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#### British Olympic Hopeful Tom Bosworth Comes Out

By James McDonald

In an interview with BBC's Victoria Derbyshire, British track athlete Tom Bosworth spoke publicly for the first time about his sexuality, adding that his friends, family, and teammates have known for years.

The 25-year-old race walker currently holds three British Records and, with his sights set on Rio for the 2016 Olympics, is the first openly gay British Track and Field athlete. Therefore the decision to come out now, he says, is so that any public reaction can play out now, rather than closer to the Olympic Games.



In the interview, which can be watched on BBC Sport, Bosworth paid tribute to British diver Tom Daley, who came out in 2013 and is now engaged to Oscar winning activist Dustin Lance Black, as proof that being openly gay in athletics is possible.

When questioned about why he felt the need to come out, Bosworth said:

"To speak about this, being a sportsman, it's still news unfortunately."

He said that he wants to "give the positive message that you can succeed in sport," adding:

"I definitely don't want to just be known as the gay Track and Field athlete. I want to go and win medals, I want to go and compete at major championships and become an Olympian. But definitely, this is me, and I feel that I need to help and support other people."

Russia Poised to Criminalize Coming Out

By Sunnivie Brydum

Two years after Russian president Vladimir Putin signed into law a nationwide ban on so-called gay propaganda, conservative lawmakers are considering making that law even more punitive for LGBT people, calling for additional fines and jail time for those who dare to come out in public.



The new bill is being drafted as an amendment to Russia's infamous ban on "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations," which currently imposes fines and censure for any person or agency making pro-LGBT statements in any venue that could be accessible to minors. The original legislation was drafted by members of Putin's ruling United Russia Party, though both chambers of Russia's legislature passed the law unanimously.

If the proposed amendment is signed into law, anyone who publicly declares a "non-traditional sexual orientation' could be fined \$5,000 rubles (\$80) for 'demonstrating [their] own expressed sexual preferences in public places," reports Newsweek Europe. Making such a declaration in a school, "cultural establishment," or government building could land the offender in jail for 15 days.

Basing its report on a Russian state-owned newspaper's coverage of the draft legislation, Newsweek notes that two members of the Communist Party introduced the bill as a way to regulate Russian morality, claiming that the country's draconian ban on alleged gay propaganda is "insufficient."

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"I believe that the problem we have raised is one of the most pressing and topical issues as it addresses the social ills of our society and deals with the moral education of the next generation," Communist lawmaker Ivan Nikitchuk told Izvestia, the Russian paper. "In the biological sense, not reproducing is the same as death, and in that sense homosexuality is a lethal threat for the whole of humankind."

Since Putin signed the sweeping nationwide ban on so-called propaganda in July 2013, LGBT people in Russia and its territories have faced increasingly violent repression. Openly LGBT people have been arrested, social networking groups for LGBT youth have been shuttered, media outlets that report on LGBT people and issues have been fined, and the country's few remaining gay and lesbian bars have been raided, as the owners of those establishments and other LGBT people have fled the country.

#### Ben Carson: Same-Sex Marriage Disrespects God, Leads to Polygamy

BY NEAL BROVERMAN

Physician and Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson is again talking about marriage equality, this time saying it will lead to legalized polygamy and already tosses the "word of God" into the "garbage."



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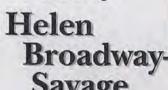
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Carson was speaking to conservative radio host Eric Metaxas on the subject, with the candidate claiming he had "nothing against gay people whatsoever." Oddly, Carson wanted to know what he could do to mollify gay people if he refused to change his opposition to same-sex marriage.

Metaxas said, "When someone is winning they want to push us as far as they can," claiming that many gay people are fighting too hard for rights and railing against so-called "religious freedom."

Carson followed that up with the old trope that marriage equality will lead to newer definitions of marriage. "The natural next question" is opening up marriage to more than two partners, he said.

"Effectively what it does is it takes away from the tradition of family we've known for thousands of years, but also it negates an important part of the word of God," he said. "And if you can do that with one part of the word of God, you can do it with the rest of it too. Toss the whole thing in the garbage.

"Obviously, many people don't care about the word of God," Metaxas said.

## Hillary Clinton Agrees Transphobic Violence Is a 'National Crisis'

BY ADVOCATE.COM EDITORS

Following up on her sweeping speech to Human Rights Campaign volunteers last weekend, Democratic presidential frontrunner Hillary Clinton acknowledged Friday that the unabated murders of transgender women constitutes a "national crisis," reports BuzzFeed News.

In a private meeting with Black Lives Matter activists in Washington, D.C., Clinton recognized that the reported 20 transgender women killed in the U.S. this year —



most of whom have been trans women of color — signify what advocates have long called an "epidemic" of violence that Clinton hopes to combat if elected president.

Although the meeting was closed to the public, BuzzFeed News reports that trans activist Cherno Biko, who works to support the families of trans women killed, was in attendance, and spoke passionately about the fear she lives with daily as a black transgender woman.

