



## Third Annual Neighborhood Night Out Celebration

On Tuesday, August 7, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha will be having its Third Annual Neighborhood Night Out Celebration.

The party will be from 5:00 to 8:30pm. MCC will invite the neighborhood and the community to enjoy an evening of food, games, music, and entertainment. We will be having delicious food again this year! The Bouncy House will return, a DJ is going to perform, and we will have a ton of games and activities for children. There will also, once again, be the school supply giveaway. We are inviting the police and a fire truck to be part of the festivities. The mayor will be present as well as other city and state politicians. We are anticipating hundreds of people to be in attendance, as part of the nationwide National Night Out Celebration. This will be a great opportunity to gather as a community. This is a huge event that, in the past, has been covered by the local news and has been attended by the mayor of Omaha. And it's going to be a lot of fun! You do not want to miss it!



We will also need donations for school supplies: Pencils, Pens, Erasers, Crayons, School Boxes, Spiral Notebooks. (Times haven't changed, if you needed it when you were in school, its most likely still needed). These items will go to families who might otherwise not be able to afford it. We will also need donations of bottled water for the picnic. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! If you want to donate, but don't have the time to shop, we will gladly do the shopping for you. Please drop off your donation in the church office at 819 S 22nd St Omaha, NE 68108. If you have questions you may call Metropolitan Community Church at 402-945-2563.

## Cops See Hate Crime in Woman's Mutilation

By Melissa Abbey, CNN

(CNN) -- Three masked men allegedly bound a woman and carved words into her skin, police in Lincoln, Nebraska, said Monday.

The incident has been classified as a hate crime because a derogatory term for lesbians was painted inside the home, said Officer Katie Flood, a spokeswoman for the Lincoln Police Department.



Someone had carved words into the woman's body, police said, but investigators declined to elaborate. In addition, someone poured gasoline around the house and lit it, but the fire did little damage, police said.

After the attack, the woman made her way to the home of a neighbor, Linda Rapp, who said she feared bad news about her husband, who is in hospice, when she heard someone knocking on her door before dawn Sunday.

What she saw instead was her 33-year-old neighbor, she said, naked and bleeding.

"I was in shock," Rapp said. "She was naked, her hands were tied with zip ties. All I could see was a cut across her forehead and blood running down."

The woman was sobbing. Rapp, 68, brought her neighbor inside and wrapped her in a blanket before calling 911.

"She had cuts on her arms and legs but I didn't want to humiliate her and stare," she said.

It looked like she had endured torture, Rapp said.

"Some of the blood that was on her -- that had run down her legs -- was dried so I don't know how long it was before she got

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away."

When word got out about the attack -- and the words carved into the woman's skin and painted onto the walls -- people responded with anger and sadness on social media.

Word of the incident spread quickly, said Tyler Richard, president of Outline, a non-profit organization for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community in Lincoln. Members of the LGBT community organized a vigil at the capitol building Sunday night that he estimates more than 500 people attended.

"The most powerful thing to me was the amount of people there, the amount of people that wanted to support and say this is not something we're going to stand for in our community," he said.

The city and its police force will do everything they can to "ensure that justice is done," Mayor Chris Beutler said Monday.

"Hate crimes are despicable and appalling to me and to all Lincoln residents," the mayor said in a statement. "Lincoln strives to be a community that embraces tolerance and equality. We stand united with our gay and lesbian citizens in denouncing violence directed at any group."

Though Rappl couldn't attend the vigil, she said it is good for the woman "to know how many people care about her and sup-  
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port her."

The women have been neighbors for about seven years and have become good friends, she said.

Rappl said her neighbor recently lost her job and had been spending her time volunteering with local children.

"Apparently, though, through that job someone let her know that she had no business working with children because she was a lesbian," Rappl said. "She is a wonderful, beautiful person. I couldn't ask for a better neighbor."

The woman lives openly as a lesbian, Richard said.

She helps her rake leaves and shovel snow, Rappl said; she also mows the lawn each week for neighbors who don't have mowers.

"She even apologized to my foster son for waking him up," she said.

She said the woman is out of the hospital and staying in an emergency shelter.

## Mike Huckabee Calls For National 'Chick-Fil-A Appreciation Day'

Mike Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas and Fox News host, has had enough of what he called the "vicious hate speech and intolerant bigotry" aimed at Chick-fil-A.

