



Charlie Sheen Paid Millions to Hide Gay Sex Tape

by Darren Wee

A video has emerged of Charlie Sheen performing oral sex on another man while high on crack, according to an online report.

RadarOnline.com claims to have obtained a 30-second clip, filmed in Las Vegas in 2011, which shows the actor smoking a crack pipe before engaging in the sex act.

This latest revelation comes a week after the Two And A Half Men star confirmed he was HIV positive.



The sex tape was the center of a \$20 million lawsuit involving an 'A-list celebrity,' which a source told the website was Sheen.

The suit alleges Sheen 'entered into a nefarious plot designed to lure Plaintiff into his luxurious hotel room to serve his prurient desires.' The men then watched porn and engaged in 'mutual oral copulation, mutual self-gratification, rubbing and massaging each other, play-wrestling, licking and (unprotected) intercourse.'

The man sued after he allegedly caught herpes from Sheen, who had said he had 'no venereal diseases.'

The lawsuit was settled out of court for millions and, as part of the deal, Sheen was given the original video and two other sex tapes, which he had destroyed.

But Radar claims it saw a bootleg copy made off the original.

After the story was published, the attorney in the lawsuit, Keith Davidson, provided Radar with the following statement:

'The alleged video that you purportedly reviewed has nothing to do with the above referenced lawsuit which was filed and subsequently dismissed more than five years ago,' he said.

'Though there was video evidence involved in the aforementioned case, that video evidence did not come close to portraying what you have described. Furthermore there was but one copy of that case related video evidence. That sole copy of the video evidence was irretrievably destroyed.'

This N.H. Republican Wants to Ban Conversion Therapy in His State

By Sunnivie Brydum

The growing movement to ban conversion therapy, which attempts to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity, just gained what some might consider an unlikely champion: a Republican lawmaker in New Hampshire.

"You can't convert people's sexuality. I think most people get that," Rep. Eric Schleien told the Associated Press Monday, announcing his plan to introduce a bill that would ban use of the scientifically discredited "therapy" on minors

throughout the state. "I think our culture grows stronger when we're able to accept different people's lifestyles and treat people with honor and respect. I don't think that's radical."

If Schleien's bill is successful when he introduces it in the new legislative session beginning in January, New Hampshire would become the sixth jurisdiction to ban what is sometimes called "ex-gay" or "reparative" therapy, which has been denounced by every major medical and psychological organization in the country as ineffective and harmful.

Earlier this year, President Obama and the U.S. surgeon general both denounced the practice as essentially junk science. California Democratic Congressman Ted Lieu, along with House minority leader Nancy Pelosi, introduced federal legislation in May that would ban the practice nationwide, for all ages, labeling the practice's false claims about being able to "pray away the gay" as fraud, subject to investigation by the Federal Trade Commission.

In August, Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner became the latest state leader to sign into law a bill that bars licensed therapists from subjecting young people to therapy that is designed to change their sexual orientation or gender identity. In May, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, a bisexual woman who is the country's first openly LGBT governor, banned the debunked practice in her

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state, too. These advances followed similar legislation passed in years prior in Washington, D.C., New Jersey, and California.

Schleien expects some conservative opposition to the bill, specifically on the grounds of "parental rights or religious liberty," according to the AP.

"We always see backlash when a minority group starts to gain rights," Samantha Ames of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, which is leading the campaign to ban conversation therapy nationwide through its #BornPerfect campaign, told the AP. "Unfortunately, this particular backlash is falling on our youth."

Icon Selling Raffle Tickets

The Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) will be selling raffle tickets now thru December 13th. The tickets are one dollar each. You do not need to be present at the time of the drawing. The money collected will be donated at ICON's annual Toyz for Tots Show to help purchase toys and food for Christmas. The date of the drawing will be December 13th at The Max during the Toyz for Tots Show. There are five great items for the raffle:

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The Diamond Ram Award winners of ICON raised \$1800 for Food for Thought. Food for Thought is a show put on by ICON to raise money for NAP clients to have a Thanksgiving meal.

The Diamond Ram event was held in The Max lobby on Friday, November 6th. A mirage of themed baskets were auctioned off. The themed baskets consisted of the Outdoorsman Basket, The Sweet Tooth Basket, The Crock Basket, The Holiday Cheer Basket, The Shots Game Basket, The Omaha Steaks Basket, The Relaxation Basket, The "All About Me" Basket and The Family Quilt Basket.