"I think it's really important to have [Clinton's] voice as a part of this conversation," Biko told BuzzFeed News. "We need all hands on deck."

"[Clinton] acknowledged that it's not her lived reality," added Ferguson Commission's Brittany Packnett, according to BuzzFeed News. "I don't think she offered yet a lot of specifics about how to protect the most vulnerable among us, especially trans women of color. But it seemed like she wanted to do more listening on the topic which was encouraging."

Biko was a guest on a recent HuffPost Live segment, where Advocate managing editor Sunnivie Brydum also addressed Clinton's promises made to the LGBT community, including a pledge to value and honor the lives and humanity of transgender women. In that HuffPost Live Queerview segment, Biko speaks powerfully about the essential work she does supporting victim's families, and earnestly reveals the emotional toll it takes on her to be surrounded by such seemingly endless tragedy.

# Gay Teen Suspended From Catholic School After Not Attending Dance

BY SUNNIVIE BRYDUM

Not only did Lance Sanderson not bring a same-sex date to his school's dance, he didn't even attend. Still, he found himself suspended Monday morning.

Lance Sanderson, the gay senior at Christian Brothers High School in Memphis, Tenn., just can't catch a break.

After being told last year that he could bring a same-sex date (Continued on page 4)





to the homecoming dance at his all-boys Catholic high school this month, another administrator reversed course and told Sanderson that bringing another boy to the dance was not allowed for "logistical reasons."

Despite a Change.org petition with more than 23,000 signatures demanding that the Catholic school #LetLanceDance.



and the support of alumni, who rallied for Sanderson's right to bring his same-sex date over the weekend, the Christian Brothers administration wouldn't budge. So Sanderson didn't attend his senior year homecoming dance — with or without a date. He just stayed home.

But when he went back to school today, he was told that he was suspended for a week, reports Logo's NewNowNext. Although it appears that Sanderson was not given formal documentation of his suspension, NewNowNext reports that administrators told Sanderson the school did not "appreciate the unwanted publicity" that Sanderson's story has garnered.

"I am disappointed that I am unable to sit in class today," Sanderson told NewNowNext. "While many assignments can be reached online, I was going to take two tests today and an in-class timed essay. Tomorrow at CBHS, I was going to meet with admissions representatives from around the country (they do not visit often). I hope to be welcomed back into a classroom setting soon."

Sanderson did send a letter to his school documenting today's events, wherein he recounts being "told that the administration 'had 890 other students to worry about' and could not deal with me."

"I haven't done anything wrong and haven't hurt anybody," Sanderson continued in his letter, which has yet to receive a response. "I want to be welcomed back to the school building today and I want this mean-spirited semi-suspension ended, so that I can do my classwork like anybody else."



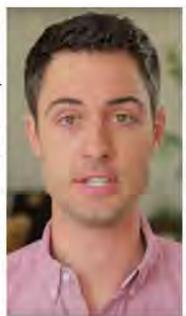
# This Gay Vlogger Is Supporting Donald Trump (Not Ironically)

BY NEAL BROVERMAN

Whether it's a play for attention or a sincere claim of devotion, gay vlogger Kyle Kittleson released a video Sunday declaring his support for Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Kittleson cites three main reason for supporting the incendiary candidate, who catapulted himself up the polls through divisive rhetoric about women and undocumented Americans. Trump's shaky stances on infrastructure, immigration, and equality are the issues that sold Kittleson.

The vlogger claims Trump will invest in new roads and hospitals that help invigorate



the economy (as per his style, the candidate has released few specifics on what exactly will be funded and how). Kittleson also likes Trump's immigration stance, which has called for a massive wall built between the U.S. and Mexico. The vlogger mentions the number of hungry people in the country and says, "Why would we make [hunger] worse by opening up a stream of illegal immigrants?"

Finally, Kittleson says Trump supported equal rights for LGBT people long before Hillary Clinton did. Kittleson cites a 2000 interview in The Advocate where Trump expressed support for legal same-sex unions and protections against work discriminations.

Kittleson says he's far from the only gay fan of Trump. "I have a lot of gay friends who totally support Trump but won't support him publicly. Why? Because they're afraid they'll lose their clients, their friends, and their gay card."



#### BLUE BARN THEATRE'S WALK THE NIGHT RETURNS

The BLUEBARN Theatre is proud to present Walk the Night... Where Madness Lies. The next installment of its immersive event series is located within a converted century-old convent at 1310 N. 29th Street (called "The Starlight Chateau").

Walk the Night creator Spencer Williams co-directs with founding company choreographer Wai Yim; with set design by Homero Vela and Hilary Williams, lighting design by Homero Vela, costume design by Lora Kaup, sound design by Bill Grennan, and properties design by Spencer Williams.



