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## Equality House Counters the Hate Message of Westboro Baptist Church

For years, The Westboro Baptist Church has been pushing their message of hate onto the LGBTQ community. They have spewed their message of bigotry by protesting American soldier's funerals, speaking out publicly against America, preaching a message of hate against the gay community and targeting our youth.



To combat the message of the Westboro Baptist Church, Planting Peace has established the Equality House, a home located directly across the street from the WBC. The Equality House, painted the colors of the pride flag, is the FIRST 24 hour a day, 7 day a week, stance against the church and its message of hate... bringing love, peace and color into the Westboro Baptist Churches back yard.

In addition to our 24 hour presence in front of the church, Planting Peace is raising money to show the WBC how ineffective their message really is. We will counter their message of hate by creating and sustaining anti-bullying programs as well as

www.crowdrise.com/Planting-Peace to donate.



support programs already in existence

We invite you to support our movement and send a clear message that we want equality.

See http://

## Chipotle Cancels Sponsorship of Utah Boy Scout Event Over Antigay Policy

Despite originally saying the partnership would continue, a spokesman for the restaurant chain today confirmed a change.

By Sunnivie Brydum.

Chipotle Mexican Grill announced today that has cancelled its sponsorship of the Utah Scout-A-Rama, just one day after the company confirmed that the Boy Scouts' ban on gay members violates the company's antidiscrimination policy.



After initially saying it would continue to sponsor the event, Chipotle spokesman Chris Arnold told ThinkProgress that the decision had been reversed.

"By way of follow up, we have terminated our sponsorship of this event," wrote Arnold in an email to ThinkProgress's Josh Israel. "As I mentioned yesterday, community support decisions like this are made in a decentralized way and this one was in-(Continued on page 4)

### **Center Movie Night**

Come visit the Rainbow Outreach Center for a fun evening of entertainment, conversation, snacks and beverages. Movie begins every Friday night starting at 8pm. We have a large collection of gay themed movies. Center opens at 6PM and closes at 11PM every Friday. 3620 Leavenworth St. Off street parking. Look for the Rainbow signs above the Windows.

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Deadlines: Tuesday, Feb 5th for Publication Feb 8th Tuesday, Feb 19th for Publication Feb 22nd



#### (Chipotle Cancels Sponsorship, Continued from page 1)

consistent with our own policy. We believed that terminating the sponsorship and remaining consistent with our policy was the right thing to do, and we have reinforced our policy with the team that makes these decisions to try to prevent similar issues in the future."

ThinkProgress notes that the decision puts the restaurant chain back in accordance with its own corporate charitable giving policy, which mandates that the company "not support organizations that discriminate against a person or a group on the basis of age, political affiliation, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or religious belief."

## Heartland Pride Announces Scholarship Awards

Heartland Pride is currently accepting applications for their scholarship awards. This scholarship aims to assist Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer students or those who support the LGBTQ community. This scholarship is open to

anyone who will be studying full-time at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university located in Eastern Nebraska or Western Iowa during the 2013-2014 school year. This includes both Undergraduate and Graduate degree programs.



Heartland Pride is a 501(c) 3 Charitable Organization. Our mission is to celebrate and promote the history, diversity, and future pros-

perity of the LGBTQ community of the Heartland. Heartland Pride puts on an annual cultural celebration and festival. This year's annual Pride Celebration will be held on June 22 & 23 at Stinson Park in the Aksarben Village.

A total of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualifying applicants. Information about the scholarship and the application can be



found on our website at www.heartlandpride.org/scholarship. Applications are due by April 15, 2013. Completed applications should be mailed to Heartland Pride, P.O. Box 8273, Omaha, NE 68108.

Any questions regarding the Heartland Pride scholarship can be emailed to scholarships@heartlandpride.org. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15, 2013.

Please help spread the word about this great opportunity. If you know a high school senior or current college student that may be a good candidate, please have them apply.

### OMAHA STORM CHASERS AND DIVERSITY NIGHT

Join your friends and family for a night of fellowship, fun and baseball as the Omaha Storm Chasers will host Diversity Night. The Omaha Storm Chasers will be taking on the farm club of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Albequerque Isotopes.

