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Billboard Promoting 'Ex-Gay' Conversion Therapy Appears in Texas

BY NEAL BROVERMAN

The signage was paid for by the group Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays.



Groups are still pushing "conversion" or "ex-gay" therapy — which attempts to turn LGBT people straight or cisgender — and pouring money into promoting the dangerous practice.

The latest billboard appeared this week in Waco, Tex., according to the Houston Chronicle. "Ex-Gays prove change is possible," the billboard reads, with a beaming man's face appearing next to the words.

Numerous mental health groups have condemned "conversion therapy," including the American Psychological Association, and warned it can contribute to depression, anxiety, drug abuse, homelessness, and suicidal ideation. California, Illinois, New Jersey, Oregon, and Vermont have all made it illegal for minors to be exposed to the fraudulent practice.

The Waco billboard was not greeted warmly by everyone in the conservative central Texas city. Charley Garrison, a minister of the LGBT-affirming Central Texas Metropolitan Community Church, vowed to hold a Pride event at the site of the sign. Others have countered "ex-gay" billboards by erecting affirming signs challenging the message of "ex-gay" supporters.

Cuomo Introduces Bill for HIV-Positive Teens to Get Treatment Without Parental Consent

By David Artavia

By enacting several new proposals, Governor Cuomo hopes to rid New York State of HIV by 2020.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has introduced legislation he claims would end the "HIV/AIDS epidemic in New York State" by 2020 through several new proposals, including one that allows minors the right to receive HIV treatment as well as preventative services like PrEP without parental consent.



Currently the state of New York allows minors to be tested for STDs and receive treatment without parental consent. However, when it comes to treating HIV, minors are not allowed to receive antiretroviral medications without consent of a parent or guardian.

Seeing as people between the ages of 13 and 24 made up 22% of new HIV cases in 2014, according to the CDC, delaying treatment in minors will lead to progression, which increases the odds of transmitting the virus to other minors. The new law gives minors a chance to receive treatment on their own, while also allowing them to obtain PrEP, which makes it virtually impossible to get infected.

According to Cuomo's announcement, since proposing his plan to end the AIDS epidemic in New York, prescriptions for Truvada as PrEP have more than tripled among people enrolled in Medicaid, and more than \$20 million in new funding has been spread out through multiple programs initiatives. As a result, 6,000 HIV-positive people will be provided with treatment who wouldn't have been able to otherwise.

"New York State is leading by example in the fight against AIDS and the initiatives in this legislation are key to building

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on the progress we have already made," Governor Cuomo said. "By increasing access to testing and breaking down barriers to treatment, New York has taken a holistic approach to ending the AIDS epidemic. We will not relent until this horrific disease is nothing but a distant memory."

While Governor Cuomo spearheads progress in HIV prevention, some say more work needs to be done to tackle the stigma attached to HIV and AIDS which stems all the way back to the early days of the disease.

"I mean if that's what it's going to take to get them into treatment, you do what you have to do to get healthy." HIV activist Michael Deeb said to WKBA. He went on to say that the proposed law is a double-edged sword. "They're still a child so the parent is still responsible for them.

When I got diagnosed I was a mess, I needed to be around my family. I'm very hopeful you know, I'm very hopeful we make a lot of progression every single day and I only hope to see it go further and reach our goal by 2020."

In addition to allowing minors to receive treatment and preventative measures without parental consent. Cuomo's legislation will also expand opportunities for registered nurses to test for STDs while increasing access to PrEP through pharmacies and promotion.

The legislation also introduces a new way to share data by allowing HIV-related information to be shared by care coordinators and care managers through a linked network.





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Donald Trump Wants to Set the Religious Right Loose on You

By John Gallagher

Religious right leaders have been quick to embrace Donald Trump, despite his violation of every moral principle they purport to love. Now Trump has returned the favor. In a speech last week at the Values Voter Summit, a jamboree for the religious right, Trump made it clear that he will give anti-gay evangelicals carte blanche if he's elected president.



Trump started at a low point and went down from there. Trump began by expressing his appreciation for one of the right's premier homophobes, Tony Perkins. "I wanted to thank our host, Tony Perkins, for his years of leadership," Trump cooed about the head of the Family Research Council, a hate group. As if that wasn't enough, Trump also did a shout out to another homophobe (and fellow Putin lover) Franklin Graham.

Then Trump promised the religious right basically anything it wanted, in his signature syntax. "In a Trump administration, our Christian heritage will be cherished, protected, defended, like you've never seen before," he told the cheering crowd. "Believe me. I believe it. And you believe it. And you know it. You know it."

