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Nebraska Lesbian Who Alleged She Was Victim of Hate Crime Arrested for Fabricating Attack

By: Tracy E. Gilchrist

A Nebraska-based lesbian, who claimed she was a victim of a brutal hate crime last month was arrested Tuesday for making false report, according to the Lincoln Journal Star.

An arrest warrant was issued Tuesday for Charlie Rogers (pictured), the Lincoln woman who alleged that on July 22, three masked men barged into her home and attacked her, scrawling they word "dyke" into her arms and stomach and setting her house ablaze.



Rogers entered a not guilty plea and was released on her own recognizance following a court appearance, reports the Journal Star.

Inconsistencies in Rogers' story during four separate interviews with police and forensic DNA evidence led to the a judge issuing the arrest warrant, reports U.S. News. Forensic tests proved there was no blood on the bedspread where she was allegedly attacked.

"There was no apparent blood on the bedspread; even though Ms. Rogers reported she was rolled on to her stomach after she had been cut on her arms, abdomen, chest and front legs while being held down," according to tests performed at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, NBC reports.

Also, it appears that the cuts Rogers' sustained may have been self-inflicted

"This opinion is based partially on the fact that the cuts appeared to be superficial and symmetrical, avoided sensitive areas of the body, appear that they would have taken considerable time to do and are accessible to the victim and follow the victim's frame of reference for reading and writing," determined Dr. Michelle Elieff, a forensic pathologist for Lancaster

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"Hats of the Empress"

The Imperial Court of Nebraska and Princess Royale 32 Aphelia Butts will be hosting the 17th annual "Hats of the Empress" show on Sunday, September 2nd at 8:30pm at FLIXX Lounge. This annual event began during Reign 16 as Grand Czarina Michele Korman's first show ever for ICON. She came up with the idea of "Hats Off" in honor of Empress 16 Phoenix as she was often seen in hats. The benefactor for this event is Michele's Fund at UNMC, a fund that Michele Korman started during Reign 24. Please check out our website at www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org or our facebook page Imperial Court of Nebraska for more details and future events. See you all at the show and don't forget to wear your hat!

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County who reviewed photos of Rogers' cuts at the FBI's request.

Elieff further determined that Rogers did not have any bruising although she claimed that the men beat her.

Finally, a clerk at the local hardware store identified Rogers as the person who purchased zip ties, gloves, blades and a utility knife that were used in the attack, according to U.S. News.

In late July, amid claims that she'd fabricated the story, Rogers, a former University of Nebraska basketball star and a local business owner, appeared on KETV to address detractors who accused her of making up the crime. Rogers said in the interview that "doubters are making her a victim all over again." She said she was attacked to send a message of hate adding, "'For people to think this doesn't happen here, it does. It did."

!! THANK YOU !!

Months have gone by and now is the time for me to tell Stella Dallas, The MAX, MCC Omaha, and all the GLBT community what you all mean to me. During my illness and recovery—I have a new life, and I am more aware how we are a wonderful family. I heard every prayer. I treasured each visit. I loved each card picked out just for me—but most of all the fund raiser that Steve aka Stella Dallas and The MAX had for me.

All of my friends that attended and contributed to the event—the night of the event, I was very ill and I wanted to call and thank everyone, but I was unable to. Since my illness, I have a new outlook on life and treasure my family and all my friends for what you all did. As you all know butterflies are very much a part of my life—a life of freedom and knowing all is well. So thank you for your love, prayers, and support to make my life complete. I want to close with a story about a butterfly:

**According to an American Indian legend,
If anyone desires a wish to come true they must first
Capture a butterfly and whisper that wish to it.**

**Since a butterfly can make no sound,
The butterfly cannot reveal the wish to anyone
But the Great Spirit who hears and sees all.**

**In gratitude for giving the beautiful butterfly its freedom,
The Great Spirit always grants the wish.**

**So, according to legend, by making a wish
And giving the butterfly its freedom
The wish will be taken to the heavens and granted.**

My wish to all of you is to thank you from the bottom of my heart and hope all is well with your soul.

