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Judge Won’t Delay Order Backing Ohio Transgender Student

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) – A federal judge has rejected an Ohio school district’s request to put a ruling involving transgender bathrooms on hold during an appeal.

Judge Algenon Marbley ordered Highland local schools in Morrow County last month to treat an 11-year-old student who is biologically male but identifies as female “as the girl she is.”

That includes calling the student by a female name and female pronouns and giving the student access to the girls’ restroom.

Highland wants to block enforcement of a federal directive that public schools let students use bathrooms and locker rooms matching their gender identities.

The school district asked Marbley to delay his order while the district appealed.

Marbley turned that request down Oct. 20, saying the girl’s sex discrimination and equal protection claims would likely succeed on appeal.

2 Men Face Charges in Explosion of LGBT Newspaper Box

SALEM, Mass. (AP) – Two men from New Hampshire will be charged in the explosion of a news box for an LGBT newspaper in Massachusetts.

The Salem News reports that 23-year-old John Richard of Holliston, New Hampshire, and 20-year-old Lawrence Gilman of Milford, New Hampshire, were summoned to Salem District Court on Oct. 21 facing charges related to property damage and placing an incendiary device.

The two are not being charged with a hate crime in the Aug. 23 explosion that destroyed a Salem news box for the Rainbow Times, which markets to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. Police say they don’t believe the men targeted the box because of any bias.

The newspaper’s publisher issued a statement thanking police and saying the newspaper and LGBT community are stronger than ever.

Pulse Nightclub Gates Open for Unveiling of New Memorial

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) – The gates surrounding Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, have been open for the first time since the deadly June attack for the unveiling of a new memorial.

Multiple news outlets report that hundreds of people gathered Oct. 20 as artists revealed the new mural at an event held behind the commemorative fence around the club.

Buyers Drop Boycott Talk Ahead of Massive Furniture Market

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) – About 75,000 wholesale furniture buyers and sellers from around the world are headed to North Carolina, this time without the ferment over a state law that denies anti-discrimination protection to LGBT people that marked the last meeting six months ago.

The twice-a-year furniture market opens Saturday in the traditional furniture city of High Point for its five-day run.

The High Point Market Authority staging the event, furniture retailers and manufacturers say there’s no longer much talk of boycotts. The April market was preceded by calls to boycott the event responsible for an estimated $5 billion a year in economic activity in North Carolina.

The spring market saw about 1,000 fewer registered attendees from the previous year after last year’s spring event attendance rose 2.5 percent.

Suit Alleging Catholic School Gay Marriage Bias Will Proceed

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) – A judge has rejected a Roman Catholic school’s request that she reconsider dismissing a lawsuit filed by a former employee who claims she was fired because she’s married to a woman.

The Record reports the ruling made by Superior Court Judge Lisa Perez Friscia was made public on Oct. 21.

Friscia initially rejected Paramus Catholic High School’s request to dismiss Kate Drumgoole’s lawsuit in a ruling issued in late August. Drumgoole claims the school violated state discrimination laws by firing her as dean of guidance and head coach of the basketball team after learning she was married a woman.

The school has said Drumgoole was fired because she’s in a same-sex marriage. Their attorney argues that it’s lawful for churches to require that employees subscribe to their tenets.
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Conversation On Bullying Empowers Students and Parents

By Kate Opalewski

NOVI – More than 200 teachers, administrators, counselors, parents, and community members gathered Oct. 17 at the First Annual “Defeat the Label Community Conversation on Bullying” at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The conversation was moderated by Kevin Epling – father of Matt Epling, for which Michigan’s Safe School Law is named. A series of panelists took part in a TED-style talk to share how bullying affects their sectors and what attendees should know.

“Addressing bullying is a huge issue that comprises many disciplines,” said Jamie Greene, executive director for Defeat the Label. The key messages delivered at the event show that students and parents want to feel empowered and that they have the ability to make a change in their schools and community.

“For parents, it’s about knowing what the schools plans are,” Greene said. “When something happens, what are the steps that the school district has in place? Do they go to the counselor first or the teacher? And what should they be able to expect in terms of response, and contact from the school?”

Following a keynote address by Dr. Stephen Smith of the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation, breakout sessions gave attendees an opportunity to create a comprehensive, pro-active anti-bullying platform.

Panelists included Glenn Stutzky, MSW, Michigan State University School of Social Work; Tom Holt, PhD, Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice; Saleem Alhabash, PhD, Michigan State University College of Communication Arts and Sciences; Dr. Marlene Seltzer, Beaumont Hospital/NoBLE Clinic; U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District Barbara McQuade; Michigan State Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein; and Kenneth Gutman, Walled Lake Superintendent.

“It was an outstanding conference where student ambassadors from different school districts were present, and they play a vital role in carrying this conversation forward,” Bernstein said.

As a blind person who was the target of harassment and bullying, he said, “I wish someone had told me or conveyed the message that, ‘It gets better,’ a key message that comes from a conference like this. It would have been incredibly helpful. You tend to think that this is all there is. That how you are in high school is how you will be when you graduate. But this is a temporary phase of life and sometimes when you’re struggling and feeling the pain, you don’t realize that an incredible and exciting world awaits beyond the walls of your high school. Experiencing adversity and hardship in a lot of ways makes you a better, kinder, warmer, more empathetic person and can be used to have a tremendous effect and impact on the rest of your life when you use your passion, your energy and your spirit to make incredible change happen.”

Next Efforts to Stop Bullying

Epling said, “You have to have heroes in your hallway” when he spoke with Michigan Radio online Oct. 13 in advance of the event. “Students are the biggest overlooked tool we have in our schools,” he said, adding that people have missed the point. “Bullying prevention is a cornerstone of a good environment in our schools and at times it can be much more important than test scores. If students are afraid to go to school, they’re not learning and test scores are going to go down. If we actually activate those students to help, teach them not to torment each other and be a part of the solution, we’ll see test scores go up. It’s a fundamental thing that really has to be looked at.”

And while every school in Michigan is required by law to have an anti-bullying policy in place, some do not implement them, according to Epling. He urges parents to “get familiar with school policy, review the law, correlate the two, then go and ask a lot of questions.”

ACLU LGBT Staff Attorney Jay Kaplan points to the Patterson v. Hudson Area Schools federal lawsuit filed against a Michigan school district where disciplinary procedures to address the bullying of a student suspected of being gay were ineffective.

“With or without an anti-bullying policy, a school district can be found liable for its failure to address incidents of bullying if it was deliberately indifferent to the complaints of the student. Deliberate indifference would include even if the school actually took steps to address the bullying, but such steps were ineffectual and the district continued to address the problem the same way.”

Since the State Board of Education approved a set of guidelines designed to protect LGBTQ students, conservative lawmakers in particular have been critical.

Epling recalls the big battle back in 2005 when he was dragged into discussions about policy and law.

“The main fight was over enumerated language. It wasn’t really focused on the safety of the children. I felt at times that I was the only person in the room thinking about safety and well-being rather than language,” he said. “That is something that we really kind of need to go back to and amend even Matt’s Law in the next administration or the one down the road ... highlighting who is affected, because we are all affected by bullying behavior. But sometimes, if it’s not written down, some people don’t take it seriously.”

Joining Epling during the radio show was Suzanne Spurr, a counselor from Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township.

“I know that people are overwhelmed with all the new mandates and all the new laws and things that are being asked of them,” she said. “But I think that people are breaking things down and looking at what’s decent and what’s right and what’s appropriate and what everyone should be doing anyway.”

For more information, visit the Defeat the Label website www.defeatthelabel.com, email info@defeatthelabel.com or call 248-962-3851.
UK to Pardon Thousands Convicted Under Past Anti-Gay Laws

BY JILL LAWLESS

LONDON (AP) – Thousands of men who were convicted under now-abolished British laws against homosexuality are to receive posthumous pardons, the government announced Oct. 20. Those who are still alive can will be eligible to have their criminal records wiped clean.