This event will take place at Werner Park on Wed April 17, 2013 at 635pm. Tickets will be \$7.00.

Come out and listen to the River City Mixed Chorus as they



sing the National Anthem and the Community Organization of the night will be Metropolitan Community Church. Come out and support the community as someone from MCC-Omaha will throw out the first pitch and have a live interview on the field.

For details contact Kevin Marik at bigred1997@hotmail.com or call 402 658-8494. This is open to all GLBTA organizations and the more support we have from our community the better it will be.

Please feel free to pass along the info to other groups and lets get together as one community.

You don't want to miss this opportunity to Show Our Colors.

## The Hungry Homo

#### By Lisa Broadway-Savage

Since we covered beef in the first issue (Pepper Steak) and fish in the second (Panko Encrusted Swai), I thought I would throw out a nice chicken dish for you to try. I have no idea where my wife jacked this recipe, but I always get excited when she makes it. Lucky for me, she doesn't like mushrooms, so I get extra!

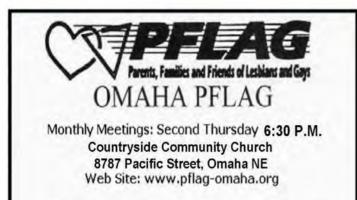
Although it sounds gourmet, this Chicken Marsala recipe is super easy to make, and it's sure to impress your next dinner date with your culinary skills. Let's face it, we all get excited when there's booze in the food. This dish works well with pasta as a side because you can pour the extra sauce on it.

### **Chicken Marsala**

#### **Ingredients:**

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves ¼ cup chopped green onion 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms ½ cup Marsala wine salt and pepper to taste





P.O. Box 390064 Omaha, NE 68139-0064 3/4 cup table cream

#### Directions:

- 1. Sauté chicken in a large skillet for 15-20 minutes until cooked through and juices run clear
- 2. Add green onion and mushrooms, sauté until soft
- 3. Add Marsala wine and bring to a boil

4. Boil 2-4 minutes, seasoning with salt and pepper to taste

5. Stir in cream and simmer until heated through, about 5 minutes



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## GLBT Equality Rally March 25th

In observance of the US Supreme Court hearing landmark Equality cases, Omaha gathers in community at 6:00pm Monday, March 25th for Equality Rally and Town Hall Meeting.

The rally is in advance of the Supreme Court hearing arguments in two historic equality cases that examine whether gay and lesbian Americans should have the same opportunities as everyone else.

The East Lawn of the First Unitarian Church at 31st and Harney will be the site for the March 25th 6:00pm Rally with both local and state elected representatives and regional GLBT Community Leaders including; Omaha City Council Person Ben Gray, Nebraska Sen. Sara Howard, Douglas County Commissioner Mike Boyle, Dr. Pat Tetreault, GLBT Youth Eric Inzauro, Nebraska Public Service Commissioner Anne Boyle, Author Ruth Marimo, River City Gender Alliance President Carla Cecilia Ruiz, Nebraska Legislative Candidate Tyler Richard, and Omaha GLBT Advocate Erin Anderson-Ravnholdt

Omaha Mayor Jim Suttle once said, "We can be the city of the 21st century, but to be there, we must welcome and embrace all people." This rally brings together a community of human beings regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity to champion Heartland Equality Issues.

"This is an important time for all Nebraskan's who support the freedom to marry to come together and show their support," said Royal Bush, Chaplain for Inclusive Life Pastoral Services in Omaha, NE. "It is eliminating 2nd class citizen status for the Gay and Lesbian community who deserve equal rights."

At 7:00pm, a Town Hall Meeting will be held in the Common Room at the First Unitarian Church. Many of the same elected officials and community leaders will be on hand to discuss and advance Heartland Equality Issues.

Local GLBT and allied organizations, including; PFLAG/Proud Horizons, Inclusive Communities, Imperial Court of Nebraska, Inclusive Life, Equal Omaha, and Heartland Pride will be on hand to share information about their group and how they can help.

In March of 2012, the City of Omaha passed an ordinance banning discrimination in employment and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Omaha is now among the ranks of most American major cities in barring discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Bush shared "It is time that Nebraska repeal 416 and move forward with equality for marriage, adoption, and statewide protections."