On his Facebook page, Huckabee announced that Aug. 1 will be "Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day," a day on which he is encouraging people to patronize the fast food chain.

The former presidential candidate is upset that the fast food chicken chain has been the target of criticism in the wake of Chick-fil-A President Dan Cathy's saying last week that his company supports "the biblical definition of the family unit."

The National Organization for Marriage, a group organized to oppose same-sex marriage, called him a "corporate hero for marriage," while others were quick to condemn his comments.

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino even went so far as to tell the Boston Herald that "Chick-fil-A doesn't belong in Boston."

"You can't have a business in the city of Boston that discriminates against a population," he said, according to the Herald. "We're an open city, we're a city that's at the forefront of inclusion."



And on Friday, the Jim Henson Company, the group behind "The Muppets" and "Fraggle Rock," released a statement saying it has "notified Chick-fil-A that we do not wish to partner with them on any future endeavors." Jim Henson's "Creature Shop" toys are currently available in the company's kid's meals.

Huckabee further explained the purpose of his pro-Chick-fil-A campaign on his Facebook Page:

The goal is simple: Let's affirm a business that operates on Christian principles and whose executives are willing to take a stand for the Godly values we espouse by simply showing up and eating at Chick Fil-A on Wednesday, August 1. Too often, those on the left make corporate statements to show support for same sex marriage, abortion, or profanity, but if Christians affirm traditional values, we're considered homophobic, fundamentalists, hate-mongers, and intolerant.

State Sen. Dan Patrick (R-Texas) and the group Concerned Women for America have promoted the event, which is not affiliated with Chick-fil-A.

So far, more than 80,000 people have signed up to participate in the event.

## Church of England Objects to Gay Marriage

By ROBERT BARR | Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The Church of England and Roman Catholic bishops of England and Wales formally objected Tuesday to the government's proposal to permit gay marriages, both asserting that their historic understanding is that marriage is the union of a woman and a man.

Prime Minister David Cameron is backing a proposal to permit civil marriages for gay couples, despite the strong opposition of some lawmakers in his Conservative Party. Gay couples are already allowed to have civil partnerships, with the first such ceremony in 2005.

The churches' responses were released on the day when the traditional marriage group Coalition for Marriage delivered a petition with more than half a million signatures to Cameron's office, opposing the change. Thursday is the deadline for public comment, which the government will consider in drafting legislation.

"The uniqueness of the institution of marriage is based on the fact that the human person exists as both male and female and that their union for the purpose of procreation, mutual support and love has, over the centuries of human history, formed a stable unit which we call the family," the Catholic bishops argued.

Home Secretary Theresa May said the government didn't want to impose anything on any religious organization. "We won't be asking anybody to do anything that does against their conscience," said May, whose department is leading the consultation.

With attendance continuing to fall, the Church of England's influence has waned. Perhaps mindful of that, much of the

Church of England's criticism of gay marriage focused on legal issues rather than quoting scripture. The response from the church's bishops and the Archbishops' Council argued that gay couples already have many of the legal benefits of marriage through civil partnerships and worried that churches could ultimately be required to perform same-sex marriages.

"To change the nature of marriage for everyone will be divisive and deliver no obvious legal gain given the rights already conferred by civil partnerships," the church said. "We believe that imposing for essentially ideological reasons a new meaning on a term as familiar and fundamental as marriage would be deeply unwise."

Gay marriage backers pointed out that the legislation would only focus on civil marriages and would exempt religious groups from any duty to perform same-sex marriages.

Peter Tatchell, a leader of the Equal Love campaign for gay marriage, accused the church of "scaremongering, exaggerating the effects of same-sex marriage and advocating legal discrimination."

Ben Summerskill, chief executive of the gay rights organization Stonewall, said "many bishops in the Church of England today will be rather pleased because once again they are not talking about global poverty or the HIV pandemic, they are talking about the subject that obsesses them, and that is sex."

The Church of England's traditional stance on marriage contrasts with its evolving attitude toward gender. It has admitted women to the priesthood, and is embroiled in a contentious debate about allowing women to serve as bishops.

About a fourth of weddings in England take place in Church of England churches, which are legally obligated to provide a marriage service for any resident of a local parish who wishes it, regardless of church membership.