The Ministry of Justice said the pardons apply to men convicted for consensual same-sex sexual relations before homosexuality was decriminalized several decades ago. Men living with convictions can apply to the government to have their names cleared.

Justice Minister Sam Gyimah said the government was trying “to put right these wrongs.”

“It is hugely important that we pardon people convicted of historical sexual offenses who would be innocent of any crime today,” he said.

Calls for a general pardon have been building since World War II codebreaker Alan Turing was awarded a posthumous royal pardon in 2013.

The computer science pioneer helped crack Nazi Germany’s secret codes by creating the “Turing bombe,” a forerunner of modern computers. His work helped shorten World War II, and he was an innovator of artificial intelligence.

After the war, Turing was prosecuted for having sex with a man, stripped of his security clearance and forcibly treated with female hormones. He died in 1954 at age 41 after eating an apple laced with cyanide.

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Gay Rights Groups Build Alliances to Counter Climate of Fear

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Gay rights activists are joining with refugees, ethnic minorities and other groups to beat back forces that are exploiting a climate of fear created by terror concerns, an official with an international gay rights advocacy group said Oct. 20.

Joyce Hamilton, Europe co-chairwoman of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, said allies and partners will be needed to protect human rights in Europe, including gains the LGBT community has made on the continent in recent years.

She said regressive forces are using the public’s fear of terror attacks and the influx of refugees from war-torn countries to fuel their rise to power at the expense of human rights.

“What we all have in common is being ‘others’, being used as a threat to society. It’s used to create more fear in society,” Hamilton told the Associated Press on the sidelines of the first ILGA Europe conference held in Cyprus.

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3 Michigan Cities Score Perfect 100 Rating in LGBT Inclusion Report

BY BTL STAFF

Detroit, Ann Arbor and East Lansing all secured perfect 100-out-of-100 scores in the Human Rights Campaign’s latest Municipal Equality Index.

The scores are based on five broad categories that include 44 different criteria. The five categories are non-discrimination laws, municipal employment policies, inclusiveness of city services, law enforcement, and municipal leadership on matters of equality, according to the HRC.

The HRC reports that the average score was 55, and that 25 percent of the 500-plus metro areas surveyed scored more than 75 points. Michigan’s average city score is 69, which is above the national average.

Sixty cities of 506 received perfect scores, which is up from the 11 perfect scores in the first year of the study in 2012.

Some of the more specific criteria involve whether a city has a human rights commission, transgender health care benefits, hate crimes figures and the presence of LGBTQ liaisons.

Each city’s ranking can be seen online www.hrc.org/resources/other-2016-see-your-city-score.

Other Michigan cities featured on the MEI, with scores in parenthesis, were Ferndale (94), Grand Rapids (76), Kalamazoo (63), Lansing (65), Pleasant Ridge (45), Traverse City (75) and Warren (16).

Ferndale just missed out on a perfect score due to the absence of transgender healthcare and a human rights commission. While Grand Rapids has a human rights commission, the city was docked for health care options and no liaisons in the mayor’s office nor in the police department.

Warren only received points for county accommodations and that it reported hate crime stats to the FBI in 2014, among other areas for bonus points. The explanation of the city’s low rating can be seen online www.hrc.org/blog/human-rights-campaign-releases-5th-annual-municipal-equality-index.

JCC Book Fair Welcomes Jewish Gay Author

BY KATE OPALEWSKI

As a 15-year-old gay Jewish boy growing up in Brooklyn in the early ‘60s, Steven Gaines thought that he would have to be transformed into a woman to live out his life as a gay man.

“I didn’t know the difference,” said Gaines, who will discuss his newly published book, “One of These Things First: A Memoir,” at 12 p.m. on Nov. 13 at the 65th Annual Jewish Book Fair at the Janice Charach Gallery at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

“As I say in the book to my psychiatrist, ‘I don’t want to become a woman.’ I wasn’t transgender,” he said. “I didn’t think I was born into the wrong body, but the only person I had ever heard of that was similar to me was Christine Jorgensen who was just huge international news at the time.”

Jorgensen was an American transgender woman who was the first person to become widely known in the U.S. for having sex reassignment surgery.

“I didn’t want that to happen to me and I didn’t feel that way, but I didn’t know if there were any other choices,” said Gaines, the best-selling author of 12 books, including “Philistines at the Hedgerow: Passion and Property in the Hamptons.” His journalism has appeared in Vanity Fair, the New York Observer, and New York magazine, where he was a contributing editor for 12 years. Gaines is a co-founder and past vice-chairman of the Hamptons International Film Festival. He lives in a small hamlet on the East End of Long Island.

In the memoir, Gaines details his life from behind a rack of dresses in his grandmother’s bra and girdle store to his attempted suicide to the halls of Payne Whitney psychiatric hospital among a captivating group of wealthy neurotics and Ivy League alcoholics who subtly begin to change him in unexpected ways. This rich cast of characters includes a famous Broadway producer who becomes his unlikely mentor; an elegant woman who claimed to be the ex-mistress of newly elected president John F. Kennedy; a snooty, suicidal Harvard architect; and a seductive young contessa. At the center of the story is a brilliant young psychiatrist who promises to cure a young boy of his homosexuality and give him the normalcy he so longs for.

Gaines said: “Some people think I was too forgiving to Dr. Wayne Myers who I saw for so many years. It wasn’t his fault really. If in 1962, you took an unsophisticated boy who had not been exposed to anything and said, ‘You can have a “normal life,”’ of course anybody would do that. If you were presented with that as if it was a real choice, if it was something that you could do, of course you would say, ‘Sure I’d rather be heterosexual.’ Nobody pushed me into it. Nobody said I had to do it. I think he was kind and he was loving, and I think he suffered greatly throughout his adult life for having tried to change me.”

Nowadays, Gaines said he doesn’t think twice about being Jewish or gay.

“I love everything about it. I think being Jewish gave me an extra sensibility, awareness and intelligence in this world. A little bit like being gay did,” he said. “People don’t question it. I’ve been out for so long. It hasn’t stopped me from doing anything in my present life. I’ll be 70 in November.”

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GATORADE, Ariz. – I’m a skeptic concerning things supernatural, but the wonder-working weekend I spend BTL-reporting on the Drag Queens for Jesus Halloween Convention is, well, miraculous!

It’s also ecumenical, as the three-day drama-queen pageant coincides with the 39th anniversary departure to Greater Graceland in the Sky of Elvis Presley, King of Kings (as in rock & roll, sideburns, sunglasses, pelvic-articulated gyrations and exit-cue peristalsis go).

With 100 drag queens, two-dozen Elvis look-alikes, a DQ4J Passion Play non-Equity cast of Jesus, Mary, Pontius Pilate, John the Baptist, Salome, ‘Madonna,’ Judy Garland, Mac West, Pope Joan Rivers, assorted flagellants and semi-naked line-dance slaves, Gatorade (pop. 832) is transformed into Vatican City Meets Mel Gibson’s S/M — sandals and mascara – Hollywood West at High Noon.

As usual, Rainbow flight attendant Chance Anklem poses poolside at our hotel, and, after giving me his trademark wink – flexing his biceps, triceps, abs, glutes – suggests I join him for lunch at the town’s Show Your Green Card Cafe.

“Two years ago I bought one of your hypnotic pictures,” throbs Chance, looking me somewhat straight in the eye, “And discovered your hidden ‘for a good time call the artist’ message and phone number.

“I called you several times, but never got an answer. Frankly, I was disappointed. Do I get some sort of discount?”

(I must say Chance looks splendid in rainbow-colored Speedo with hidden uplift testicular support, and much more physically articulate than I do in my Passion Play, Halloween sequin-stitched, sag-crotch, WWJD-embroidered loin cloth.)

“I’m sorry, Chance, but I quickly grew out of my blue period. Now that I’ve gone exclusively sexting, my subliminal art messages have changed. An artist has to keep pace with his audience. Tell you what, Chance. I’ll pop you for lunch.”