Love Always,
MaMa Barry

Inclusive Life Announces a New, Larger Location in Omaha

Omaha, NE August 15, 2012—"In our continued effort to serve individuals, couples and families who don't have a pastor or church and for those whom many churches don't offer care or services for, Inclusive Life is pleased to announce the opening of our new location at 3622 Leavenworth Street on September 4, 2012." says Rev. Royal D. Bush, Inclusive Life Chaplain.

Inclusive Life's new office will feature nearly 2,300 square feet of space, almost 10 times larger than the previous locations which will include an almost 500 square foot community meeting room. "We know that a majority of the population no longer attends church on a regular basis. This community needs a resource that provides care and services for all without exception. Inclusive Life offers pre marital coaching, wedding officiants, blessings, baptisms, naming ceremonies, end of life planning, hospital visits and funerals". Chaplain Royal says "We will also offer a weekly gathering, a new approach to bringing people of all walks of life and beliefs together to be in the community."

Until August 1st, Inclusive Life has operated two offices in the metro area; one in Omaha at 105 S. 49th Street and one in Council Bluffs at 500 Willow Ave. The Council Bluffs location was closed at the end of July and the Dundee location (49th Street) will also be closed to allow for growth at the 3622 Leavenworth location.

Inclusive Life has been serving Iowa and Nebraska since 2009. Inclusive Life is a multifaith, nonprofit Nebraska organization that provide religious, nonreligious and spiritual care and services to all without exception.

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Straight Talk on Jeff Bezos: \$2.5 Million Same-Sex Marriage Donation

By David Gewirtz for
I rarely respond publicly to letters I get from readers. I also rarely discuss values or religious issues (rather than political issues) here on ZDNet Government. This time, though, I'm going to do both.

I got a letter yesterday from a reader, Lisa, that simply requires a response. Here's her letter (typos and all):

My daughter has a kindle fire. I just found out that the ceo of amazon is giving 2.5 million to same sex marriage. I don't want to be a part of this. Do I throw out the kindle or can I order my

daughter books and apps from other places other than amazon???? Can you help me with this question???

Wow. Just wow.

Okay, let's start with a quick backgrounder. Amazon.com CEO Jeff Bezos and his wife announced on Friday that they are donating \$2.5 million to a campaign to defend Washington State's same sex marriage law. Bezos is not the only Washington State billionaire to donate in defense of same-sex marriage. Bill Gates and Steve Ballmer each donated \$100,000. This gives advocacy group Washington United for Marriage almost \$5 million for their campaign to let same-sex couples get married and enjoy the legal, medical, and social benefits of marriage. By contrast, Preserve Marriage Washington is expected to spend between \$4 million and \$7 million to deny same-sex couples the right to get married.

Okay, now for my thoughts on the issue. You should know that I'm married to a wonderful woman. Marriage is, by far, the best thing that ever happened to me. Like most married couples, we not only share our bed, we share our lives. We deal with financial issues, home maintenance issues, and health challenges as a couple. We spend our days and our nights together, enjoying each others' company, love, and support. We also enjoy a wide variety of legal and societal advantages that are conferred upon married people, from the ability to visit each other if we're ever in the hospital to homesteading rights to health benefits to inheritance benefits.

Far more than just those benefits, being married is a joy.

The idea that some organizations would spend millions of dollars to deny loving couples that joy (along with the tangible societal benefits) is just plain mean spirited.

What the hell is wrong with you people?

We have so much strife in the world as it is, life is so difficult as it is. It's hard enough to find good friends and even harder to find a life partner. If two consenting adults want to declare their love for each other, make each other their person, and spend their lives together nurturing each other, how can that possibly be your business?

Many so-called leaders walk a fine line, saying that it's okay for same-sex couples to enjoy the benefits of civil unions, but they're just not allowed to call themselves "married". One of my absolute greatest points of pride is when I get to say I'm my wife's husband.