The issue has caused friction between Cameron, who is allowing party members to vote their conscience on the legislation, and Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, who expects all members of his Liberal Democrat party to support the change.

Cameron told his party conference in October that the issue was about equality and commitment.

"Conservatives believe in the ties that bind us; that society is stronger when we make vows to each other and support each other. So I don't support gay marriage despite being a Conservative. I support gay marriage because I'm a Conservative," Cameron said.

The Catholic bishops accused the government of moving hastily on the issue "based only on two very brief party conference announcements."

"This proposal, which has the potential to impact so immensely on the social stability of our society and which has significant implications for the unique institution of marriage and of family life, appears not to have been subject to such careful study and analysis," the Catholic bishops said.

The Muslim Council of Britain has joined the opposition. Its Muslims Defending Marriage Campaign asserts that "our creator, Allah, has elevated this institution and conferred upon it blessings unique to it alone."

## Episcopal Church Expected To OK Liturgy for Same-Sex Couples

**The Episcopal Church is expected to become the first major denomination to endorse a ritual specifically for gay and lesbian couples who want to get married.** (Noel Celisnoel Celis/AFP/Getty Images)

By Laura J. Nelson

Sixteen years after allowing gays and lesbians to become priests, the Episcopal Church appears poised to introduce a rite that would specifically bless the unions of same-sex couples.

If the liturgy is approved, which is expected, Episcopalians will become the first major denomination to endorse such a ritual for homosexual couples.

On its face, the blessing seems similar to that of a marriage rite -- including "I do," "we have gathered together today" and an exchange of rings. Notably absent are the words "husband," "wife" and "marriage."

Supporters of the liturgy emphasize that the rite would acknowledge and bless same-sex unions, but would not sanctify them as marriage in most states. Churches in states where gay



marriage is legal -- six, as well as Washington, D.C. -- have had the option of blessing gay marriage, but do not currently use a formal liturgy.

"While the liturgy we have developed is not called 'marriage,' we recognize significant parallels," the committee wrote in its handbook on blessing same-sex marriages, called "I Bless You, And You Will Be a Blessing." "Two people publicly make a lifelong, monogamous commitment to one another with the exchange of solemn vows in a ritual that pronounces God's blessing on their life together."

Three years ago, the church's General Convention authorized the creation of the rite. The convention meets every three years.

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# GETTING ALONG WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

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No matter how wonderful your life is, it's impossible to avoid difficult people. These unpleasant folks may be your neighbors, coworkers, family, clients, boss or even your partner. Regardless of who they are, how are you going to get along with them? You can't just blow them off and run away (they have a way of finding you). You need to find ways to make peace with them, no matter how stupid, obnoxious or unpleasant they are. Here are some ways to start:

**Know Yourself:** Take some time and figure out what kind of people drive you "crazy", e.g., who in your life can really push your buttons? These pain-in-the-ass people (I call them "PITAs") are your triggers. When you notice one of your PITAs is triggering you, what can you do? How can you avoid being a "victim" of someone else's lousy unhappiness?

**Watch Your Body:** Most of us feel stress/tension/worry when we're around our PITAs. Notice what happens to your body when you're around them. Where does the stress and tension show up? Imagine that you're talking with your least favorite person in the world: notice what's going on in your body. Where do you feel physical sensations? Many of us, when we're around difficult people, feel our shoulders and necks get rigid. Often we "stuff" our anger/frustration in our stomach. Some of us lock our jaws or tighten up our eyes. We all have our own ways of how our bodies react to the PITAs in our life. We can use this to change how we habitually respond to them.

**PITAs at Work:** Our private lives are usually easier to control, but what about our work life? At work, we're often stuck dealing with difficult people, whether they're customers, coworkers or supervisors. While you're at work, what can you do to help yourself handle your PITAs more easily?

Get some physical exercise before you come to work, during breaks or at lunch. Hit the gym on the way to work, take a walk around the building during a break or go for a brisk stroll at lunch.

After a challenging day at work, when you get home, do something fun and/or relaxing, e.g., play with your pets or your kids, do a little yoga, meditation, prayer, hang out in nature, listen to music you like, enjoy some gardening or reading.

While at work, limit your caffeine and sugar intake and you'll have fewer emotional ups and downs. When not at work, limit alcohol: it messes up deep sleep patterns so that - the next day - your PITAs can easily irritate you.