It’s reassuring to find proven once more – hundreds of miles from home, and in a small hamlet like Gatorade – that the profession of choice among good looking gay men is waiter.

“Goodness, what abs,” ours greets us. “Goodness had nothing to do with it,” replies Chance, off on another bout of winking at me.

Over our meal of tacos, chili, hot cross buns, we earful big-time gossip making the Gatorade rounds. “You may be out-of-towners,” says Hunkers Jones, our waiter, “but three weeks ago, Rev. Dowler P. Sparks had lotsa explaining to do. He was reported by a Greyhound bus attendant baptizing in a unisex stall.

“Things quieted down a bit ‘til the ACLU got involved. Rev. Sparks says he’s got a right to baptize anybody he wants, as the spirit leads. Baptist’s not a matter of separation of church and State. I paid my 50 cents to use that damned stall!”


“The gilded curtain rises. The overture to ‘Jesus Christ Superstar’ blares into high-kick tempo, and 100 Drag Queens for Jesus take center stage, blowing kisses everywhere, making signs of the cross, genuflecting, one by one joining a gigantic line dance of sheer mind-blowing jubilation. (You know how drag queens can mind blow. Or jubilate.)

Miracle of miracles, the audience rises! Sways! Applauds wildly! One or two begin to speak in tongues. (Or, maybe Spanish.) Suddenly, out of nowhere a rainbow banner waves, “Have a blessed day. Get in drag for Halloween and heaven’s sake!”

I look adoringly at Chance. He winks lovingly at me. I wink back at him. He winks back at me. Life is good, even if it’s occasionally a drag for big Dr. J. (And, Mary, moi!)
While we have sterling role models like Laverne Cox, we also have the proponents of bills like North Carolina’s House Bill 2 that are painting transwomen as male sexual deviants out to harm other women in restrooms. All this scaremongering is not only harming us directly, but is also contributing to an environment toxic to trans people overall.

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**Make The Change**

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after staff at a clinic repeatedly misgendered him while seeking care.

In the National Transgender Discrimination Survey (NTDS), conducted by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and National Center for Transgender Equality, it was shown that 41 percent of transgender people attempt to take their own lives. In comparison, the National average stands at 4.6 percent, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The NTDS showed that those who faced discrimination in other areas were even more likely to commit suicide, but that has not stopped right-wing and anti-trans commentators to claim that being transgender itself is what causes this high rate, implying that it is therefore better to ignore transgender identities overall.

That is nonsense, and one need look no further than those listed above. Not a one blamed their own transgender identity so much for them taking their own lives as they blamed the society around them and the myriad of things that harmed them, hurt them and kept them down.

We live in a society that is seeing positive steps for transgender people, including some incredible Obama-era policies that benefit transgender people, as well as an overall increase in positive visibility for transgender people. At the same time, we’re seeing huge backlash that is eroding these same rights, and is creating quite a lot of negativity towards transgender people overall.

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All of this toxicity has contributed to 23 or so anti-trans murders just in 2016 to date, topping last year’s record number of anti-trans murders. Violence against us is rampant, as are other forms of discrimination.

Meanwhile, we have a presidential candidate who, amongst other things, wants to roll back the many protections we have gained in the last eight years and install Supreme Court Justices that will further erode trans rights.

I look at all we have to face in this society and, much like Hallstrom or Alcorn, I find myself wondering how we can even survive – let alone thrive – in such a world. Should any of us be surprised when Ashley Hallstrom, or Viv, or Sarah, or so many others take their lives?

One of my personal heroes is Harvey Milk. Like him, I believe in giving people hope. Hope is what keeps me fighting, even in my darkest times. We’ve got to have hope, but it’s getting damned hard in 2016 to keep that hope burning. I find I can’t fault those who have felt the need to check out early.

So how do things “get better,” and how do we fix this society? In the wake of all this horrible-ness directed at trans people – as well as the rampant racism, sexism, xenophobia, and more currently polluting the air – is it even possible to make it better? How do we improve this world, in the wake of all this anti-trans bias and hatred? How do we push back?

It’s the hippie in me: I want a world that will embrace trans people as just another wonderful part of human diversity, and will allow us the space and freedom to be all we can be. I want the trans movement to be a movement of joy, of laughter and of music. I want this to be a harmony of voices, as my friend Lauren Wilson said more than two decades ago. She said that just months before taking her life, for all the same reasons as Alcorn and Hallstrom.

Are resigned for yet more trans people taking their own lonely walk out onto the highways – or will we fix this world?

Gwen Smith thinks it’s time for a change. You can find her at www.gwensmith.com.
Comparing the ‘Most Pro-gay’ Presidential Candidates in History

BY LISA KEEN

Log Cabin Republican President Gregory Angelo said it early on: Donald Trump is the “most pro-gay” Republican presidential candidate in history. And following the deadly attack on an LGBT nightclub in Orlando last June, Trump himself suggested that he – not Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton – is the presidential candidate who is “really the friend of women and the LGBT community.”

Clinton’s claim to the mantle as the Democratic Party’s most pro-gay presidential candidate in history has to compete with the party’s 2012 nominee, President Barack Obama. But even during this year’s general election campaign, when most Democratic presidential candidates typically grow subtle about their support for the LGBT community, Clinton prominently and repeatedly stated her support in stump speeches and debate answers.

Asked to make their best arguments for their party’s candidate, gay Democratic and Republican leaders responded.

Earl D. Fowlkes Jr., chairman of the Democratic National Committee’s LGBT Caucus, said, “As a black gay man, I know that Mrs. Clinton will protect and work to extend LGBT rights gained under the Obama Administration. She will appoint Supreme Court judges who will not undo same-sex marriage, women’s reproductive rights, and more provisions of the Voting Rights Act. In short, Mrs. Clinton will be a president that will fight for all Americans.”

“She is one of the most qualified candidates to ever run for the presidency,” said Fowlkes. “As first lady, senator and Secretary of State, Mrs. Clinton has both the experience and temperament to handle the complex issues that our nation is facing.”

Log Cabin Republicans have not yet issued an endorsement in the presidential race, so Angelo declined to provide a statement. But Charles T. Moran, a prominent Trump delegate from Los Angeles to the GOP convention, offered this: “The strongest reason why LGBTQers in our community should vote for Donald Trump is that he’s constantly recognized our community and treated us with respect. In his business and philanthropic work, he’s always been supportive, even when it hasn’t been popular. From the money he’s given to HIV/AIDS causes in NYC, to opening the first private club in Palm Beach to allow open homosexuals to join, to just recently dismissing the dramatic debate in the GOP and stating that Caitlyn Jenner should use whatever bathroom she wants at his Trump properties, to bringing forward the issue of protecting our community against radical Islamic jihad and threats of violence against our freedoms; he has truly walked the talk, and that is a 30-plus year history of support, unlike Hillary Clinton’s zig-zag on our issues over her 30 years in the public eye.”

Angelo says the Log Cabin board will reveal its decision concerning a presidential endorsement during this last week of October. In late October 2012, the group gave a “qualified” endorsement for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, noting that, while he may not be the first choice for voters with LGBT issues as a priority, Romney was better qualified overall and not likely to “waste his precious time” in the White House with attacks on the community.

In early September 2008, Log Cabin’s board issued an enthusiastic endorsement of Republican presidential candidate John McCain, calling him an “inclusive Republican” who bucked his own party by voting against the anti-gay Federal Marriage Act.

Meanwhile, numerous LGBT groups have endorsed Clinton: the Human Rights Campaign, the Lesbian Political Action Committee, the Congressional LGBT Caucus political action committee, and the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. She has also won the endorsement of several statewide LGBT political groups, including Equality California and Equality Pennsylvania. She has the backing of prominent LGBT elected officials, such as former U.S. Rep. Barney Frank and five of the six current LGBT members of the U.S. House (only Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona has not endorsed her).