The baskets and other donations were donated by Tom Cech, Gordon Hitchcock, Jeremy Johnson, Andrew Janzen, Joe Desanti, Omaha Meatpackers, Dan Ostergard, Michelle Korman, Steve McClintock, Brian Jumper and Jim Wilson.

Thanks to all of you who participated in our event to make it the success it was.

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New Surgery Could Allow Trans Women to Give Birth Within Five Years

by Joe Morgan

A new surgery could allow trans women to give birth to children within five years.

Last week, it was announced that Cleveland Clinic is performing uterus transplant surgery on women who were born without a womb or whose uterus is diseased or malfunctioning.

And it appears that the day when a trans woman can give birth is closer than we might think.

'My guess is five, 10 years away, maybe sooner,' Dr. Karine Chung, director of the fertility preservation program at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine, said according to Yahoo Health.

Dr Christine McGinn, a trans Pennsylvania plastic surgeon, said she would bet 'just about every transgender person who is female will want to do it, if it were covered by insurance'.

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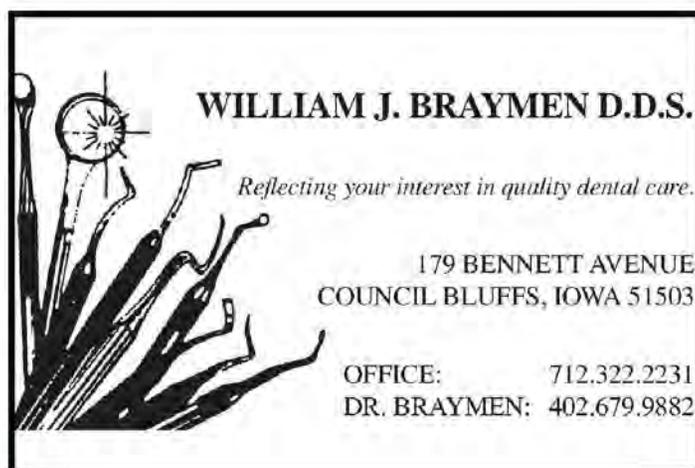


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‘The human drive to be a mother for a woman is a very serious thing. Transgender women are no different.’

While it’s still in the research stages, Swedish scientists have transplanted uteri from live donors and achieved five pregnancies and four live births.



But this research doesn’t mean that cis men are suddenly going to be able to give birth – trans women are different in that many have already gone through many of the procedures necessary.

To have a uterus transplant, patients will need:

Hormone therapy to shut off testosterone and introduce progesterone and estrogen to prepare the uterus for pregnancy

A vagina, preferably, to support the uterus

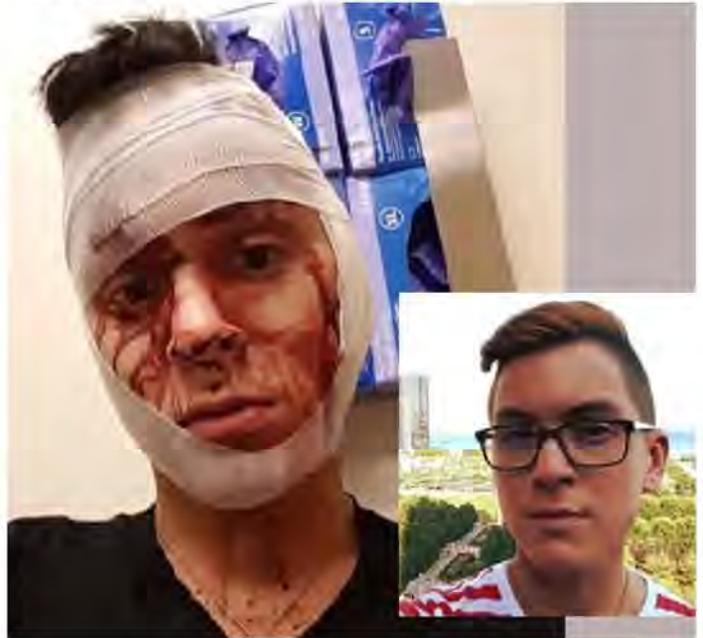
But there are problems, such as the expense (as corneal transplants for a heart can cost from \$25,000 to \$1.3 million no will

knows how much it will cost) and there will likely be questions raised over the long-term health of people who get the surgery and of their subsequent children.

