# The GayZette



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## Leader of Obama's Former Church Supports Marriage Equality

An influential preacher stands up for gay rights.

BY Neal Broverman.

The Reverend Otis Moss III of Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ recently defended President Obama's support for marriage equality.

"The question I believe we should pose to our congregations is. 'Should all Americans have the same civil rights?" Moss asked his church members this weekend. "There is difference between rights and rites. We should never misconstrue rights designed to protect diverse individuals in a pluralistic society versus religious rites designed by faith communities to



communicate a theological or doctrinal perspective."

Moss replaced the controversial Jeremiah Wright as senior pastor of the Trinity United Church of Christ. His recent words came as a sharp rebuke to other African-American pastors who expressed outrage at Obama's marriage equality stance.

"For activists, politicians, and now the highest office in the nation to link sexual behavior God calls sin to the righteous cause Martin Luther King gave his life for is abominable in and of itself," the Tennessee-based Coalition of African-American Pastors said in a statement. "There is no civil right to do what God calls wrong."

## CNN Interviewer Challenges Tony Perkins on Antigay Views

"Why do homosexuals bother you so much?" CNN's Brooke Baldwin asked antigay leader Tony Perkins.



STOPPING SAME-SEX MARRIAGES
Family Research Council sticking up for DOMA

BY Trudy Ring.

CNN reporter Brooke Baldwin pressured antigay activist Tony Perkins on his opposition to marriage equality in an interview Thursday, asking pointedly, "Why do homosexuals bother you so much?"

Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, claimed gay people don't bother him, but said, "I'm not going to be silent while they try to redefine marriage in this country, change policy what my children and taught in schools and what religious organizations can do."

Several pro-LGBT organizations have criticized other journalists for giving Perkins a platform and failing to challenge his views, but Baldwin "gave an almost textbook example of how to tell a complete story when dealing with an anti-gay activist," Aaron McQuade, director of news and field media for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, wrote in a blog post.

Baldwin asked Perkins if he had ever been to the home of a

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McQuade pointed out that Baldwin could have gone further and challenged Perkins on his statement about social science. "This is absolute garbage. ... Every single mainstream study that has ever been conducted, comparing kids raised by two gay parents to kids raised by two straight parents, has found absolutely no difference," McQuade wrote.

He added: "But aside from this, Baldwin did the best job we've seen from anyone at CNN since the Obama announcement [of support for marriage equality] of showing her audience exactly who Tony Perkins is, exactly who he speaks for, and most importantly, that he doesn't speak for them."

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#### Dharun Ravi Heads to Jail

BY Michelle Garcia.

The former Rutgers University student who was sentenced to 30 days in prison on bias intimidation and other charges for use of a hidden webcam to spy on his gay roommate during an intimate act, apologized for his behavior.

CNN reports that Ravi said he regrets the "thoughtless, insensitive, immature, stupid, and childish choices" that provoked his roommate, Tyler Clementi, 18, to commit suicide by jumping off of the George Washington Bridge. Ravi apologized in a written statement Tuesday and also announced that he was



heading to jail tol begin his 30-day sentence. He was also sentenced to three years of probation, 300 hours of community service, and paying \$11,000 in restitution. Prosecutors have said they plan to appeal Ravi's sentence.

### Auditions for Avenue Q.

SNAP! Productions will be holding auditions for the Omaha Premiere of the hit musical Avenue Q. The auditions are set for Monday, June 4th and Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 at North Side Christian Church (5555 Larimore), with call backs for the show being held on Thursday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m., also at North Side. Please bring 16-32 bars of a song in the pop musical genre for you to sing at the audition. An accompanist will be provided. No a cappella singing please. All parts are available. The show calls for 3 males and 4 females, one of which is African American and one which is Asian American. Show dates are August 23 - September 16. Please bring a list of all conflicts from June 7 - September 16. Daena Schweiger will be directing and Mitch Fuller will be music directing. If you have any questions, please email Daena at dschweiger 1@cox.net.