Polls Past and Present

Historically, LGBT voters have supported the Democratic presidential candidate over the Republican one by a margin of about 3 to 1. Over the years, the polls suggest that many LGBT people who used to identify as “independent” are now identifying as Republican or Democrat. In September 2012, a Gallup study found 43 percent of LGBT-identified adults said they were “independent,” 13 percent Republican and 44 percent Democratic. An NBC poll in September of this year found that only 13 percent identified as independents, compared to 18 percent “Republicans or Republican-leaners” and 70 percent “Democrats and Democratic-leaners.”

Over a shorter span of time, support for Clinton among LGBT voters has also grown. In a Gallup survey in May, 54 percent supported Clinton and 18 percent Trump. But in the NBC poll in September of 1,728 registered voters who identified as “homosexual or bisexual,” 72 percent said they would vote for Clinton; 20 percent for Trump. (Including the Libertarian and Green party candidates in the mix, the NBC survey found 63 percent of LGBT voters supported Clinton, 15 percent Trump, 13 percent Libertarian Gary Johnson, and 8 percent Green Party Jill Stein.)

Looking at data going back to 1990 (the first year the National Election Pool exit poll sought to identify “gay, lesbian, and bisexual” voters), the lowest LGBT vote for Republicans came in 2008 when only 19 percent of LGBT voters supported Republican John McCain. A 2012 exit poll conducted by the New York Times and other major media outlets found that 76 percent of LGBT voters supported Democratic incumbent President Obama. That meant, at best, 24 percent for Republican Mitt Romney.

The Campaign Roller Coaster

Donald Trump’s most pro-LGBT moments in the two-year campaign came in reaction to the June 12 mass shooting this year at an LGBT nightclub called Pulse in Orlando. He immediately expressed sympathy over the 49 lives lost and 50 people injured. During his nationally televised acceptance speech to the Republican National Convention in July, he reiterated his concern to the GOP – a party whose platform has been notoriously hostile to equal rights for LGBT people.

“Only weeks ago, 49 wonderful Americans were savagely murdered by an Islamic terrorist – this targeting the LGBTQ community. No good, and we’re gonna stop it,” said Trump. “As your president, I will do everything in my power to protect our LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful, false ideology – believe me.” Then, departing the text of his speech, Trump added, “And I have to say, as a Republican, it is so nice to hear you cheering for what I just had to say. Thank you.”

But for many in the LGBT community, Trump’s statement of solidarity with the LGBT community was undercut by his insistence that the Orlando massacre was made possible because the U.S. allows Muslims, who he said want to “murder gays,” to immigrate. Trump has called for a ban on allowing Muslims to enter the country (more recently, he’s called for “extreme vetting” of Muslims). Trump also confused and dismayed many by seeming to signal initial support of transgender people in the North Carolina HB2 (bathroom) controversy only to say later that the issue should be “left to the states.” And his repeated promise to appoint a Supreme Court nominee in the mold of Antonin Scalia, who had the most anti-gay voting record of any justice on the nation’s highest court, will not likely earn him any LGBT votes.

Hillary Clinton has repeatedly included words of support for LGBT equality in her stump speeches. She addressed the 2015 national dinner of the Human Rights Campaign, unabashedly putting herself on record – early in the primary season as supporting numerous positions favored by
Donald Trump’s recently unearthed 2005 remarks bragging about sexual assault were “re-traumatizing” for Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, who’s a survivor of domestic violence. The governor, who could become the first out LGBT person elected as governor in the United States, reflected in an interview Oct. 25 with the Washington Blade on the misogynistic comments from Trump that shook up the presidential race.

“I think for all us who have been through incidents of domestic violence or sexual assault the words are re-traumatizing, and I think, unfortunately, for women across the United States, it’s all too common to hear words like this from men in places of power,” Brown said.

Asked what the remarks portend for a potential Trump presidency, Brown replied, “I’m certainly hoping that conscientious men and women will rise up and vote against Donald Trump.”

Brown, who’s bisexual, came out as a survivor of domestic violence last month in response to a question about improving the lives of women during a debate with her Republican opponent William “Bud” Pierce. Referencing a new report from the Women’s Foundation of Oregon, which found women continue to face high rates of domestic violence and sexual assault, Brown said of her experience, “I know what it feels like to be a victim of domestic violence.”

In response to the same question, Pierce didn’t acknowledge the governor’s disclosure and said, “A woman that has great education and training and a great job is not susceptible to this kind of abuse by men,” drawing boos from the audience.

During her interview with the Blade, Brown said Trump’s remarks were emotional for her personally and the negative impact was compounded because they came days after her debate with Pierce.

“It was re-traumatizing to me because [Pierce] clearly hadn’t listened to what I had to say, and it was just a very challenging next several days between that and Trump’s statement,” Brown said. “I don’t understand how anybody could consider voting for Donald Trump after what they heard him say.”

The Brown campaign has confirmed the candidate was a victim of domestic violence, but declined to provide details other than to say the perpetrator wasn’t Dan Brown, her spouse, whom she married in 1997.

Currently the only openly LGBT person serving as a governor in the United States, Brown rose to the position last year. As Oregon secretary of state, she was next in line to become governor after her predecessor, former Gov. John Kitzhaber, resigned in scandal.

But if Brown wins in November, she’ll have the distinction of being the first openly LGBT person, and first openly bisexual person, to win a gubernatorial election.

For Brown, the significance of that distinction is increased visibility for the LGBT community because “you can’t be what you can’t see.”

“If I can be a role model for one young person that decides that their life is worth living because there’s someone like them in the world, it’s worth it,” Brown said.

(The first openly LGBT governor was former New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey, but he came out as gay in 2004 after he was elected and amid scandal prior to resigning. Former Rep. Michael Michaud sought to become the first openly gay person elected as governor in 2014, but he lost in a three-way race against Maine Gov. Paul LePage, who won re-election, and independent candidate Eliot Cutler.)

Polls indicate Brown is likely to win that historic first for the LGBT community. A survey from the Oregon-based DHM Research for Oregon Public Broadcasting found Brown has a commanding 46-33 lead over Pierce.

Aisha Moodie-Mills, CEO of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, said Brown has “shattered glass ceilings throughout her career,” and the organization, which has endorsed Brown, is “thrilled” she’s about to break another ceiling by being the first openly LGBT person elected governor.

“Her leadership sets the direction and tone for the entire state, and the result is a government focused on issues of equality for all people, including women and LGBT Oregonians,” Moodie-Mills said. “LGBT elected officials change the dynamics by humanizing our lives, impacting legislative debates and influencing lawmaker colleagues to support equality. The election of Gov. Brown will be a seminal moment in the history of our movement, and a further indication that LGBT people can run for the highest offices and win.”

Over the course of her decades-long career in politics, which began as a lawmaker in the state legislature before she became secretary of state, Brown had a hand in advancing LGBT rights. She was a lawmaker when Oregon enacted its statewide LGBT non-discrimination law in 2007 and domestic partnership registration.

The domestic partnership law, Brown said, was “created in such a way to ensure legal success in the future” for marriage equality, which came to pass in Oregon through litigation in 2014.

“I have been on the path for justice and equality, particularly for LGBTQ issues my entire adult life,” Brown said. “I will continue that fight here in Oregon. In Oregon, we are fortunate that we’ve been able to change the law. Now we need to be focused on changing people’s hearts and minds.”

Among her most recent accomplishments for LGBT rights was signing into law a statewide ban on widely discredited “gay” conversion therapy, which she said was personally rewarding. Oregon is one of five states that prohibit the practice for minors in addition to D.C.

“I did not have that experience, but I was well acquainted with others in our community who had,” Brown said. “I was so proud that the legislature was willing to move forward on it, and I was very pleased to sign it into law.”

Another LGBT achievement Brown identified during her tenure as Oregon governor was the establishment in May of an LGBT veterans coordinator at the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs, the first of its kind nationwide.

Asked about her involvement in the bisexual community, Brown said she’s “honestly been really focused on governing the last 20 months” and pointed to her record in extending legal protections for LGBT people.