That includes some important sops to the religious right. One is the appointment of judges who will uphold anti-gay bigotry under the guise of religious liberty. "I have pledged to appoint judges who uphold the Constitution, to protect your religious liberty, and apply the law as written," Trump said. "We reject judges who rewrite the Constitution to impose their own person views on 300 millionplus Americans."

The other issue that will cheer antigay forces is Trump's pledge to allow religious institutions to get involved in politics without losing their tax-exempt status. That's a policy that is rarely enforced (obviously, given his audience), but that could have an outsized impact on local ballot initiatives.

Of course, the thudding irony is that Trump's familiarity with matters of faith is about as deep as his foreign policy expertise. But that didn't matter to his audience, who enthusiastically embraced his muddled ideas.

In July, Donald Trump promised to protect the LGBTQ community from "the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideologies." Maybe. But he clearly won't do anything to protect us from hateful domestic ones.

Omaha Public Schools Adds Gender Identity to Nondiscrimination Policy

By Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Omaha school district's antidiscrimination policy will now cover gender identity and expression.

Under the new policy, all allegations of discrimination could start with a complaint to school staff but would eventually be accepted by the Superintendent of Schools.

The Omaha Public Schools board voted unanimously Wednesday night to expand the policy. The crowded meeting brought a range of opinions on policies affecting transgender students.

Several speakers asked the board to send a strong message of support to transgender students by expanding the district's anti-discrimination policy.

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"I urge you not to fail current and future students in the Omaha Public Schools system," said Dylan Murphy, 31, a transgender man who attended Omaha Public Schools before transferring to Mil-



lard Public Schools in eighth grade. "Right now OPS has a chance to do something huge."

Others disagreed, saying adding these terms to the policy would create more problems for LGBT students.

"Do all you can to keep them safe," Pastor Michael Williams said of transgender students. "But please do not create a policy that legitimizes, normalizes and affirms the LGBT and transgender lifestyles."

Several parents and students told the board they would welcome more protections for transgender students.

"I'm not concerned in the least that my daughter or my son would be corrupted by learning more about gender identity or expression," said Daniel Hawkins, a parent. "I am scared for the way (transgender students) will be treated in the absence of strong policy that protects them."

Bridget Donovan, president of the Omaha Education Associa-

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tion, said teachers will support all students.

"We stand not only with and beside but in front of our LGBTQIA students," she said. "We believe all our students, including these students, deserve a safe, secure and nurturing environment"

NCAA Pulls Championship Games from North Carolina Over Anti-LGBT Law

By AARON BEARD, AP Sports Writer

The NCAA has pulled seven championship events from North Carolina, including opening-weekend men's basketball tournament games, for the coming year due to a state law that some say can lead to discrimination against LGBT people.



In a news release Monday, the NCAA says the decision by its board of governors came "because of the cumulative actions taken by the state concerning civil rights protections."

"This decision is consistent with the NCAA's long-standing core values of inclusion, student-athlete well-being and creating a culture of fairness," said Georgia Tech President G.P. "Bud" Peterson, the chair of the board of governors.

The law — known as HB2 — requires transgender people to use restrooms at schools and government buildings corresponding to the sex on their birth certificates. It also excludes gender identity and sexual orientation from local and statewide anti-discrimination protections.

HB2 was signed into law by Gov. Pat McCrory earlier this year.

A spokesman with McCrory's office couldn't immediately be reached for comment Monday evening.

The only championship events that can be hosted in North Carolina this academic year are ones determined when a team earns the right to play on their own campus.

The NCAA said it will relocate the men's basketball first- and second-round games that were scheduled for March 17 and 19 in Greensboro. The NCAA will also relocate:

the Division I women's soccer championship scheduled for Dec. 2 and 4 in Cary, just outside the capital city of Raleigh;

the Division III men's and women's soccer championships set for Dec. 2 and 3 in Greensboro;

the Division I women's golf regional championships set for May 8-10 in Greenville:

the Division III men's and women's tennis championships set for May 22-27 in Cary;

the Division I women's lacrosse championship set for May 26 and 28 in Cary;

and the Division II baseball championship from May 27 to June 3 in Cary.

In April, the NCAA announced it was adopting an antidiscrimination measure that would affect the way the governing body evaluates bids to host sporting events and required sites to "demonstrate how they will provide an environment that is safe, healthy and free of discrimination."

In a statement Monday night, NCAA President Mark Emmert said the governing body will delay announcements on future championship sites until early next year. That comes as it reviews responses to questionnaires required of prospective site hosts on how they would comply with the NCAA's anti-discrimination measure.

In announcing its decision Monday, the NCAA stated current North Carolina laws "make it challenging to guarantee that host communities can help deliver" on that requirement.

The NCAA also took special note of four ways North Carolina's law differs from other states. The NCAA pointed out that five states — Connecticut, Minnesota, New York, Vermont and Washington — and several cities prohibit travel by public employees and representatives of public institutions to the state of North Carolina. Those representatives prohibited to travel could include athletes, coaches and athletic administrators.

