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Ohio Man Sentenced to 2 ½ Years for Trying to Beat the Gay out of Disabled Brother

By Andrew Potts

Ohio man Lawrence Featheroff has been sentenced to 30 months in prison over the beating and threatening of his younger disabled brother in an effort to turn him straight.

Featheroff, 38, had been entrusted with looking after his 26-year-old brother Jason Meyers who suffers from a developmental disorder after he had been abused in a group home despite having prior convictions for domestic violence.



Police were contacted by a concerned sibling who was worried Meyers was being physically assaulted and when they arrived to check in on him on 15 January they found him suffering a concussion and a sprained ankle with bruises all over his face.

Meyers later told police that Featheroff, his girlfriend Jamie Smith and a family friend, Brent Disbennet, had punched him repeatedly, allowed him to eat only once a day and made him run up and down a hill while carrying a heavy railroad tie.

Featheroff also threatened his brother with a butchers knife, telling him that he would cut off his genitals if he was gay.

Featheroff told police that he had become angry after his brother confided to him that he was attracted to other males.

Detective Brian Lowe told Fairfield County Common Pleas Court that Featheroff had told him he had 'wanted to toughen him up to push the gay out of him and make him a normal person.'

Meyers and Featheroff are two of eight siblings by different fathers that were removed from their mother's home due to abuse or neglect but the siblings have reunited as adults to form a family.

Meyers is now living in adult foster care. Smith and Disbennet have both pleaded not guilty to the charges against them and their cases are still pending.

Boy Scouts of America Bans Gay Scoutmaster

By Daniel Reynolds

The Boy Scouts of America has kicked out a scoutmaster for being gay.

The youth organization revoked the membership of Geoff McGrath, the 49-year-old leader of a Seattle-area troop, after BSA officials learned of his sexual orientation. NBC reports that he may be the first gay leader to be expelled since the BSA lifted its ban on gay youth, but not gay leaders, January 1.



"It's extremely disappointing to not be fully supported and defended in my membership," McGrath said. "They are complaining that the problem [his sexuality] is a distraction to Scouting, and they don't seem to understand that the distraction is self-inflicted."

A BSA spokesman confirmed that the membership of McGrath, a married Eagle Scout, had been "revoked."

"Our policy is that we do not ask people about their sexual orientation, and it's not an issue until they deliberately inject it into Scouting in an inappropriate fashion," Deron Smith, a BSA representative, told NBC.

McGrath had served as leader of Troop 98, which is based in the Rainier Beach neighborhood of Seattle. The members of the group, which was described as "fully inclusive" on the BSA website, were informed of its leader's sexual orientation before joining, and there had been no reported issues. The troop had even grown to incorporate a Cub Scout pack last fall.

"Anyone who is willing to step forward and provide an opportunity for our youth should be supported, and Geoff has done an excellent job," said Denise Mimura, the mother of a Troop 98 scout. "If anyone has an issue with this, then where are they?"

Rev. Monica Corsaro of the Rainier Beach United Methodist Church, a partner of Troop 98, had recruited the 49-year-old

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software engineer for the position last year shortly after BSA leadership had voted to allow gay youth. Corsaro said many gay couples live in the neighborhood, and the decision reflects this demographic.

"I wouldn't have a Boy Scout troop unless we did it this way,"

Corsaro said. "This is who we are."

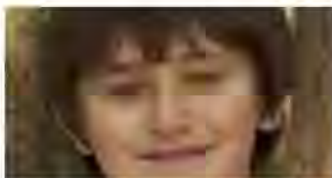
Zach Wahls, cofounder of Scouting for Equality, condemned the actions of the BSA, which he sees as further proof that its ban on gay leaders is "out of whack."

"It hurts to watch this happen," he said. "This troop and this Cub Scout pack would not exist without Geoffrey McGrath, and the fact that they would remove somebody who is growing Scouting just shows how out of whack this policy is."

Mom Of Michael Morones, 11-Year-Old Bullied Over 'My Little Pony,' Speaks Out On Son's Suicide Attempt

by Ryan Buxton, HuffPost

Tiffany Morones-Suttle faced every mother's nightmare in February when her 11-year-old son Michael Morones attempted suicide after classmates bullied him for loving the cartoon "My Little Pony."