What possible ludicrous reason could you have to deny same-sex couples that little happiness? What insane, repressive twist of the mind lets you think it's okay to let same-sex couples use the 11-character phrase "civil union" but spend millions to deny the 8-character word "marriage"?

We have so many other important issues in this world. People are starving. We're still at war and our soldiers are dying. We're fighting dangerous diseases. We're on the verge of ecological collapse. People are losing their homes and their jobs.

These are real issues. Worrying over whether or not your daughter reads Harry Potter (or the Bible for that matter) on a Kindle Fire because Bezos made a donation to a cause he cares about (and many of his employees strongly care about) is not a real-world issue.

So, Lisa, here's my recommendation. Just for you.

The Kindle Fire is a great little machine. Amazon's books and Kindle books are wonderful. They work on many different platforms, and on many different machines. You could throw away your Kindle Fire. You could go ahead and waste that \$200. You could also destroy all your Kindle books and if you've ever bought a paper book from Amazon, you could go ahead and burn it. You could then tell your friends how virtuous you were when you burned those books. Better yet, you could find a gay person (they're lurking everywhere, you know!) and give your Kindle Fire to him or her. That'd learn 'em something!

Now, I should warn you. You probably won't be able to buy digital books from anyone else. Apple, for example, has long supported the rights of its gay employees, so you can't go buy books from the iBooks store. Barnes & Noble has a solid reputation for supporting its gay and lesbian employees. Google has actively lobbied on behalf of gay and lesbian couples. You probably should avoid reading the Bible as well. Although it's subject to debate, there's even some support for the idea that the Bible itself is neutral when it comes to homosexuality.

So, Lisa, how can you protect your daughter from the forces of evil that want to allow people to love and live together? How can you protect her from reading books that might open her mind to the modern world? How can you defend her from people who want to freely use an eight-letter word to describe their relationship?

Well, I can't suggest you read your Bible (because it could corrupt your daughter's young mind). She's a girl, so you could probably feel somewhat safe sending her to talk to your local Catholic priest for advice.

You probably should stay away from anti-gay Baptist preachers because they clearly can't control themselves.

You probably should also stay away from Republicans like Mark Foley, Larry Craig, because they clearly can't keep it in their pants. For the record, it's much harder to find a Democratic gay sex scandal. Democrats seem to prefer cheating on their wives with female hookers rather than doing it in airports with young men. Go figure.

And I'd recommend you avoid the Evangelicals as well, because if they're populated by people like Ted Haggard, they're clearly not safe to be around, either.

Weirdly enough, many Americans think almost one-in-four Americans are gay, when the number is probably closer to 2%. Even so, that would mean that something like 6.6 million Americans are gay. That's approximately the population of Chicago and Los Angeles, combined.

But, I digress. Lisa, you asked me, "Can you help me with this question???"

Yes, Lisa. Yes, I can. The answer is simple. Keep your Kindle. Let your daughter read books. And stop hating people because they're different from you. America was founded on the idea of freedom. What could be more supportive of freedom than letting people be free to use the word "marriage" to describe two people in love, who've committed to spending their lives to-

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gether?

What could possibly be more American than that?

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Chick-fil-A: This Is Not A First Amendment Issue

Noah Michelson Editor, HuffPost Gay Voices

If I hear one more person say that he or she is supporting Chick-fil-A because "This is a First Amendment issue," I'm going to jump out of one of the Huffington Post's fifth-floor windows and swan dive into oncoming traffic.

It seems I can't open Twitter or look at Facebook or read a website without hearing that refrain. It was the chant of many of the Chick-fil-A fans who were in attendance yesterday at "Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day," which was dreamt up by former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee to support "freedom of speech" and President and COO Dan Cathy's right to believe that gay people do not deserve to get married (or -- if you want to dress it up -- "shouldn't be able to redefine traditional marriage"). But make no mistake -- this is not about the First Amendment.

