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KEEPING PROMISES ON PROP. 8, DOMA & 'DON'T ASK'

The Courage Campaign says, "President Obama has a unique opportunity to give hope and equality to thousands of same-sex couples across America." To help keep LGBT issues on the front burner, the Campaign has written a letter you can use to remind President Obama "to keep his promise and allow the federal government to provide health benefits to same-sex partners and spouses of federal employees." ...



"Two judges of the federal appeals court in California said that employees of their court were entitled to health benefits for their same-sex partners under the program that insures millions of federal workers. But, citing DOMA, the federal Office of Personnel Management has instructed insurers not to provide the benefits ordered by the judges." ...

"Please show your support for federal same-sex equal rights by signing the Courage Campaign's [letter](#)⁽¹⁾."

Read more [here](#)⁽²⁾.

⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ <http://www.couragecampaign.org/KeepYourPromise>

REMEMBERING ACTOR NATASHA RICHARDSON



"Natasha Richardson, a gifted and precocious heiress to acting royalty whose career highlights included the film 'Patty Hearst' and a Tony-winning performance in a stage revival of 'Cabaret,' has died at age 45 after suffering a head injury from a skiing accident

"Richardson helped raise millions of dollars in the fight against AIDS." ...

"Richardson used to put her money where her heart was when it came to charities—and that was it. But when her father, director Tony Richardson, died of AIDS in 1991, she realized that she wanted to do more than sign a check.

"So Richardson, 37, asked the American Foundation for AIDS Research if it could use her help. The answer, of course, was a resounding yes." ...

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"Richardson didn't just lend her name to amfAR, she started organizing and planning. ... In fact, she even cut short her 1994 honeymoon with actor Liam Neeson to work on a benefit gala for the premiere of her father's last film.

"Whenever it gets to be too much and you think, 'Aaahhh, I'd rather be with my children or doing anything other than making all these phone calls or writing all these letters,'" then you remember just how many people are sick and dying,' she said in a recent telephone interview. 'That just spurs you on.'"

Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

Sources: Yahoo News; gotracey.com

(1) http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/obit_natasha_richardson

(2) <http://gotracey.com/natasha-richardson-fighting-aids-in-memory-of-her-father-people-online/>



'GAY' DUCKS DERAILED REPOPULATION PLAN



"Why are all the good blue ducks gay?"

"That's what Cherry, the last remaining lass of her kind in England, may be asking herself after two male prospects that might have helped her perpetuate the species fell for one another instead of for her.

"They stay together all the time, parading up and down their enclosure and whistling to each other as a male might do with a female he wants to mate with,' Paul Stevens, the warden at Arundel Wetland Center, tells the *Telegraph*.

"The boy birds, Ben and Jerry, were introduced to Cherry, but to no avail. 'Cherry showed some interest in him,' Stevens told the newspaper, referring to Jerry. 'She displayed typical mating behavior: she approached him and called to him, she even looked like she was nesting. We thought

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it was great and it was all going to happen, but nothing ever did.'

"Feathers flew, however, when Ben and Jerry were shackled up together. 'To our surprise, the two males really took to each other and it was obvious that they really liked each other,' Stevens said, adding: 'Ben and Jerry do make a lovely couple.'"

Read more [here](#)⁽³⁾

Source: telegraph.co.uk

⁽³⁾ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/wildlife/4962394/Blue-Ducks-likely-to-die-out-in-UK-after-male-birds-get-together.html>

CONFERENCE SHINES LIGHT ON SEXUALITY IN SPORTS

"Hundreds of people convened at Ithaca College this week for some frank discussions about sex and sports, but it wasn't of the typical locker room banter variety.

"In fact, as they would learn, it wasn't the type of discussion that would ever be held in most locker rooms, where 'don't ask, don't tell' is often the unspoken rule - at the Sport, Sexuality and Culture Conference, academics were out in the open in their explorations of homosexuality, bisexuality, transgenderism and masochism." ...

"The professor from the college's Department of Sport Management and Media said she...wanted to take advantage of recent cultural dialogue about sexuality through films such as *Milk* and California's controversial Proposition 8, and that the timing was right within the industry, with many key organizations such as the International Olympic Committee developing policies addressing transgender athletes.

"Responding to a question about whether the epicenter of homophobic activity in sports was in the locker room, (keynote speaker John) Amaechi said he believed it was not. 'Instead, it's the Larry Millers (now deceased owner of the NBA's Utah Jazz), who came into my locker room and said 'I'm not going to let *Brokeback Mountain* play in my theaters.' He was the one with the deep pockets, he was the one who paid my salary,' Amaechi said."