#### Contact:

Rev. Royal D. Bush, Multifaith Chaplain INCLUSIVE LIFE 3622 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68105 (402) 575-7006 OFFICE (402) 909-1668 TEXT www.inclusivelife.org Do you want change? Do you want to be heard? Do you want to hear what your elected officials and community leaders have to say about Equality Issues?



## **MONDAY March 25th 2013**

6:00 p.m. Rally 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting First Unitarian Church 31st and Harney

For updates, news and to help... search FaceBook: Metro Equality Rally and Town Hall Forum

On the eve of the US Supreme Court hearing 2 national equality cases; we gather in community for a rally and a town hall meeting to dialog with our political and community leaders, and to promote our vision of equality for our communities, cities and states.

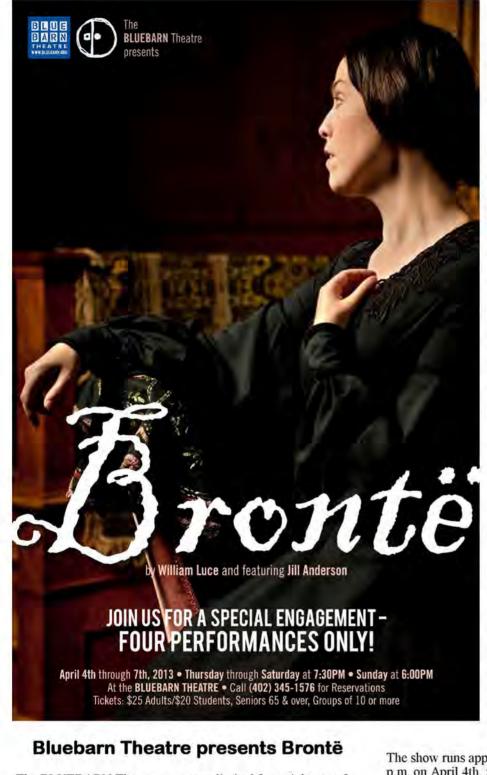
THE FOLLOWING PRESENTERS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED ...

Omaha City Council Person Ben Gray, Sen. Sara Howard, Douglas County Commissioner Mike Boyle, Dr. Pat Tetreault, Eric Inzauro, Nebraska Public Service Commissioner Anne Boyle, Author Ruth Marimo RCGA President Carla Cecilia Ruiz, Chaplain Royal Bush NE Legislative Candidate Tyler Richard, Advocate Erin Anderson-Ravnholdt

6:00 p.m RALLY: East Lawn of Church First Unitarian Church, 31st & Harney St.

7:00 p.m. TOWN HALL MEETING: Lower Level Social Hall Light snacks and beverage provided.

Local Community Organizations will be on hand to share their information. PFLAG/Proud Horizons, Inclusive Communities, Imperial Court of Nebraska, Inclusive Life, Equal Omaha, Heartland Pride, and Omaha Area GSA's have committed.



The BLUEBARN Theatre presents a limited four-night run of Brontë by William Luce. This 2011 sell-out drama was featured in Joslyn Castle's popular literary festival "Romance at the Castle: The Brontës." Its overwhelming popularity demanded a remount!

This one-woman play by award-winning playwright William Luce examines the life of famous English authoress, Charlotte Brontë, writer of the beloved classic, Jane Eyre.

In this powerful drama, Brontë returns home from the funeral of her last remaining sibling and begins life alone with her father in their remote North England parsonage. She reflects on the remarkable incidents, triumphs, tragedies and relationships that have brought her to the present moment and looks toward the future with hope and courage. It is an inspiring story filled with great humor, dazzling imagination and deep poignancy.

Performer Jill Anderson portrays Charlotte Brontë in this runaway success. Her local work has been seen at the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival, The BLUEBARN Theatre, Opera Omaha and the Omaha Community Playhouse, where her roles have included the adult female in Spring Awakening, Annie Sullivan in The Miracle Worker, and Millie in Thoroughly Modern Millie.

