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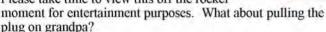
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The RRRRs

By Chris Orr

Off his Rocker.....

Republican Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa told a crowd at a town hall meeting to fear end of life counseling. He graced the crowd with these words "we should not have a government program that determines if you're going to pull the plug on grandma." The fun part was of course the event was recorded and is on Youtube. Please take time to view this off the rocker



On the Record.....

If you're on Mormon property don't kiss! A male couple in July kissed each other on the cheek on church owned plaza and were taken to the ground and hand-cuffed for being inappropriate as reported by the Mormon funded publication The Deseret News. Of course the paper said they were acting inappropriate but didn't mention that the males were roughly handled by Mormon fuzz and ended up with bruises and swollen wrists.



Recognition....

Parent and Friends of ExGays and Gays (PFOX) is proud to have won a battle in court regarding being discriminated against for sexual orientation. They were denied a booth at a National Education Association event. The judge rules that the group was discriminated against because of sexual orientation. So, now ex-gays are given discrimination protection because of their sexual preferences and practices.

Ridiculous.....





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Gay Men Attacked, Executed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) -- Hundreds of gay men have been tortured and killed in Iraq in recent months, some by the nation's security forces, Human Rights Watch said Monday.

Interviews with doctors indicate hundreds of men had been killed, but the exact number was unclear because of the stigma associated with homosexuality in Iraq, the New York-based watchdog group said in its report.

"Iraq's leaders are supposed to defend all Iraqis, not abandon them to armed agents of hate," said Scott Long, director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program at Human Rights Watch. "Turning a blind eye to torture and murder threatens the rights and life of every Iraqi."

Four victims who spoke to CNN gave accounts of the attacks, which they say have intensified in the past few months.

"In 2004, militias and unknown groups started to go after the gays ... but the peak was six months ago," said Qaisar, who uses a pseudonym for fear of reprisal. "It has become wide scale war against gays in Iraq."

Iraqi officials acknowledged that the nation's culture stigmatizes homosexuality, but said the government does not condone such attacks. Authorities are unable to provide homosexuals with special protection, said government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh.

According to Human Rights Watch, which is urging a government crackdown, attackers target people on the streets or storm homes, where they conduct interrogations and demand names of suspected gay men. Many end up in hospitals and morgues, the organization said, basing its conclusion on reports from doctors.

Men have been threatened with "honor killings" by relatives worried that their "unmanly behavior" will ruin the family's reputation, Human Rights Watch said. Watch Iraqi men discuss attacks »

Killings, kidnappings and torture of those suspected of homosexual conduct have intensified in areas such as the Baghdad neighborhood of Sadr City, the watchdog said.

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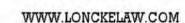
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"The Shiite people started this war and especially what happened in Sadr City," Qaisar said, adding that his sister-in-law had warned him against going to the area.

Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia, which is active in Sadr City, has joined in the attacks and defends its actions as a way to stop the "feminization" of Iraqi men, the report said.

"We have testimony that indicates that the nation's security forces are taking part in the attacks," Long said.

The group interviewed more than 50 people who gave accounts of abuses, beatings and stops at security checkpoints, he said.

"When the gay killings started and when they started go(ing) after them at checkpoints ... we started to change our look," said Basim, who also used a pseudonym.

"These killings point to the continuing and lethal failure of Iraq's post-occupation authorities to establish the rule of law and protect their citizens," said Rasha Moumneh, Middle East researcher for Human Rights Watch.

A provision from the Saddam Hussein era endorses crimes committed "with honorable motives," according to the organization.

The government spokesman said the provision was popular during the Saddam era, but is not used today. He added that there is a push to educate police about human rights.

Attacks against civilians, including homosexuals, are not allowed, al-Dabbagh said.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Mark your calendars for 19 September 2009, for MCC-Omaha's annual spaghetti dinner, This event will take place in the church's social hall 819 S. 22nd Street, beginning at 5pm-730pm.