Gay Man Brutally Beaten in Dallas

by Sylvia Tan

A 25-year-old man has been hospitalized in the intensive care unit with a fractured skull after being brutally attacked late Thursday.



The attack is said to be at least the 12th violent attack on a gay man in Dallas’ ‘gayborhood’ of Oak Lawn since Sept 20, according to media reports.

The Dallas Voice said it knows of at least three other attacks that have taken which may not have been reported to police.

Geoffrey Hubbard, who works as a server at the Cedar Springs Tap House in Oak Lawn, was accosted while walking to his friend’s house after work just after 11pm.

He told Dallas TV station WFAA that as he was trying to walk around a man he was hit with an unknown object. The man then went through his pockets and robbed him.

Hubbard hid underneath a vehicle until he was found by an off-duty police officer who was driving through the area.

He reportedly wrote in a Facebook post, ‘I could see the calculated robbery start to initiate. Luckily I was able to crawl under a car with my squirrely self and prevent them from taking anything.’

Dallas police still do not have a suspect in the string of cases and only one of the incidents is being treated as an anti-gay hate crime. Many of the victims are said to be employees of gay bars leav-

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LGBTI activists have planned a second rally outside the Dallas Police Department headquarters Sunday to protest their lack of response.

A Look At The Promiscuity 'Culture War' In The Gay Community

By Jared Greenhouse, Huffington Post

"What's going to happen next in terms of how gay men have sex is going to be very interesting."

Though the LGBT community proudly achieved federal marriage equality in late June, public opinion still varies on those enjoying the single life, even within the community itself. Slut-shaming and a fear of AIDS has cast an ugly light on gay promiscuity, according to Noah Michelson, the editorial director for HuffPost Voices.

Michelson sat down with HuffPost Live on Tuesday to discuss how an article he published on his own sexuality as a single gay man was taken by his audience.

"When I published the piece about liking having sex, I had people stopping me on the street, people I've never met before, and they said, 'Thank you, because no one's talking about this.'" Michelson told host Caroline Modarressy-Tehrani. "On the other hand, people are saying that I'm a pervert, and that I'm ruining it for all of us, and why can't I just behave myself?"

And it's immature to act that way, and that's how a teenager would act. I think that's the thing about sex positivity -- that it's very threatening."

Michelson added that as a younger man, health concerns like AIDS caused him to think of gay sex as a "death sentence." However, he looked optimistically to the future for further sexual liberation for the LGBT community.

"With things like more education, Truvada, things like that, we are seeing people live longer, we're seeing ways to stay safe," he said. "I think what's going to happen next in terms of how gay men have sex is going to be very interesting."



There's a 10-15% Chance Your Straight Dad Got a Blowjob From Another Dude

BY: RYAN TEDDER

Described as "one of the most expansive nationally representative studies of sexual behavior and condom use ever conducted," research at Indiana University (underwritten by Trojan's parent company) — that looks at the sexual activity and condom use of 5,865 people ages 14 to 94 — finds condom use among the under-40 set is far more prevalent than older folks. Basically, it's one big piece of scientific research that says young people aren't as sexually reckless as everyone thinks. Or at least less reckless than their parents.



While I work on getting a copy of the actual study (it's published in the Journal of Sexual Medicine), it's a little difficult to tell how condom usage breaks down between people reporting opposite-sex and same-sex experience. But some things worth noting:

- The study also found that while only about 7 percent of men and of women identified themselves as "other than heterosexual," a much higher percentage reported having had sex with a member of the same sex. Among women in their 30s, for example, 14 percent said they had performed oral sex on another woman at some point in their lives; 13 percent of men over 40 said they had performed oral sex on another man. [...] 15% of men aged 50-59 said they got oral sex from another man at some point [...] as did] 10 percent of men aged 18 to 59.
- Condom use is higher among black and Hispanic Americans than among whites, and is lowest among people over 40, the nationally representative Internet survey of 5,865 Americans aged 14 to 94 found.
- Only 14 percent of 14-year-old boys reported any kind of sexual interaction with a partner in the prior three months, but almost 40 percent of 17-year-old males did.

And my favorite breeder stat:

- Some 85 percent of men say their sexual partner experienced orgasm during sex, but just 64 percent of women say they did.

Where's the gay data on getting off?!