I fully support Cathy's right to say whatever he wants (and, in fact, so does the ACLU). But just because someone can say something doesn't mean they should -- or that we should celebrate him or her for doing so, especially when what they're saying is, at its core, promoting a culture of hate against a group of people.

I have a hard time believing that there would be lines around the block at Burger King if its CEO gave an interview where he or she stated, "I think we are inviting God's judgment on our nation when we shake our fist at Him and say, 'We know better than you as to what constitutes a marriage... black and white people should not be allowed to get married,'" and had also donated millions of dollars to white supremacist organizations.

Similarly, if the head of Taco Bell came out and said, "I pray God's mercy on our generation that has such a prideful, arrogant attitude to think that we have the audacity to try to redefine what marriage is about -- women should be the property of their husbands and anything otherwise is against traditional marriage," I don't think we'd see food courts packed with folks rabidly demanding 10-packs of tacos.

So why is it different when it comes to queer people? For some reason this country still thinks that it's OK to treat us like we are, at best, just not quite as worthy to have all the rights afforded straight or cis-gendered people or, at worst, just plain evil. Many of these statements are bolstered by religious arguments using the Bible as ammunition, but, as it's been pointed out time and again, the Bible demands we do or don't do a lot of things that we no longer do or don't do (like that we should own slaves and we shouldn't eat popcorn shrimp), and Jesus himself never uttered a single word about being queer (and if he wanted us all to be "traditionally married" so badly, you'd think the guy himself would have gotten married).

This is about a lot more than just marriage. It's about the millions of dollars that Chick-fil-A has donated to anti-gay and anti-trans groups who are working tirelessly to ensure that we never receive the same protections and rights that straight and cis-gendered people receive simply for being born non-queer (and who are in some instances endeavoring to "cure" queer people of their sexuality/gender identities).

When you buy food from Chick-fil-A, you're basically saying, "Here, take this money and see to it that queer people can not only not get married, but that they also can't adopt, can be fired simply for their sexuality and/or gender identity and continue to live in a society where they are regularly terrorized, mutilated, murdered and driven to suicide." Because that is what these groups do.

I, too, am in love with the First Amendment, and I want everyone to have the right to say whatever they want -- even if it's totally bonkers. But do I have to sit around and take it? Nope. And I sure as hell don't have to give those people my money to use against me. And neither do you.

So the next time someone says to you, "This is a First Amendment issue," or, "Chick-fil-A isn't anti-gay, it's just pro-traditional marriage," send them a link to one of the heartbreaking stories we feature on Gay Voices on a daily basis. Might I suggest the recent one about the lesbian in Nebraska who had the word "dyke" carved into her skin and her house set on fire? Or maybe they'd prefer to read the story of one of the LGBT teens who have killed themselves because they couldn't take the non-stop abuse inflicted upon them or just didn't see how they could function in a world that is so agonizingly anti-LGBT. Because that is exactly what Chick-fil-A is using its freedom of speech and its customers' dollars to support.

DRAMA QUEENS (and KINGS)

Michael Kimmel
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In a perfect world, drama belongs on stage, not in your daily life. Don't you agree? Think about it: do you ever find yourself overly reactive, theatrical or emotional? By choice? By desperation? Unless you have a true personality disorder (see a good psychotherapist if you have questions about this) I'm here to tell you: you DO have control over the drama in your life.



What is your drama doing for you? Where is it taking you? And this isn't just for so-called "hysterical" over-the-top emotion. It's time for that stereotype to die. "Macho" men (and women) do drama too, only they play it out in slightly different ways, e.g., "egomaniac", "power-hungry" or "king of the mountain". Whether it's more "Streetcar Named Desire" or Donald Trump, drama is drama, and it's not good for your mental health.