Ms. Anderson is a professional actress, musician and teacher. Her 25-year-long music and theatre career has taken her all over the United States. She has lived and worked in Chicago, Los Angeles and New York as well as Omaha. On the national level, she has worked for Milwaukee Rep Theatre, Barter Theatre in Virginia, the New York Festival of Song, Orlando Philharmonic, and many other organizations. Some of Jill's favorite roles have been Viola in Twelfth Night, Mrs. Lovett in Sweeney Todd, Charlotte Bronte in Brontë, and Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors. She currently resides in Omaha.

Among her many activities locally are concert and cabaret work, drama, recording, teaching, choreography, voice and drama coaching, work shopping, directing and therapeutic music. Ms. Anderson is also a recording artist. She has produced four CDs of Irish folk music.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students, seniors, members of T.A.G., and groups of 10 or more. Reservations are available at 402.345.1576. For more information, go to www.bluebarn.org.

Located at 614 SOUTH 11TH STREET, OMAHA, NE 68102, TEL (402) 345-1576

The show runs approximately 60 minutes and begins at 7:30 p.m. on April 4th, 5th, and 6th. The Sunday, April 7th show begins at 6:00 p.m.

The performances of Brontë will be followed by a Q & A with Ms. Anderson.

## **Marriage Equality**

#### By Chaplain Royal

Recently, the Green Street United Methodist Church announced its decision to stop performing heterosexual marriages, the Winston-Salem Journal reports. Instead, the church's leadership council is asking pastors to perform blessings.

It seems that the cultural perception and acceptance (not tolerance) of marriage equality for gays and lesbians in the US is changing dramatically. A recent Washington Post/ABC News Poll asked the question if marriage should be legal for gays and lesbians and 58% of those asked said legal, a number that has continued to climb quickly and consistently in the last 12 months.

Currently same-sex marriage is legally recognized in several jurisdictions within the United States. As of January 2013, nine states; Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and Washington as well as the District of Columbia and three Native American tribes have legalized same-sex marriage. In addition, Rhode Island recognizes same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions, and California, which briefly granted same-sex marriages in 2008, now recognizes them on a conditional basis.

It is projected that several more states will legalize same sex marriages in the coming 12-24 months, which may in fact double the number of states that provide equality for all of their citizens.

While several jurisdictions have legalized same-sex marriage through court rulings, legislative action, and popular vote, nine states prohibit same-sex marriage by statute and 30 prohibit it in their constitutions (including the State of Nebraska, in spite of our State Motto being "Equality Before the Law")

The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), enacted in 1996, prevents the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages and allows each to refuse recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states. On March 26th and 27th the US Supreme Court will hear two land mark marriage equality cases. Clive Jones, the partner slain San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk has called on each community in the US to hold a vigil or rally on the eve of these landmark cases to gather the community in thought, prayer and action.

On Monday, March 25th, in Omaha, there will be a 6:00pm Rally at the First Unitarian Church (31st and Harney) on the East Lawn with local and state elected officials and regional GLBT Community Leaders. At 7:00pm there will be a Town Hall Meeting to discuss what actions and advancements the community is hungry for. Search FaceBook "Metro Equality Rally" for more information.

In Nebraska, we have a long road, not impossible, to travel to get to marriage equality as we have to repeal Amendment 416 which declares "marriage between a man and a woman shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska, and to provide that the uniting of two persons of the same sex in a civil union, domestic partnership or other similar same-sex relationship shall not be valid or recognized in Nebraska." 67% of the state voted this change in 2000. Many citizens if asked today will say that they did not realize what exactly they were voting on then and admit that

they don't agree with 416 today.

How do "we" make a change? It begins with each of us. We need to be out to our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. We need to tell our stories, loud and proud. We need to not live in fear, and we need to claim our pride and status as first class citizens of a city, state and country that we live in, pray in, pay taxes in and should enjoy equality in.

It continues when we build relationships. First we need to work together and not be divisive, this means businesses, organizations, groups and people need to come together, leaving egos, past issues, personality conflicts and personal agendas at home. It is for the greater good of our lives that we come together today to make the necessary changes in law to achieve equality.