And keep in mind: Some 800 participants in the study were under age 18, and as young as 14. So where are the conservatives freaking out about this massive piece of research, when they were losing it over another study that called for just 100 gay kids, no younger than 16, to chronicle their sexual experiences?

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LGBT Problems: When Going Home for Thanksgiving Is Simply Too Awkward

BY FEMI REDWOOD

I am working this Thanksgiving and I'm glad. It means my girlfriend and I get to avoid the awkwardness of staying with my family in South Carolina for three long days.

My family are Jehovah's Witnesses, a religion I broke away from a long time ago, while still in college.



Every Sunday, my parents attend Kingdom Hall (this is what Jehovah's Witnesses refer to as their church). My mother disagrees with many of the Kingdom Hall's teachings, including views on homosexuality. Jehovah's Witnesses believe the bible prohibits homosexual acts and therefore gays are not supposed to act on their urges. Despite my mom's Sunday attendance, she does not agree with that teaching. I actually call her a "fake Witness." She loves to join me at the spiritual center I attend in New York City, even though Jehovah's Witnesses aren't supposed to go to other churches; she loves Christmas even though Jehovah's Witnesses aren't supposed to celebrate religious holidays; she loves hanging out at gay bars.

My dad, on the other hand, is a strict Jehovah's Witness. He believes in the Kingdom Hall's teachings and does not celebrate religious holidays. Some of my siblings are also strict Witnesses, which means most of my nieces and nephews are, too.

Jehovah's Witnesses don't typically celebrate Thanksgiving, even though it's not a religious holiday. My parents did not celebrate Thanksgiving even before they became Jehovah's Witnesses. My mom is Jamaican and my African-American dad does not care much for the holiday due to its racist history.

It wasn't until my brothers and I left for college that my parents started celebrating Thanksgiving, since it was a time we could all be home together. My dad bought a turkey fryer and a family tradition of lets-celebrate-Thanksgiving-but-not-call-it-Thanksgiving began.

I've brought many girlfriends home with me; some on Thanksgiving, and some on other occasions. But despite being out of the closet for more than a decade, I've never really had a conversation about my sexuality with my family — except with my mom.

I'm unashamed, vocal, blunt and probably more assertive than a lot of women. I make no apologies for being me. Nevertheless, when bringing girlfriends home in the past, I felt I had to put on a show of being more like friends with them than girlfriends, just to avoid any potential awkwardness around my family.

But let's fast forward to my current girlfriend.

I'm much older than the last time I brought a woman home. And the older I get, the less I care about what other people think. I wouldn't introduce her now simply as "Julie." I would introduce her as "my girlfriend, Julie." Small change, yet big difference.

That big difference combined with now being more outspoken is where the Thanksgiving awkwardness begins. You know the relatives who read online news rags and think they are legitimate sources of information? I have those. You know the relatives who take the Bible literally except when it comes to things that inconvenience them? I have those too. You know the relatives who still use the word "gay" to describe things they don't like, and say you are being too sensitive when you ask them not to do that? Got those also.

The awkwardness of Thanksgiving ranges from navigating the logistics of where to stay, to how you and your partner should behave together around your family. My mom would be hurt if I stayed in a hotel. So I have to ask myself: Do we stay at a hotel because that's more comfortable for us, or do we stay with my family so my mother doesn't feel hurt? What if some Jehovah's Witnesses hear that my father's daughter and her girlfriend are staying at his home, and now he has to deal with rumors about his family? Will the church elders pull him into a meeting and embarrass him? I have no idea.

The awkwardness continues when my 7-year-old nephew asks why my my girlfriend looks like a boy. How do I explain sexuality, gender, and gender expression to a child who isn't mine? When my 10-year-old niece asks why I have a girlfriend, how do I answer that? Is it my place to explain that Aunt Femi is attracted to women? And do I tell them their religion is wrong about homosexuality, that being gay is not a sin, and the God I believe in doesn't judge me? Is that my place?

Let's say I do answer all their questions honestly and their parents get angry. Now I have to explain why it's not OK to hide who you are. How do you nicely explain to someone that they're brainwashing their kids, and they should probably worry more about their children's education than who I share my life with?

And the night goes on....

When my family and I are done arguing, and as more friends and relatives are arriving, there is more awkwardness to be had. My family is introducing my girlfriend to the new arrivals as

"Femi's friend" or "Femi's roommate." Now I must respond: "No, she is my girlfriend." And what's worse, my girlfriend is now the center of all this awkwardness, which isn't fair to her.

