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
- Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
- Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
- Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
- Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 3620 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 402-341-0330

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

ond), it is not a choice that a toddler can ever make. And much like little girls can play baseball or enjoy monster trucks, little boys can and do play dress up with mommy's clothes, accessories, makeup, etc. Everything is new and exciting to a kid, and they learn by trying new things.

Mark and I are both completely supportive of love in all forms. Be you gay, straight, bisexual, transsexual or polygamous, it is YOUR business. I don't judge, and I don't try and change you.

And if one or both of my kids grow up to realize they are any of these things, it will not change a thing about how I feel toward them.

But right now, the fact that homophobia is so rampant, that gay marriage is still seen as dirty because homosexuals are "lesser" somehow and don't deserve to have the same rights as straight folk, that people like that man in Wal-Mart even EXIST makes me fear for my kids and their futures.

While we may accept and support whoever our kids turn out to be, I am scared beyond words at what it would mean for them if they ARE gay. Why should anyone have to live in fear because they fall in love with someone that you or someone else doesn't agree with? Why should mothers and fathers of gay kids have to have an extra layer of terror at night because they know that the world at large is against their child?

Why does it matter? Do you really think your God or your Jesus or your deity of choice would be as judgmental as you seem to be? Even the POPE has come out and said it's OK to be gay.

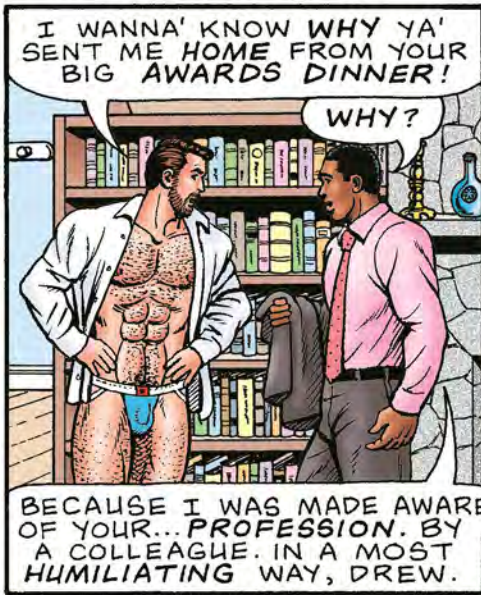
But all of this aside, whatever stance you take on the debate, it is a complete farce to ever allow your fear or disgust with an ADULT lifestyle color your view of a child!

And it is NEVER EVER OK to touch a kid who isn't yours without permission. ALL people, even children, deserve respect.

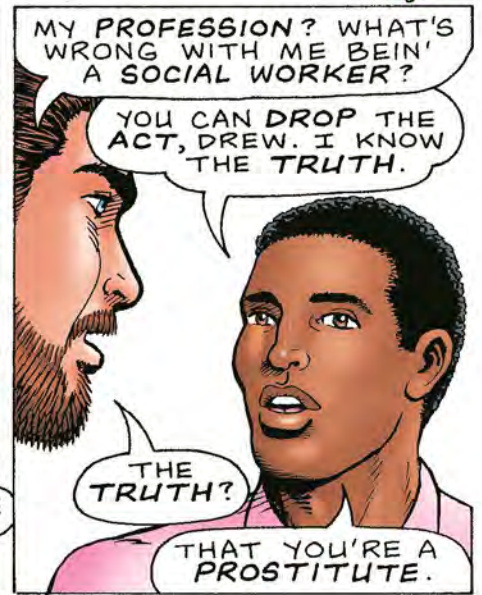
Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



FINALLY YOU'RE HOME!
YOU WAITED UP FOR ME?
'COURSE I DID!



I WANNA' KNOW WHY YA' SENT ME HOME FROM YOUR BIG AWARDS DINNER!
WHY?
BECAUSE I WAS MADE AWARE OF YOUR... PROFESSION. BY A COLLEAGUE. IN A MOST HUMILIATING WAY, DREW.



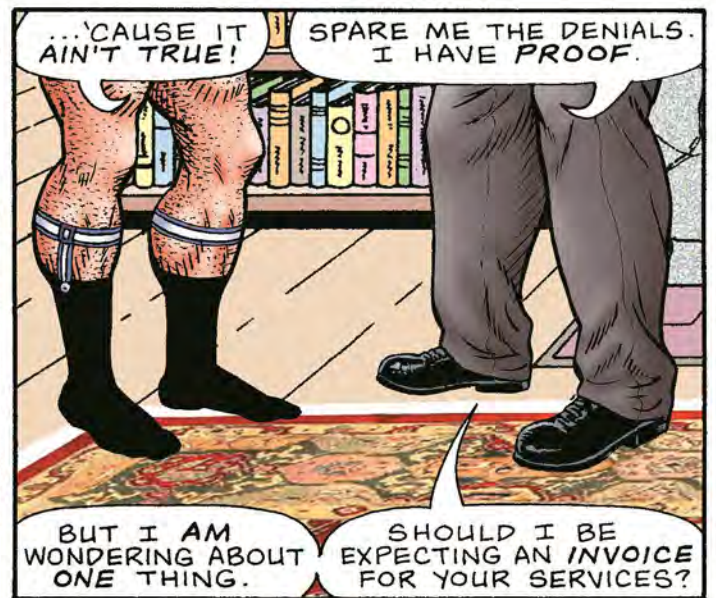
MY PROFESSION? WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME BEIN' A SOCIAL WORKER?
YOU CAN DROP THE ACT, DREW. I KNOW THE TRUTH.
THE TRUTH?
THAT YOU'RE A PROSTITUTE.