Monday's action by the NCAA is the latest public and business backlash that has arisen since the law was enacted. The NBA moved its 2017 All-Star Game to New Orleans instead of hosting it in Charlotte as originally scheduled because of the law. Duke lost a men's basketball game from its schedule when Albany backed out due to that state's travel ban, while the Vermont women's basketball team has canceled a December trip to play North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Entertainers like Bruce Springsteen, Pearl Jam and Ringo Starr have canceled plans to play in North Carolina. And PayPal reversed plans to open a 400-employee operation center in Charlotte.

North Carolina GOP Comes Unhinged over NCAA Decision to Pull Games over HB2

By Bil Browning

The North Carolina GOP is frothing mad after the NCAA yanked their champiouship games from the state over HB2, the new law requiring transgender people to use the bathroom of the gender listed on their birth certificate. The law also nullified local ordinances that protect gays and lesbians from discrimination.

Kami Mueller, the spokesperson for NCGOP, issued the following statement last night after the decision was announced.

This is so absurd it's almost comical. I genuinely look forward to the NCAA merging all men's and women's teams together as singular, unified, unisex teams. Under the NCAA's logic, colleges should make



cheerleaders and football players share bathrooms, showers, and hotel rooms. This decision is an assault to female athletes across the nation. If you are unwilling to have women's bathrooms and locker rooms, how do you have a women's team? I wish the NCAA were this concerned about the women who were raped at Baylor. Perhaps the NCAA should should stop with their political peacocking – and instead focus their energies on making sure our nation's collegiate athletes are safe, both on and off the field."

Obviously, the party is reaching for ways to push back against critics of the law, but surely they can do better than comparing cheerleaders and football players showering together to transgender women peeing in peace in the ladies room.

Oh, wait. There is no way to justify discrimination. That's the problem.

3 Things You Should Always Say When a Child Comes Out

by Klint Kendrick

Hey there Dad. Let's talk again. What you say to a child that was brave enough to come out as lesbian, gay, bi, trans, or queer/questioning (LGBTQ) will have a lasting impact. Your children, and their friends, look up to you and will only tell you personal things because they trust you. This trust makes it especially important for you to know what to say and what not to say.



Fortunately, I have some expert advice for you. AFFIRM, a network of therapists with LGBTQ relatives, has compiled a list of statements that LGBTQ people have heard while coming out. They were nice enough to share that list with me, knowing that I would share it with the Dads (and others) out there.

The list is extensive and it contains some truly amazing reactions, alongside some absolutely horrifying responses. (If you want to stay up to date, "like" A Father's Pride on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.) As I looked through the list of comments, three of them stood out and capture the essence of what you need to do for a child's coming out to be positive and affirming.

- Start with "I will always love you." Look, Dad, I know we're not supposed to talk about love or any other feelings. Even sensitive modern guys tend to shy away from this feeling stuff. Look, your child just took a huge risk and this is one of the best things you can say. Trust me, they will breathe easier knowing that you will always love them.
- 2. Next, be inquisitive. Say something like, "Tell me more, I want to understand." This is a great second step, but it's important that you tell your child you love them before asking for more information. You don't want your child wondering if their answer to your question has to be the "right one." Issues of sexual orientation and gender identity are complicated, and sometimes it takes more than a few words to really appreciate what your child is telling you. Make sure that you leave the question open ended, and that you respect the intimate details of your child's life. Sometimes you can push too far and make an already uncomfortable conversation even more uncomfortable.
- 3. Finish strong by saying, "I'm so glad you told me!" At this point, Dad, you've been let into the circle of trust. Each and every time a young person comes out, they are taking a risk, and this youth decided you were worth the risk. Your reaction could be condemnation or rejection, verbal or even physical abuse -- and they risked that to tell you the truth about who they are. By closing strong, you set yourself up as an ally. When the next adult reacts poorly, this young person can come back to you for guidance and support.

As society (once again) comes to grips with the fact that gay people exist, youth are coming out earlier and earlier. Your chances of having or knowing a LGBTQ child is pretty high. Keep these three points in mind, Dad, and you'll ace this conversation.

Church in Harlem Announces Plans to Burn 'Rainbow Fag Flag'

ATLAH Missionary Church is fighting foreclosure over unpaid water bills

by Greg Hernandez

It seems that ATLAH World Missionary Church's idea of celebrating is burning a rainbow pride flag.

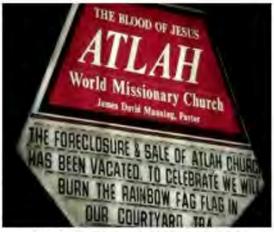
Only the Harlem, on their public billboard this week, is calling it a 'rainbow fag flag.'