Morones-Suttle joined HuffPost Live's Ahmed Shihab-Eldin to share her story on April 14, hours before Broadway Battles Bullying, a star-studded concert in Morones' honor featuring Ian McKellen, Patrick Stewart, Mary-Louise Parker and more.

Morones' mother said the terrifying experience has taught her the importance of fighting for her child.

"Sometimes our kids think they're strong and they're tough and they can handle everything, but as a parent it's our job to say, 'You know what, this is something I get to handle for you.'" she said. "It's not fighting their battles for them, but it's showing them how to do it when they get older and they're equipped better to do that."

Morones is still struggling with the effects of his suicide attempt. Morones-Suttle said she recently met with a neurologist, who said her son may have "locked-in syndrome," which is preventing him from communicating.

Morones-Suttle got visibly emotional and she described the idea of having to plan her son's funeral, but now that the darkest moment has passed, she's focused on sharing what she's learned with other parents.

"I'd seen things in the news and read things, and I was like, 'Wow, how does a kid ever feel like that? And where are their parents, where are the teachers?' Then you're kind of thrust into the situation, [and you say], 'Oh, wait, I was there,'" she said. "You have to step back and realize that it's everybody together trying to make that change."

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Anglican Priest Defies Church, Marries Partner

BY Michael O'Loughlin

Rev. Jeremy Pemberton (left) and Laurence Cunnington



An Anglican priest married his partner last week, defying his church's ban on same-sex marriages for clergy members and prompting some Church of England officials to warn of a looming "crisis," reports London's Independent.

Rev. Jeremy Pemberton married Laurence Cunnington, ignoring directives from the Church of England that also prohibit Anglican clergy from blessing same-sex unions.

When same-sex marriage became legal in England and Wales earlier this year, Archbishop Justin Wel-

by, speaking on behalf of the Church of England's House of Bishops, released a statement saying, "We are all in agreement that the Christian understanding and doctrine of marriage as a lifelong union between one man and one woman remains unchanged."

Pemberton, however, told The Mail on Sunday that he simply loved his partner and wanted to marry.

"I love this man and I want to be married to him. That's what I want. It is the same as anyone who wants to get married," he said.

According to the Independent, the couple received public support from several pro-LGBT groups and some clergy members as well. Drew Mac, vicar of Sedbergh, wrote on Twitter, "Congratulations and best wishes — and may God bless you too!"

But Rev. Rod Thomas, a conservative member of the General Synod, told The Telegraph that without consequences for Pemberton, the Church of England could face a "crisis."

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lent to saying 'we really didn't mean what we said.' It will precipitate a crisis," he said.

Welby recently sparked controversy by suggesting that marriage equality victories in the West were endangering Christians in Africa.

In response, retired U.S. Episcopal bishop Gene Robinson, the first openly gay bishop elected in the worldwide Anglican Communion, wrote in the *The Daily Beast* that such a posturing "lets the murderers win."

Tom of Finland Stamps To Be Released In Finland (NSFW)

by James Nichols, *The Huffington Post*

The late graphic artist Tom of Finland, born Touko Laaksonen, is about to become further cemented as an icon for his contributions to gay art and history thanks to a new series of stamps.

The work of Tom of Finland is both monumentally significant and long-standing.



The stamps are slated to be released in September 2014 by the Finnish postal service, Itella Posti Oy.

According to the Itella Posti Oy:

His emphatically masculine homoerotic drawings have attained iconic status in their genre and had an influence on, for instance, pop culture and fashion. In his works, Tom of Finland utilized the self-irony and humor typical of subcultures. During his career, Tom of Finland produced more than 3,500 drawings...

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Mozilla CEO Resigns, Opposition to Gay Marriage Drew Fire

By Sarah McBride

(Reuters) - Mozilla Chief Executive Brendan Eich has stepped down, the company said on Thursday, after an online dating service urged a boycott of the company's web browser because of a donation Eich made to opponents of gay marriage.