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There are some homoerotic photos out there dealing with government contractors who are suppose to be guarding the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. These are not soldiers but they are hired to act like it. They even dress like it too. These men are photographed eating potato chips out of another man's ass, running around in thongs, and do-



ing shots from male colleague's asses as the liquor runs down their crack. The men who were photographed have been fired and the management company of these men is also being replaced. Is it ridiculous that these men are behaving this way or that they are being paid and behaving this way on the job? Of course, this is up for Google pleasure too.

Why We Love Our Pets

Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

If you want to see something amazing, Google: "gay people and their pets". There are hundreds of photos and short essays on why we love our animals so...and I don't just mean dogs and cats, there are horses, ferrets, tortoises...you name it!

Why are we so in love with our pets? If you are not a pet lover, this article may make you gag. But, if so, think about it: what's not to like about pets? The most popular pets are dogs and cats, some of us have fish and birds and some of us have horses, snakes, lizards, newts and more.



In general, pets are loyal, playful, friendly (depends on the pet you choose) and they're good listeners...they DO "get" our emotions and often respond (anatomy permitting).

Pets give us great opportunities to practice love. People are

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harder to love, I think. We're so unpredictable and moody, we're not always glad to see you when you come home, especially if you're late and didn't call. Pets don't care if you're late or you look like hell or you want to vent about your awful boss. They love you as you are, listen to your (boring) stories and may even nuzzle against you if you shed a few tears over a date that didn't work out or a lousy job interview.

Pets are great ways to get out of the house and be out in nature: dogs, cats, horses and many other animals like to be outside... and encourage us to join them.

Pets help us to be social. Many psychological studies confirm that single people living alone typically have better mental health if they have a pet. When I worked as a therapist at a local Hospice, we had some lovely people who brought in "love dogs" for everyone to pet. I have seen research that shows that petting animals lowers our blood pressure. We also allowed people to bring their cats into their Hospice rooms because research showed that people who have their animals around them heal faster. Need more reasons to appreciate pets?

If you're shy but want to meet more people, you might consider getting a dog. Walking a dog is a great way to meet people. Dogs are very attractive to people who like dogs (most of us?) and make conversations easy to start and maintain (just focus on the dog, not how nervous you are talking to that cute guy/girl). Friendly dogs are like magnets...and the dogs usually like the attention too.

Pets let us experience being responsible for another being. It's a good way to stretch yourself and see what you're ready for. A low maintenance pet (like fish) may be a good start. A big ole dog who needs space and wants to be walked and petted and

paid attention to is another level of commitment. Pets can't tell us they need to go to the doctor (not in spoken English, anyway), so we have to pay attention to them and learn their cues and body language.

For some of us, our pets are a crucial part of our life, and any potential partner would have to be okay with that. An example of this is the website www.PetPeopleMeet.com. As they say in their ad, "Meet single pet owners. Free to join, 1000s of pictures of Beautiful Single Pet Owners." I checked it out and they had both opposite- and same-sex match-ups. A website like this exists because - for many of us - a potential partner would have to love our pet as much as they love us. We and our pet(s) are a package deal! And what about pets as substitute children? Is it true that, as stereotypes about us LGBT folks go, that our pets are substitutes for "real" children? I think this is stereotype isn't about our sexual orientation as much it is about personal preferences. Many straight people prefer pets over kids...and many LGBT

folks have both kids and pets, so let's not buy into that stereotype. In my biased opinion, pets are not substitutes for anything; they are enough just being their wonderful selves. Children are a whole other phenomenon. Not better, just different. At least, this is what my cat tells me...







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Fields of Flight Hot Air Balloon Rally

The spectacular Fields of Flight hot air balloon rally takes place this weekend (Sept. 11-13) as a benefit for area food pantries which serve family members in need (according to the National Coalition for the Homeless, a disproportionate amount of

GLBT people, especially youth, comprise the homeless population in the USA so supporting benefits for groups like food pantries is a great way to have fun while assisting an oftenoverlooked segment of the GLBT community).

Admission is just \$1 or one can of food. The 2009 rally takes place at Ditmars Orchard



(www.ditmarsorchard.com), 19475 225th Street out in eastern Council Bluffs, and features balloon glows, competitive flights, live music, children's activities, and vendors including food and beverages.

Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 5:30 PM - Celtic music from Flatlands 6:00 PM - Fun Flight 6:30 PM - Music from Brich & Killion

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Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009 7:00 AM - Competitive Flight

California School Apologizes

For Illegally Banning Sixth Grader's Presentation On Harvey Milk.

RAMONA, CA – A California school has apologized to a sixth grader for illegally censoring her classroom presentation about Harvey Milk last month, and school officials promise they won't engage in unconstitutional restriction of similar free speech in the future. The apology comes after the American Civil Liberties Union sent a letter on May 30 to the Ramona Unified School District about its violation of the student's free speech rights when it refused to allow her to give the presentation in class. Wrongly citing a school policy on sex education, the school had improperly required classmates to get parental permission to see the presentation during a lunch recess. The

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student was allowed to give her presentation in class this morning.

"Harvey Milk always stood up for his beliefs and what was right, so I felt like I should do the same thing when my school told me they wouldn't let me do my presentation," said Natalie Jones, a sixth grader at Mt. Woodson Elementary School. "I worked really hard on my presentation and I'm glad I'm finally going to get to share it with all of my classmates like everyone else got to."

The assignment, part of an independent research project class. was to prepare a written report on any topic. Natalie, who was inspired to write about Harvey Milk after watching Sean Penn win an Academy Award for portraying him, got a score of 49 out of a possible 50 points on the written report. Students were then told to make PowerPoint presentations about their reports, which they would show to other students in the class. The day before Natalie was to give her 12-page presentation she was called into the principal's office and told she couldn't do so. When her mother spoke with the superintendent about the presentation, she was told Natalie couldn't give her presentation because of a district board policy on "Family Life/Sex Education." A few days later, the school sent letters to parents of students in the class, explaining that her presentation would be held during a lunch recess on May 8, and that students could only attend if they had parental permission due to the allegedly "sensitive" nature of the topic.

"Instead of quaking at the mere mention of an LGBT person's existence, schools must understand that talking about someone who happens to be gay is no more sexual in nature than talking about a person who happens to be heterosexual," said David

Blair-Loy, Legal Director of the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties. "Censoring Natalie's presentation violated the First Amendment and the California Education Code, and we're pleased she will finally get to give her presentation on a historical figure who was such a fierce advocate for the rights of not just LGBT Californians but of all people."

The school district has agreed to all the demands the ACLU made on Natalie Jones's behalf:

* The school has apologized in writing to Natalie and sent a letter about that apology to all the parents who were sent the school's letter about the presentation.

* The school allowed Natalie to give her presentation to all the other members of her independent research project class.

* The school has agreed to bring its "Family Life/Sex Education" policy into compliance with state law, and acknowledged that the mention or acknowledgement of a person's sexual orientation is not sufficient to invoke the statutes and policies on sex education.

"If the school had taken a moment to consider its legal obligation to respect and uphold its students' free speech rights instead of jumping to erroneous conclusions and trying to justify its actions by wrongly conflating Natalie's historical presentation with sex education, this would never have happened," said Elizabeth Gill, a staff attorney with the ACLU national LGBT Project. "There's a tremendous difference between sex education and writing or talking about someone who happens to be gay, and we're glad we were able to help the school finally understand that."

"I'm always proud of my daughter, of course, but I'm even more proud of her for the way she stood up for her rights," said Bonnie Jones, Natalie's mother. "We've also heard from many people in town and other parents at Natalie's school who have been amazingly supportive. I think if Harvey Milk were still here today, he'd be happy about how this all worked out."

Harvey Milk, one of Time Magazine's "Time 100 Heroes and Icons of the 20th Century" in 1999, has been the subject of several books, an opera, a documentary film that won the 1984 Academy Award for Documentary Feature, and a feature film released last year that won two Academy Awards for Best Original Screenplay and Best Actor. Milk's birthday is the subject of a bill pending in the California legislature that would make it a state holiday.