There is nothing wrong with living large if that's truly who you are. When I lived in Paris (France, not Texas), I noticed that Parisian women often wore large, attention-getting jewelry...and did so quietly and elegantly. They walked softly and carried a big bracelet. Being real doesn't mean being mousy and boring, it does mean being true to yourself...and when you're true to yourself, the drama quotient in your life inevitably goes down. Why? Drama is a cry for help: Help! No one loves me! Help! No one cares! Help! No one thinks I'm hot! Someone pay attention to me, please!

If you're a fabulous drag queen performing at a night club, then drama and hyperbole are to be expected. If you're a "regular" LGBT person living your life and feeling unloved, unappreciated or disconnected, then perhaps you've lost sight of who you are and are focusing too much on your "image". I wish that a buff body, great hair and beautiful clothes would bring happiness. If that was so, we could all be happy all the time, once we found the right trainer, haircutter and wardrobe. Unfortunately, it doesn't work this way.

Drama is not the voice of your best friend, it is the voice of your deepest fears...the ones that plagued you as a child but no longer need to dominate your adulthood. Most of us, as we enter our late 20's or early 30's, start to leave drama behind. The insecurity that gives birth to drama thankfully diminishes as we age. We gain a sense of who we really are, as opposed to who we have been told we should be. Finding out who we really are is no small task; it goes on our whole lives. Many people in their 70's and 80's are still discovering new and surprising aspects of themselves...and feel more alive than they ever did in their 20's. No one tells us much about this, but if you hang out with LGBT elders, you'll see that we don't all become cynical and bitter. Many of us become happier and more playful! If this were broadcast on CNN - instead of Jessica Simpson's latest dilemma - we'd all have a helluva lot less fear of aging

and I'd hear fewer clients tell me, "I don't want to get old; no one's going to want me". This kind of neurotic self-talk encourages drama...and lots of it.

There's an ad out for a moisturizer whose copy reads, "I'm 40, but I look 10 years' younger." This is the kind of fear that makes us afraid to be ourselves and pushes us toward the drama of panic and insecurity. Is it really a surprise that so many LGBT people today have panic attacks? Never before has the pressure been so intense for us to try to become someone we're not...someone who looks younger, seems happier, has more money than we really do. Ugh.

The antidote: look beneath your drama and see what you're avoiding. Usually, it's a fear of feeling small, unimportant or ignored. Really confident people have less drama; they simply don't need it. They have the strength and power INSIDE themselves. They don't need to proclaim it on the outside. By all means, protest injustice and put your time and energy into causes and activities that are meaningful to you. But if you find you like to be the center of attention - whether you are or not - maybe you're a bit too dramatic.

The antidote to: "No one loves me! No one cares! No one thinks I'm hot!" isn't panic, anxiety or drama. The way to feel loved, connected and attractive is to find it inside yourself. Drama doesn't like a quiet self-confidence. It hates a genuine sense of humility and gratitude. Focus your energy on developing these qualities and watch your confidence grow and your drama fade away. And don't be surprised how easily it may happen: you simply won't need it anymore.



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Every Sunday

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HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

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

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

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

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT 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

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

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

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday
DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON 7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

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

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

Every Friday
LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting, 8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

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

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

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 11PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

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

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Wednesday
FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Pride Planning Meeting- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

1st Thursday
GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOg-1bt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOg1bt.org for

info

1st Friday

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

1st Saturday

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

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday

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

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

2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm –
6:30pm. A progressive community in the Cath-
olic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary
Phone: 402.953.7656
Email: ecuomaha@live.com
Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the Rain-
bow Outreach GLBT Community Center,
www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

3rd Wednesday

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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

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,

6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

4th Friday

**LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF
OMAHA**, Not currently meeting.

The Ranch Hand

A successful rancher died and left every-
thing to his devoted wife.

She was a very good-looking woman and
determined to keep the ranch, but knew
very little about ranching, so she decided
to place an ad in the newspaper for a
ranch hand.

Two cowboys applied for the job. One
was gay and the other a drunk.