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## Your Shadow Knows

# Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

You are a good person who wants to do the right thing and be kind to people. But then there is that "other" side of you: the you that has ugly feelings, wants revenge and fantasizes about bad things happening to people you don't like. If you're like most of us, you'd like to get rid of these "dark" qualities. You might even



disown them, saying, "That's not really me."

But, guess what? It is you. It's your shadow side, as Jung called it.

It's normal to want to get rid of your shadow side: too bad it doesn't work that way. Your shadow side is there for a reason; it's a part of you that's trying to show you something... something you probably are trying desperately to avoid.

Making friends with the shadow side of your personality is crucial to your happiness. Denial doesn't work: your shadow will keep rearing its ugly little head and messing up your life. Avoid your shadow side and don't be surprised how stuck you feel: acting out the same (unconscious) shit over-and-over.

Your shadow side is comprised of all the aspects of your personality that you are embarrassed about and try to deny. Jung called the shadow: the person you'd rather not be, that primitive, lazy, angry, narcissistic vengeful person you can be, and often are.

How do you work with your shadow side? Make friends with it. Fighting it, denying it, trying to avoid it...none of these works. Your shadow side is here to TEACH you something. While it may look like your enemy, it is probably your most honest friend. Your shadow side will show you where you're still messed up, even if you manage to hide it from the world.

Shame and guilt make it hard to make friends with your shadow side. They encourage you to disavow your shadow qualities and act as if they don't exist. Lasting change does not result from shame and guilt. They are short term motivators, at best.

Instead of shaming and guilt tripping yourself into becoming the person you want to be, go for a more neutral approach. Curiosity and objectivity are your real allies: think like a scientist. Scientists want to understand why things happen and how to make things happen that are helpful and useful.

All of us have a shadow side; there's no getting around it. We all have qualities we don't like but seem unable to get rid of. Here is a great way to work with your shadow side. It's a technique that I've adapted from meditation and philosophy teacher

Sally Kempton's book "Meditation for the Love of It"

- 1. Write a letter to someone you dislike or disapprove of. Tell them what you dislike about them, e.g., "You treat people like shit".
- Then write a letter to someone you admire. Write everything you love about them, e.g., "You are so brave and inspiring".
- 3. Read the letters aloud in front of a mirror, substituting "you" with "I" so you're reading them as if they're addressed to you.
- 4. These letters will reveal your shadow to you. Notice that your shadow side has both dark (bad) and light (good) qualities. Contemplate this for a few days. You don't have to do anything with this information, just let it "percolate" through you.
- Notice if there is a change in the way you see other people or in how you see yourself.

Kempton writes: "people who have engaged in shadow work exhibit a high degree of balance, tolerance and self-acceptance... they don't say one thing and do another. Their ethics are not undercut by their unconscious impulses."

Want to become the person you aspire to? Get to know your shadow. And I don't mean just your negative qualities. Remember the second letter you wrote? This highlights the "good" shadow: aspects of yourself that you may have trouble owning. These are your unexpressed strengths, just waiting to be recognized and encouraged.

Your shadow side can not only keep you from sabotaging your relationships, jobs and life, it can also show you some wonderful – but latent - qualities that you may not be giving yourself credit for.

Your shadow knows a lot about you: try the exercise and see what it has to say.

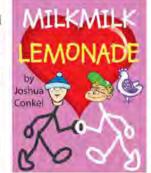


ment all the way out on Avenue Q. There, he meets Kate (the girl next door), Rod (the Republican), Trekkie (the internet sexpert), Lucy the Slut (need we say more?), and other colorful types who help Princeton finally discover his purpose in life.

### SNAP! fest 2012

After more than eight years, SNAP! Productions is bringing back its New Works Festival. This June, SNAP! fest 2012 will host the Premieres of two great shows. Making its Omaha

Premiere at SNAP! fest 2012, is Joshua Conkel's comedy Milk-MilkLemonade which is an unusual telling of childhood growing pains. Making its World Premiere at the Festival is Frank Anthony Polito's comedy Band Fags! which is based on his award winning novel that was banned on Facebook.