And it continues when we foster relationships with allies who support us and will support us IF they have the opportunity to get to know us. Having Pride at Stinson Park is one GREAT example of how we do this. We MUST reach out to our allies for support, without them, changes in Omaha, changes in Nebraska and changes in this country WILL NOT HAPPEN!

As an ordained minister, I do not feel, think or believe that marriage equality is a religious issue, it is a matter of civil rights, human rights and inalienable rights.

If there are churches, places of worships or "leaders of faith" who believe it is against their interpretation of scripture, of the Bible, or of their "religion", then they simply should not be solemnize those marriages. There are plenty of us who will with joy in our heart knowing that we are ALL related, we are ALL children of the same universe and, we are ALL made in an image that is not a mistake, that is loved, that is beautiful and that is worthy. Period.

-Royal D. Bush, Chaplain Inclusive Life Pastoral Services

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## **GAYZETTE EVENTS**

**Rainbow Outreach** Metro Omaha GLBT Center 3620 Leavenworth. Omaha (mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

#### **NEW WALK-IN HOURS**

Saturdays Sundays Thursdays Fridays

4:00PM - 8:00PM 4:00PM - 6:00PM 7:30PM - 9:00PM 6:00PM - 11:00PM

\*Closed Most Major Holidays (402) 341-0330 www.rainbowoutreach.org

The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

#### WEEKLY EVENTS

**Every Sunday** WORSHIP SERVICES: **AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,** ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT

friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com 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

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL **CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of** CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

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 ANONY-MOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

#### METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

**ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anony**mous, 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 <u>A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"</u> 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 or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

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

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

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 1921 So. 17th St. 402-476-7000

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** 

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 MOVIE NIGHT, 8PM. for all ages. Every Friday, excluding major holidays. 3620 Leavenworth Street, snacks, water and soda's provided for free.

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

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 for more info

#### **1st Thursday**

**GLBT PROFESSIONALS**, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

#### 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

#### **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 TÉSTING

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

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

#### 2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm – 6:30pm, A progressive community in the Catholic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary Phone: 402.953.7656

Email: ecuomaha@live.com Web: www.ecuomaha.org

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

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

#### **3rd Saturday**

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Web: www.ecuomaha.org

#### **3rd Sunday**

<u>CBCA MEETING</u> 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.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

PFLAG-CÓRNHUSKER 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 OMA-

HA, Not currently meeting.

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The female dentist pulls out a numbing needle to give the man a shot of Novocain.

"No way! No needles. I hate needles" the patient said..

The dentist starts to hook up the nitrous oxide and the man objects...

"I can't do the gas thing. The thought of having the gas mask on, suffocates me!" The dentist then asks the patient if he has any objection to taking a pill.

"No objection," the patient says. "Tm fine with pills."

The dentist then returns and says, "Here's a Viagra."

The patient says, "Wow! I didn't know Viagra worked as a pain killer!" "It doesn't" said the dentist, "but it's going to give you something to hold on to when I pull your tooth.

## **Holy Destiny**

There were two Catholic boys, Timothy Murphy and Antonio Secola, whose lives parallel each other in amazing ways.

In the same year Timothy was born in Ireland , Antonio was born in Italy .

Faithfully they attended parochial School from kindergarten through their senior year in high school. They took their vows to enter the priesthood early in college, and upon graduation, became priests.

Their careers had come to amaze the world, but it was generally acknowledged that Antonio Secola was just a wee cut above Timothy Murphy in all respects.

Their rise through the ranks of Bishop, Archbishop and finally Cardinal was swift to say the least, and the Catholic world knew that when the present Pope died, it would be one of the two who would become the next Pope.

In time, the Pope did die, and the College of Cardinals went to work. In less time than anyone had expected, white smoke rose from the chimney and the world waited to see whom they had chosen.

The world, Catholic, Protestant and secular, was surprised to learn that Timothy Murphy had been elected Pope!

Antonio Secola was beyond surprise. He was devastated, because even with all of Timothy's gifts, Antonio knew he was just a bit better qualified. With gall that shocked the Cardinals, Antonio Secola asked for a private session with them in which he candidly asked, "Why Timothy?"

After a long silence, an old Cardinal took pity on the bewildered man and rose to reply.