She thought long and hard about it, and
when no one else applied she decided to
hire the gay guy, figuring it would be
safer to have him around the house than
the drunk.

He proved to be a hard worker who put in
long hours every day and knew a lot
about ranching.

For weeks, the two of them worked, and
the ranch was doing very well.

Then one day, the rancher's widow said to
the hired hand, "You have done a really
good job, and the ranch looks great. You
should go into town and kick up your
heels." The hired hand readily agreed and
went into town one Saturday night.

One o'clock came, however, and he didn't
return.

Two o'clock and no hired hand.

Finally he returned a round two-thirty,
and upon entering the room, he found the
rancher's widow sitting by the fireplace
with a glass of wine, waiting for him.

She quietly called him over to her.

"Unbutton my blouse and take it off," she said.

Trembling, he did as she directed. "Now take
off my boots."

He did as she asked, ever so slowly. "Now
take off my socks."

He removed each gently and placed them neat-
ly by her boots.

"Now take off my skirt."

He slowly unbuttoned it, constantly watching
her eyes in the fire light.

"Now take off my bra.." Again, with trembling
hands, he did as he was told and dropped it to
the floor.

Then she looked at him and said, "If you ever
wear my clothes into town again, you're fired."

Retirement

After retiring, I went to the Social Security
office to apply for Social Security. The woman
behind the counter asked me for my driver's
License to verify my age. I looked in my pock-
ets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I
told the woman that I was very sorry, but I
would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'.

So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver
hair.

She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is
proof enough for me' and she processed my
Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife
about my experience at the Social Security
office...

She said, 'You should have dropped your
pants. You might have gotten disability, too.'

One Liners

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you
down to his level and beat you with experi-
ence.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my
grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like
the passengers in his car.

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

Diamond Foundation, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/www.diamond-foundation.org

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

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

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

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firstuomaha.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 and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

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

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

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Contemporary service Saturday night at 5:30pm

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

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

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

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

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

OUTLinc, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, www.outlinc.org

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, 1719 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 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, www.secondunitarianomaha.org, GLBT 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

TOP, Taking Our Places, meets 2nd Saturdays at 6pm at Rainbow Outreach Center

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

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

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

LINCOLN BASED

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter: Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pilagcornhusker.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-glbtc.com/>
UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org
Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org
Iowa Equality, GLBT-allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:
Door 19, 1901 Leavenworth 402-933-3033
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street 402-344-3103
Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 402-346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 402-341-0330

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

IA Rep. King Backtracks on Rape, Incest Comment

BY Michelle Garcia.

Iowa Rep. Steve King is backtracking from comments he made in a report, claiming he's not aware of any women who were impregnated due to incest or rape.

King told KMEG News that he did not want to comment on his House colleague Rep. Todd Akin, who he still praised as a "strong Christian man." Then King added that pregnancy from incest or statutory rape is not "a circumstance that's been brought to me in any personal way, and I'd be open to discussion about that subject matter."

King now says the quote was taken out of context, and that he does not personally know any women who have become pregnant because of rape or incest.

According to Talking Points Memo, a 1996 Guttmacher Institute report says that half of all underage females who become pregnant are impregnated by adult men.

King is one of the more conservative House members, and earlier this year said LGBT people have the "responsibility" to stay closeted in the workplace in order to avoid being fired due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. Last month, King worked with Akin, introducing an amendment to the Defense



Appropriations bill that would bar same-sex couples from marrying at military facilities and prohibit military chaplains from performing the ceremonies.

Akin, King, and Rep. Paul Ryan, worked together to introduce H.R. 3, which would have restricted federal abortion funding only to women who were victims of "forcible rape." That language was later dropped.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS, MR. GRAHAM.
PLEASE...CALL ME KYLE. AND I'M GLAD I CAN HELP OUT.