Brown observed few openly bisexual people are political officeholders, but said she met Rep. Kyren Sinema (R-Ariz.), the only out bisexual in Congress, while traveling with the D.C.-based Aspen Institute.

“And I have people come up to me on a regular basis and just say thank you for being out,” Brown said. “It’s certainly opened a lot of eyes. We have a really solid bi community here in Oregon.”

(A 2011 Williams Institute study found bisexual people comprise a bare majority in the LGBT community. Compared to the 1.7 percent who identify as gay or lesbian, 1.8 percent of the U.S. population identify as bisexual.)

With so much progress made on LGBT rights in Oregon, Brown said the way forward is ensuring “gender-affirming services in our Oregon health plan.” The challenge, Brown said, is “getting medical providers that are competent in terms of handling those health issues, and so I see that as an area of work.”

“And then, we’re really working hard in our LGBT communities of color as well,” Brown added. “Oregon has struggled to be a fully inclusive state in terms of people of color, and so I am focused as governor in ensuring that we move forward in that regard.”

Sean Yeager, a Portland-based bisexual activist and lead organizer for Bi Brigade, said the potential of Brown’s election as Oregon governor “gives us hope” because her story “speaks to the growing acceptance of bisexuals within Oregon and within the entire country.”

“There are still many issues facing the community, as Gov. Brown’s own experiences with domestic violence indicate, but it is empowering to know that we will be represented by someone who understands our unique experiences,” Yeager said.
Love is Patient, Love is Kind: Local Couple Details Path to Altar

By Kate Opalewski

Love is truly patient for Jeff and Dimitrius Mitchell. The Hamtramck couple created the perfect moment to say ‘I do’ simply by taking their time.

“We met the way a lot of people seem to be meeting lately: online,” said Jeff. “We talked on the phone for about four to five weeks. You could tell there was a connection. There were so many things we shared in common.”

When they were ready to meet in person, Jeff invited Dimitrius over to his house for a homemade spaghetti dinner.

The soon-to-be couple watched movies and drank wine. Jeff notes that he tried to get Dimitrius caught up on some of the classic films he’s missed. But Dimitrius was born on Halloween and naturally loves horror.

They started dating in September 2012 and eventually settled in together at Jeff’s place with his dog, Boomer. Later, their other dog Buttons moved in and became a part of the family.

“There are some very legitimate reasons to live together before getting married,” said Dimitrius. “To see if you can actually live together. Everyone has their own thing — the thing that drives you crazy about the person. But it’s about accepting someone’s flaws.”

Dimitrius admits his feelings developed much more quickly than Jeff’s did. In fact, he proposed to Jeff with Tiffany & Co. engagement rings in April 2013, but was turned down - though gently. Jeff said he had every intention of marrying Dimitrius. He just needed more time.

“I wasn’t happy with the response, but he knew what he wanted and I felt his pain when he discussed previous relationships. I didn’t want to throw all of that away just because he said no,” said Dimitrius.

Previous long-term relationships left Jeff feeling “cautious and afraid that things might not work out,” he said. “It was so sweet though.”

Dimitrius persevered in the face of delay and finally got what he wanted in June 2014 when Jeff surprised him and proposed. They planned a date night at Coach Insignia in downtown Detroit. Photo
Belfast Bakery Loses Appeal Over Refusal of Gay-rights Cake

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - A Belfast bakery on Monday lost its appeal of a ruling that it discriminated against a gay customer by refusing to bake a cake decorated with a message supporting same-sex marriage.

The judgment against Ashers Baking Co. found that the family-run chain was wrong to treat gay customers any differently from heterosexuals. The Ashers directors argued they were happy to bake goods for anyone but could not put messages on their products at odds with their Christian beliefs.

The Northern Ireland Equality Commission pursued the lawsuit against Ashers on behalf of the spurned customer, who had ordered the cake for a gay rights event. Monday’s judgment by the three-judge Court of Appeal found that the bakery had discriminated against the customer and violated British human rights law.

Lord Chief Justice Sir Declan Morgan rejected the bakery’s central argument that it would be endorsing gay marriage by making the cake.

“The fact that a baker provides a cake for a particular team or portrays witches on a Halloween cake does not indicate any support for either,” he said during his 30-minute reading of the full ruling.

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Detroit where a special card was delivered to their table. It read “Will you?” Inside were the same Tiffany rings that Dimitrius purchased for his earlier proposal.

“I kind of put them aside until the time was right,” said Jeff, who engraved them with their names and an infinity symbol.

“I got a blue lacquered rose because he loves blue and he loves roses. He’ll tell you that I’m not big on cut flowers because they die, and I wanted to get something that would last,” said Jeff.

“I didn’t expect it at all. I just thought it was dinner,” said Dimitrius, adding, “They say things come in time. If you force things, it doesn’t happen.”

Considering Dimitrius had already planned the wedding of his dreams when he first proposed, Jeff had no problem giving him complete control.

“He had a vision. I wasn’t one of those people who had a vision of what their wedding was going to be like. I wanted him to have, as much as the budget would allow, everything he wanted,” said Jeff.

That included an intimate Tiffany-style wedding this year at the Roostertail in Detroit on Aug. 13.

But not before a little snafu. Their officiant Mary-Elizabeth Murray contacted Jeff two days before the wedding to tell him he was marked as a female on their marriage certificate.

The way the couple said they understood the problem is that the system used by the Wayne County Clerk’s office for a marriage license application automatically defaults to female if a male is selected as the first person on the application in the computer.

“She said, ‘This is going to be on your certificate for the rest of your life. Are you okay with that?’” said Jeff.

So he high-tailed it down to the clerk’s office and was told, “Well, you can redo the whole thing, but it will take time ... Just tell her to white it out and fix it.”

That’s what Murray did so Jeff and Dimitrius could get married as planned.

“It seemed when we went there like it was the most natural thing. They were friendly and cool, but made a bad mistake I never would have thought to look for. It was stressful and could have held everything back,” said Jeff.

Once that was resolved, the couple was able to relax and spend time with their supportive families who traveled into town from Florida, Minnesota and Texas for the big day.

“We’re very lucky,” said Dimitrius. The couple invited everyone over to their home the day before the wedding to meet and celebrate during a pig roast.

They were married among 50 of their closest family members and friends including their best men, Ty Kusku and Philipp Schurig.

Dimitrius asked his loved ones to share their key to happiness at the reception.

“I wanted all the married people to suggest their advice — like don’t go to bed mad, but the truth is that sometimes you do. But after that, the next day you regain your thoughts and you talk it over. It’s communication,” he said.

Their cake, in the shape of a Tiffany box and Tiffany blue cupcakes, were made at Christine’s Cakes and Pastries in Utica. Fisher’s Flower Shop in Dearborn created their floral arrangements. Julie Haven and her trio, Red, White and Crazy, performed some of the couple’s favorite songs, such as “At Last” by Etta James and “A Thousand Years” by Christina Perri.

“Our wedding coordinator there gave us advice on a photographer,” said Jeff, who was nervous about finding LGBT-friendly vendors at first.

“B u t i t worked out,” he said about Everett Stewart in particular.

“H e n e v e r photographed a gay wedding, but he was a super open guy, so cool, even encouraging us to kiss during the shoot.”

N o t l o n g after they were married, the newlyweds spent 10 days on an adventure honeymoon in Kauai where they canoed, hiked, snorkeled and zip-lined.

“It was beautiful,” said Dimitrius.

But they returned home to find out their marriage license was somehow, and unfortunately, the couple had to go through the application process a second time with no empathy from the clerk’s office.

Although they received their marriage certificate more than a month after their wedding, it’s official. Jeff and Dimitrius said they enjoy being hitched. Since then, they noticed that one of the things people ask is if they feel differently.

“No, we don’t feel any differently,” said Jeff. “Yeah, we’ve got a ring on, but it doesn’t change at all the commitment,” which only gets deeper with time.

For LGBT-friendly wedding vendors, visit BTL’s Ultimate LGBT Wedding & Anniversary Expo on March 26, 2017 and visit the website at http://btlweddingexpo.com.