At lunchtime, notice what foods make you sleepy or groggy and which ones leave you alert and energized when you're back at

your desk. Before you leave for work, eat something for breakfast. It's not good to go to work on an empty stomach: you're more likely to be moody and let a difficult person get to you. All day long: drink lots of water: it gets electrolytes to your brain and helps you think more clearly: a good skill to have when dealing with your PITAs.

**Watch your Self-Talk:** What do you tell yourself when someone obnoxious starts to piss you off? Imagine a situation where you've been insulted by a difficult client. Got it? Now try these 3 steps to change your self-talk:

- Notice what you're thinking ("All my clients are morons".)
- Stop thinking that thought (think "Delete" or "Erase")
- Substitute another thought in the same vein that is positive or at least neutral ("I can handle a few difficult clients". Or "Most of my clients are good people. This too will pass.")

**Your Ideal Relaxation Place (IRP):** Here's a secret weapon in the war against the PITAs: Close your eyes and visualize the most peaceful place you've ever been. What it was like? Really experience it with all your senses; feel as if you're really there. This place - your Ideal Relaxation Place (IRP) - is your secret weapon against difficult people. Your IRP is always there when you need it, because it's all in your mind. You can go there any time you need to escape from those evil PITAs. If you have 10 seconds, you can go there quickly. If you have 20-30 seconds, even better.

**Problems with sleeping:** If you don't sleep well, you're more vulnerable to people pushing your buttons. Here are some suggestions for getting a good night's sleep: Avoid intense exercise or eating within 3 hours of sleep time. Don't watch the news or read newspapers at this time either: you don't want to take those "death, doom & disaster" thoughts to sleep with you. If you're physically tense, a hot bath with Epson salts helps your muscles relax.

**Take good care of yourself:** We really do have a choice in how we respond to difficult people; we're not helpless little victims. Knowing yourself and taking good care of yourself minimizes how much your PITAs will be able to push your buttons and piss you off. By watching how your body reacts to difficult people and being aware of the food and drink you put in it, you'll have more control over what you used to think were "automatic" or "gut" reactions to all those annoying people in your life. Try the IRP visualization when someone annoys you and do your best to minimize negative self-talk.

**Aim for improvement, not perfection:** No one's perfect: we all lose it now and then. Don't beat yourself up if you get irritated at one of your PITAs. Instead, forgive yourself, apologize (if necessary) and get back on track. Eventually, fewer and fewer people will be able to drive you "crazy" and those pain-in-the-ass people will start to leave you alone because they'll no longer get a reaction out of you. They'll start to bother other people instead, and you'll no longer feel like a "victim" of anyone else's lousy mood/day/life. Some people call this "happiness". Check it out.



## Will LA's Proposed Adult Film Condom Law Actually Reduce STDs?

By: Daniel Villarreal

In November, Los Angeles will vote on whether to require porn studios to use condoms in their productions.

But the law wouldn't apply to blow jobs—a mid-risk activity for contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Not only does oral expose porn performers to STDs like gonorrhea and hepatitis, but a bunch of other STDs can be passed by skin-on-skin contact; ones such as mollescum, herpes, genital warts and HPV, which can become cancerous if left undetected.

Furthermore, Los Angeles might not have enough resources to actively enforce the law with surprise checks on sets. Instead, health enforcers would have to depend heavily on people reporting non-compliant studios and the fining said studios after actors have already been potentially exposed to STDs.

According to LA Weekly, some porn producers say they will simply skirt the law if it goes into effect by simply filming outside city limits.

That's not to say that a law requiring condoms is a bad thing—it's worth having even if it saves even only one life.

The 1970 Occupational Safety and Health Act already requires businesses to protect employees from blood-borne pathogens by equipping them with protective barriers such as face masks, goggles and latex gloves—but porn producers argue that the law only applies to medical clinics and not porn studios.

That, and all that gear might be a real turn-off any porn lovers without a "bad doctor" fetish.

So while LA should receive kudos for trying to protect its porn stars, one has to wonder just how many diseases the potential law will prevent when it excludes oral sex and punishes studios only after they have broken the law.

Is there a better way cash-strapped LA and California state can protect adult film stars? We'd love to hear your thoughts.

## 130 House Representatives Present Strike Against DOMA

130 members of Congress filed a joint amicus brief supportive of a lesbian couple challenging DOMA in court.