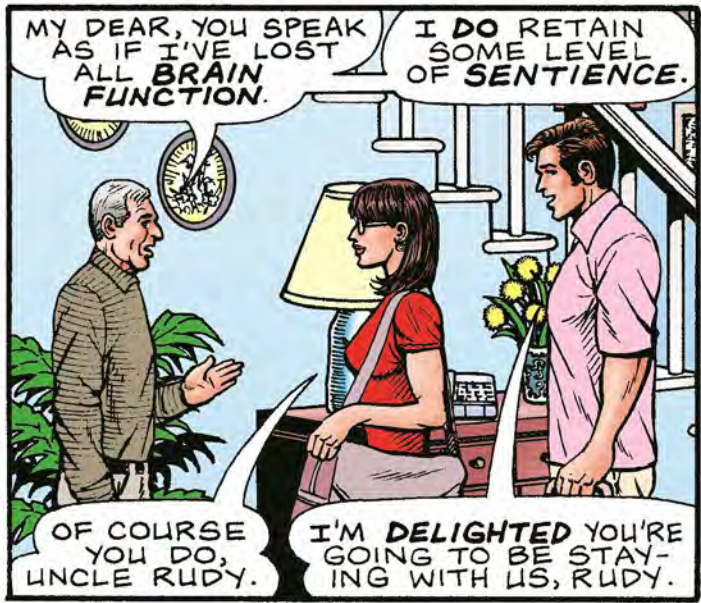
THE ADULT CARE FACILITY WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE MY UNCLE FOR A FEW MORE MONTHS.

BUT I COULDN'T HAVE HIM LIVING ALONE ANY LONGER IN HIS GREENWICH VILLAGE APARTMENT.



HE'S GETTING ON IN HIS YEARS NOW, AND...

...HE REALLY NEEDS SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER HIM.



MY DEAR, YOU SPEAK AS IF I'VE LOST ALL BRAIN FUNCTION.

I DO RETAIN SOME LEVEL OF SENTIENCE.

OF COURSE YOU DO, UNCLE RUDY.

I'M DELIGHTED YOU'RE GOING TO BE STAYING WITH US, RUDY.



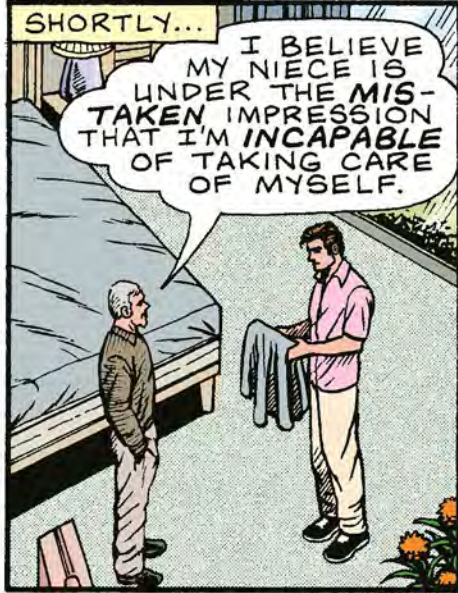
ARE YOU? I'M AFRAID I DON'T SHARE YOUR ENTHUSIASM.

AND I CAN'T SAY I CARE FOR THIS... SKI CHALET DECOR.



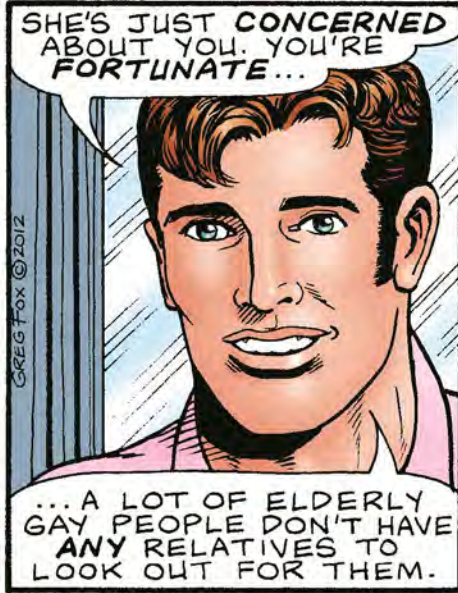
WELL, MAYBE YOU CAN GIVE ME SOME DECORATING TIPS!