MilkMilkLemonade is the story of 11-year old Emory, who dreams of being a singer and a dancer. His plans to ribbon dance his way to

television's Reach For The Stars are thwarted by his Nanna, who is determined to mold Emory into a normal American boy. and erase his days of jazz hands and Nina Simone covers. A children's play definitely not for children, MilkMilkLemonade is a queer pondering of gender, identity, and the need to dream up a world where you can be who you are.

Band Fags! tells the story of best friends since seventh grade. Jack and Brad, as they come of age in suburban Detroit during the mid-1980s. As Jack and Brad make their way through junior high and high school, their friendship grows deeper and more complicated. From stealing furtive glances at Playgirl to discussing which celebrities might be "like that," from navigating

school cliques to dealing with crushes on girls and guys alike, Jack is trying to figure out who and what he is. Alas, life is not a John Hughes movie. And sooner or later. Jack must choose which path to follow. But will his decision come at the expense of his friendship with Brad?

MilkMilkLemonade is being diby Frank Anthony Polito

rected by Robert Williams and has a five person cast. The cast includes Michael Martinez, Matt Uehling, Dani Cleveland, Kathleen Lomax and Sarah Liken. Band

Fags! is being directed by SNAP! board member, Thomas Lowe, and has a cast that includes Joey Galda and Predrag PJ Sudar. Producing the festival this year are Echelle Childers and Michal Simpson.

Buy your tickets now for SNAP! fest 2012. MilkMilkLemonade will run May 31-June 3 and June 9-10, 14-15, Band Fags! will run June 7-8 and June 16-17, 21-24. SNAP! Productions is located at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm. Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, June 24th show will start at 2:00 pm. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations must be made online at the SNAP! Productions website:

www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for Seniors, TAG Members and Students. SNAP! also offers \$10.00 Thursday pricing and a Festival Bundle price of both shows for \$20.00 anytime. There will also be a special signed performance for the hearing impaired on June 3, 2012.

# **NOM Spokeswoman and** Radio Host Claim Fight Against Hedonism, Sacrificial Sex

BY Michelle Garcia.

NOM's Jennifer Roback Morse

A radio host and a spokeswoman for the National Organization for Marriage agreed that the devil takes delight in homosexuality because it causes the downfall of society.

NOM's Jennifer Roback Morse stopped by Richard Land Live

over the weekend, when a caller thanked Land and Morse for their crusade against the "demon of homosexuality." Right Wing Watch reports.

Land replied, "The devil takes pleasure in anything that causes destruction in human society, and the homosexual lifestyle does cause destruction. It's seen as one of the evidences in the decline of every empire we have seen; studies have shown it became rampant in the Persian Empire, the Greek Empire, the Roman Empire, the British Empire."



Morse later added that nonreligious people are pagans who worship sexuality and "the hedonism, the hedonistic aspect of the culture." She also said that "full-on paganism" could be seen as worshiping sex, "as sex taking on a kind of sacramental role."

According to Right Wing Watch, Land is under investigation by the Southern Baptist Convention, where he has long been a top official, for spouting hateful and possibly plagiarized statements regarding the death of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin.

# **GAYZETTE EVENTS**

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#### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Every Sunday WORSHIP SERVICES:** AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,

ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffeehouse 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"

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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.

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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

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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

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

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

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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

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1st Wednesday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to

at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

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

1st Thursday

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

1st Friday FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE Spm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

**1st Saturday RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, at 7:00 pm . See www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

1st Sunday SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

2nd Monday NAP HIV TESTING

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

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

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Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

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**3rd Sunday CBCA MEETING** 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs

4th Monday NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday
PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,

6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m. YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220, 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

#### **Take What You Want**

Two engineering students were walking across campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?"

The second engineer replied,
"Well, I was walking along yesterday
minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She
threw the bike to the ground, took off all
her clothes and said, "Take what you
want."

The second engineer nodded approvingly, "Good choice, the clothes probably wouldn't have fit."