Read more [here](#)⁽⁴⁾

Source: The Ithaca Journal

⁽⁴⁾ <http://www.theithacajournal.com/article/20090320/NEWS01/903200328/1002>



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FISHING FOR FUN—AND FOOD



"From his wooden fishing shack on Lake Winnepesaukee's thinning skin of ice, Mike MacDonald doesn't need to think twice about why more Americans are going fishin' in the deepening U.S. recession.

"This costs \$6 to get a bucket of bait and it will last the whole day,' he said, skinning a fish next to a hole drilled into the frozen New Hampshire lake. 'Compare that to skiing -- one day of skiing would cost \$80 just for the lift ticket.'

"As Americans forgo expensive vacations, costly dinners and shopping mall splurges, many are opting instead for the quiet simplicity of fishing, according to the sport fishing industry and reports from bait shops and fishermen.

"From the icy north to fly-fishing streams in Texas, angling is on the rise. For families, it's an inexpensive outing. Those with a knack for it can trim their grocery bills. And for newly unemployed, it's something to do."

Editor's note: The "Fishin' Buddies" cap is available from **The Ultimate Brokeback Collection**.⁽⁵⁾ You can also find a huge variety of other fun merchandise **here**⁽⁶⁾

Read more **here**⁽⁷⁾

Source: Yahoo News

⁽⁵⁾ <http://www.cafepress.com/bbmforum.54219440>

⁽⁶⁾ <http://www.cafepress.com/bbmforum>

⁽⁷⁾ http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20090319/us_nm/us_usa_fishing_1

Forum Footnotes

DAVE CULLEN FORUM - THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY



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Posted by **dejavu**: "Today is my third anniversary with the Dave Cullen Forum. In some ways it doesn't seem that long, because time has passed quickly; in other ways it seems like I've been here forever, because it's such a part of my way of life now.

"I never thought it would last this long, when I first joined, just wanting find out a more information about a film. If understanding of a film was all that I'd found here, I'm sure I would have moved on long ago. But I've found a real community here, as we all have.

"Thinking about it, there are several parts to this being a community. For one thing, I've found so many people whom I consider good friends (some of whom I've seen in person often, and some of whom I will probably never meet in person, but friends all the same). For another thing, I've also found a major "hobby" here, meaning something that can occupy all of my time when I let it, and that is the book club, which involves reading a book and then participating in some very in-depth discussions. Related to this are threads for discussing other books we've read and movies we've seen.....many of them unrelated to BBM.

"A third part of this being a community, for me, is the existence of threads where we can share knowledge about personal interests totally unrelated to movies and books.

"There is always something new to look at, or something to think about, or someone to talk to, here, and for that I am very grateful."

Read more [here](#)⁽⁸⁾.

⁽⁸⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=31908.msg1531229#msg1531229>

WHAT'S COOKING: COOL DRINKS

From the Forum's [Recipe & Cook's Corner](#)⁽⁹⁾

A hot-weather treasure: tart/sweet buttermilk ice. (I know, it isn't really an ice, but I honor the name by which it was passed on to me.)

Mix until sugar is dissolved:

- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup orange juice

Freeze in a shallow pan. Stir once to smooth it a little, if you like.
Or freeze in a gel machine with a paddle. Other citrus juices are





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fine, though sugar may need adjusting.

Here's a very refreshing **fruit salad/punch**⁽¹⁰⁾; serve it in glasses.

Some fruit; original recipe says 1 bunch of grapes, 2 kiwi fruits and 1 mango
A handful of lemon balm or mint leaves
1 red chili pepper, remove the seeds
Juice of 1 lime
Some pineapple juice (slightly less than 1 liter/2 pints)
Lemonade (Sprite, 7up or similar)

Chop fruit, herbs and chili, put in a bowl and pour lime and pineapple juice over it. The fruit should be entirely covered by juice. Keep in the fridge until serving, ladle into glasses and fill them up with chilled lemonade. The combination of fizziness and chili gives this fruit salad an unusual bite which I find nearly addictive.

I think it'd also be great with some kind of alcohol to substitute part of the juice, maybe Sourz Pineapple or just plain vodka.

Find and share recipes **here**⁽¹¹⁾.

⁽⁹⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=8751.msg330116#msg330116>

⁽¹⁰⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=8751.msg340224 - msg340224>

⁽¹¹⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=8751.0>

SIGNATURE PERSONALITY

Which Forum member's signature line includes these words?

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."



Let us know the answer on the **Respond to The Daily Sheet**⁽¹²⁾ thread.

Last week:

"Tout est pour le mieux dans le meilleur des mondes possibles."
Congratulations to **garyd**, who posted, "That would be our resident Pangloss....**Dal**."

⁽¹²⁾ <http://davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=8377.new#new>



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you have ideas about initiating a gathering, go to **Start Your Own Threads** and get the ball rolling to plan a get-together near you.

MAN DANCE COMPANY

San Francisco - July 10-12, 2009

<http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=31466.0>

Let us know of any events you'd like listed here

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