Reverend James Manning announced the flag burning as a celebration of a development in an ongoing foreclosure case brought against the church by New York City for lack of payment of utility bills.

The Ali Forney Center (AFC), an organization dedicated to

homeless LGBTI youth, has organized a protest against the flag burning threat.

'Reverend Manning's threat to burn the rainbow flag in the courtyard of his church is



reprehensible, especially in the aftermath of the Orlando Massacre,' said Carl Siciliano, founder and executive director of AFC.

AFC, which hopes to buy the church building at auction, plans to surround the church with rainbow flags during its protest.

'Our pride cannot be destroyed, symbolically or otherwise,' Siciliano said. 'The best response to his hate is a display of community love and pride by the LGBT community and our allies.

Siciliano also called the church's celebration plans 'premature.

'All he has won for now is the opportunity to incur many further legal costs as he tries to escape the consequences of decades of failure to pay ATLAH's water bills,' he said.

The church argues it is exempt from paying water bills while the city maintains it is not because the church facility includes six residential apartments.

The ATLAH site was foreclosed in January due to liens of over \$1 million.

At that time, AFC launched the Harlem No Hate campaign to raise funds to win the building at auction. Its goal is to provide housing and vocational services to the homeless LGBTI youth in it's care.

More than \$330,000 has been raised towards AFC's efforts to acquire the building.

Can I Get HIV Through Oral Sex?

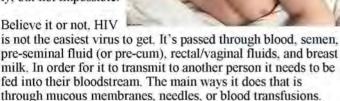
By David Artavia

Back when I used to go to church camp, we school boys believed there were two types of virginities: the mouth and the penis (or vagina). A good Christian could have as much oral sex as they wanted because they could still say they were a "virgin" without feeling guilty about it. Nowadays oral sex is as common as a handshake. How the tides have changed.

Oral sex is probably the most common of promiscuous behaviors. It's fast, easy and way more intimate than anal or vaginal sex — you're putting your mouth all up in their junk, if that's

not intimate I don't know what is. But the more we do it, the more we wonder: can we get HIV through oral sex?

The short answer is that it's highly unlikely, but not impossible.



Mucous membranes are found inside the rectum, vagina, penis, and mouth, but they're mostly protected through layers of tissue, that is, unless there are tears you're unaware of, or damaged tissue in plain sight.

Always be extremely careful if you notice open sores in and around the mouth. If they're visible, you probably should skip Mr. Fellatio tonight. Tears and open sores make it easier for fluids to seep through.

Dr. Thomas Coates, a professor of medicine and director of the University of California, San Francisco, AIDS Research Institute and the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, said to Plus that HIV transmission through "fellatio without ejaculation can happen, but it is exceedingly rare." In fact, most researchers say that the risk of transmission is anywhere from 1 and 10 percent.

The risk of HIV transmission rises if a man ejaculates inside his partner's mouth, or when a women is receiving oral sex while she's menstruating. Nonetheless there are plenty of things you can do to help lower the risk. For example:

When giving oral sex, always spit or swallow his/her fluids. Do not let it sit in your mouth for long periods of time, as it might make its way through open sores or damaged tissue in the mouth. According to San Francisco AIDS Foundation, once it makes its way past the mouth, stomach acid and enzymes in the esophagus kill the virus, so swallowing is actually one of the safest routes.

When receiving oral sex, it can benefit both of you not to jab with such force that it tears delicate tissue around a penis, vagina or inside your partner's mouth, thus creating a wider opportunity for fluids to seep through. Be sure to double check your penis (around the head especially) or vagina to be sure there aren't any tears.

Furthermore, be aware of when you do things that create open wounds in your mouth, like brushing your teeth, flossing, eating hard foods, or opening cans or bottles with your teeth (which many people do). Allow at least an hour after any of these practices to let the wounds close themselves.

Oh, and on a side that has absolutely nothing to do with HIV transmission, when performing oral sex don't forget to layer your lips with a small coat of Chapstick beforehand (they'll thank you for it later).

Mexico Roiled by Marriage Equality Protests, Counter Protests

BY NICO LANG

A 12-year-old Mexican boy blocked antigay protesters marching Saturday against a proposal that would legalize same-sex marriage across the country.

In Celaya, Guanajuato, a reported 11,000 demonstrators took to city streets. An instantly iconic photograph shows a child with his arms spread, standing against oncoming police vehicles and a sea of protesters. The photographer, Manuel Rodriguez, told Regeneración that he thought the child was only joking, but the boy said the issue hit close to home for him.



"I have an uncle who is gay," he told Rodriguez. "And I hate that people hate."