The software company came under fire for appointing Eich as CEO last month. In 2008, he gave money to oppose the legalization of gay marriage in California, a hot-button issue especially at a company that boasts about its policy of inclusiveness and diversity.

"We didn't act like you'd expect Mozilla to act," wrote Mozilla Executive Chairwoman Mitchell Baker in a blog post. "We didn't move fast enough to engage with people once the controversy started. We're sorry."

The next step for Mozilla's leadership "is still being discussed," she added, with more information to come next week.

While gay activists applauded the move, many in the technology community lamented the departure of Eich, who invented the programming language Javascript and co-founded Mozilla.

"Brendan Eich is a good friend of 20 years, and has made a profound contribution to the Web and to the entire world," venture capitalist Marc Andreessen tweeted.

Eich donated \$1,000 in 2008 in support of California's Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage in the state until it was struck down by the Supreme Court in June.

His resignation came days after OkCupid.com, the popular online dating site, called for a boycott of Mozilla Firefox to protest the world's No. 2 Web browser naming a gay marriage

opponent as chief executive.

On Monday, OkCupid sent a message to visitors who accessed the website through Firefox, suggesting they use browsers such as Microsoft Corp's Internet Explorer or Google Inc's Chrome.

"Mozilla's new CEO, Brendan Eich, is an opponent of equal rights for gay couples," the message said. "We would therefore prefer that our users not use Mozilla software to access OkCupid."

Federal Judge Officially Strikes Down Ohio's Gay Marriage Ban in Out of State Marriage Case

By Greg Hernandez

A federal judge in Ohio officially issued a ruling today declaring Ohio's ban on gay marriage unconstitutional.

Judge Timothy Black gave advance notice last week of his intentions in order to give the state time to prepare its appeal. He also placed a stay on his ruling pending appeals meaning same-sex marriages cannot yet begin in the state.



Still, it marks the 10th consecutive ruling invalidating such a ban since the US Supreme Court gutted key provisions of the Defense of Marriage Act last June.

His ruling comes in a case that has four married same-sex couples seeking an order that would require the state to place the names of both parents on the birth certificates of their children.

Black found Ohio's ban on recognizing out-of-state marriages of same-sex couples to be unconstitutional and that the state has no justification for such discrimination.

"When a state effectively terminates the marriage of a same-sex couple married in another jurisdiction by refusing to recognize the marriage, that state unlawfully intrudes into the realm of

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private marital, family, and intimate relations specifically protected by the Supreme Court,' he writes in the opinion.

Black also wrote: 'Ohio's refusal to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions violates the substantive due process rights of the parties to those marriages because it deprives them of their rights to marry, to remain married, and to effectively parent their children, absent a sufficient articulated state interest for doing so.'

The judge also found that the state is in violation of the Constitution by denying recognition to out-of-state adoption decrees and by refusing to amend the birth certificates of Ohio-born children.

He wrote: 'The inability to obtain an accurate birth certificate saddles the child with the life-long disability of a government identity document that does not reflect the child's parentage and burdens the ability of the child's parents to exercise their parental rights and responsibilities.'

The ruling comes in a case involving three lesbian couples who are expecting children to be born in Ohio and a married same-sex couple living in New York City but whose adopted

son was born in Ohio.

The Ohio Department of Health, the agency charged with issuing birth certificates in the state, will not issue or amend birth certificates to name both parents.

'This is a great day for fairness and respect for Ohio families,' Susan Sommer, director of constitutional litigation for Lambda Legal said in a statement.

'This powerful opinion affirms what we have been arguing all along: These couples' marriages were disrespected by Ohio's discriminatory laws, and created not only a second-class of families by nullifying legal marriages from other states, but also a second-class of parents, where one could be listed on a birth certificate and one could not.'

Oregon Students Protest Day Of Silence With 'Gay Not OK' Shirts

by James Nichols, The Huffington Post

Four students at a high school in Oregon City, Ore. caused controversy after wearing shirts in protest of the National Day Of Silence, an event meant to draw attention to the bullying of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals.

The shirts read "Gay Is Not Ok" and "Gay Day Is Not OK." Two of the students reportedly stated that if the school is sponsoring the National Day Of Si-

lence, they should also have a right to speak out about it.