Do I correct them? Or is it more empathetic to allow them to call my girlfriend my "friend" because I know they are wrestling with their own discomfort and insecurity? Is it better to stand on my soapbox and lecture them or empathize instead?

Since we won't be going home for Thanksgiving this year, I'm saved from these scenarios for now. But the day will come when we will be going home, and I ask myself: Is it better to avoid the awkwardness and be "polite," or confront my family's homophobia head on?

What are the answers? I'm still deciding.

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NYC Dentist Accused of trying to Spread HIV

by James Withers

A New York City dentist faces a number of serious charges, including possessing child pornography to trying to spread HIV. According to Gothamist, Dr John Wolf was arrested, 20 November, in his Greenwich Village apartment. Greenwich Village is a historically gay friendly neighborhood, located in Manhattan.



Law enforcement officials charge Wolf performed dental work on a drug dealer in exchange for meth. The drugs were allegedly meant for personal use and distribution.

Law enforcement maintain the dentist used his office to view and distribute child pornography. According to the complaint filed Wolf "provided the undercover agent with a flash drive containing files depicting child pornography, including videos (Continued on next page)

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of children as young as toddlers being raped by adult men.'

According to the New York Times the dealer, who is acting as an informer in hopes of leniency for conspiracy to distribute narcotics charges, told officials Wolf put holes in condoms 'in an intentional attempt to spread the HIV to his sexual partners.'

The dealer also recorded the doctor admitting to attending various sex parties, where people had sex with animals. Wolf allegedly admitted to giving an adult man a 'slam of K,' then sexually assaulting him. 'K' apparently is the hallucinogenic drug ketamine.

Earlier this month, the dealer offered to introduce Wolf to his 'roommate,' who was an FBI agent. The 'roommate' expressed interest in child pornography. The three men met at Wolf's Chelsea office, another gay friendly neighborhood in New York.

The agent recorded Wolf claiming he held sex parties in the basement of his office. In the recording, Wolf allegedly said he gave drugs to 'willing and unwilling adults during drug-fueled sex parties.'

Wolf has been charged with conspiracy to possess methamphetamines with intent to distribute, and possession and distribution of child porn.

Canada Plans to Accept Single Gay Syrian Refugees, Reject Lone Straight Men

BY BIL BROWNING

Newly-elected Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met with government ministers Monday to quell security concerns about a plan to give asylum to 25,000 Syrian refugees. One of the anticipated policy changes would allow single gay men to seek refugee status while excluding "lone" straight men as potential terrorists, according to the Ottawa Citizen.

While Canada's refugee plan is focused primarily on families, women and children, government officials have acknowledged that gay men face intense persecution and will also give them priority status. Response to the plan was met with cautious concern, however, not because gay men were being allowed, but out of concern for implementing a blanket ban on "lone-male" refugees and what constitutes a family.

"While security concerns remain of vital importance, will a young man, who lost both parents, be excluded from the refugee program?" NDP Leader Tom Mulcair asked reporters on Monday night. "Will a widower who is fleeing Da'esh [ISIS] after having seen his family killed be excluded? This is not the



Canadian way."

Gerard Van Kessel, the former director-general of two government refugee programs, also expressed cautious concerns. "What do they mean by families?" Van Kessel asked. "If you have an 18-year-old son that's part of a family, is that person coming in? Also, the husband? What's going to be done there?"

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister John McCallum is expected to announce the details of Canada's updated plan today. While Trudeau's government is standing behind the plan to allow 25,000 refugees sanctuary, McCallum will also likely admit that the country will not meet a self-imposed deadline to process all applications by the end of the year.

Transgender In Prison: How California's New Guidelines Will Be Implemented

By Maureen Cavanaugh, Peggy Pico, Neiko Will

California became the first state in the nation to agree to pay for transgender prison inmates to receive sexual reassignment surgery. Prison officials released specific guidelines in the wake of several lawsuits.

Matthews Stephens, a partner at Progressive Law Group, said the law says it must be medically necessary for the state to pay for the surgery.

"If you have any kind of medical issue, let's say a liver condition, you would get treatment for that medical condition in prison, they wouldn't just say, 'OK, you're a prisoner, you're going to suffer with your liver condition,'" he said. "This is exactly the same from a legal premise, and it's cruel and unusual in violation of the Eighth Amendment to deny the medical services when it's determined that it's medically necessary."