Shows run Oct. 28 – Nov. 21; Wednesday-Saturday, twice nightly at 7:00 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m. Preshow begins at 6:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Single tickets for Walk the Night: Where Madness Lies are \$20 for a single performance; \$35 for both performances each night. Discounts can be discovered in the pre-show and throughout the city at one of two participating locations: House of Loom (1012 South 10th St.); and Spielbound (3229 Harney St.).

#### About WALK THE NIGHT: WHERE MADNESS LIES

Walk the Night: Where Madness lies is an alternate, edited interpretation of Shakespeare's tragedy King Lear. In the story, Lear (played by Moira Mangiameli) begins to enter retirement, by dividing her assets between her three daughters, proceeding to announce so publicly. Cordelia, her only trustworthy daughter, denies an oath of complete and utter submission to Lear. The matriarch casts Cordelia out, ostracizing herself from her true friends and laying trust in plotting elder daughters, Goneril and Regan. Lear's world unravels as the two daughters betray their oaths, and the world descends into destruction with only a handful of survivors. This rendition is a story of people haunted by elements known and unknown, blurring the lines between flaws and demonic possessions,

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reality and fantasy; it is the story of a descent into madness.

#### About the Format for WALK THE NIGHT: WHERE MADNESS LIES

The venue is the virtual entirety of a convent, built in 1903. The events occur in real time, throughout the rooms. There are no theatre seats. Audiences are free to explore and follow any of the fifteen stories as they happen. Masks are required and provided at the door. Comfortable footwear is recommended.

#### About the stars of WALK THE NIGHT: WHERE MADNESS LIES

Walk the Night: Where Madness Lies features a diverse cast, playing against cultural expectations. Leading the company as Lear (traditionally played by a man) is award-winning actress Moira Mangiameli. Others members are Josh Doucette, Teri Fender, John Hatcher, Regina Palmer, Cassi Moucka, Aaron Ellis, Andre McGraw, Regina Palmer (all returning company members), as well as Ben Beck, Jenna Briggs, Raydell Cordell III, Britta Tollefsrud, Ryann Woods, Cara Walters, and Nick Zadina.



#### ABOUT THE BLUEBARN THEATRE

The BLUEBARN Theatre has been bringing professionally-produced plays to area audiences since 1989. Since its inception, BLUEBARN has produced over 100 plays and has established itself as Omaha's professional contemporary theatre company. Striving to bring artistically significant scripts and professional production values to Omaha and the surrounding region, BLUEBARN is known for high-quality entertainment and the fearless pursuit of stories that challenge both theatre artists and patrons.



# Dallas LGBTs Rally in Response to Hate Crimes

BY DAWN ENNIS

Haters in Dallas might well be outnumbered: Turnout at an event on National Coming Out Day indicates mounting support for the victims of hate crimes in the Lone Star State's third biggest city.

About 100 people responded to a posting on Facebook to show up at the Legacy of Love Monument Sunday night, and stood in solidarity with Dallas's LGBT population, reports The Dallas Morning News.

The rally was organized by Daniel Cates, who billed it as "We Are Not Afraid: LGBTQ Response to Hate." The demonstration followed three attacks in recent weeks in and around the Oak Lawn neighborhood.

"There are those out there who want to send a message,"
Cates told the crowd. "And they want to send it so badly that
they're willing to cause us physical harm, to scare us back
into our closets and to make us afraid."

People at the gathering waved rainbow flags, and some embraced Michael Dominguez, who is recovering from a recent attack that occurred as he walked home from a gay nightclub, Station 4.

On October 2, Dominguez, 32, was knocked unconscious and stabbed in the eye, behind the ear, and on his side. "I don't know how else to explain it other than that somebody has hate in their heart obviously to do this to somebody else," he said, and encouraged those in attendance to speak out against hate.

"As a community we have a history of minding our own business. If something happens [we say] it comes with the territory, it comes with being gay, that's what we're risking," he said. "I don't think that should be the case."

The only one of several recent LGBT attacks in the area to be labeled a hate crime by police occurred in the Love Field neighborhood September 20, following the Pride Festival, when four men attacked a man and beat him with a baseball

bat while yelling antigay slurs.

In July the severely decomposed body of a transgender woman was found in a field near Stemmons Freeway. The woman, Shade Schuler, had been shot to death, as The Advocate previously reported.

#### Will Dallas PD Take Action After Attacks in Gayborhood?

By Neal Broverman

Dallas police have finally agreed to address an epidemic of violence in the Cedar Springs stretch of the Oak Lawn neighborhood, which is lined with gay nightlife.

In less than two months, eight assaults have occurred in the area, with perpetrators mostly targeting men walking from gay bars and



clubs at night. Only one has been classified as a hate crime, though.

Michael Dominguez was attacked in the early hours of October 2 — not only beaten, but stabbed. His eye socket was broken and his skull cracked. So far, police have categorized what happened to him only as an "assault," not a hate crime.