"I don't believe that ["gay day"] is ok," one of the students stated. "I don't have a big problem with gay people. It's just when they start parading around the school about how we have a day of silence for gays, lesbians, transvestites -- it's like, we don't have a straight day!"



However, not everyone in the 2,000-person student body agrees with the shirts' sentiment.

"I don't agree with the shirts at all," another student reportedly stated. "I feel like it doesn't make a purpose. I don't feel like you're really saying anything."

A school administrator allegedly told reporters that the school *(Continued on next page)*

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would not be allowing the "Gay Day Is Not Ok" shirts on campus, and that the students would be required to turn the shirts inside out or take them off.

This certainly isn't the first time that students in public schools have attempted to make an anti-gay statement through their choice of clothing. Last October two students donned confederate flags at their Washington high school in response to another student wearing a rainbow flag on campus for two weeks.

5 Gay Dating Lies: David Cruz Of 'Millionaire Matchmaker' Sounds Off

By David Cruz for YourTango.com



It's a busy Friday night at one of your favorite restaurants in the city and you could not be more nervous. The guy that you have been "phone dating" all week has finally made plans to meet you. Now, between the gym and the new outfit, you are ready for this guy to sweep you off your feet!

This is going to be the most amazing night. And it almost is ... until he arrives.

The guy is nothing like his picture. Immediately, your dreams of a small wedding in Napa Valley with your 50 closest family and friends have been crushed.

The truth is, for most people, first dates are a breeding ground for lies and deception. For gay men, the lies range from the classic white lie of "skimming a few years off their real age" to "living with their ex boyfriend."

So, in order to help you avoid these fishy men, I present to you,

"The 5 Lies Gay Men Tell You On First Dates."

LIE #1: "Relationship Status" Somewhere between "Single" and "In A Relationship"

...lies a funny little term called "It's Complicated". I used to think this was just a thing guys said to hide the fact that they were a virgin, but nowadays it's a big fat RED FLAG!

When a gay man says, "It's complicated," you better pump the breaks on your wedding planning and do your research! This man is lying to you about something — and trust me, I have heard it all. Here are two of my favorites:

• "We are separated." While this form of honesty is great, most of the time what he's really trying to say is they're on a trial separation — and you may be bait to make the ex jealous! You are not a sample at the food court my friend; you're a steak dinner! Don't fall for this!

• "He's my best friend." OK, I completely believe that one can have a good relationship with another guy or even an ex, but one must draw the line when Instagram pictures speak louder than words. Dead giveaways are when said best friend sits a little too close, kisses a little too much and hashtags #LoveHim in every photo. Chances are they slept together or have a past relationship. It's OK to ask about his history — dating is all about being a super sleuth!

LIE #2: "I'm Athletic" or "In Shape"

This is one of my favorite lies — the weight lie! Now let's be clear, this is not about being shallow. What this is about is honesty.

Gay men tend to take liberty in redefining what "athletic" and "in shape" means. When I say athletic, I think of someone that plays sports. But what usually shows up is someone who played football in high school and is looking to make sweat-pants an acceptable form of dinner attire. This doesn't count, guys!

The same goes for someone who says they are "in shape." That doesn't mean you only drink beer and occasionally order a low-carb burger. This means that you actually go to the gym and are in good physical shape! Don't fall for this lie; make sure to clarify his gym routine!

LIE #3: "Relationship Expectations"

One of my favorite lies that gay men tell is that they are ready for a serious relationship. Sure, everything he's been telling you sounds amazing, but chances are it's all fluff! These guys are expert interviewers — don't fall for the amazing cologne and deep blue eyes! Put this guy through at least three dates to see if he's serious ... or only wants to hook up! Some guys love to feed you the shtick: to give you their stick and then never call again.

LIE #4: "He's Ready To Date"

Sometimes a guy says he's ready, but his track record says otherwise. Sure, we should all give a guy a chance, but you're not a relationship teacher; you're a lover! Don't get caught up in his web of excuses — you're either ready to settle down or you're not. Save your time and energy for someone seriously looking

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LIE #5: "I'm Not Bitter About Love, I'm A Realist!"