Stephens said life for transgender people in prison can be particularly brutal. Prisons across the country have different rules for housing transgender inmates and different standards for recognizing gender dysphoria as a medical condition.

In California state prisons, transgender inmates are housed with members of their gender at birth, not the gender they identify with, unless they have had sexual reassignment surgery.

There are 375 males and 26 females currently undergoing therapy in California prisons, said Joyce Hayhoe from California Correctional Healthcare Services.

To qualify for sexual reassignment surgery, inmates must be diagnosed with gender dysphoria, have lived as the opposite sex and received hormone therapy for at least a year and have at least two years left on their sentence, she said.

Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

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The Power of Silence

Recently, I was asked to co-facilitate a workshop with the above title. I wasn't sure I really wanted to do it. After all, I thought, what's so great about silence? So, I did some research and was surprised at what I found.

I discovered that silence has great power to make our lives calmer and better. No matter where we live, there's a tremendous amount of "noise" in our lives: both internal (our racing, over-analytical minds) and external (the intense, crazy world that's all around us). How can we find some silence, or do we even want to? Are we afraid of silence? After all, what would we do with an empty space, with all that nothingness?

During November, December and early January, there is an unusual amount of external "noise" called "the holidays". Finding silence during this time is especially helpful. It's so easy to get lost in other people's expectations: all the "shoulds" can make you crazy: You should buy amazing, expensive gifts. You should be happy. You should go to lots of fabulous holiday parties or you're a loser. You should be generous. You should forgive your family for being selfish/mean/foolish. See what I mean?

All this emotional "noise" is confusing and disorienting. It's an example of what my Buddhist meditation teachers call "monkey mind": our mind just bounces all around from one thing to another and – as a result – our thinking often feels out-of-control. If you ever find it hard to stop worrying/analyzing when you want to fall asleep, it's your monkey mind that's in control.

This is where silence can be useful.

Take a moment before you read any further and define "silence" for yourself. Close your eyes and ask yourself: "What is silence for me?" Then, just listen and see what you get. Be willing to be surprised.

Done that? Okay, here are some definitions I found: peacefulness, quietude, stillness and tranquility. Sounds pretty good, doesn't it? Well, how do we get there? Consider these questions as a starting point:

When is silence easy for you and when is it difficult?

What helps you to enjoy silence and what makes it hard for you to enjoy it?

How can silence make your life better?



When you answer the questions, write the answers down in your phone or on paper, so you can come back to them later. The answers can help open the door to more – and deeper – moments of silence in your life.

Here are two ways to experiment with the power of silence that I use with my clients. Most people – no matter how hyper they are – have benefitted from these. The first one only takes a few minutes, the second one – a silent wandering – takes a bit longer:

A Quick-and-Easy Silent Meditation

Take 3 deep breaths. Enjoy them. Invite your body to relax (it just might do it!)

Check in with your emotions: notice if you're relaxed/sad/angry/bored. Don't judge it, just notice. This is what is often called mindfulness.

Check in with how your body feels. What do you notice? Tension anywhere? Is your body more relaxed than a moment ago? Just notice.

Check in with your thoughts: what are you thinking? Again, just be mindful (no need to change anything).

Slowly allow your eyes to open and come back to the room. Take your time.

Silent Wandering: Give yourself about half an hour to wander in silence: you can walk through a busy urban area or an open field. Wherever you choose to wander, notice what it's like to do it in silence. Try to keep your mind silent too (that's not so easy) and be aware of the temptation to have a goal: instead, just wander in silence.

During your wandering, you might like to bring back with you an object to represent your silence (e.g., a leaf, flower or found object). Let an object speak to you. If you are quiet enough, it will.

When you get home, put your object somewhere where you'll see it often, so it can remind you of your silent wandering, and – perhaps – encourage you to do it again.

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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 ANONYMOUS 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

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, Sunday morning services, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, info@2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

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

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

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics 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 ander-son@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563—Bible Study at 7pm

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

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

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, 4:00-6:00pm Coffee with the Boys at Howlin' Hounds Café,

712 South 16th St. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Many of the guys go out for dinner afterwards. Everyone welcome to attend.

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

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

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

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

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

Every Saturday

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

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, 9am—11am Coffee with the Boys at Paradise Café, Regency Court. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Good food and good coffee too. Everyone welcome to attend.