C'MON...LET'S GO GET YOU SETTLED INTO YOUR ROOM.



SHORTLY...

I BELIEVE MY NIECE IS UNDER THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT I'M INCAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF MYSELF.



SHE'S JUST CONCERNED ABOUT YOU. YOU'RE FORTUNATE...

...A LOT OF ELDERLY GAY PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ANY RELATIVES TO LOOK OUT FOR THEM.



"ELDERLY"? MY GOODNESS, KYLE... I'M ONLY IN MY EIGHTIES.

OH, I...I'M SORRY. AND EARLY EIGHTIES, AT THAT...

Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Only the wisest and stupidest of men never change according to Confucius. I did not score a sixteen hundred on my SAT and I did not just fall off the turnip truck. It appears I should have some change left in me old bones before I exit this world. Change can be healthy and can be just what the good doctor ordered.

Change can be eliminating all meat from your diet after years of ordering Big Macs and Whoppers. Change can be exercising each day after your messy divorce from your remote control. Change can be getting that unexpected job promotion and having your subordinates refer to you as Big Daddy.

The greatest change that occurs in life is the one that takes place now. It is the one that will take place tomorrow. It is also the one that took place yesterday. The one constant through all these changes has and will be the perseverance to keep moving on that uncharted journey.

I do not believe that any one moment in life is more important than another. Life is a compilation of moments that would be incomplete if some of those moments were to vanish on the journey through life. Your painting needs every stroke to produce the effect of a complete picture as you make your way through this journey.

This transformative experience is happening every day and all throughout every day. I have found that perseverance squires us through this journey and helps us create our masterpieces. The paint may vary in color and the brush strokes may vary in speed, but we always continue to dapple the canvas through our changes.

Admire the beauty that each stroke adds to your painting and gain a better appreciation for what the finished product will look like. Each step in this process holds a significance that contributes meaningful change and leads toward that fait accompli.

That day in third grade when you learned how to spell mushroom was a great change in your life. It was an amazing change in junior high school when you realized girls weren't so bad after all. There was even that change at twenty-six years of age when you realized your parents were actually right about so many things in life.

Continue with these healthy changes in your life. With each change the world gets to see a better and more complete image of you.

You will know when your portrait is finally ready to hang in the museum. For one moment, you will be the wisest man and you will be ready to exhibit your work of art for all to see...forever.

This wellness article is brought to you by that guy with sporadic strokes of genius. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be found painting the town red at Small Town Big City Radio.com.



**250 South 77th Street, Suite A
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	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

VENDORS NEEDED

If you have a small business and would like to sell your wares at the upcoming AUTUMN BAZAAR on Saturday October 13, 2012, tables are available for \$20.00 a table. The event will be held at 819 S. 22nd Street Omaha Nebraska. The time will be from 10am-4pm. Tables will be available for inside or outside setup. Space is limited so book your table today. If anyone has any questions please contact Kevin Marik at 402 658-8494 or email bigred1997@hotmail.com.

This will be the beginning of a fun-filled day with an evening concert from 7-9pm to follow. Lunch will be available for all vendors and shoppers.

SEPTEMBER 2012

SUNDAY, 9TH - 9PM

"My 40th Birthday Roast"

Presented by Chandler Chubbs

SATURDAY, 15TH - 7PM

"Drag It Out for Hope"

Presented by Mr Max MI Phil Latio

SUNDAY, 23RD - 9PM

Miss Missouri Valley USofA Pageant

SATURDAY, 29TH - 7PM

"Max Family Turnabout"

Presented by ICON

SUNDAY, 30TH - 10PM

"Dance Party Hits"

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