Pictured from left to right are best man Philipp Schurig, Dimitrius Mitchell, Jeff Mitchell, and best man Ty Kusku. Wedding guests enjoyed Tiffany blue cupcakes made by Christine’s Cakes and Pastries in Utica. Photos courtesy of Everett Stewart.
LGBT voters.

Among other things, she promised, “As president, I would push to cut off federal funding for any public child welfare agency that discriminates against LGBT people.” She visited Orlando to show solidarity with the LGBT community following the Pulse massacre.

On LGBT issues, she stumbled twice: Once by saying that Nancy Reagan had helped lead public support for the fight against AIDS and a second time by saying that President Bill Clinton signed the “Defense of Marriage Act” as a way to head off a constitutional amendment banning marriage for same-sex couples.

Internal campaign emails made public by Wikileaks this month show that LGBT Democratic activists moved quickly to urge Clinton to correct the record on both of those statements. She did correct her remark concerning Reagan and apologized. She said her DOMA statement reflected her recollection of “private discussions” she participated in. In one of the leaked emails, a staffer said Clinton would “never approve a true walkback” of the comment.

**Position on the Issues**

**Supreme Court:** Clinton said she would make marriage equality a priority issue in choosing a nominee to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court. Trump said he would appoint someone in the mold of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, who is perhaps the most anti-gay justice in history.

**Equality Act:** Clinton supports it, saying it will mean “full federal equality for LGBT Americans and stronger anti-discrimination protections for everyone.” Trump has declined opportunities to say where he stands on the measure.

**Marriage Equality:** Clinton evolved over a period of 10 years to support marriage equality. In 2004, she said it was a “sacred bond between a man and a woman.” In 2007, she supported repeal of part of the Defense of Marriage Act but also wanted to leave the marriage equality issue to the states. Then, in a 2013 video after leaving her Secretary of State post, Clinton said she had “learned” and “come to believe” that LGBT Americans “deserve the rights of citizenship – that includes marriage... I support it personally and as a matter of policy and law.”

On CNN, Trump said, “I don’t say anything. I’m just for traditional marriage.” But he has also said he would appoint Supreme Court justices willing to reverse the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Obergefell that struck down state bans on marriage for same-sex couples.

**North Carolina’s HB2:** Clinton issued a statement the day after the North Carolina Legislature passed the law – banning local jurisdictions from prohibiting discrimination against LGBT people and prohibiting transgender people from using the public restroom that matches their gender identity. The statement said, “LGBT people should be protected from discrimination under the law – period.” When questioned about the law on NBC’s “Today Show,” Trump said the state should “leave it the way it is,” noting that there had been “very few complaints the way it is.” “People go. They use the bathroom that they feel is appropriate. There has been so little trouble,” said Trump. But three months later, he said he had spoken with North Carolina’s governor and “a lot of people” and he had changed his mind. “I’m with the state on things like this.”

Kim Davis controversy: A Kentucky county clerk named Kim Davis refused to allow her office to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples even after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the state’s ban. Clinton said it was appropriate that Davis was jailed until she agreed to let her fellow clerks issue the licenses. Trump said Davis should either let her fellow clerks issue the licenses or have same-sex couples go to other counties to obtain their licenses.

**LGBT people in campaign:** Clinton hired an openly gay man (Robby Mook) as her campaign manager. She also hired an “LGBT Outreach Director,” Dominic Lowell. Trump has not hired anyone openly LGBT in his campaign leadership.

**Vice President:** Clinton’s choice, U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia, is a long-time supporter of equal rights for LGBT people. Trump’s choice, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, is a longtime opponent of equal rights for LGBT people.

**Pro-active assist:** As Secretary of State, Clinton spoke publicly about the need to address hostilities toward LGBT people around the world, saying “gay rights are human rights and human rights are gay rights.” In 2011, Trump accepted the invitation of an LGBT Republican group, GOProud, to speak at the conservative CPAC conference. And he eliminated a beauty pageant rule requiring contestants be “naturally born female.”

**Voting record:** Clinton earned a 94 score from the Human Rights Campaign during her last Congressional session as senator and earned 89 and 88 in previous sessions. Trump has never held elective office and has no voting record.

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Michigan Native on Becoming Brent Corrigan, His Secret Sexuality and Learning to Kiss Like a Gay Porn Star

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

“Do they like biting lips? Do they like using more tongue?”

To play former gay porn mogul Brent Corrigan, it was Garrett Clayton’s job to find out. So the 25-year-old ex-Disney star probed those very questions while poring over videos of the notorious twink teasing the camera at just 17, when Corrigan starred in a throng of high-profile porn videos that led to his storied, controversial adult-film legacy.

Corrigan’s past is the lurid centerpiece titillating every juicy frame of director Justin Kelly’s sexy and scandalous “King Cobra,” embodied by Clayton and his hypnotic come-hither gaze. Christian Slater plays gay porn producer Bryan Kocis (renamed Stephen in the film), who gets tangled in a mess of controversy and murder after illegally jumpstarting Brent’s porn career. James Franco, who co-produced the project, sustains his oft-onscreen queerness, starring as a rival producer.

But who saw Clayton, who will star as Link Larkin in NBC’s “Hairspray Live!” in December, taking his post-Disney dive this deeply? Where there are orgies. And nakedness.

After his role in “Teen Beach Movie,” the 2013 Disney Channel Movie that saw Clayton’s squeaky-clean Tanner frolicking beachside while singing “surf, sun, sand; it’s a bikini wonderland,” Clayton laughs at his radical career shift like even he can’t believe it.

“I didn’t know what to expect at first because you don’t know if you’re going to have a team of people who will be really respectful and take care of you or a group of people who are there to exploit you and make money off of how good you’ll be. I couldn’t have asked for more, especially jumping into such a controversial subject.

How much trepidation did you have taking on someone as controversial – in the porn world at least – as Brent Corrigan?

I didn’t know what to expect at first because you don’t know if you’re going to have a team of people who will be really respectful and take care of you or a group of people who are there to exploit you and make money off of how good you’ll be. I couldn’t have asked for more, especially jumping into such a controversial subject.

What kind of homework is involved in playing someone like Brent Corrigan?

One thing I agreed with after Justin and I spoke: to separate the character from real life because to try to mimic him too much would come across like we were trying to make fun of his life, and that’s not what we wanted. We wanted a character who’s a little bit removed from him. I tried to have little things in there that reminded the audience of him, but a lot of it was trying to create a character that was separated enough to a degree that it just didn’t seem like we were mocking him. That was really important.

What was your process for embodying Brent’s manerisms during the porn scenes?

You want to watch someone’s work and study the way they’re into somebody or not. How do they kiss? Do they bite? Do they like biting lips? Do they like using more tongue? Are they more aggressive in their work? Does he play the victim? I tried to look at all those things. And even watching that YouTube channel that he wanted to have for a minute – those videos were interesting to watch just because there are little things in there too.
How is he when he speaks to his audience? What’s his body language like when he’s talking about something he’s comfortable with versus uncomfortable with?

At one of the film festivals somebody asked me and Justin what our favorite video of his was, and even though mine doesn’t sound as exciting, it’s the more fascinating one. It’s the first video he did with Bryan where he’s lying in the lawn. Nobody knew at that time that he was 17, and I was just surprised that there are so many sites that still have that video online. It’s crazy. And to see him as a 17-year-old doing this, and the fact that I can find it online – I literally just typed in “Brent Corrigan first video” and a bunch of different websites came up. I just think it was fascinating to watch somebody at that age doing what they’re doing. To me, that was the most interesting piece of work because, I mean, how could it not be?

What’s it like being naked at home versus naked on camera?

It’s a lot different being naked at home versus being naked on camera, in front of millions. When I’m naked at home, I’m not worried about what I ate three hours before! And it was really hard because catering, for some reason, kept making these crazy, unhealthy (meals), like macaroni and chili. Every day it was chili and macaroni and hot dogs, and I’m like, “I am on a diet. I can’t have bread, I can’t have carbs, I can’t have sugar, I can’t have dairy, and all you’re doing is supplying all those things.”