A PROSTITUTE?!
HAHA...AIN'T THEY CALLIN' 'EM ESCORTS THESE DAYS?



YOU WOULD DARE MAKE LIGHT OF THIS?
I DUNNO' WHAT THE HECK TO MAKE OF THIS, LANCE...



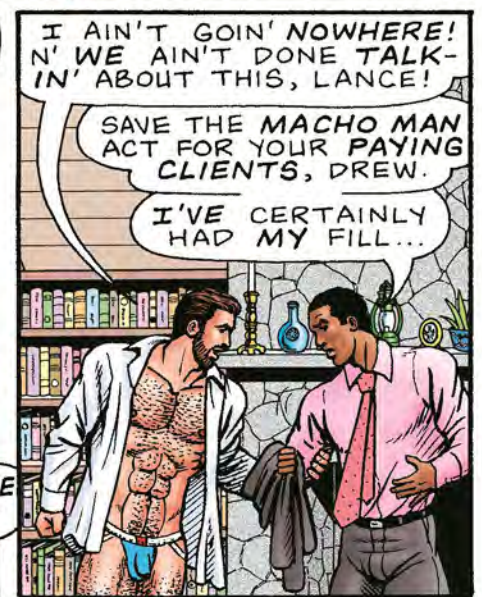
... 'CAUSE IT AIN'T TRUE!
SPARE ME THE DENIALS. I HAVE PROOF.
BUT I AM WONDERING ABOUT ONE THING.
SHOULD I BE EXPECTING AN INVOICE FOR YOUR SERVICES?



ALL RIGHT, LANCE... THIS IS GETTIN' OUTTA' HAND!
I QUITE AGREE.
WHICH IS WHY I'VE DECIDED ON A PLAN OF ACTION... TO REMEDY THIS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION.



I'M LEAVING TOMORROW MORNING FOR A THREE-WEEK BUSINESS TRIP TO EUROPE.
THAT SHOULD GIVE YOU MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TIME TO MOVE OUT OF HERE. AND ESTABLISH YOURSELF ELSEWHERE.



I AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE! N' WE AIN'T DONE TALKIN' ABOUT THIS, LANCE!
SAVE THE MACHO MAN ACT FOR YOUR PAYING CLIENTS, DREW.
I'VE CERTAINLY HAD MY FILL...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



OLD FOLKS WITH HEALTHY ADVICE

You want to be healthy and happy? Talk to an old person. He or she will know. However, you better determine what your guidelines for old will be though. Bernard Baruch once said, "Old age is always fifteen years older than me."

Old people are creatures of habit and routine. They rise with the sun and the roosters. They play bingo on Tuesdays at seven. They know the paperboy pitches the newspaper into the hedges at quarter to six every morning and the mail carrier brings hopes of sweepstakes at half past one each afternoon.

Old people arrive at the airport four hours before their flight. They also eat and sleep according to a military schedule. That all sounds so boring, but it's healthy. The body knows what to expect and isn't shocked from a haphazard schedule.

Old people are happy people. They are happy when they win a hand in a bridge game. They are happy when Pat Sajak gives away another car. They are happy when they get a letter from the former neighbor who moved to Sarasota. They are happy when they volunteer at the church or the hospital.

The older you get, the more you don't take things for granted. You'd be happy too if you were ninety-four and lived to see another day. Make the most of it all. Don't worry, be happy!

Old people are wise with their money. Grocery stores have triple coupons for seniors on Mondays. McDonalds has 20% off steaming hot coffee for lads and lasses that are age eligible. Movie theatres offer half price with a driver's license and a birthday circa 1955 and earlier.

I will be smiling from ear to ear when I mature to be a ripe yellow banana someday. Stay healthy enough to live to the posted speed limit of 55 years of age and you too can enjoy the fruits of longevity.

Old people are never in a hurry and stressed out in traffic. They can't be when they drive twenty miles per hour in a forty zone. I just wish they wouldn't showcase their safe and excellent driving skills when I'm trying to get to work. They don't need to hurry. They have plenty of time on their side to get to where they are going.

You can improve your health and blood pressure readings by affording yourself enough time to get to work, school, and to meet the boyfriend's parents for dinner. Be like grandma and grandpa and leave early and get there early. You will be more relaxed and your body will thank you for it.

Old people plan ahead and are proactive and this leads to less stress and less grinding of the teeth. The oil is changed at 2999 miles every time. Christmas gifts are purchased and wrapped in August and are placed in the hall closet for safekeeping. Birthday cards arrive two weeks before each of the grandkids festive days.

Planning is everything. Just ask FEMA, George W. Bush, and the residents of New Orleans if you don't believe me.

Go hug an old person and then ask them to tell you a story. Then watch them talk like a politician at a debate without a time limit. You can learn a lot from watching and listening. With age comes wisdom. Drink up some of that wisdom now and bottle the rest for those rainy days. That delicious aftertaste is health and well-being.

This article of well-being is brought to you by that guy of now you see it now you don't. That guy of masterful magic is Ron Blake and he can be seen disappearing at myblakefitness.com.

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5:00 to 8:00 pm (walk-in)
Thursday
1:30 to 3:30 pm (appointment only)
5:00 to 8:00 pm (walk-in)



Flixx Lounge: 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month
10th & Pacific St. 8:00 to 10:00 pm (walk-in)

RESPECT Clinic 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month
50th & Ames Ave. 5:00 to 7:00 pm (walk-in)
(Located in Baker Square Plaza)

Know your status. GET TESTED!

Call 402-552-9260 to schedule an appointment or with any questions.

www.nap.org



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

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

www.nap.org

402-552-9260

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SUN AUG 18 - 10PM

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