### **Two Wishes**

A man walks into a restaurant with a fullgrown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks for their orders. The man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours"? "I'll have the same," says the ostrich.

A short time later, the waitress returns with the order. "That will be \$9.40 please," she says and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "A hamburger, fries, and a coke."

The ostrich says, "I'll have the same."

Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until the two enter again later in the week.

"The usual"? asks the waitress.

"No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and salad," says the man. "Same," says the ostrich.

Shortly, the waitress brings the order and says, "That will be \$32.62."

Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer.

"Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time"?

"Well," says the man, "several years ago, I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.

"That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"

"That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man.

The waitress asks, "But what's with the ostrich"?

The man sighs and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with long legs who agrees with everything I say."

#### **Priceless**

A guy goes to the supermarket and notices an attractive woman waving at him.

She says hello. He's rather taken aback because he can't place where he knows her from. So he says, "Do you know me?"

To which she replies, "I think you're the father of one of my kids."

Now his mind travels back to the only time he has ever been unfaithful to his wife and says, "My God, are you the stripper from my bachelor party that I made love to on the pool table with all my buddies watching while your partner whipped my butt with wet celery???"

She looks into his eyes and says calmly, "No, I'm your son's teacher."

# **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 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

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

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

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

Heartland Pride

Www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772. Omaha 68103, Board Meets 3rd Monday. Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6pm, 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 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive

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

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

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegavpride@cox.net or ongpl@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

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

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

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

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

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330 Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info

River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rivercitygenderalliance.org River City Mixed Bowling Sundays,

Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

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

3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, www.secondunitarianomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

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

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

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 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

LGBTO 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

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

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

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

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

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: http:// 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 Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org
Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org
Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal
Constitutions, http://www.IowaEquality.org
Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

**Nationally Based** 

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

## Pro-LGBT Minn. Pastor Trying to Save Church

Supporters are trying to help a St. Paul church that lost many members over its pastor's endorsement of marriage equality.

BY Trudy Ring.

Pictured, The Reverend Oliver White

Minnesota minister Oliver White, who has lost much of his congregation over his support for marriage equality, is getting help in raising funds to try to keep his church open.



In February, White's Grace Community United Church in St. Paul received a \$15,000 gift from the predominantly LGBT Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, which like Grace is affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Now the pro-LGBT interfaith group Believe Out Loud, a San Francisco entrepreneur, and others are raising funds for Grace Church, the St. Paul Pioneer Press reports.

# Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

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

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

The predominantly African-American church needs to raise \$200,000 by June 30 to pay off a high-interest loan. About 20% of that has come in to date, White told the Pioneer Press last week.

Joseph Ward, director of Believe Out Loud, has raised several thousand dollars for the church through his group's website, and San Franciscan Nick Warshaw has set up a fund-raising website at Rally.org/gcucc. John Ong, a gay graphic designer and podcaster in Kansas City, Mo., recently devoted a show to White. And White is asking supporters to give as little as \$1 each to help keep the church afloat.

In 2005, White voted to support a marriage equality resolution at the United Church of Christ's national meeting. Within a few weeks, two thirds of his congregation left. Some Sundays the attendance is 20 or fewer.

On the podcast with Ong, White emphasized that his church welcomes all, and he was philosophical about its struggle. "If we are not successful, I am not going to feel that we are defeated," he said. "I've often said if one person has been turned around, if their thinking has been turned around, and they are no longer homophobic, and they can reach out and love their brothers and their sisters as they love themselves, unconditionally, without labeling them in any way, then losing the church will not be in vain."

# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

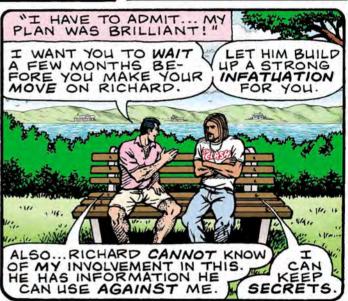






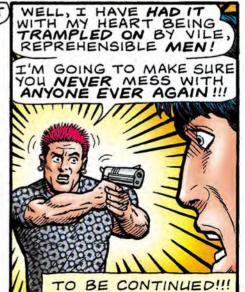












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# **Fitness Corner**

By Ron Blake

# THE HEALTHIEST DECISION I EVER MADE... JUST BE ME!

"Homosexuality is destroying the fabric of our society! I don't hate gays and lesbians; I hate gayism and lesbianism!" The pastor's words grabbed my attention as I sat motionless in the large Baptist church in Northwest Indiana eight years ago. I was the guest of honor and was being feted for my recent primary election victory by 10,000 of my steadfast supporters. They all believed in me to be the next county commissioner and gave me their blessing. How could they all believe in me when they didn't even know who I was...and neither did I.

Turns out I was gay then and I am still gay today. I have showered a lot of times but it just won't come off. Actually the more I try, the gayer I became from buying all the products to use on my hair and skin. I beat myself up for awhile as I struggled with the label of being gay for the rest of my life.

The money train for my election campaign back in those days would have kept coming had I continued to deny that scuttle-butt about being light in my loafers. Lucky for me the wizard gave me a brain and a heart and I knew this wasn't the right thing to do. Friends of Dorothy has its advantages! I left behind my promising political future back in 2004 and had my "come to Jesus moment".

There can be plenty of regret, anger, sadness, or any number of emotions that flood over you when you finally realize that you lived 35 years of your life in denial. I have subsequently chosen instead to take those difficult times and turn it into something positive. I have chosen to get my voice back through the creation of a light-hearted radio show called Small Town Big City Radio.

This radio show is my chance to reconnect with my friends and family that I left behind in small town Indiana almost a decade ago and to maintain those friendships I have made since moving away to big city Arizona. It also gives me the chance to have fun with everyday life and everyday events and to embrace all that I am today while entertaining people in Omaha and all across the country. It gives me the chance to be proud of...me.

I am teaming up with the QTalk Arizona Radio network and the QTalk America network and will be podcasting my weekly shows beginning in mid July of this year. The show's topics will include current events, sports, movies, politics, and everything in between. I certainly want and need Omaha's gay and gay friendly community to help me get my voice back one small town and one big city at a time.

As with any grass roots campaign, I sure could use some volunteers to get my message out about my show through social media or word of mouth. Don't be bashful about contacting me or learning more about my story at SmallTownBigCityRadio.com. I could use the likes and encouragement on my Facebook page too. Be mindful that Stonewall began as an isolated disturbance in New York City and eventually grew to involve hundreds of gay Pride parades and festivals around the country. It always starts with YOU.

William Wallace once said, "Every man dies. Not every man really lives." Get out there and start making it happen before it's too late. Be proud of who you are and enjoy all that is out there. Be happy and healthy and I'll see you on the radio!

This article is brought to you by that guy seeing clearly now, the rain is gone. That guy is Ron Blake and you can join him in his bright, bright, Sun-shiny day at SmallTownBigCityRadio.com!

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## ICON Candidates for Emperor and Empress Announced

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is excited to announce the candidates for Emperor and Empress for reign XXXII. Aspiring to the throne of Emperor XXXII are Cupid and Daniel Mathew. Aspiring to the throne of Empress XXII is Macy Riley.

Campaign began full swing start Memorial Day weekend on Friday, May 25th and will continue until Saturday, June 23rd. There are various events coming up to meet the candidates and see what they will do to continue giving back to the Nebraska GLBSTS community for over 30 years. Voting will be held community wide at the Rainbow Outreach Center on Sunday, June 24th from 1pm to 5pm. To be eligible to vote you must be a resident of Nebraska or Pottawattamie County, Iowa and be at least 18 years of age.

The winners will be crowned on Saturday, July 14th, in downtown Omaha at the Doubletree Hotel at Coronation XXXII. We will be celebrating the successful reign of Emperor XXXI, Todd Pacas and Empress XXXI, Chandler Chubbs. The evening's festivities will start with doors at 6pm and Coronation beginning promptly at 7pm. For a full listing of the weekend's events and links to book a hotel room and tickets, please visit www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org.