For additional information, including a video featuring an interview with Natalie, copies of the school's apology to Natalie and its letter to parents of students in her class, Natalie's presentation on Harvey Milk, the school's letter to parents, and the Ramona U.S.D. "Family Life/Sex Education" policy, can be found online at www.aclu.org/milk.

25 Years of Pride

The fire started 40 years ago at Stonewall. A single candle flame started the fire here in Nebraska nearly 25 years ago. The fire of Pride continues to grow as state by state our country begins to grant equal rights to Gay, Lesbian, Trans-gendered, and Bi-Sexual people. But, the need for unity, the need for Pride is greater than ever.

Nebraska Pride is on the move. We here at Rainbow Celebrations continue to stoke the fires of Hope and Acceptance as we plan for the International Pride Regional Conference in March 2010, and the 25th Anniversary of Nebraska Pride in June 2010. To provide these services, to produce the festival, to continue to assist those in need through Pride Charities, it takes volunteers; it takes major donations of time, money, materials, and talents, and it takes prayer, moral support, ideas, and a positive outlook. Most of all, it takes a commitment to a better future by every GLBT man, woman, and child!

There are many ongoing events through the generosity of some long time Pride supporters. The 3rd Saturday of every month is After Hours Breakfast at Dixie Quicks Restaurant. At 1915

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Rainbow Celebrations/Nebraska Pride will soon announce the 2010 theme and the logo contest to follow. It is our silver anniversary. It is a time to celebrate, and it is a time to remember our history and those who have gone before. Take some time to find out about the GLBT history. Educate yourself about the

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FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

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

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3rd Saturday

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3rd Sunday

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

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

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The Ostrich

A man walks into a restaurant with a fullgrown ostrich behind him.

The waitress asks them for their orders.

The man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke,' and turns to the ostrich, 'What's yours?'

'I'll have the same,' says the ostrich.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order 'That will be



\$9.40 please,' and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment. The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke.'

The ostrich says, 'I'll have the same.'

Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until the two enter again. 'The usual?' asks the waitress.

'No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad,' says the man.

'Same,' says the ostrich.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, 'That will be \$32.62.

Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?"

'Well,' says the man, 'several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.'

'That's brilliant!' says the waitress. 'Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!'

'That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there,' says the man.

The waitress asks, 'What's with the ostrich?'

The man sighs, pauses and answers, 'My second wish was for a tall chick with a big butt and long legs who agrees with everything I say.'

Read The Label Carefully

I bought a deodorant stick today. I'd never used one before, so I read the instructions.

They said 'Remove top and slowly push up bottom'.

I'm in the Emergency Room at the moment, but my farts smell lovely!!!



Gov. Contender: I'll Repeal Marriage

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By Michelle Garcia

Iowa governor Chet Culver, up for reelection in 2010, may face Republican challenger Bob Vander Plaats, who is vowing to reverse the state supreme court's April 2009 marriage equality ruling.

Vander Plaats announced he would run for office on Monday, telling reporters that he would hand down an executive order to put the issue up to the legislature and to a ballot initiative.

Vander Plaats, one of six potential candidates for the 2010 Republican ticket, is a former high school teacher and principal, according to KCCI News. He is currently the president of MVP Leadership Inc., a business consulting firm.

In a statement issued in April, Governor Culver said he would not fight the court's decision, saying that he wanted to concentrate on more pressing issues like the recession, unemployment, and natural disaster recovery.

"As governor," he said, "I must respect the authority of the Io-

wa supreme court, and have a duty to uphold the constitution of the state of Iowa. I also fully respect the right of all Iowans to live under the full protection of Iowa's constitution.

"I urge Iowans who hold beliefs on all sides of this issue to exhibit respect and goodwill. Our state faces many serious challenges. We are in the midst of a serious economic recession. Tens of thousands of our fellow Iowans are without work. We have suffered the worst natural disasters and most difficult recovery our state has ever faced. We must join together and redouble our efforts to work toward solutions that will help Iowans in this time of uncertainty. That is where, I believe, my focus and energies should lie."

Nurse Asked Obama to Annihilate Gays

A nurse in Australia who claimed he wrote to President Barack Obama asking for "change" to rid the world of homosexuals has been suspended from the health care profession.