"Nothing was stolen from [me], period, and I was left for dead. I don't know what you call that other than a hate crime," Dominguez told the Dallas-Fort Worth CBS affiliate.

At a recent community meeting, police promised more patrols and said they're considering adding cameras to the area. Local officials also pledged to fix broken streetlights, something that has made walking dangerous for locals.

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"I think this means no candy."

#### Homeschool Program Used by Duggar's Sued for Child Sex Abuse

BY DAWN ENNIS

The Institute in Basic Life Principles — an Illinois-based Christian "training" institution connected to the famously antigay 19 Kids and Counting family, the Duggars — is the target of a lawsuit by five women who claim the homeschooling organization and its board of directors covered up the sexual abuse and harassment of interns, employees, and children in its care, reports The Washington Post.



Gretchen Wilkinson, Charis Barker, Rachel Frost, Rachel Lees and a woman identified only as Jane Doe are seeking \$50,000 in damages, reported the Post, alleging negligence as well as accusing the board of conspiring to keep the alleged abuse secret.

The suit claims employees and directors "frequently received reports" of "sexual abuse, sexual harassment and inappropriate/unauthorized touching" but never reported "these serious, potentially criminal allegations to law enforcement authorities or the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services," as required by law, the Post reports. The suit was filed last week in DuPage County Circuit Court in Wheaton, Ill.

Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar, the parents of the 19 Kids and Counting family, have long been affiliated with the organization's homeschooling arm, the Advanced Training Institute. Earlier this year it was reported that they sent eldest son Josh Duggar to an IBLP training center as a teenager after he admitted to sexually abusing four of his younger sisters and a family friend.

IBLP founder and former director Bill Gothard, who was placed on "indefinite administrative leave" last year after being accused of sexually harassing and abusing employees, was not named in the lawsuit as he is no longer with the institute, the Post reports.

However, David Gibbs III, attorney for the plaintiffs, told the Post that many women said Gothard had touched them inappropriately when they were teens in institute programs — some were as young as 13 or 14 at the time. Since filing the suit, Gibbs said, other families have contacted him with more tales of abuse.

While the Duggar's' reality program has been canceled, the institute remains in the public eye, as one of its directors, Gil Bates, has a reality show about his family, Bringing Up Bates. There are 19 children in the family, just as in the Duggar clan.

### Is Truvada As Effective At Preventing HIV Infection As We Thought? Maybe not.

A few months ago, the New York Times published an op-ed piece hailing "HIVpreventing miracle drug" Truvada as a new "sexual revolution" for the gay male community, likening it to the invention of



birth control and wondering if it has the power to lower the "viral load of a city."

Sounds pretty great, especially given that "99 percent" effectiveness number that gets thrown around. New York Magazine recently published a cover story about the drug, examining how it could "revolutionize gay life."

Except this week the Times published another piece on the little blue pill (not an op-ed), this one called "Is Truvada, the Pill to Prevent H.I.V., 99 Percent Effective? Don't Be So Sure."

The article focuses on how that magic 99 number was reached, notably remarking that:

"The 99 percent figure isn't a study finding; it's a statistical estimate, based on a number of assumptions that are reasonable, but debatable."

Based on tangible research data, Truvada's effectiveness at preventing HIV infection when taken as prescribed — that is, every day — is somewhere between 90-99 percent.

And even if you consider the low end — 90 percent — it's still a breakthrough tool to combat the spread of infection.

But the Times piece points out a big psychological gap between 90 percent and 99 percent.

The failure of a 90-percent effective method is terrible luck; the failure of a 99-percent effective method is verging on a freakish accident. Putting too much weight on the 99-percent figure may lead some PrEP users to perceive virtually zero H.I.V. risk when they should really be thinking about very low risk.

So while some see PrEP as a gateway to the sexual liberation our community celebrated in the pre-AIDS world, the reality is, like most things, more complicated.

Tim Horn, H.I.V. Project Director at the H.I.V. think-tank Treatment Action Group, said:

"Though it is possible that efficacy can approach 99 percent — language in the lay literature seems to be growing increasingly casual as to what this really means — the data supporting this currently exist in a vacuum.

#### When Are You Most Likely To Have Bareback Sex?

BY: GRAHAM GREMORE

A new survey conducted by GT (Gay Times) magazine has found that gay and bi men are more likely to engage in bareback sex after using drugs or while drunk.

"The GT drug survey came about because we were bemused at the amount of news stories in the mainstream media about gay and bisexual men and drugs," GT editor Darren Scott said. "It seemed, to me at least, that this had become an accepted misconception of gay lifestyle with little fact to back it up."

The survey asked 1,000 gay and bi male readers about their relationships with sex, drugs, and alcohol. It found that three-quarters of respondents use drugs recreationally, and that those who do were far more likely to engage in risky sexual behaviors.

Here are the survey's other findings:

Two thirds of respondents said they had sex while under the influence of recreational drugs, and 60 percent said they were more likely to have sex with a stranger while on drugs.