If I never meet this type of gay guy again, I would be a happy person. But, alas, this is the worst kind of dater. They spend a good amount of time convincing everyone around them that they're not jaded or bitter about finding love — but they are.

Sadly, it takes over his life. He'll try telling you he's just "being real," but this, my friends, is (say it with me!) a lie. Nothing you can do will "save" his point of view, except maybe a therapist, and you're likely not that. This kind of dater needs to learn to love himself first before he can love another. Bitter Betty will only suck the life and happiness out of you. I always say that if you have to do any remodeling in a relationship, it should only be his wardrobe! More than that and it's not worth it!

So there you have it, guys. It's all about not falling for the sweet sugar coating! Dating is a serious adventure, so don't be afraid to ask the big, bold questions. It weeds out the players from the husbands. Happy dating!

When people talk about their passion in life, "Romance Enthusiast" isn't the first thing that comes to mind — but for David Cruz, that's exactly what his passion is. Whether its love letters, proposals, weddings, cards or romantic comedies, he loves it all. As the founder of Finding Cupid, an online magazine that's dedicated to "Reminding People How to Love Again," David helps guide people in their personal journey to love! David is also a current cast member in the hit Bravo television show, *The Millionaire Matchmaker*, where he helps matchmaker Patti Stanger find love for her millionaire clients!

Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

SELF ESTEEM

A lot of new clients tell me that they have lousy self-esteem...when someone gives them a compliment, they can't let it in. I think most of us have troubles with self-esteem (myself included), so let's look at what it is and how we can cultivate it.

Self-esteem is how we "esteem" ourselves: what we think about ourselves. No one thinks they're fabulous 24/7, but, how do you feel about yourself most of the time? Do you usually think you're okay, sometimes really good, other times, not so great? If so, you're normal. Most people have frequent fluctuations in their self-esteem.

If your self-esteem is messed up, it's hard for your brain to al-

low positive, kind and loving experiences to sink in. Here are my top three symptoms of poor self-esteem:

- (1) you don't believe that anything positive about you is true (denial)
- (2) you don't trust what people say to you (mistrust/invalidation)
- (3) you think everyone wants something from you (paranoia)

These are useful things to know about yourself. Try not to judge yourself, just observe what you do. And please don't beat yourself up for doing this (that always slows down the change process): just notice what you do to sabotage your self-esteem. Observe it as neutrally as possible.

Once you see what you do, you can begin to change it with some introspection. Ask yourself questions like: Have I always been this way? Was I ever able to trust people? Did I used to allow myself to receive praise from others? Do a little detective work: go back in your life and see where any cognitive distortions may have originated. Who said what to you and when? Who hurt you/betrayed you/disappointed you/used you? Do you want to continue through life not trusting people? (Sorry, rhetorical question).

Part of freeing yourself from past conditioning is to see where all this crap started. It helps to identify how the innocent, trusting child you started out as (yes, even you hyper-cynical folks) somehow got turned around. For many of my clients, this is their "aha" moment: they see that something (or a series of events) happened that really changed who they were. They gave up being trusting and open; and replaced it with defenses to prevent ever being hurt again. This is what is known as the "adaptive self": it's what we did to survive, to get through tough times. However, as adults, it doesn't serve us to continue this way.

I'm not encouraging anyone to be stupid and gullible. It's good to have a healthy dose of skepticism, but it's not helpful to be so over defended that you don't let anyone into your heart. This is often why low self-esteem is correlated with feelings of isolation and loneliness. Are you willing to let people get to know you? Or do you give off a "leave me alone" vibe that would intimidate even Brad or Angelina?

While poor self-esteem isn't necessarily linked to emotional, physical or sexual abuse, some studies show that when adults don't remember large chunks of their childhood, there is usually a good reason. Often, our mind "protects" us against remembering something unpleasant or painful. While this doesn't mean you were abused, it's likely that something bad happened (you were made fun of by someone, your parents were divorcing, you had a crush on some same-sex hottie at school and felt miserable because you couldn't express it) and perhaps it's too painful to remember.