By Julie Bolcer

A nurse in Australia who called for "a world free of homosexuals" was suspended from practice on the Sunshine Coast of Queensland pending determination that he is fit for the job.

Matthew George Price, who declared himself a "cured" homo-

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sexual, published an antigay letter in the alumni newsletter of Xavier College (pictured) in New South Wales in April, according to the Brisbane Times. The letter mentioned a campaign against same-sex relationships in which Price claimed he had appealed to President Barack Obama by letter.

"My biggest push has been in the United States of America," wrote Price, according to the Brisbane Times. "The country needs as much help as possible at the moment -- change will happen. Then hopefully it will spread around the world."

The Queensland Nursing Council suspended Price, although a spokeswoman declined to elaborate on the reason for the suspension, referring only to a section of the nursing code that concerns a nurse's "health, conduct, or competence."

John Waters to Retire?

John Waters says the end of his filmmaking career is quickly approaching.

By Michelle Garcia

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John Waters says the end of his filmmaking career is quickly approaching.

"I want to do two more movies -that's enough," the gay writer/
director/actor/artist said to Modern
Painters magazine. "I hope I can
make two more."

Waters said he will continue to focus on writing, art, and his one-man show that he performs across the country about 25 times each year.

Waters is currently working on the sequel to Hairspray, following the

2007 musical version of his original 1988 film. He is also developing Fruitcake, a film about a group of runaway children. Waters has been making films for decades, including Cry-Baby, Serial Mom, Pink Flamingos, and Cecil B. DeMented.

Gay Weddings Revive Small Town

The legalization of same-sex marriage and the commitment of an openly gay mayor have fueled a wedding industry that has helped revive the small Spanish town of Campillo de Ranas.

By Julie Bolcer

Campillo de Ranas, a once-struggling rural town in the hills north of Madrid, has returned to prosperity and become the "unofficial gay wedding capital" of Spain, thanks to the commitment of fair-minded locals and an openly gay mayor.

Located in Guadalajara province, the nearly abandoned Campillo de Ranas benefited when Mayor Francisco Maroto welcomed same-sex couples whom more conservative mayors refused to marry despite Spain's marriage equality law, according to The New York Times. Spain, an overwhelmingly Catholic country, legalized same-sex marriage in 2005.

Since then, Mayor Maroto has married more than 140 couples, almost half of them gay or lesbian, from many countries. The hospitality industry has flourished, allowing the shuttered elementary school to reopen, among other improvements.

The story of transformation and renewal is the subject of a documentary called Campillo, Si, Quiero (Campillo, Yes, I Do), produced and directed by Andres Rubio, who is currently screening his film on the festival circuit.

"Shot over the span of a year, the film tells the story of how this hardscrabble hamlet, which was virtually abandoned 20 years ago, has been revived through a willingness to serve anyone who is willing to marry there," reports The New York Times. "Saying "yes" to gay couples turns out to have lured straight ones as well and has spawned a wedding and tourism industry that coexists quite peacefully with the town's rural character."

Catholics Fight Maine Gay Marriage

The diocese of Portland plans to ask parishioners to give money to the campaign to repeal the new same-sex marriage law in Maine.

By Julie Bolcer

The Roman Catholic Church inserted itself more aggressively into the fight against same-sex marriage in Maine, where the bishop of Portland asked the diocese to take a special collection this weekend to benefit Stand for Marriage Maine, the campaign to overturn the new marriage equality law through a November ballot initiative.

Bishop Richard Malone (pictured) requested that a second collection take place during services for the benefit of Stand for Marriage Maine, according to WBLZ-TV.

Stand for Marriage Maine was instrumental in the collection of

well over 60,000 signatures to place a "people's veto" on the ballot to repeal the same-sex marriage law, which the legislature passed in May.

The marriage equality law was supposed to go into effect in Sep-



tember, but it is suspended pending the outcome of the ballot initiative, known as Question 1.

Bill Clinton: Ignore the GOP

Former president Bill Clinton gave an extensive interview to Esquire magazine in which he advised President Barack Obama to forge ahead on health reform without the Republicans.