The powerful image recalls Tank Man, the protester photographed blocking the path of a fleet of tanks in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989. This moment came to symbolize peaceful dissent in the Communist nation the day after the Chinese military quashed student-led demonstrations for democracy.

On Saturday, an estimated 300,000 people in 16 cities across Mexico marched against a wave of victories from marriage equality advocates in recent years. Currently, same-sex unions are recognized in nine of the country's 31 states — including Chihuahua, Chipas, Jalisco, and Sonora — following a series of successful legal challenges to marriage bans.

President Enrique Nieto has further vowed to make marriage a constitutional right for same-sex couples, though his approval ratings are dismal, especially after he invited Donald Trump to Mexico City.

Nieto's support has led to a widespread backlash from National Front for the Family, a coalition of faith-based groups opposed to the freedom to marry. The organization, who claims to have collected 100,000 signatures against same-sex marriage, was largely behind the nationwide protests.

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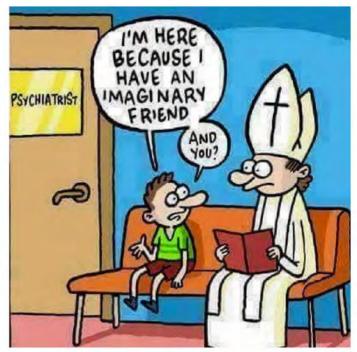
Dressed in white, protesters marched with signs that read "Long live the natural family," "Children need a father and a mother," and "Wake up and defend the family."

"Marriage is between a man and woman for the purpose of procreation," Ariadna Leóna, a 39-year-old demonstrator in eastern Tijuana, told the Los Angeles Times. "We are asking for the respect of the nucleus of society, which is the family."

Jose Alcantara, a spokesman for National Front for the Family, called the protest, which included Catholic priests, "something unprecedented ... in defense of the family."

While the BBC suggests that the turnout numbers were much lower than what was reported, there was a strong counter protest across the conservative nation. Marriage equality supporters gathered in Mexico City's Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday holding rainbow flags and signs reading "We are families, too" and "I respect your family, respect mine."





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Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

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I think I'm bisexual...

Dear Michael:

I am a happily-married woman with a young child, a great job and loving friends. There's only one problem, I think I'm bisexual, and I don't know what to do about it.



What do I do with my feelings for other women? I acted on them (a little) when I was in college, but not since.

I thought that having a good sex life with my husband had replaced all these feelings, but now, after several years of marriage, I find myself fantasizing about sex with other women and feeling attracted to other women at work, church, etc. Please help.

Possibly bisexual in Mission Hills

Dear Possibly:

Congratulations! You may be on the edge of a great discovery. Just what that discovery reveals remains to be seen. You are learning about a new part of yourself. Stay calm. Don't panic. Your awareness of who you are and who you are attracted to is expanding. I recommend that you avoid jumping to any quick conclusions or putting yourself into any kind of box, be it "bisexual", "straight but confused", "lesbian in denial", etc. Sexuality is – for many people – a fluid process. It isn't easily boxed up into neat and tidy categories. People's sexual preferences often expand and shift over a lifetime. Not everyone falls into this category, but many of us grow, evolve and change.

An example of this sexual "fluidity" appeared several years' ago, when local writer/publisher Louise Hay spoke about what she observed as a shift in sexuality for many retirement-aged women. Ms. Hay saw a trend: "elder women" (her term) who chose other women as partners after long-term heterosexual marriages. She said that some elder women found other women more accepting of elder women's changing bodies and more interested in intimacy that wasn't necessarily orgasm-focused.

Whether Ms. Hay is right or not isn't the point. The point is that many people grow and expand their consciousness in a lot of different ways: sexual experience, openness to new attractions/relationships and awareness of self are but a few.

In my counseling work, many of my bisexual clients felt that they had to make drastic changes when they "came out" as bisexual. This puts a lot of pressure on the emerging bisexual person. Rather than feel you have to "change" who you are, why not see it as expanding your identity: you may be a women who is attracted not only to men, but also to women.

Now then...what about your husband? How to decide what – if anything – to tell him. This is something to think long and hard on (pardon the pun, oh well...) If you do decide to talk with him about your attractions to other women, imagine what it may be like from his point of view.

Will this come as a total shock to him, or not? Will this disrupt your relationship and your marriage? Some of my married bisexual clients wait until THEY are clear on who they are and what they want BEFORE sharing this new awareness with a husband or wife. If you're confused and upset about your attraction to other women, this may not be the best time to talk with your husband about it. If you're upset and he's upset too, what will happen then? If you're calm and clear, you may be in a better place to help him deal with his fear, upset, insecurities, etc.