The struggles of being an actor who has to take his shirt off for the camera, right?

No. The struggles of being an actor who’s only wearing underwear and maybe nothing else – not even underwear at some points.

How was your nudity contract established for this film?

I spoke to Justin about what I would agree to do, and it was: If you discuss with me first and I can understand logically why the nudity is a sexual act that can promote the plot in this scene, then I’ll do it. When I’m in the shower, it’s a sign he’s becoming comfortable with his sexuality. The montage is showing him becoming a star.

In the end, did you form an opinion about him?

It’s not for me… if I start doing that now, it’ll taint my mindset about the movie.

I guess he was just being critical of the outcome.

As anybody would be. My thing is, would he have preferred somebody who spoke down to him and didn’t have any respect for doing what we’re doing here? Because if you look at any interview I’ve done, I completely shy away from judgment and being negative about his comments and how he feels about the movie.

I moved out to LA to have a career where I got to play characters and focus on work and do all these awesome things, and I’m getting to do that now. I just don’t think it’s pertinent to talk about my personal life. I don’t think it adds to the work; it just distracts from it.

I’m supportive of an open-minded lifestyle and letting people do what they want to do with their lives, so it’s nice to be able to do another, different type of role. Acting is about stepping out of body and getting to see different lives and experience different things, and I got to do that in this movie.

One thing I even took away from this: I gained a lot more sympathy for people who work in the adult industry. A lot of times society is so harsh on people who do work in porn, and they’re so judged and scrutinized, and yet they’re so accepted because porn drives the internet, and people watch it so consistently, and it’s a multi-billion dollar industry. When you’re done working in it, though, people shun you. They just treat people who work in this industry poorly, and yet they’re watching them alone in their bedroom, supporting them. You can’t pick and choose. You either are open-minded, or you’re not.

“boxcut Speedos.” I imagine when you’re trying to give an honest portrayal of someone real like you are in this movie, that could really cause you to be self-conscious. Did it affect you at all?

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In the end, did you form an opinion about him?

It’s not for me… if I start doing that now, it’ll taint my mindset about the movie.

Because you’re playing gay in this movie, is there pressure to acknowledge your own sexuality?

And how do you react to people who criticize you for not doing so?

I mean, they probably would feel a lot differently if people were calling them and saying, “So tell me: What do you do in your bedroom every day?” This is my job. And I’m happy to promote my work. And I’m happy to stand up for things I believe in. If people can’t see the positivity in that, then I think that’s up to them. You can have Mother Teresa giving food out and somebody will find something negative to say.

I opened Pandora’s box. He asked me and Justin what our favorite video was, and even though mine doesn’t sound as exciting, it’s the more fascinating one. It’s the first video he did with Bryan where he’s lying in the lawn. Nobody knew at that time that he was 17, and I was just surprised that there are so many sites that still have that video online. It’s crazy. And to see him as a 17-year-old doing this, and the fact that I can find it online – I literally just typed in “Brent Corrigan first video” and a bunch of different websites came up. I just think it was fascinating to watch somebody at that age doing what they’re doing. To me, that was the most interesting piece of work because, I mean, how could it not be?

Brent Corrigan criticized you on Twitter, saying he looked “much younger.” He also took a dig at your reasoning for not legal boys.” He also took a dig at your reasoning for not legal boys. This is my job. And I’m happy to promote my work. And I’m happy to stand up for things I believe in. If people can’t see the positivity in that, then I think that’s up to them. You can have Mother Teresa giving food out and somebody will find something negative to say.

I moved out to LA to have a career where I got to play characters and focus on work and do all these awesome things, and I’m getting to do that now. I just don’t think it’s pertinent to talk about my personal life. I don’t think it adds to the work; it just distracts from it.

I’m supportive of an open-minded lifestyle and letting people do what they want to do with their lives, so it’s nice to be able to do another, different type of role. Acting is about stepping out of body and getting to see different lives and experience different things, and I got to do that in this movie.

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10(ish) Horror-Movie Hardbodies to Die For

BY MIKEY ROX

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evry horror movie spectator chooses one character as soon as the story starts to unfold that they hope will make it out alive – and for us gays, it’s usually the one who’s most physically appealing. We know full well they’ll be among the first to meet the business end of a machete, meat hook, saw, pitchfork, [enter your weapon of choice here] about halfway through (after sufficient skin time on screen, of course), but that doesn’t deter us from pining for them any less. It’s what makes us, us.

Here, I’ve compiled some of the more memorable scary-movie standouts – some still alive and kickin’ by the end, some six feet under – to remind us all just how precious life is when there’s a killer on the loose, especially when you have a pretty face.

1. The Cast of The Covenant

It only took a decade for Hollywood to deliver the male equivalent of “The Craft,” and “The Covenant” didn’t disappoint – so long as you judge this proverbial book by its cover and not its content, anyway. The movie’s main characters – all too-cool-for-school, pre-“Gossip Girl”-esque locker jocks (one of whom, Chace Crawford, would actually fulfill that destiny a year later) – spend so time emerging from swimming pools and standing around dripping wet in their Speedos (between casting spells and killing people, of course) that you don’t even notice how bad the film really is. Alas, the guys’ combined powers couldn’t save this dud from a 3-percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes, ranking No. 31 on the site’s “Worst of the Worst,” but their swetle, college-bound torsos still got 10s across the board.

2. Johnny Depp

Before Johnny Depp’s career took a sharp right toward cinema’s quintessential character actor, he played boy-next-door types who fancied crop-topped football jerseys and exhibited serious lack of judgment in his choice of mentally compromised companions. As a result, he was dragged through his own mattress by Freddy Krueger’s iconic claws before being splattered across his bedroom ceiling in an eruption of blood – leaving you scarred for life for the past 30 years.

3. Jenna Jameson

We all knew Jenna Jameson from a different genre of film – which, if I’m honest here, has horror elements all its own – but I have to give props to the “Queen of Porn” for making a legitimate attempt at going mainstream. It hasn’t always been a smooth ride for the most famous adult film star of all time, especially when you consider her role in 2008’s comically low-budget “Zombie Killers,” but she gets the last laugh: Jameson has amassed a net worth of $30 million, much of which was made lying down on the job.

4. Mike Vogel

You knew Mike Vogel – he of incredible ass-dom (which explains how his career got the jump off as a Levi’s model) – wasn’t making it out of Leatherface’s clutches alive in 2003’s remake of “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre.” On his return trip from Mexico to buy weed with his friends – a decision that only added insult to injury (drugs are bad, kids!) – the group was intercepted by one of horror’s ultimate villains by whom his leg was expeditiously chopped off before he was impaled on a meat hook to dry out like a bag of beef jerky.

5. Matt Bomer

This flick, a prequel to 2003’s “Texas Chainsaw Massacre” – DOA among critics and fans alike – was the adorable Bomer’s second appearance on film after Flightplan, starring Jodie Foster. Despite succumbing to a chainsaw up the groin halfway through the movie, Bomer managed to grab screen time until the end – as Leatherface’s freshly skinned mask.

6. Selma Hayek

Queen vampire Santanico Pandemonium, played by Selma Hayek in director Robert Rodriguez’s bloodbath of a cult hit “From Dusk Till Dawn,” wreaks havoc in more places than the movie’s Titty Twister strip club – like that special spot where lewd and lascivious intersect in every lesbian’s love box.

7. Jay Hernandez

Impossibly good-looking Jay Hernandez barely made it out alive in director Eli Roth’s torture-porn magnum opus “Hostel” – sans a few fingers – and serves just deserts to the Dutch Businessman bent on keeping the Elite Hunting Club’s devious secrets safe. But despite surviving the hellish events of the first film, Hernandez reprises his role briefly in “Hostel 2” before losing his head – literally – in the first five minutes.