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

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: GOg-ibt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOgibt.org for info

1st Friday

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

1st Sunday

Soka Gakkai International (SGI-USA),

Lay Buddhist organization based on Nichiren Buddhism, World Peace Prayer the First Sun day of each month, 10am-11:30am, LGBTQIA Friendly, 1021 N 46th Street, Omaha, NE 68132, call 402-558-6148

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

2nd Thursday

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

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

2nd Sunday

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, Monthly Meeting, Abrahams Library, 5111 North 90th St, Stop by our monthly get-together to hear about the great upcoming events, and spend time with good friends. 3pm to 4:30pm. Snacks and beverages provided. Everyone Welcome !!

3rd Monday

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

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

3rd Sunday

CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs – see website for more information at www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

4th Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

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

**Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET**



GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org

Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

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

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

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

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firstunitomaha.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, 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

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, provides a welcoming and supportive environment to

mature gay and bi men and their fans to encourage participation in fun, cultural, educational or social activities. Email PrimeTimersEvents@gmail.com for more information & schedule. Also on Facebook as Metro Omaha Prime Timers Also see the Events list on page 10

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

NAMI - Community Mental Health Support for the LGBTIQ community 415 South 25th Ave, Omaha, NE 402-345-8101 or 877-463-6264

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., HIV testing and counseling
NebraskaEquality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

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

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

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

Omaha 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

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

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 4pm to 6pm, for info: email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

River City Gender Alliance, PO Box 284, Boys Town, NE 68010, email president@rcga.co or call 402-541-5792, web site www.rcga.co

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

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

Second Unitarian Church, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, www.2uomaha.org, 402-334

-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation
SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

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

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.)
Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org
Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

LINCOLN BASED

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

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>

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

Nebraska AIDS Project, 1120 K Street Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 476-7000

Nebraska Trans* Community
This group is for individuals that identify with a nontraditional masculine or feminine sense of self (MtF, FtM and anywhere in between) and their Partners. Contact info can be found at: NebraskaTransCommunity.com

OUTInc, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outinc.org, Lincoln NE

PFLAG Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: <http://pflagcornhusker.org/>

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

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln
Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glb.com/>

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbte

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic
209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, **FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia**

Council Bluffs Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, GLBT friendly. 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-5324 - <http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/>

Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

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

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The Hungry Homo

Oven-Roasted Glazed Turkey

Ingredients

- 16 lb. Turkey
- 3 tbsp. chili powder
- 12 oz. can of frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 2 tbsp. grated orange peel
- 1 tsp. ground cumin

Steps

For the Turkey: Bake at 325 degrees 12 minutes per lb. with no basting or watching, the turkey will be tender throughout and golden brown.

For the sauce: Mix chili powder, orange juice concentrate, orange peel, and cumin. The last 20 minutes the turkey cooks (at bone, the temperature in the breast will be about 150 degrees for birds up to 18 lb., 115 degrees for birds over 18 lb.), spread glaze generously over turkey.

Continue to cook until a thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the turkey breast to the bone registers 160 degrees; if glaze starts to get very dark, drape dark areas with foil.



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

- Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 712-256-4140
- First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
- 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
- Rodeo Saloon & BBQ 164 W Broadway 712-256-0510

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

Sausage Stuffing

Ingredients

- 1 (6 oz.) box seasoned stuffing mix
- 1 egg
- Sausage (1/2 tube)

Methods/Steps

Prepare stuffing according to package directions. Brown the sausage in a skillet and drain. Beat the egg with a little water (less than a quarter cup). Stir sausage and egg into the stuffing and pour mixture into a greased baking dish.

Bake at 350 degrees for half an hour, or until heated through.



Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

JEREMY?! LANCE! YOU'VE RETURNED FROM YOUR EUROPEAN EXCURSION!

AND YOU MUST BE DREW! OH MY GOD... I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU!

UH... HAVE YA', NOW?

JEREMY... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

KYLE AND I JUST CAME FROM THE SUPERMARKET!

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE PINE-APPLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE!

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? I HAVEN'T HAD IT SINCE I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL!

COULDN'T YOU JUST DIE?

THAT'S A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. KYLE... COULD I SPEAK TO YOU... PRIVATELY?

OH, AM I IN THE WAY? TELL YOU WHAT...

... I'M GOING TO GO FRESHEN UP AND CHECK MY MESSAGES. AND LANCE...