By Michelle Garcia.



**Karen Golinski (right) and wife Amy Cunningham**

One-hundred thirty members of Congress filed a joint amicus brief supportive of a lesbian couple challenging the so-called Defense of Marriage Act in court.

Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and all four openly gay members of the House, representatives Tammy Baldwin, Barney Frank, David Cicilline, and Jared Polis signed the brief released Tuesday for Golinski v. Office of Personnel Management. Karen Golinski, a federal court employee, sued the government after being denied equal spousal benefits for her wife that her colleagues in heterosexual marriages have access to under Section 3 of DOMA.

The brief argues that Section 3 of DOMA undermines Congress's legitimate interests, while also arguing that Section 3 is harmful because it was a clear, discriminatory strike against LGBT people and same-sex couples.

The Department of Justice recently asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the Golinski case, along with Massachusetts v. Department of Health and Human Services. The House's Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group (BLAG), with Pelosi and Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer strongly objecting, hired outside lawyers to defend DOMA in court under the direction of Speaker John Boehner.

The brief also states that the BLAG lawyers do not speak for the entire House, and that not all representatives agree on the validity of DOMA.

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**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: [EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST** 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

**HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM  
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**HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP** 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, NE.

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**ONE PROMISE GROUP**, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

**RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE**, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

**SECOND UNITARIAN**, 9:30 & 11:30am Sunday service, Vespers Service 4th Sunday at 5pm, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE 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 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](mailto:aanderson@hastings.edu) or Judy Sandeen at [jsandeen@hastings.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

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

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:GOg-1bt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOg1bt.org](http://www.GOg1bt.org) for

info

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ecuomaha@live.com)  
Web: [www.ecuomaha.org](http://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](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**3rd Wednesday**

**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](mailto:info@heartlandpride.org), or find  
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**3rd Sunday**

**BCA 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.

**ROSES & HANGING BASKETS**

A teenage granddaughter comes down-  
stairs for her date With this see-through  
blouse on and no bra.

Her grandmother just pitched a fit, telling  
her not to dare go out like that!

The teenager tells her "Loosen up Grams.  
These are modern times. You gotta let  
your rose buds show!" And out she goes.

The next day the teenager comes down  
stairs, and the grandmother is sitting there  
with no top on.

The teenager wants to die. She explains  
to her grandmother that she has friends  
coming over and that it is just not appro-  
priate....

The grandmother says, "Loosen up,  
Sweetie. If you can show off your rose  
buds, then I can display my hanging bas-  
kets."

**IT'S SO HOT IN NEBRASKA...**

.....the birds have to use potholders to pull  
the worms out of the ground.  
.....the trees are whistling for the dogs.  
.....the best parking place is determined  
by shade instead of distance.  
.....hot water comes from both taps.  
.....you can make sun tea instantly.  
.....you learn that a seat belt buckle makes  
a pretty good branding iron.  
.....the temperature drops below 90 F and  
you feel a little chilly.  
.....you discover that in July it only takes  
two fingers to steer your car.  
.....you discover that you can get sun-

burned through your car window.

.....you actually burn your hand opening the  
car door.

.....you break into a sweat the instant you step  
outside... at 7:30 A.M.

.....your biggest motorcycle wreck fear is,  
"What if I get knocked out and end up lying  
on the pavement and cook to death?"

.....you realize that asphalt has a liquid stage.  
.....the potatoes cook underground, so all you  
have to do is pull one out and add butter.

.....the cows are giving evaporated milk.

.....farmers are feeding their chickens crushed  
ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.

**IT'S SO DRY IN NEBRASKA...** that  
the Baptists are starting to baptize by sprin-  
kling, the Methodists are using wet-wipes, the  
Presbyterians are giving rain checks, and the  
Catholics are praying for the wine to turn back  
into water!

**Lovemaking Tips For Seniors**

1. Wear your glasses to make sure your part-  
ner is actually in the bed.
2. Set timer for 3 minutes, in case you doze  
off in the middle.
3. Set the mood with lighting. (Turn them  
ALL OFF!)
4. Make sure you put 911 on your speed dial  
before you begin.
5. Write partner's name on your hand in case  
you can't remember..
6. Use extra polygrip so your teeth don't end  
up under the bed.
7. Have Tylenol ready in case you actually  
complete the act..
8. Make all the noise you want...the neigh-  
bors are deaf, too.
9. If it works, call everyone you know with  
the good news!!
10. Don't even think about trying it twice.