By Kerry Eleveld

Former president Bill Clinton gave an extensive interview to Esquire magazine in which he advised President Barack Obama to forge ahead on health reform without the Republicans.

"The president's doing the right thing. It is both morally and politically right," Clinton told Esquire. "I wouldn't even worry about the Republicans. I'd worry about executing. We're not going to be facing adversity politically here unless we fail to perform for the American people. And the president's out there working hard, but he can't do this on his own. And you can argue the strategies of health care out there flat around, but if we fail to deal with it, there is no question in my mind that it will be a cross around our neck economically and a stain on our nation's conscience because of the people whom we allow to suffer."

During the interview, Clinton drew heavily from his own failed health reform effort in 1994. "What I'm more worried about is our people getting careless," he said, "forgetting the experience of '94, and that it is imperative that they produce a health care bill for the president and make it the best one they can; if it's not perfect, we'll go back and fix it. But the people hire you to deliver."

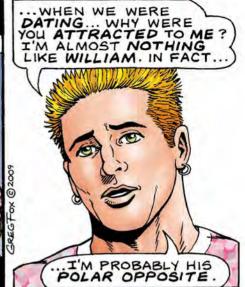
He also talked about Al Gore's 2000 loss to George W. Bush. "George Bush ran a brilliant campaign in 2000," Clinton said. "That compassionate-conservative thing was just brilliant -- and it got him close enough that he got into the Supreme Court and they issued what I think is one of the five most reprehensible decisions in the history of the Supreme Court. And they were embarrassed about it, because if you read the decision, it says, 'Now, unlike our other decisions, this has no precedential value; you can never cite this decision in any other case for the rest of eternity, this is only a one-off.' I mean, they know better. They knew better than to do what they were doing -- it was just a pure, naked political deal, but anyway, it happened and Gore was a good man and he honored the traditions of America and he thought the principle of judicial review and the role of the Supreme Court was important enough not to attack it, and he took it in good grace."

LGBT issues were not discussed in the interview.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

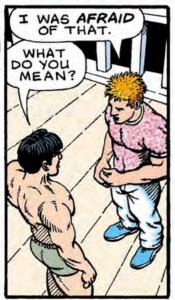


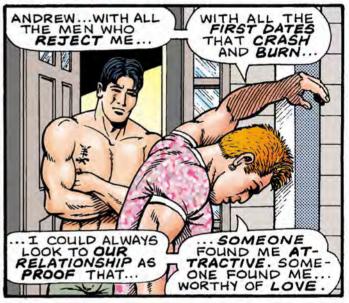


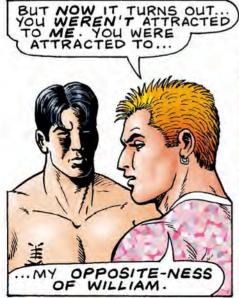


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Nebraska Football At DC's Saloon



Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake

"I wish I could workout too; but I just don't have the motivation!" Give me a dollar for every time I've heard that and I'd be lounging at a beach house in the Caymans right now. Let's identify a few of those motivations to get you on the right path.



How about getting healthy so you can be at that Christmas in 30 years with all the family gathered round and exchanging presents? There will be nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters, children, and maybe some grandchildren all enjoying the sounds and sights of the season. You can gather the family around as you recite The Night Before Christmas in front of the fireplace. You can make it a reality!

How about being healthy so you can watch the first man land on Mars in 2037? You hear all the talk about preparing for a mission to Mars but it will be a long time in coming. It might be pretty nifty if you were alive to see it happen!

How about being healthy so you can attend that 60 year class reunion? It might even be nice to walk into the function with a spring in your step and a glow of health about you! Many of your classmates will have walked past Saint Peter by that time but you can give yourself a fighting chance with some proactivity!

How about being healthy so you can spend more time retired than having worked in your life? It would be awesome to just not have to do anything you didn't want to do! Get up every day and just use that watch as a fashion accessory only. A healthy body and you can spend ample time in leisure well into your 90's.