... ONCE WE START BAKING... NO LICKING THE BEATERS FOR YOU!

KYLE... WHY IS HE HERE?

N' JUST WHO EXACTLY IS THIS FELLA'?

HE WAS A ONE-NIGHT TRICK I MET ON THE RED-EYE FROM VAN-COUVER YEARS AGO.

BEFORE US.

APPARENTLY, HE FELL IN LOVE WITH THE B&B DURING HIS ONE-NIGHT STAY... AND HE ALWAYS WANTED TO COME BACK FOR A VISIT. AND FRANKLY...

... I'M GLAD HE DID. WE'VE BEEN HAVING A GREAT TIME!

HAVE YOU REALLY?

TRUST ME... HE'S AWESOME.

ALL RIGHT. I SUPPOSE I CAN TOLERATE THIS IF IT'S ONLY A BRIEF VISIT.

WELL, ACTUALLY...

GUYS... SPECTACULAR NEWS! THE AIRLINE CALLED! MY TRANSFER'S BEEN APPROVED! I'M MOVING IN!

OH MY GOD... I COULD JUST DIE!

THAT MAKES TWO OF US...

When Are You Most Likely To Have Bareback Sex ?

BY: LES FABIAN BRATHWAITE

A new study by New York's non-profit Community Healthcare Network of gay and bisexual men who utilized social apps such as Grindr, Scruff, Manhunt and Growlr found that nearly 50% admitted to barebacking.

Dr. Freddy Molano, Assistant Vice President of HIV Programs and Services at CHN, and Renato Barucco, CHN's Transgender Program Manager, surveyed 725 participants on four main areas: perspectives on HIV/AIDS; perspectives on unprotected anal intercourse; HIV/AIDS knowledge; and, in an optional section, the reasons behind risk-taking behaviors during intercourse.

According to the study, the 47% of respondents who admitted to risk-taking activities such as unprotected anal intercourse were knowledgeable about HIV/AIDS and were afraid of getting infected or re-infected with the virus.

"The survey findings show a clear disconnect between the reasons why men engage in unprotected anal intercourse and the way prevention initiatives attempt to address risk behaviors," said Barucco.

As for their reasons for engaging in unprotected sex, 84.6% of respondents claimed "with condoms it does not feel the same," while 73.8% cited "impulsive sexual behaviors."

Other findings of Zero Feet Away: Perspective on HIV/AIDS and Unprotected Sex in Men Who Have Sex with Men Utilizing Location-based Mobile Apps include:

Respondents were sufficiently knowledgeable about HIV/AIDS. 80.9 percent of respondents knew that HIV is transmitted through "unprotected anal sex, vaginal sex, and – less frequently – oral sex."

A majority of respondents (68.1 percent) were afraid to be infected or re-infected, believe people should be more concerned about the epidemic, and view it overall as a serious issue.

A majority felt that AIDS is a "somewhat serious" problem for people they know (52.5 percent), while 29.4 percent considered it to be a serious problem.

The vast majority of respondents considered barebacking (defined as unprotected anal sex) dangerous and believed barebackers are informed of the risk.

Yet, almost half of respondents (46.4 percent) admitted to barebacking always, often, or sometimes versus 53.6 percent who reportedly never engage in unprotected anal intercourse.

"Clearly, we've come a long way in educating people about HIV and AIDS," said Dr. Molano, "yet among certain populations, HIV and AIDS is on the rise, and that's alarming. We conducted this study as a result of a seeming correlation between an increasing use of mobile social networking apps de-

signed for men to meet each other and an increase in HIV infections among [men who have sex with men] MSM."

In addition to traditional prevention programs and initiatives, such as HIV education and distributing condoms, the study's authors believe new methods, including treatment as prevention (pre-exposure prophylaxis), are needed.



"We must address the complicated psychological, emotional, and behavioral variables that come into play during sexual encounters and that predispose target population to barebacking," Barucco added. "Otherwise, the number of new infections among young gay and bisexual men will likely continue to rise."





NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

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

www.nap.org
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Our Town, 33 Variations, BLUEBARN Theatre) returns alongside Theresa Sindelar (Reefer Madness, God of Carnage, Every Christmas Story Ever Told... and then Some!, BLUEBARN Theatre), Martin Magnuson, Nik Whitcomb, John Ryan, Spencer Williams (Young Frankenstein, Omaha Playhouse), Paul Hanson