55 percent said they were more likely to have group sex while on drugs, while 10 percent of them said they did not know their HIV status.

30 percent admitted that taking drugs had led them to have bareback sex, and 54 percent confessed to having bareback sex while drunk.

More than half of respondents admitted to consuming cannabis, one third to taking cocaine, MDMA/ecstasy, and 11 percent to consuming crystal meth.

One in 20 admitted to injecting drugs or "slamming."

"We set out to ask our readers to be as frank as possible about their lifestyle choices so that, at last, there would be some facts to either backup or debunk the many notions that are frequently alluded to," Scott said.

"What we found was fascinating, and sometimes upsetting, but if just one person now takes extra care when mixing sex with addictive substances in future, then we know we've done something right."

#### Playboy Plans to Stop Publishing Nude Photos in 2016

By Rebekah Allen

There's officially too much sex on the internet. Well, there's too much for Playboy to contend with at least, and according to this New York Times piece, top editor Cory Jones and editor-in-chief Hugh Hefner agree it's time for a change. As of



March, 2016, the magazine will no longer feature fully nude photos of women, which, of course, it's been famously known for for decades.

There's some pretty epic irony going on in regard to this revamp, since the company admits that the reason these changes are being made is actually because Playboy succeeded at its goal.

"That battle has been fought and won," said Playboy's chief executive, Scott Flanders, "You're now one click away from every sex act imaginable for free. And so it's just passé at this juncture." And numbers don't lie.

According to the article, readership has dropped from 5.6 million in 1975 to 800,000 now, so even though the redesign seems risky, it also might be the only way Playboy can stay in the game.

For those wondering what's left for Playboy if it won't feature nudity (though they still plan to feature "provocative poses"), the piece brings up the historical and cultural significance the magazine has had in the past, including interviews with Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., and Jimmy Carter, as well as stories and photo shoots featuring superstars like Madonna, Naomi Campbell, and Marilyn Monroe on the very first issue.

At the time, and for quite a while, Playboy was concerned revolutionary, but times have changed. Playboy's website already ditched nudity in August of 2014, and its social media has been playing it safe too. As for the redesign, Jones declared his new vision for the publication to be more modern and "PG-13."

Additionally, Jones also says that there will be a "sex-positive female" sex columnist on the team, and that the dedication to investigative journalism and interviews will stay intact. There will also be a heavier focus on visual art to attract younger audiences.

This truly is the end of a lifelong era for Playboy, and there certainly seems to be a lot on the line here with this substantial reimagining of such familiar content. The company insists that the magazine "remains relevant," and we can't wait to see just how this new, risky model works out.

#### Life Beyond Therapy

#### By Michael Kimmel

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#### Kind, Flexible and Forgiving: the Keys to Losing Weight

Of all the problems in life, how much we weigh seems to be a concern for everyone I've ever met, myself included. In my work as a psychotherapist, clients typically don't bring this up in the



beginning of our work together. They usually wait until we've gotten to know each other better before they feel comfortable enough to talk about their weight.

his tells me that – for most of us – our weight is a very tender spot in our psyche. How much we weigh, how our body looks and how we feel about our body is a major part of our self-image.

In the LGBT community, our weight may be even more highlighted than in the straight world. I recently visited family members in Ohio, and my relatives repeatedly told me some version of: "Gay people always look better than us straight folks, you guys are always thinner and work out more than we do."

As a psychotherapist, I often work with clients on their MOTI-VATION for losing weight. This is usually the essential ingredient to success. I ask my clients:

Why do I want to lose weight?

What will help keep me on track in exercising and eating smart?

How can I not sabotage the process?

I suggest that, if you want to lose weight, that you write down your answers to the above questions and post them on your refrigerator; use them to keep going when the going gets tough.

In my experience, only a weight-loss program that is kind, forgiving and flexible will work in the long haul. Keeping that in mind, here are some other strategies I encourage my clients to use:

When you stay on track, reward yourself. When you fall off the wagon – as we all inevitably do – and eat a bag (or two) of chips, forgive yourself. Maybe your program was too hard. Adjust it. Break it down into smaller bits: set yourself up to succeed.

Focus on LONG-term success. Sure, you can lose 15 pounds by drinking only liquids for 4 weeks, but can you sustain this for

the next four months/years?

Track your progress. Write it down. Lots of people resist this step because they don't want to know what they actually eat. It may suck to see exactly what you're putting in your mouth, but, the only way to change is to know the BASELINE you're changing from. Fooling yourself doesn't work.

Plan ahead: how will you handle holiday parties, eating out and traveling?

Ask for help from other people. People who really love you will help you avoid temptations, those who don't may enjoy your vulnerability. Surround yourself with the former as you begin to change your old habits.

Know yourself: are you an all-or-nothing person or someone who does best with gradual change? Use your strengths to your advantage. Your weight-loss plan needs to work for you, not the person who wrote the latest diet book.