8. Ryan Phillippe

Phillippe, well-to-do and on-the-eyes resident bad boy of “I Know What You Did Last Summer” (which, along with its 90s predecessor “Scream,” reinvigorated the slasher genre for a whole new generation), made homo boys in theaters across the country wiggle in their seats – less for his dramatic stabbing during the annual Croaker Pageant and more for the locker-room scene where we were all treated to a little towel bulge and a generous helping of that terry-clothed ass.

9. Christian Bale

Listen, if you’re going to be hunted down by a naked chainsaw-wielding maniac, it might as well be a buff-as-ever Christian Bale. You know, right after he gets done satisfying your carnal proclivities and smackin’ you around a bit while he admires his own biceps. Best Saturday night you’ve ever had.

10. The Entire Cast of MTV’s Teen Wolf

OK, so MTV’s “Teen Wolf” isn’t a movie, but what it lacks in tight feature-length characterization and storytelling it more than makes up for in tight torso-ed supernatural creatures masquerading as students. Tyler Posey and Tyler Hoechlin, Dylan O’Brien and the Carver Twins all have proven themselves worthy of fanboy swoons, but at least in this article let’s all hail out-and-proud Colton Haynes, who became an object of our collective affection (for two seasons at least) as lacrosse team bully Jackson Whittemore – who can body check us any day.
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Royal Oak Schools Seek to Restore Non-Homestead Millage Rate Via Voter Approval

BY BTL STAFF

ROYAL OAK – Royal Oak residents will decide this election whether to approve a small increase on the non-homestead property tax to bring the millage up to the approved 19 mills.

According to the Daily Tribune, superintendent Shawn Lewis-Lakin said the Royal Oak school district is seeking a 0.8-mill increase on the millage to allow the district to keep the non-homestead tax rate at a steady 18 mills. The millage increase would raise the tax rate by 80 cents for each $1,000 of taxable value on properties affected by the millage.

Millage is a tax on businesses and houses that are not the owner’s primary residence and are directly tied to the value of the home. Millages have no effect on the property tax rates of homes where the owners live all, or most, of the year.

The millage is part of a requirement that school districts have to pass in order to get their full funding from the state under state Proposal A, which went into effect in 1994.
Since 1994, voters in Royal Oak have supported an 18-mill operating levy on non-homestead properties, as have voters in virtually all school districts nationwide, Lewis-Lakin said.

Another state act, the Headlee Amendment would, however, require that property taxes be allowed to rise no more than 5 percent of the rate of inflation, whichever is less, when property values increase.

The Nov. 8 ballot proposal “provides a mechanism so we can keep the millage at 18 mills,” Lewis-Lankin told the Daily Tribune. “It provides a buffer to protect us against future rollbacks.”

The school district’s 18-mill operating millage has been reduced by 0.15-mill because of what is called the Headlee rollback. Under the current program, district officials estimate that Royal Oak Schools will lose more than $133,000 in funding for the 2016-2017 school year if the millage restoration proposal fails at the polls. The amount of money seems like a drop in the bucket, compared to the district’s annual $55 million budget, but it can have a cumulative effect moving forward in subsequent years. Adequate funding for schools has an effect on home values.

The rollback could be $250,000 next year and maybe $500,000 in four years,” Lewis-Lakin said to the Daily Tribune.

The production runs Saturday Oct. 29 and Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $12 in advance only and available via www.slipstreamti.com or by emailing InsideTheSlipstream@gmail.com. Slipstream Theatre Initiative is located at 460 Hilton in Ferndale.

This production may be inappropriate for ages under 13.
The worldwide phenomenon that knocked Wicked out of its broomstick is coming to the Fisher Theatre. Four-time Emmy Award-winning creators of “South Park,” Trey Parker and Matt Stone are bringing this hit Broadway play to Detroit. This outrageous comedy musical is about a pair of mismatched Mormon newlyweds who are sent on a mission to a place that’s just about as far from Salt Lake City as you can get—Uganda. The musical was written in collaboration with Robert Lopez, the Tony Award-winning writer of “Avenue Q” and “Frozen,” and co-directed by four-time Emmy Award-winning creators of “South Park,” Mr. Parker and three-time Tony nominee Casey Nicholaw (“Spamalot,” “The Drowsy Chaperone”).

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Friday, Oct. 27

The Fisher Theatre is located at 3011 W Grand Blvd. in Detroit.
aspects of coming out and the effects it may have on your life. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Our Transgender Children, Always Our Children 12:30 p.m. Registration: $15 per person. Fortunate Families Detroit, 20800 Grand River at Burt Road, Detroit. 313-670-2613. lindakarle@earthlink.net www.fortunatefamilies.com

Alcoholics Anonymous Brownbaggers 1:30 p.m. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Men’s Discussion Group 6 p.m. Group for gay, bisexual and transgender men ages 18 and up. This group frequently offers holiday parties and outings such as movie nights in addition to regular meetings. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

RetroFeve Saturdays 9 p.m. Music from 80s, 90s, and today. Red Door Night Club, 22001 Woodward Ave. Ferndale. 248-541-6600. events@reddoornightclub.com http://www.reddoornightclub.com/events/

Monday, Nov. 7

65th Annual Jewish Book Fair 10 a.m. Free to attend. Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W Maple Rd, West Bloomfield Township. 248-432-5658. brobinson@jccdet.org http://theberman.org/ticketoffice

Alcoholics Anonymous 5:45 Serenity 5:30 p.m. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Middlepath Meditation 6 p.m. Guided meditation covering various topics and methods followed by silent meditations. $5 suggested donation. No registration needed. This is a drop-in event. Michigan Pagans, 224 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-548-1415. www.bostonterracom.com

Sexual Addicts Anonymous 7 p.m. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Narcotics Anonymous 7 p.m. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Transgender Life Support 7 p.m. An open discussion group for people identifying as transgender and their allies. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

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Senior Koffee Klatch 1 p.m. A discussion and networking group for people 65 years of age and older. Various discussion topics, social outings and potlucks are incorporated throughout the year. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

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**Homocoming Dance**

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AEG Live and React “Seven Lions” Tickets: $22-$26. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Nov. 5. 248-399-2880. www.romlive.com


Live Nation “St. Paul & The Broken Bones” Special guest Diane Coffee. Tickets: $25-$40. The Fillmore Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Nov. 2. www.livenationentertainment.com


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The Ark “The Lee Harvey Oswald” Tickets: $15. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Nov. 3. 734-761-1800. www.theark.org

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WYCD “Kane Brown with Jordan Rager” Tickets: $29-45. The Fillmore Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Nov. 4. www.thefillmoredetroit.com

Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 7 p.m. Oct. 29. 734-763-3333. www.millertheatre.com

The Best Man Directed by Sharlan Douglas. Stagecrafters, Baldwin Theatre, 415 E. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. Nov. 4, Nov. 5, Nov. 6, Nov. 10, Nov. 11, Nov. 12, Nov. 13, Nov. 17, Nov. 18, Nov. 19. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19. 3139933270. www.thebtheatreco.com

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11 1996 VP candidate Jack
15 Pink, for one
16 "___ Family"
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18 White house without Obama
19 Party in Auden's land
20 Fruity drink
21 Start of a "confession"
24 Maxima maker

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2 Dress (up)
3 "Bastard out of Carolina" author Dorothy
4 Inn offerings
5 Condom used at Southern Cal?
6 Mail carriers at Hogwarts
7 Strap for B&D in a car?
8 Conspiratorial groups
9 It arouses two body openings
10 "The Golden Girls" episode
11 Furry fruit
12 Brings out
13 Tower of Rumi's religion
14 They strip
22 Not in parts, to a gay men's choir
23 Drag queen's mini, e.g.
24 Composer Rorem
25 Dick Button's milieu
30 Bringing up the rear
32 Not even once, to Whitman
34 Risky business, briefly
36 "My kingdom for___!" (bottom's cry?)
37 Authoritative rule
39 Did Rex Reed's job
40 Kind of
41 Scent for a fem
42 What straight guys did with their eyes in the shower room
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