In the past, some clients have asked me if they should tell their children that they are bisexual. In your case, if your child is young, this may be a moot point. Young children just want to know that their life is secure and that mommy and daddy love them and will continue to love, comfort and provide for them. They are rarely interested in what mommy and daddy do in bed, or with whom.

Coming out as bisexual is, in my observation, trickier than coming out as gay or lesbian. Some people (queer or straight) may even assume you're really a lesbian who just hasn't come out yet. Other people may be adamant that you can't be attracted to both men and women. Some of my bisexual clients report that they've even been asked questions like, "So, what percentage of you likes men and what percentage likes women?" (you know, those really profound kinds of questions).

Unfortunately, you can't always count on the support of your gay, lesbian or transgendered brothers and sisters. Bisexuality is a button-pushing topic in many parts of the queer community, so get support from other bisexual women and men. Here in San Diego, there are bisexual support/discussion groups that meet on a regular basis. You can contact the Center at 619-692-2077 for days and times of their meetings. There are also Internet bisexual discussion groups, bulletin boards and web sites: check them out and make some connections with others in similar situations.

In summary, it would help if you can look at your emerging attraction to other women as something new and wonderful to explore and be curious about, rather than as a "problem" to solve, e.g., "Well, am I or am I not bisexual?"

For many of us in the queer community, sexuality is not so easily contained or categorized. It unfolds and unveils itself in its own time. If this is your time, why not enjoy the exploration rather than panic in the newness of your feelings for other women? Get support from the bisexual community and discover who you really are...then, when you feel it's time, you can consider if, when and how to share this with your husband. Good luck!

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Every Tuesday

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

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

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 barbqbill@aol.com

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 No More Empty Cups, 1502 So. 10th St., In the Community Room. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Many of the guys go out for dinner afterwards. Everyone welcome to attend.

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

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 Cafe, 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 Thursday GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. See www.GOglbt.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

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

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

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 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

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Your Event could be listed

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HIV Testing Info

NAP is located at 250 S. 77th St

The Omaha NAP office offers the following hours for HIV and STI testing:

Monday: 9:30-11:30; 1:00-3:30 appointment testing - 5:00-8:00-walk-in testing

Tuesday: 9:30-11:30; 1:00-3:30 appointment testing - 5:00-8:00-walk-in testing

Wednesday: 1:00-3:30 appointment testing - 5:00-8:00-walk-in testing

Thursday: 9:30-11:30; 1:00-3:30 appointment testing

Lincoln NAP offers HIV and STI testing by appointment. To schedule call (402) 476-7000. Also the new Lincoln address is 1120 K. St.

For more information call: Dara Pagano, PLCSW (She/Her/Hers) Prevention & Support Services Manager Nebraska AIDS Project (402) 552-9260 ext. 105

Or see www.NAP.org for information.

The Gift

The ad said, "A Pocket Taser Stun Gun, a great gift for the wife." A guy who purchased his lovely wife a pocket Taser for their anniversary submitted this:

Last weekend I saw something at Larry's Pistol & Pawn Shop that sparked my interest. The occasion was our 15th anniversary and I was looking for a little something extra for my wife Julie.

What I came across was a 100,000-volt, pocket/purse-sized Taser. The effects of the Taser were supposed to be short lived, with no long-term adverse affect on your assailant, allowing her adequate time to retreat to safety....??

WAY TOO COOL! Long story short, I bought the device and brought it home.

I loaded two AAA batteries in the darn thing and pushed the button.

Nothing! I was disappointed. I learned, however, that if I pushed the button AND pressed it against a metal surface at the same time; I'd get the blue arc of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs. AWESOME!!!

Unfortunately, I have yet to explain to Julie what that burn spot is on the face of her microwave.

Okay, so I was home alone with this new toy, thinking to myself that it couldn't be all that bad with only two triple-A batteries, right?

There I sat in my recliner, my cat Gracie looking on intently (trusting little soul) while I was reading the directions and thinking that I really needed to try this thing out on a flesh & blood moving target.

I must admit I thought about zapping Gracie (for a fraction of a second) and thought better of it. She is such a sweet cat. But, if I was going to give this thing to my wife to protect herself against a mugger, I did want some assurance that it would work as advertised. Am I wrong?

So, there I sat in a pair of shorts and a tank top with my reading glasses perched delicately on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, and Taser in another.

The directions said that a one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant; a two-second burst was supposed to cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control; a three-second burst would purportedly make your assailant flop on the ground like a fish out of water. Any burst longer than three seconds would be wasting the batteries. All the while I'm looking at this little device measuring about 5' long, less than 3/4 inch in circumference; pretty cute really and (loaded with two itsy, bitsy triple-A batteries) thinking to myself, 'no possible way!'

What happened next is almost beyond description, but I'll do my best...?