Know your enemies: I always encourage my clients to make a list of the obstacles that interfere with taking good care of themselves. Do you over-eat when stressed or bored or skip your yoga/pilates/exercise when you're tired at the end of the day?

On a piece of paper, make two columns: the first is for your obstacles to health, the second is what you'll do to address that obstacle. I used to eat a pint of ice cream out of boredom or loneliness, so I put this in column one. Then I wrote down two strategies to address this in column two. They were:

Put a sign on the refrigerator: "Are you bored? Are you lonely? Eating won't fix it."

Remind myself: "I can eat ice cream as long as I pay attention to every bite I eat. When I stop paying attention, I have to put down the spoon." This really helped me stop "shoveling" the ice cream down my throat without really tasting it (an old habit).

Above all, don't be discouraged if it takes you a while to reach your weight goal – focus on one step at a time. We're going for long-term health and happiness, not a quick fix that's unsustainable. Physical health – like mental health – is a lifelong project. To make it work: be kind, flexible and forgiving. Your body (and mind) will thank you.



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GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS 4pm , Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am

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

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

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

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

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

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

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

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-HEARSALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, 4:00-6:00pm Coffee with the Boys at Howlin' Hounds Café, 712 South 16th St. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Many of the guys go out for dinner afterwards. Everyone welcome to attend.

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

#### UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

Every Thursday NAP HIV TESTING \_250 So, 77th., by appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Walk-In from 5pm to 8pm

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

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

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

Every Saturday

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

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

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

#### MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

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

1st Thursday GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

1st Friday FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, Omaha

1st Sunday Soka Gakkai International (SGI-USA). Lay Buddhist organization based on Nichiren Buddhism, World Peace Prayer the First Sun day of each month, 10am-11:30am, LGBTQIA Friendly, 1021 N 46th Street, Omaha, NE 68132, call 402-558-6148

#### SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

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

#### 2nd Monday NAP HIV TESTING

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

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* 

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!!

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

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

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

3rd Sunday

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

#### 4th Monday NAP HIV TESTING

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

4th Tuesday

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

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

Email Your Event to: GAYZETTE@COX.NET

## Distinction Between Guts and Balls

To those of you who are nit-pickers about the meaning of words. There is a medical distinction between Guts and Balls. We've all heard about people having Guts or Balls, but do you really know the difference between them?

In an effort to keep you informed, here are the definitions:

GUTS - Is arriving home late, after a night out with the guys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the Guts to ask: 'Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?'

BALLS - Is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the butt and having the Balls to say: 'You're next, Chubby.'

I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions. Medically speaking, there is no difference in the outcome. Both result in death.

#### **The Bacon Tree**

Two Mexicans are stuck in the desert after crossing into the United States, wandering aimlessly and starving. They are about to just lie down and wait for death, when all of a sudden Luis says........

"Hey Pepe, do you smell what I smell. Ees bacon, I theenk."

"Is, Luis, eet sure smell like bacon. "

With renewed hope they struggle up the next sand dune, & there, in the distance, is a tree loaded with bacon.

There's raw bacon, there's fried bacon, back bacon, double smoked bacon ... Every imaginable kind of cured pork.

"Pepe, Pepe, we ees saved! Ees a bacon tree!"

"Luis, maybe ees a meerage? We ees in the desert don't forget."

"Pepe, since when deed you ever hear of a meerage that smell like bacon...ees no meerage, ees a bacon tree!"

And with that, Luis staggers towards the tree. He gets to within 5 metres, Pepe crawling close behind, when suddenly a machine gun opens up, and Luis drops like a wet sock. Mortally wounded, he warns Pepe with his dying breath....

"Pepe... Go back man, you was right, ees not

a bacon tree!"

"Luis, Luis mi amigo... what ees it?"

"Pepe.. ees not a bacon tree. Ees....Ees.... a ham bush...."

#### A Smart Blonde

A contestant on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" had reached the final plateau. If she answered the next question correctly, she would win \$1,000,000.

And as she suspected it would be, the milliondollar question was no pushover. It was, "Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest, but instead lays its eggs in the nests of other birds? Is it A) the condor; B) the buzzard; C) the cuckoo; or D) the vulture?"

The woman was on the spot. She did not know the answer. And she was doubly on the spot because she had used up her 50/50 Lifeline and her Audience Poll Lifeline. All that remained was her Phone-a-Friend Lifeline. The woman hoped she would not have to use it because ... Her friend was, well ..blonde.

She had no alternative. She called her friend and gave her the question and the four choices. The blonde responded unhesitatingly: "That's easy. The answer Is C: The cuckoo."

The contestant had to make a decision and make it fast. She considered employing a reverse strategy and giving Regis any answer except the one that her friend had given her. And considering that her friend was a blonde, that would seem to be the logical thing to do.

On the other hand - the blonde had responded with such confidence, such certitude, that the contestant could not help but be persuaded.