If your self-esteem isn't where you'd like it to be, I encourage you to do some introspective detective work to see why. Then you can begin to address any cognitive distortions (inaccurate ways you talk/think about yourself) so you can begin the change process. Self-esteem isn't fixed, it's malleable. Admittedly, it takes time and energy to shift it...but it's an awfully good investment in yourself.



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SECOND UNITARIAN, Sunday morning
services, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, [in-
fo@2uomaha.org](mailto:info@2uomaha.org), 402-334-0537

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,
3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and
Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday
A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"
Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

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

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anony-
mous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm,
MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-
HEARSALS,** 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United
Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

Every Tuesday
HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet
Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session).
Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at [aander-
son@hastings.edu](mailto:aander-
son@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at
jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-
PORT GROUP,** 7-8:30PM, Women's Center,
Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday
AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to
men and women, 219 North 48th Street

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK
6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball
field, Omaha (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

**NAMI LGBTIQ CONNECTIONS PEER-
SUPPORT MEETING**
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Lasting Hope Recovery Center –
North Annex Conference Room, Recovery sup-
port group for people living with mental health
challenges. Call NAMI Nebraska at
402-345-8101 for more information.

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Wednesday
FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to
10pm at Flinx 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

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

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

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

3rd Monday

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

3rd Sunday

CBCA 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
— see website for more information at
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

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.

Getting Old

I very quietly confided to my best friend that I
was having an affair. She turned to me and
asked, 'Are you having it catered'? And that,
my friend, is the definition of 'OLD'!

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman:
'And what do you think is the best thing about
being 104?' the reporter asked. She simply
replied, 'No peer pressure.'

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass
surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees,
fought prostate cancer and diabetes I'm half
blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet
engine, take 40 different medications that
make me dizzy, winded, and subject to black-
outs. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor
circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet
anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.
Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still
have my Florida driver's license.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of
shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a
fitness club and start exercising. I decided to
take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twist-
ed, gyrated, jumped up and down, and pers-
pired for an hour.
But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class
was over.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will
and told her preacher she had two final re-

quests. First, she wanted to be cremated,
and second, she wanted her ashes scat-
tered over Wal-Mart.

'Wal-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed. '
Why Wal-Mart?'
'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me
twice a week.'

My memory's not as sharp as it used to
be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it
used to be.

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat
till the wrinkles fill out.

It's scary when you start making the same
noises as your coffee maker.

These days about half the stuff in my
shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'

THE SENILITY PRAYER:
Grant me the senility to forget the people
I never liked anyway, the good fortune to
run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to
tell the difference.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
I don't want to brag or make anyone jeal-
ous or anything, but I can still fit into the
earrings I wore in high school !!

"Dogs Welcome"

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a
Midwest town he planned to visit on his
vacation.

He wrote: "I would very much like to
bring my dog with me. He is well-
groomed and very well behaved. Would
you be willing to permit me to keep him
in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel
owner, who wrote:

SIR: "I've been operating this hotel for
years. In all that time, I've never had a
dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or
steal pictures off the walls, or use them
as a coloring book. I've never had to
evict a dog in the middle of the night for
being drunk and disorderly. And I've
never had a dog run out on a hotel bill.

Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my
hotel. And, if your dog will vouch for
you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

Top Ten Signs You're A Gay Cowboy

10. "Your saddle is Versace"

9. "Instead of 'Home On The Range',
you sing 'It's Raining Men'"

8. "You enjoy ridin', ropin', and redeco-
ratin'"

7. "Sold your livestock to buy tickets to
'Mamma Mia'"

6. "After watching reruns of 'Gunsmoke',
you have to take a cold shower"

5. "Native Americans refer to you as
'Dances With Men'"

4. "You've been lassoed more times than
most steers"

3. "You're wearing chaps, yet your 'ranch' is
in Chelsea"

2. "Instead of a saloon you prefer a salon"

1. "You love riding, but you don't have a
horse"

Highway Danger

The other morning, while heading toward
Asheville on the Interstate, I looked over to
my left, and there was a woman in a brand-
new Lexus, cruising at a bit over the posted
speed limit.