I'm sitting there alone, Gracie looking on with her head cocked to one side as to say, 'don't do it dipshit,' reasoning that a one second burst from such a tiny little ole thing couldn't hurt all that bad. I decided to give myself a one second burst just for heck of it. I touched the prongs to my naked thigh, pushed the button, and

HOLY WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION . . . WHAT THE HELL!!!

I'm pretty sure Jessie Ventura ran in through the side door, picked me up in the recliner, then body slammed us both on the carpet, over and over and over again. I vaguely recall waking up on my side in the fetal position, with tears in my eyes, body soaking wet, both nipples on fire, testicles nowhere to be found, with my left arm tucked under my body in the oddest position, and tingling in my legs?

The cat was making meowing sounds I had never heard before, clinging to a picture frame hanging above the fire-place, obviously in an attempt to avoid getting slammed by my body flopping all over the living room.

Note: If you ever feel compelled to 'mug' yourself with a Taser, one note of caution: there is no such thing as a one second burst when you zap yourself! You will not let go of that thing until it is dislodged from your hand by a violent thrashing about on the floor. A three second burst would be considered conservative?

A minute or so later (I can't be sure, as time was a relative thing at that point), I collected my wits (what little I had left), sat up and surveyed the landscape.

My bent reading glasses were on the mantel of the fireplace. The recliner was upside down and about 8 feet or so from where it originally was. My triceps, right thigh and both nipples were still twitching. My face felt like it had been shot up with Novocain, and my bottom lip weighed 88 lbs. I had no control over the drooling.

Apparently I peed myself, but was too numb to know for sure and my sense of smell was gone. I saw a faint smoke cloud above my head which I believe came from my hair. I'm still looking for my testicles and I'm offering a significant reward for their safe return!!

P. S. My wife loved the gift, and now regularly threatens me with it!

'If you think Education is difficult, try being stupid.'

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Beth El Synagogue, 14506 California St. A GLBT inclusive synagogue, same-sex marriages performed by their rabbis, provided both persons are Jewish. Call 402-292-8550 for more info.

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.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 barbqbill@aol.com

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.

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

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.

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

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

www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Bud-

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 / Nontraditional 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@vahoo.com

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 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, 13111 Sterling Ridge Drive., 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.) and Y.E.S. Drop-in Center

Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, see www.yesomaha.org for information

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, Wednesdays 4pm to 7pm. Walk-in ok.

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: Nebraska Trans Community.com

OUTLine, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outline.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

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.councilbluffscommunitvalliance.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.lowaEquality.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

The Hungry Homo

Slow-cooked Spaghetti Sauce

Ingredients

1 lb. bulk Italian sausage (available at HyVee meat counter)

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

1 medium onion, sliced

1 medium green pepper, cut into 1 inch strips

1 (28 ounce) jar of your favorite spaghetti sauce

1 lb. cooked spaghetti

Steps

In a skillet over medium heat, brown sausage and cavenne pepper for about 5 minutes. Add enough water to cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, then cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Drain.

Transfer to your crock-pot and add onion and green peppers. Pour spaghetti sauce on top.

Cover and cook on HIGH for 1 hour. Reduce heat to LOW and cook 2-3 hours longer. Serve over spaghetti.

Makes 4 servings



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Dixie Ouick'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 & BBO 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

Baked Bars of Coconut Granola

Ingredients

3/4 cup packed brown sugar

2/3 cup peanut butter

1/2 cup corn syrup

1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted

2 tsp. vanilla extract

3 cups old-fashioned oats

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup flaked coconut

1/2 cup sunflower kernels

1/3 cup wheat germ

2 tsp. sesame seeds

Methods/Steps

In a large bowl, combine brown sugar, peanut butter, corn syrup, butter and vanilla. Combine the remaining ingredients; add to peanut butter mixture and stir to coat. Press into two greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire racks. Cut into bars.

Ready in 40 min Makes 36 servings



Now Even White Nationalists Want Gay Friends

By Dawn Ennis

In what at first reads like a biting piece of satire from The Onion, the esteemed Southern Policy Law Center is out with a surprising report that shows the dark side of all the gains LGBTQ Americans have made: "some white nationalists seem to be engaging in some rainbow coalition building."



The "Hatewatch Staff," as they are known, report on the unexpected development by "some" younger, anti-establishment, racist right wing conservatives that have taken the name, the "Alt-Right." They're reaching out to find members of the LGBTQ community whose white supremacist views match their own.

And lest anyone think it's impossible for someone in the community to harbor those kinds of attitudes, it should be noted that groups like the Log Cabin Republicans still exist, that Caitlyn Jenner is still a dyed in the wool Conservative, and Peter Thiel is hardly the only out gay Republican in America.