**And then the Fight Started**

My wife was hinting about what she wanted  
for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I  
want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150  
in about 3 seconds."

I bought her a bathroom scale.

# 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](http://www.CampKindle.org)

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Diamond Foundation**, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/[www.diamond-foundation.org](http://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](http://www.firstcentral.org), GLBT-affirming

**First Lutheran Church**, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly [www.firstlutheranomaha.org](http://www.firstlutheranomaha.org)

**First Unitarian Church**, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, [www.firstuomaha.org](http://www.firstuomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

**First United Methodist Church**, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, [www.fumcomaha.org](http://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](mailto:GOglbt@cfep-ne.org) or see [www.GOglbt.org](http://www.GOglbt.org) for info

**Heartland Pride** [www.heartlandpride.org](http://www.heartlandpride.org), email: [info@heartlandpride.org](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, [www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org](http://www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org)

**Inclusive Life** 402-575-7006 [www.inclusivelife.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://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](http://www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com)

**Nebraska Zen Center**, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, [www.prairiewindzen.org](http://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](mailto:Theohanagroup@msn.com)

**Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp1@cox.net](mailto:ongp1@cox.net)

**Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League**, See [www.oglbtsports.com](http://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](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUTLinc**, group to put together a community center in Lincoln. PO Box 84253, Lincoln, NE 68501-4253, [www.outline.org](http://www.outline.org)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.rainbowpride.org) for info

**River City Gender Alliance**, for info see [www.rcga.org](http://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](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH**, 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, [www.secondunitarianomaha.org](http://www.secondunitarianomaha.org), GLBT Welcoming Congregation

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sindu.s@gmail.com)

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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, 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](http://www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org)

**Council Bluffs Pride, [www.councilbluffspride.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:Gayzette@cox.net)**

*(Episcopal Church Expected to OK Liturgy for Same-Sex  
Couples, Continued from page 7)*

A hearing on the liturgy is slated for Saturday, but a vote has not yet been scheduled.

Passing official recognition for gay couples would be a major advance for gay congregants, Bishop Charles E. Bennison Jr. of the Diocese of Pennsylvania told the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Bennison is a member of the legislative committee that will present the measure. A 300-member House of Bishops and a 800-member House of Deputies must both approve the same-sex liturgy for it to become official.

The laity and clergy who make up the House of Deputies might find it easier than the bishops to pass the blessing because they can also pass the buck more easily, Bennison said. Bishops could draw ire for approving it if some in their diocese perceive gay marriage as an affront to Christian values.

“For some people, it's going to be troubling,” Bennison told the Inquirer. “For others, it's going to be thrilling.”

A commission on liturgy and music spent three years putting together the proposed blessing, which includes a script for responses from the congregation, a series of faith reflections for the couple and a discussion guide for congregants who are curious or upset.

The team collected blessings from hundreds of sources, including churches in Iowa, Utah and North Carolina. Several diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada, also a member of the world-

wide Anglican Communion, contributed liturgies as well.

Episcopalians may not agree on the definition of marriage, or with what the Bible says about divorce and sexuality, the discussion guide acknowledges. But, it says, Christians “do agree on matters of the greatest importance -- the love and salvation offered by Jesus Christ.”

# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

WAIT... SO, YOU TWO AREN'T DATING ANYMORE?

THAT'S RIGHT, KYLE.

WE DECIDED WE'RE BETTER OFF AS FRIENDS.

REALLY? AND THERE'S NO DRAMA... NO BAD FEELINGS... NO BROKEN CRYSTAL SCULPTURES?

OH, KYLE... WE'RE MUCH MORE CIVILIZED THAN THAT.

LH-HUH.

ANYWAY... I'M OFF TO SUNKEN MEADOW FOR A WALK. FEEL LIKE COMING ALONG, KRISTIAN?

CERTAINLY.

WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THERE'S MORE TO THIS STORY THAN I'M HEARING?

OR EVER WILL HEAR?

SHORTLY, AT SUNKEN MEADOW...

YOUR FRIENDS IN JAMAICA RECEIVED THE MONEY?

YAH, MON. IT WILL BE ENORMOUSLY HELPFUL.

I'M GLAD.