"I need an answer," said Regis.

Crossing her fingers, the contestant said, "C: The cuckoo."

"Is that your final answer?" asked Regis.

"Yes, that is my final answer."

Two minutes later, Regis said, "That answer is absolutely correct!! You are now a millionaire!"

Three days later, the contestant hosted a party for her family and friends including the blonde who had helped her win the million dollars.

"Jenny, I just do not know how to thank you," said the contestant. "How did you happen to know the right answer?"

"Oh, come on," said the blonde, "everybody knows that cuckoos don't build nests. They live in clocks."

### **GLBT RESOURCE LIST**

#### **OMAHA BASED**

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

Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877,800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org

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 (402-804-8720)

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

GOglbt Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats

http://omahalgbtdemocrats.wordpress.com contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also http:// ProgressiveOasis.com

**Heartland Pride** 

Www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org, meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103.

www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life

402-575-7006 <a href="www.inclusivelife.org">www.inclusivelife.org</a>
Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

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

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

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am

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

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., HIV testing and counseling

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

www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

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

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

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / 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 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

PFLAG Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon 4pm to 6pm, for info: email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

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

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

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

Second Unitarian Church, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, <a href="https://www.2uomaha.org">www.2uomaha.org</a>, 402-334 -0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

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

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

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org

Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

#### LINCOLN BASED

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

LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director,

http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652

http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

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

Nebraska Trans\* Community

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

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

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

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

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln

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

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094 TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-glbt.com/

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

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494, Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

#### **Iowa Based**

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic

209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

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

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

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

**Nationally Based** 

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**

#### **Bacon & Cheese Chicken Medley**

Ingredients

2 tbsp. vegetable oil

6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

1/2 cup teriyaki basting sauce

1/2 cup Ranch-style salad dressing

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

3 green onions, chopped

1/2 (3 oz.) can bacon bits

I tbsp. chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

Methods/Steps

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken breasts, and sauté 4 to 5 minutes each side, until lightly browned.

Place browned chicken breasts in a 9x13 inch-baking dish. Brush with teriyaki sauce, then spoon on salad dressing. Sprinkle with cheese, green onions and bacon bits.

Bake for 25 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear. Garnish with parsley and serve.



### Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 712-256-4140
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
Rodeo Saloon & BBQ 164 W Broadway 712-256-0510

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

#### Classic Meatloaf

Ingredients

1 lb. ground beef

1 (10 1/4 oz.) can vegetable soup

1-2 tbsp. ketchup

1 tsp. poultry seasoning

1 tsp. Italian seasoning

1 tsp. milk

1 1/2 cups oatmeal

Methods/Steps

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Form into a loaf and place in baking pan. Bake for 1 hour.



#### Lesbian Couple Suing Kim Davis Gets Married

By Bill Browning

April Miller and Karen Roberts, the first couple to be denied a marriage license by Kentucky county clerk Kim Davis following an order by the Supreme Court, celebrated their wedding over the weekend with dozens of friends, family, and supporters. They are proceeding with their lawsuit, whch will likely drag out for months.



Miller and Roberts, who were at the center of the national controversy over LGBT rights and "religious freedom," made only one rule for their wedding day: no one could talk about Davis. "This is about us and our wedding." Roberts told the Associated Press.

Technically, this wedding was the second for Miller and Roberts, who have been together 11 years. The day after Davis was sent to jail on contempt of court charges for refusing to follow a federal judge's order to issue the documents, the couple was issued a license by a deputy clerk. They feared that Davis would cause further problems when released from jail, so they had an impromptu wedding at their home.

Saturday's formal ceremony, held at a local reception hall, was a way for friends and supporters to share in the couple's happiness. They invited 125 guests, who cheered them on as they reflected on the battle that made the day possible.

"It's been an amazing journey and we'd like to thank all the people who stood with us from June 30 to today," Miller told their guests. "This is your party, too."

"It's a really big reward for all our hard work to culminate in a big, beautiful party," Nashia Fife, a member of the Rowan County Right Coalition, told the Associated Press. "It's so wonderful, so long overdue."

#### Study Finds Vast Majority Of Gay Men Didn't Use A Condom The Last Time The Had Sex

BY: GRAHAM GREMORE

A new survey conduced by FS Magazine has found that the overwhelming majority of gay and bisexual men didn't use a condom the last time they had anal sex.

Over 3,100 men participated in the survey, which asked a variety of questions concerning sex, sexual health and relationships.

The study found that 72 percent of respondents said they didn't use condoms the last time they had anal sex. Of that 72 percent, 32 percent said they didn't use a condom the last time they topped, compared the 37 percent



who said they didn't use a condom the last time they bottomed.

50 percent of the men engaging in unprotected anal sex said they did so with either a long-term boyfriend or their husband or civil partner. 20 percent said they did so with a person they were either dating or with whom they had sex on a regular basis.