Her face was up next to her rear-view mirror,
and she was in the process of applying eyeliner
or eye shadow, or some such concoction. I
glanced away for a couple seconds, and when I
looked back, she was halfway over in my lane,
still working on that makeup.

Now, normally, as a man, I don't scare easily,
but she scared me so much that I dropped my
electric shaver, and fumbled my Hardee's ba-
con, egg and cheese biscuit.

In all the excitement of trying to get the truck
straightened out, using my knees against the
steering wheel, my cell phone slipped away
from my ear, and fell into the coffee between
my legs which splashed out of the cup and
burned Willie and the Twins, ruined the
phone, soaked my jeans, and disconnected an
important call.

Wild women drivers! There ought to be a law!

MENOPAUSE JEWELRY

My husband, being unhappy with my mood
swings, bought me a mood ring the other day
so he would be able to monitor my moods.

We've discovered that when I'm in a good
mood, it turns a beautiful blue-green.

When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a big red
mark on his forehead.

Maybe next time he'll buy me a diamond.

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.firsttuomaha.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 at: 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 1st 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, 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: hanegaypride@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

OUTLinc, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outlinc.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, 1120 K Street Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508, (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.tri-city-glb.com/>

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Con-

tact 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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Happy Easter!

It's that time of year where the risen Christ gives us hope for a life ever after. During this Easter season we have the opportunity to look at our lives and find areas that we can raise ourselves from different forms of death.

Maybe it's an old hobby we enjoyed and brought us peace but forgot about. Maybe it's a relationship that gave us comfort that we've lost touch with or let slide. Maybe it's a spiritual/religious/



philosophical practice that brought us reflective insights for growth that we stopped doing.

Whatever these things may be this is an excellent time to look to our Risen Selves, consider those deaths, and ask ourselves if we want to bring a lost yet pleasing aspect of our lives back to life. May Easter bless you richly and abundantly.

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Br. Jason McGuire, osf
Associate of the Franciscans of Fort Lauderdale
www.facebook.com/EcuOmaha

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

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



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

NOW, THERE'S ONE SAD COWBOY. DOING LAUNDRY ON A FRIDAY EVENING!

PRICE? IS THAT REALLY YOU?

OF COURSE IT'S ME.

WOW. I AIN'T NEVER SEEN YA' LOOKIN' SO... COUNTRY.

AH, YOU'RE FORGETTING, DREW...

...EVEN THOUGH I WENT TO A NEW ENGLAND PREP SCHOOL... AND DARTMOUTH COLLEGE...

...I'M STILL A KENTUCKY BOY AT HEART.

OH, I KNOW. YA' AIN'T LOST THAT SOUTHERN TWANG IN YOUR VOICE.

BUT WHAT'S WITH THE COWBOY GET-UP?

WELL, I WAS THINKING...

...YOU'VE SEEMED SO DOWN AND OUT RECENTLY. AND TONIGHT'S COWBOY NIGHT AT THE EAGLE...

...WITH LINE-DANCING AND TWO-STEPPING...

...SO WHY DON'T YOU GRAB YOUR COWBOY HAT... AND YOUR TIGHTEST PAIR OF WRANGLERS...

C'MON... TWO WILD-EYED SOUTHERN BOYS OUT ON THE TOWN!

...AND WE'LL GO SHOW THESE LONG ISLAND YANKEES HOW IT'S DONE!

HECK... WHY NOT? THIS COULD BE JUST THE DISTRACTION I NEED!

MEANWHILE, IN MELVILLE...

YOU SEEM DISTRACTED.

EH? IT'S NOTHING.

IT'S DREW, ISN'T IT?

LANCE... THIS HAS GONE BEYOND "TAKING A BREAK". YOU'RE FLAT-OUT AVOIDING HIM.

WHICH IS IDIOTIC... BECAUSE YOU OBVIOUSLY CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT HIM!

WILL YOU AT LEAST GO TALK TO HIM?

WE NEED TO GET THIS PROPOSAL DONE TONIGHT, DAVE.

THEN FIRST THING IN THE MORNING?