Richard Spencer is president of the white-nationalist National Policy Institute and according to SPLC has made overtures to the LGBTQ community. He's considered one of the founders of the Alt Right, and last year barred homophobes from attending their annual convention, choosing pro-LGBTQ speakers and turning away at least one antigay speaker.

The SPLC notes that during a recent "Ask Me Anything" on Reddit, Spencer was asked about his "large following in the gay community." Spencer reportedly responded, "The gays love me."

Greg Johnson, another white nationalist writing in something called Counter-currents publishing summed up the change in attitude this way:

"My view is that White Nationalism should be 'straight but not narrow,' meaning that we should uphold and defend heterosexuality as the norm but also recognize that not everyone fits that norm.

"As long as homosexuals uphold healthy norms and have

something positive to contribute, they can and do make our movement stronger."

While it is unclear how significant LGBT white nationalists are within the movement, one thing is for sure. In the wake of the legalization of same-sex marriage and greater equality for LGBT people, the far right is grappling with how to deal with the so-called "Homosexual Question," a strange position to be in, given the right's history of extreme homophobia.

Trans Man Chestfeeds his Baby in Pages of Two Mainstream Magazines

By Dawn Ennis



There have been countless stories of women being shamed for publicly breastfeeding or sharing snapshots of how they nurture their babies, but now comes a photograph of someone transgender doing that, and it has people across America talking.

Time magazine's next issue includes a prominent photograph of Evan Hempel nursing his newborn son. It also appears in People.

Hempel has wanted to have a baby as long as he can remember, even though he felt being female wasn't his authentic self. Raised as one of three sisters, the Boston native came out as trans long ago and began hormone replacement therapy in 2003, injecting testosterone.

In 2011, Hempel and his partner, a woman, decided to have a family, and as he put it, "it would be best for him to carry the child." He stopped his testosterone treatments and start trying artificial insemination with donor sperm. After a few failed attempts including a miscarriage, Hempel finally delivered a healthy baby boy in 2015.

His older sister, Jessi, documented the ordeal for Time, including the photographs of Hempel chestfeeding, which is what

trans men call the act of breastfeeding.

Although some trans men who decide to give birth encounter difficulty resolving the revival of aspects of their femininity through childbirth, Hampel told his sister, it turned out to be a non-issue for him.

"It was a gamble," he said. "I didn't know how I'd feel, but it turns out I just feel like it's really cool that my body can do this."

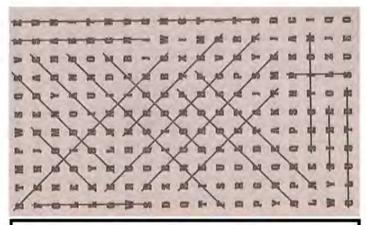
The story documents his coming out to his boss, his battles with his health insurer and the reaction of family and friends.

South Africa Bars American Pastor Over Anti-LGBT Hate Speech

By Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South Africa has barred an American pastor who has made anti-gay comments from entering the country.

Malusi Gigaba, the home affairs minister, said Tuesday that Steven Anderson and members of the Faithful Word Baptist Church of Tempe, Arizona will not be allowed to travel to





250 South 77th Street, Suite A Omaha, NE 68114

(Located behind McDonald's at 77th & Dodge Street)

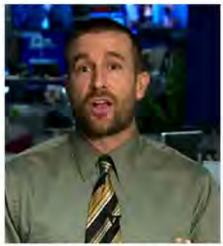
www.nap.org

402-552-9260

Get Smart, Get Tested

South Africa because they allegedly promote hate speech.

Gigaba says South
Africa is still struggling to curb discrimination despite laws
that are among the
most "progressive" in
the world. He says the
country does not "need
more hatred advocated
to our people."
Anderson has made
harshly critical comments about homosex-



uals. His church website lists a "soul-winning marathon" in Johannesburg on Sunday.

Activists had urged South Africa's government to bar him from entering.

Pet Blessing-Save The Date

"Animals are reliable, many full of love, true in their affections, predictable in their actions, grateful and loyal; difficult standards for people to live up to." -Alfred A. Montapert

The Inclusive Life Center is holding a Pet Blessing and Fundraiser on Sunday, October 9th at the Inclusive Life Center Chapel, 42nd Center (Center Mall) Level 3, North Side.

10:00am begins a free pet blessing. Stuffed Animals and other items are welcomed as well.

Join us for the following fundraiser: 10:30am 1 Mile Walk 11:00am Pancake Feed

\$25 for up to 2 people \$45 for 3 or more people

100% of the proceeds will benefit area individuals, couples, and families who are in need of assistance to purchase care, meds, or food for their pets.

Inclusive Life Center 1941 S 42nd ST STE 124 Omaha, NE 68105 402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org/pets

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox













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