Looking at HIV-status, of the men who said they didn't use a condom the last time they had anal sex with a casual partner, roughly 10 percent were HIV-positive, compared to 90 percent who believed themselves to be HIV-negative.

#### The #DumpTrump Movement Against SNL Is Now a Gay Issue

BY NEAL BROVERMAN

With presidential candidate Donald Trump gearing up to host Saturday Night Live November 7, a chorus of people are telling NBC his appearance needs to be scrapped.

Most Latinos, including LGBT Latinos, are furious at Trump being given the honor of hosting the storied variety show. Prominent politicians and writers are also saying it's inappropriate to give a platform to some-



one who says Mexicans immigrants are "rapists" who bring crime across the border.

Illinois congressman Luis Gutierrez recently sent a letter to NBC asking that Trump be dumped. Then he posited on the House floor whether Trump is getting a pass because he insulted Latinos.

"If Donald Trump had said gays and lesbians were murdering and raping Americans, would he get to host the show?" he said, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Meanwhile, NPR television critic Eric Deggans criticized SNL for featuring no Latino cast members (the show has employed two in its 40-year history) and questioned whether Trump would have been booked if the show had Hispanic stars.

"Because it's hard to imagine Michaels forcing star Kate McKinnon, who is gay, to perform alongside a guest host with a history of making bigoted statements about gay people," Deggans wrote. "Or pushing black cast members like Kenan Thompson to yuk it up alongside a celebrity guest who had expressed bigotry about African-Americans."

NBC has not responded to the criticism, but it's likely the network sees Trump's SNL episode as a ratings bonanza; a September appearance by the candidate on The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon was a big hit for NBC.

#### Progress in Texas as School Boards Move to Protect LGBT Students

BY TRUDY RING



While any pro-LGBT legislation has had a difficult time making it through the Texas legislature, since 2012 more than three-quarters of school districts in the state have taken steps to protect students against harassment based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

"Based on a recommendation from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), these 900-plus districts — out of more than 1,200 in the state — list sexual orientation and gender identity under examples of prohibited gender-based harassment," The Texas Observer reports in an article published Monday.

The recommendation, which was based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Justice, has met with positive reception from local school boards, said Carolyn Counce, TASB's director of policy service.

"We provide explanatory materials when we release our recommendations," Counce told the Observer. "We encourage them to examine those materials and make sure that they do match the district's practice. I don't recall any negative feedback from our members at all. We try to provide materials that protect districts, to the extent we can, from litigation, and keep them aligned with legal requirements."

Districts adopting the antiharassment language include the

Keller Independent School District, in the Dallas–Fort Worth metro area, where the board canceled a vote on broader LGBT protections last month, after meeting with resistance from conservatives, the Observer notes.

As an example of statewide resistance, the Observer cites the Texas House of Representatives' 97-49 vote this year to table legislation that would have required the Texas Education Agency to document discriminatory or harassing actions based on sexual orientation and gender identity as well as various other characteristics.

The education agency added sexual orientation to its ethics code in 2010, meaning certified educators in Texas must not discriminate against students or colleagues on this basis. This year Republican Rep. Drew Springer introduced but then withdrew a bill to remove that language from the code. "Apparently confusing sexual orientation with gender identity, Springer recently boasted that the amendment would have somehow prohibited transgender girls from using girls' restrooms," the Observer notes.

With homophobic and transphobic attitudes so prevalent in the legislature, LGBT rights advocates see the actions of local school boards as a necessary step. "In the real world, enumerated lists are understood and utilized effectively, but with the current makeup of the legislature, it's very difficult," Daniel Williams, legislative specialist for Equality Texas, told the publication. "At the end of the day, the question is, 'Are we protecting children?" And the adoption of these policies by more districts protects more children, and that's a good thing."

#### **Fundraiser for Food for Thought**

Past recipients of the Diamond Ram Award by the Imperial Court of Nebraska will be gathering to host a "Silent Auction of Baskets" on Friday, November 6, 2015 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at The Max. Hors d'oeuvres will be served starting at 5:30pm until they are gone.

The baskets will have a myriad of themes that include liquor baskets, an awesome quilt and many surprise themes that you must check out to believe.

All the proceeds will be presented to Food for Thought at the ICON's Food for Thought Show the evening of Sunday, November 8th.

Stop by, look around, get yourself a great deal and help out a worthy cause.



### **Get Smart, Get Tested**

### Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox







LET'S JUST SAY, THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I'LL EVER DO TEQUILA SHOTS ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!







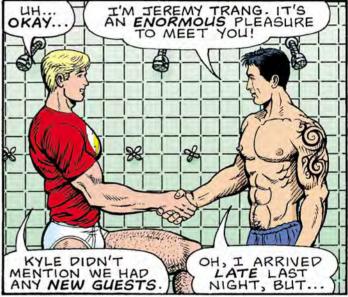
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YES, I'M KIDDING

MUST

BE BRAD.

"YES"?







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