I STILL DO NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND HOW YOU COULD FORGIVE PRICE ... AFTER WHAT HE ATTEMPTED.

OR FORGIVE ME, TOO... FOR MY PART IN HIS MADNESS.

YOU REDEEMED YOURSELF BEFORE ANY HARM WAS DONE, KRISTIAN. AND PRICE, WELL...

... THE ONLY PERSON HE ENDED UP HURTING WAS HIMSELF.

RICHARD, I WANTED TO TELL YOU... EVEN THOUGH OUR "RELATIONSHIP" WAS ONLY AN ACT... TO FOOL PRICE...

... I HAVE COME TO CARE ABOUT YOU VERY MUCH.

I AM NOT READY RIGHT NOW FOR A ROMANTIC INVOLVEMENT... WITH ANYONE. BUT SOMEDAY... WHEN I AM... PERHAPS YOU AND I...?

WELL, IF I'M AVAILABLE THEN, KRISTIAN... I'LL CONSIDER IT.

HAHA... I AM GLAD YOU ARE NOT DENIGRATING YOURSELF ANY LONGER.

MMM... A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE TAUGHT ME TO STOP DOING THAT...

# Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake



Remember that last Harry Potter movie with the seven Harry Potters. This is kind of like that except with seven Ron Blake's...six of them dead. The best health and fitness plan is that which involves reading other people's obituaries each morning. Here are some portions of "my" obituaries I've been reading lately with my oatmeal and orange juice.

Ronald Blake of Granbury, 68, passed away on May 9, 2012. Memorial service: Wednesday May 30, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Joe Brown Memorial Chapel, 425 S. Henderson in Fort Worth. Ron was born in Oklahoma City. Then his family moved to Minburn, Iowa where he was raised with his brother, John. He graduated from Northeast Missouri State University and began a 28 year law enforcement career as a federal agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Des Moines and later Los Angeles.

Colonel Ron Blake passed away on Saturday, January 19, 2008, after a 10-year battle with cancer. Born in Wichita, Kansas, on May 15, 1940, Ron attended Wichita West High School. He was active in sports, a member of the Letterman's Club, and a class president before graduating in June 1958. Ron received a BBA Degree in Industrial Management from the University of Texas, and an MBA Degree from East Texas State University in Industrial and Personnel Management. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi International Fraternity.

Ronald Blake, 62, died December 3, 2010 at Crozer Chester Medical Center. Service: Funeral Service Friday December 10, 2010 at 11 AM at Temple Baptist Church, 7th & Butler Sts., Chester. Visitation: From 9 AM at church Burial: Chester Rural Cemetery.

Coach Ron Blake, 58, a resident of Elkins departed this life on Sunday morning, November 29, 2009 at his home after an extended illness. Coach Blake was born on Wednesday, March 21, 1951 in Fayetteville, West Virginia to the late James Ronald Blake Sr. and the late Freddie Zane Coleman Blake. Married twice, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Loretta Grace Armstrong. On November 20, 1993, he married Judy Mae Novallis who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Andrew Patrick Blake and wife Jamie of Charles Town, West Virginia; Christopher Adam Blake of Washington, DC; two step-children, Peter Christopher Novallis and wife Ashley of Morgantown and September Howard and husband Matthew of Fairmont; one grand-child, Carter Benjamin Blake of Charles Town and one step-grandson, Levi Howard of Fairmont.

Ronald Blake passed away on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. He will be missed by family and friends. A memorial service will be held Friday, June 15, at 1 p.m., Boonville Cemetery. A potluck will follow services.

ROME — Ronald Blake, 76, of Rome, Ohio, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at home. Friends will be received from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 5th, at The Behm Family Funeral Home, 175 S. Broadway, Geneva, Ohio. Funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. Burial will be in

Hartsgrove Cemetery, Hartsgrove Township.

Ron Blake would have loved to watch another sunset. Ron Blake would have loved to enjoy one more Christmas with his family. Ron Blake would have loved to play cards and drink beers with his friends on another Tuesday night. Ron Blake plans on doing all those things over the next year and many more to come. Here's a toast to good health for as long as it lasts!

This wellness article is brought to you by that guy with perfect pallbearer posture. That guy hoping Ron Blake rests in peace is Ron Blake and he can be found lying flowers at the graves at SmallTownBigCityRadio.com.



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