"We knew you were the better of the two, but we just could not bear the thought of the leader of the Roman Catholic Church being called POPE SE-COLA!

## Fishing

A woman goes into Cabela's to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get, so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter.

The clerk was standing behind the counter wearing dark glasses. She says to him, "Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel? "He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes."

She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway...., He says, "That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-LB. test line. It's a good all-around combination, and it's on sale this week for only \$20.00."

She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!" As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor.

She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes..... there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was her who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around, right?

The man rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$34.50 please."

The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$20.00?

How did you get \$34.50?"

He replies, "Yes, ma'am, The rod and reel is \$20.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00, and the Catfish Bait is \$3.50."

She paid it and left without saying a word.

## **GLBT RESOURCE LIST**

## **OMAHA BASED**

- BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men http://groups.vahoo.com/ group/BiMenNebraska and http:// groups.vahoo.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 How-
- ard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org
- Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856
- **First Central Congregational Church** UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming
- First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org
- First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039,

www.firstuuomaha.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 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
- Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103. 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@vahoo.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 Lafavette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see www.NorthSideOmaha.org

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Nontraditional 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, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community. www.outlinc.org, Lincoln NE

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists** for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

**Proud Horizons Youth Group** Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@vahoo.com

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr. 3620 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330 **Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations** PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rcga.org or call 402-291-6781

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267. Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH,

- 3012 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

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@vesomaha.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 unlosa@vahoo.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 Kimberlv, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: http:// pflagcornhusker.org/
- Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 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, openess, 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-glbt.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 Health Department/Free STD Clinic 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. GLBT friendly. 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-

5324 - http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/ Iowa Equality, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal

Constitutions, http://www.IowaEquality.org Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

## **Nationally Based**

### You Have Nothing to Lose but Your Anger

By Michael kimmel

Sometimes it seems that no one knows what to do about anger. Spiritual people say to transcend it (whatever that means), anger management courses tell you to contain it and some therapists say the best thing to do is to express it. Confusing, no?

I don't think that there is just one way to work with anger. Sometimes it's good to contain it, other times it needs to be expressed. Other times it may be possible to just let it roll off your back and do nothing about it.

From my work as a therapist, I've noticed four ways that people unknowingly increase their anger at themselves and others. See if you recognize any of these:

All-or-nothing thinking: Everything is black or white, right or wrong, there are no shades of gray. Living this way, you end up putting incredible pressure on yourself and everyone around you. You either have to be perfect or you're a total loser; other people are either totally right or completely wrong. This encourages disappointment and frustration which eventually leads to anger.

Mindreading: You assume you know what others think and feel. This is the #1 problem in most relationships. Just because you love someone and live with them doesn't mean you know everything they feel and think. In fact, most of us are a mystery to our significant others even after many years together. Stuff like, "I just know she's mad at me" or "I bet he expects me to do his work for him." are examples of mindreading.

Overgeneralizing: Do you ever make generalizations based on one little piece of information? Your best friend forgets to call you, so you say, "He's such an asshole." You don't get the job you applied for and tell yourself, "I really am a failure," Along with anger, other side effects of overgeneralizing are feeling helpless, hopeless and overwhelmed. Sound familiar? We all experience this at times, but if you habitually overgeneralize, you probably feel like the world is awfully hard and unfair. No wonder you'd feel angry!

"Shoulding" people: A good friend of mine once told me that "should-hoods are shit-hoods: every time you use the word 'should', you're shitting on somebody." Shoulding on people is a way to make them wrong. It positions yourself as a superior moral being who knows what other people need to do. Talk about a setup for a fall! If you believe that the universe and everyone in it revolves around you, you are bound to be pissed off most of the time. But the most self-directed anger is caused by shoulding on yourself, e.g., "I should be smarter/richer/ happier/in better shape." is a great way to feel like a total failure and then be angry at yourself for just being who you are.

So, how do you stop doing this to yourself and others? Here are some suggestions:

Be willing to be wrong and open to seeing the ambiguity in situations. If you are a rigid person, know that it's your fear that keeps you stuck there. To slowly free yourself, allow yourself (and others) to not be so perfect all the time. You'll be a lot less angry if you don't hold yourself and others up to rigid standards of perfection.