How about being healthy so you can walk your dog with your grandkids or great-nephews after that Thanksgiving many years down the road? It will be so cool to have that turkey dinner with all the kith and kin; but it'll be even more fun to be able to move around without having to catch your breath every other step.

How about being healthy so you can continue to enjoy vibrant sunsets, thrilling college football games, colorful leaves dropping in the fall, summer barbeques, or birthday cards in the mail!

Everyone has the motivation to workout! You just have to identify which motivation will get you to your starting line each day and which will help you get to your finish line each day. There are plenty of great things to enjoy in life. Find your motivation and start earning your frequent flyer miles for your healthy life...and then soar into the future with excitement about what will be!

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy who knows a good spotted dick when he tastes it. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be sent delicious messages at www.myblakefitness.com.



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I Spy......

Hello there reader. My name is Chris Orr and I am doing an opinion column of just whatever. I'll be ex-



pressing 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.)

Brainwashing is a weapon. This weapon has been used in the past to gain support for wars, win wars or thereof, think you won wars, think that the nation you live in is superior to others; the point is to create a following or give yourself assurance everything is peachy or scary. Yes we brainwash ourselves into believing whatever we want. As children, we had fictional characters like the Easter bunny and Old St. Nick. Or an event that was so horrible, we convinced ourselves that we weren't there or it wasn't as bad as it seemed. We did that as children and now as adults. Today, we call it bullshit, lies, propaganda, and anything under the sun to assure ourselves to make it right in our own mind and digest it. How is a weapon so old, in some contexts, being used today?

Glenn Beck, from his ignorant mind, thinks the Presidential address to schoolchildren will brainwash then into little liberals. Boycott, he says. School districts are giving the option to teachers to show the speech, which is more of a stay in school campaign, based on relevance to the classroom. The White House was kind enough to release the speech online word for word so teachers can plan ahead of time to show it if they wish. There will be two boycotts. The first is more advertisers are fleeing anything with Glenn Beck's name on it for calling the President a racist. The second is Texas schools will boycott because if the school board of Texas says that it should be taught that Pat Robertson is a top influential American, the poor children don't have a mind to comprehend intelligence and the shepherds, adults, will lead the sheep, children, to the farm, the extreme right base.

To beat a dead horse, this is often what you do when brainwashing, healthcare and socialism. The government program is going to kill people. Yes it is, just like Medicare, Medicaid, WIC, and SCHIP. The old and the young are just dropping like flys left and right. I read in a newspaper, I think, an opinion letter about government programs we currently get to choose to use. The writer asked why can't we have a public option in the reformed healthcare plan and choose to use it like other government offered programs. Isn't that a great question to lawmakers? An answer might be because corporations and the people running them might not make as much money to stuff into lawmakers pockets, campaign contributions, and those who run the corporations might not be able to buy as much useless shit to entertain them.

On a side note, organized religious sheep are brainwashed into the comfort that they will live a life in heaven and God will accept them as long as they follow fictitious stories in many different versions of books and under other sheep's interpretations. I assume I won't see any pearly gates but I think they are sequined anyway. Yes he discriminates; it just depends on who you talk to and what you read. For example, when sports teams play, they often have a prayer circle asking for a win and the strength to do it. Not all teams are winners when playing sports, someone has to lose. Did God discriminate or did they not pray hard enough?

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

Kiss Me, I'm Gay

By William McGuinness

The citizens of Easkey, County Sligo, Ireland, have always been village people. The population of 250 shares two shops, two pubs, two butchers, and a post office on the northwestern coast of the island, but roughly 80 of them are expected to get slightly closer as they celebrate what may be the smallest gay



pride event on the planet.

The Family Resource Center of Easkey is encouraging the community to "go gay for a day" in something of a microcosmic contribution to the larger Northwest LGBT Pride festival, now in its fourth year.

Denise Clark, a 10-year resident of Easkey, told The Irish Voice that the country's gays are increasingly returning to their rural roots. Fellow festival organizer Pat Herarty said the "gay for a day" slogan is designed to create an inclusive environment with the area's straight population.

Herarty said the rural areas of Ireland are starting to "grow up" since Ireland decriminalized homosexuality in 1993.