FINE. IF IT'LL GET YOU OFF MY BACK...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



SPRING IN YOUR STEP

Spring is about ready to be sprung on all of us. Put away those scarves, mittens, shovels, and stocking caps. Get out this stepstool for summer and let's start climbing your way to a healthier tomorrow.

Spring training is the perfect chance to use some baseball idioms to get you in shape for the warmer weather. Get ready to knock it out of the park with daily walks around the old neighborhood. It's time to strike out laziness and get back to weight training. Go and play hard ball with the pantry; no more junk food for the next few weeks.

Don't let those roving girl scouts throw you a curve ball with those boxes of thin mints. Spring forth with vegetables and fruits instead.

Spring cleaning is the terrific opportunity to clean up the mess you've made since that Thanksgiving feast back in November.

Sweep out that closet full of maybes, tomorrows, nevers, and won't happens. Polish the floors and see the reflection of you and yes. Scrub the shower and rinse away the bad habits of an unhealthy winter. Spring to your feet and clean up your house.

Spring is proud to welcome the official mascot of the season...the energetic Easter Bunny. This guy has to really work at being fit; unlike those other mascots. Santa's got a sleigh to drive him around. The Tooth Fairy has a set of wings to move from pillow to pillow. Jack Frost just slides his way through life. It's gonna take some effort on your part to fill up your Easter basket with some healthiness. Hop to it!

Spring break offers babes and bikinis on beautiful beaches with boys and biceps. So your college days of being that spring chicken are in the rear view mirror and this doesn't seem possible for you anymore. Why not? Get a spring in your step and work toward creating those college curves and that six pack stomach. You're only as old as you want to be. You'll need a gym and a desire. Spring into action!

Every family has their crazy uncle and spring has got April Fool's Day to claim that title. Beware the jokers that tell you it can't be done. Steer clear of the clowns that trick you into their diabolical dietary detours. Prepare for the jesters that laugh at your attempts to better your life. You can do this! Bypass these buffoons and get serious about your well-being this spring.

The spring tradition of Mother's Day honors all the matriarchs throughout the land. Moms always want to see their sons and daughters make the best of their lives. The greatest

gift you can give Mom is your gift of health. You've got to be around to give your mother her card and a rose on her big day. Find a way to maintain your wellness and spring to life for Mom.

It doesn't matter how miserable and unhealthy your winter was. The days are getting warmer and the flowers are ready to bloom. This is the time that hope springs eternal. Get out there and get healthy.

This article of wellness is brought to you by that guy of equinoxal equanimity. That guy of equal days and nights is Ron Blake and he can be found balanced perfectly at rblake5551@hotmail.com.

**Free anonymous or confidential rapid HIV testing.
Chlamydia & Gonorrhea testing also available for \$10.00**

NAP: 77th & Dodge St.	Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 pm (appointment only) 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: 10th & Pacific St.	1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 8:00 to 10:00 pm (walk-in)
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RESPECT Clinic 50th & Ames Ave. (Located in Baker Square Plaza)	2nd & 4th Mondays of each month 5:00 to 7:00 pm (walk-in)
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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

ARTS & CULTURE

FRI 4.4 @ 8P
A GALA AFFAIR
PRESENTED BY RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

FRI 4.4 @ 8P
AMATEUR STRIP NIGHT
\$500 IN CASH PRIZES FOR YOU TO STRIP

SAT 4.5 @ 10A-5:30P
KINKU
LEARN LEATHER ALL DAY LONG

SUN 4.6 @ 9P
GRANNY ROLLS INTO THE MAX
PRESENTED BY ICON

SAT 4.12 @ 7P
PURSE-SONALITIES
PRESENTED BY MAMA BARRY & HOLLY DAY

SUN 4.13 @ 9P
CLOSET BALL
PRESENTED BY ICON

SAT 4.19 @ 7P
BITCH FIT
PRESENTED BY ICON

SUN 4.20 @ 9P
ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE
THE MAX FAMILY EASTER SHOW

SAT 4.26 @ 9P
EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY
PRESENTED BY ICON

SUN 4.27 @ 9P
RUN WITH THE HERD
PRESENTED BY LOVIN' HEAD