Rather than assume you know what other people are feeling and thinking, ask them. And the more you love them, the more it pays to ask them. We're all changing all the time.

Don't let your fear push you into anger. Fear encourages us to jump to conclusions, then we get to be self-righteous and that gives us an illusion of safety and control. Instead, try saying, "I'm not going to judge this, I am going to wait for more information and see how things unfold." Be willing to be surprised that things can turn out better than you thought.

Begin to notice how often you use the word "should". This word has a lot of power and can be emotionally crippling.

Stop sabotaging yourself and your relationships. Try the above ideas and watch your anger at yourself – and others- begin to melt away. You have nothing to lose but your anger.





## **Fitness Corner**

By Ron Blake



## **39 AND HOLDING!**

This wellness wisdom is for all my friends and readers who will perpetually be stuck at thirty-nine years young.

Yesterday was my thirty-ninth birthday. I chose to wake with the roosters and run a five kilometer race to begin my fete of this event. I ruminated on my choice of a celebratory method before, during, and after this competition. I discovered many reasons why I dragged my partner and our little canine companion along with me to this athletic spectacle.

There is not much traffic on an early Saturday morning when you are headed to a physical challenge. I was able to really notice the mountains when I wasn't beset by droves of angry, chafed, rush-hour motorists. I realized that the mountains were even more majestic with their verdant hue given the recent rains here in the desert. The rising sun added its paintbrush to this mountain landscape with its spangling of yellows and oranges. A good reason to get up and run.

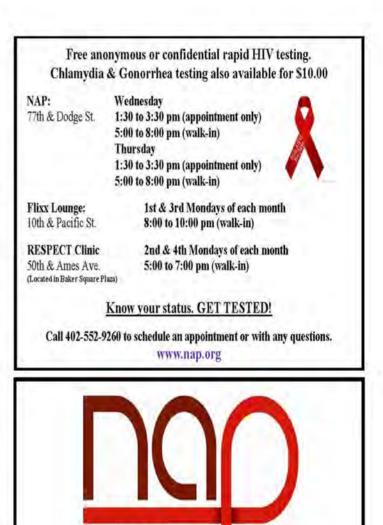
We drove past the Phoenix International Raceway on our journey to the starting line. I have lived in the Valley of the Sun for over three years and had never seen this imposing NASCAR edifice. It was quietly assuming its regnant place alongside its panoply of mountains. We also had never been to the location of this gala running affair. It too was nestled next to the mountains and was a magnificent oasis in the ribald desert landscape. I felt a contemporary thrill of a Louis and Clark moment as I gazed upon virgin ground. A good reason to get up and run.

There were other people at the race site when I arrived. These people also had running shoes and were stretching. These people also brought friends, family members, and their little dogs too. These people also ran the course, sweated, and finished completely exhausted. I wasn't the only one early to bed and early to rise. We shared camaraderie and a commonality that morning. A good reason to get up and run.

I received a T-shirt, bananas, a medal, an olio of donated sundries, and some friendly discourse throughout my experience. It did cost me twenty-five dollars to participate but I am not offering any regrets. I could just as easily have spent that money on a well-earned hangover but I already have plenty of those notched in my crawl of fame. I am pleased with my assortment of newly acquired memorabilia. A good reason to get up and run.

There was live music after the race. It was provided by your quintessential three men and a lady cover band. The backdrop was a cupola adorned, ornate clubhouse and a lake begirded with palm trees. I would have settled for anything at that time. I had just felt the intrinsic satisfaction of completing an arduous task and the extrinsic reward of a salvo of cheers for my fait accompli. A very good reason to get up and run. control over the passage of time. I will continue to enjoy my flight through the ages and I will continue to augment my reasoning for getting up and running...until the flight ends.

This wellness article is brought to you by that guy who always remembers birthdays but never remembers ages. That guy of diplomacy is Ron Blake and you can have cake and ice cream with him at myblakefitness.com.



NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

250 South 77th Street, Suite A Omaha, NE 68114 (Located behind McDonald's at 77th & Dodge Street)

> www.nap.org 402-552-9260

I am thirty-nine today and I will be forty next year. I have no

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