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Phil Williams is an active member of Higher Ground, which serves to benefit Michigan's HIV-positive community through support groups, health and healing classes, retreats and fundraising efforts.

1 How did you get involved with Higher Ground?

Four years ago, my life went through some major changes. I started thinking about how I could do something to give back to the community. At Motor City Pride that year, I discovered Higher Ground. I knew right away that there was something special about the attitude of the people involved. I started helping out in a few small ways and found that the more I did, the more I got back. What sometimes seemed like menial tasks provided me with great rewards.

Higher Ground has an annual blanket drive (in eight years, with the help of the community, Higher Ground has distributed over 9,000 new blankets to organizations whose clients include children, women and men living with HIV/AIDS). The first time I delivered blankets and these hard-working case managers thanked me, I knew I was doing something that I wanted to get more involved with.



I have friends who are positive, some for over 20 years, and others more recently diagnosed.

All of them mean a great deal to me and I want to do anything that I can so that anyone who is living with HIV/AIDS can have a better quality of life.

spirit and dignity. With support groups, yoga, an annual retreat and various outreach programs, Higher Ground is working to help those already infected, encourage testing for everyone and educate the community.

4 If you could have one wish granted for the HIV-positive community, what would it be?

I guess the most obvious wish is that the drug companies that are making millions off of maintenance drugs would find a cure or vaccine. Perhaps more realistically, I would hope for better understanding and acceptance of those who are HIV positive.

5 What events does Higher Ground have coming up?

Besides the weekly support group and yoga practice, Higher Ground has a monthly "Poz Night" on the second Friday of every month at the Menjo's Complex from 7-9 p.m. It is one more way Higher Ground is trying to break down some barriers and get people involved in the community.

One of Higher Ground's biggest events is our involvement in AIDS Walk Detroit, happening this year on Sept. 19 in Royal Oak. We encourage people to go to our website and click on the AIDS Walk page to register as a walker for Higher Ground's team, or to make a donation.

Also please visit the website often for information on other coming events, ways you can get involved with Higher Ground and how you can contact us if you are in need of a support group.

Get involved with Higher Ground at www.hghiv.org.

2 Why is HIV/AIDS an important issue to you?

Although most people who are HIV positive are able to manage the virus, people are still dying from complications of AIDS. I have friends who are positive, some for over 20 years, and others more recently diagnosed. All of them mean a great deal to me and I want to do anything that I can so that anyone who is living with HIV/AIDS can have a better quality of life.

3 What do you love about the work Higher Ground does?

I love the fact that Higher Ground is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Higher Ground helps the whole person: body, mind,

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From Stork to Finish

Gay battle heats up in Holland

Family Research Council prints anti-gay ad in local paper, has strong ties to area; Refresh Foods also sponsors ad

BY JIM LARKIN

HOLLAND — A community group that is trying to make Holland more accepting of gay people planned to meet Wednesday, July 28, to decide how to respond to a full-page advertisement in the local daily newspaper that one of its leaders said included “blatant untruths” about gay people.

The ad, which was sponsored by the Family Research Council and Request Foods and published July 23 in *The Holland Sentinel*, made reference to efforts toward broadening the city’s anti-discrimination ordinance to include sexual orientation and gender identity. The Holland City Council has referred the measure to its Human Resources Commission for review.

The ad stated that “pro-homosexual activists” were trying to give Holland gays and lesbians “special protections” under employment discrimination laws and called homosexuality a choice that is “harmful to individuals and to society.”

A steering committee for the group *Holland Is Ready*, which is supporting efforts to pass the anti-discrimination ordinance, planned to meet Wednesday morning to decide its course of action.

“I was sad to see this ad in our local paper, but it’s typical of groups like the FRC, who are becoming more and more desperate in their communication,” said Jennifer Adams, an organizer of the group. “Their approach is to engender fear by spreading blatant untruths about LGBT people.”

Adams said it would not alter the work of *Holland Is Ready*. “Our work will continue to remain focused on equality for all based on actions of justice, awareness and love,” she said.

Among other things, the ad said homosexuals can be changed into heterosexuals “sometimes spontaneously, and sometimes as a result of therapeutic interventions,” that homosexuals experience considerably higher levels of mental illness and substance abuse than heterosexuals and that gay people are not seriously disadvantaged by discrimination.

The American Psychological Association opposes therapeutic efforts to change sexual orientation and concluded that “scientifically

valid research indicates that it is unlikely that individuals will be able to reduce same-sex attractions or increase other-sex sexual attractions.” An APA task force found evidence that some individuals were harmed by such interventions.

There is evidence that attempts to convert homosexuals have proven unsuccessful:

John Paulk, head of Focus on Family’s transformation ministry and a featured ex-gay on the cover of *Newsweek*, was found in a gay bar.

Michael Johnston, the national chair of Coming out of Homosexuality Day and a featured “ex-gay” spokesperson in TV and print ads, closed his ministry the day after acknowledging he had engaged in sexual encounters with other men.

George Rekers, a founding board member of the Family Research Council, left the Miami International Airport with a 20-year-old male prostitute who advertised on Rentboy.com.

The Family Research Council has offices in Holland and deep roots in the area. The late Edgar Prince of Holland, a billionaire who invented an illuminated vanity mirror widely used in cars, was instrumental in founding and financing the Family Research Council. His wife Elsa, who later married the couple’s pastor, has sat on its boards and continues to give heavily to the anti-gay organization. She was one of the primary funders of California’s Proposition 8 in 2008, a ballot initiative to end gay marriage, donating \$450,000.

Request Foods is a frozen-food maker that has received millions in grants from the state of Michigan. One of its biggest clients is Campbell’s Soup. Request Foods President Jack DeWitt has also contributed thousands to Family Research Council’s political action committee.

The Edgar & Elsa Prince Foundation and Jack and Mary DeWitt Family Foundation are two of the largest foundations in Holland, according to the National Center for Charitable Statistics. It listed the Prince Foundation assets at \$23.3 million and the DeWitt Family Foundation at \$1.9 million.

Elsa Prince Broekhuizen’s daughter, Betsy Prince, is married to

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Dick DeVos, son of the co-founder of the Amway Corp. The DeVos family also contributed to the anti-gay marriage initiative in Michigan in 2004 and \$100,000 to the anti-gay ballot push in Florida in 2008.

Those conservative forces have also mustered considerable political might. Dick DeVos was an unsuccessful candidate for Michigan governor in 2006. U.S. Congressman Peter Hoekstra of Holland is running for governor this year and has been endorsed by the Family Research Council. Running for his congressional seat is Jay Riemersma of Holland, regional director for the Family Research Council.

Ad content:

On Friday, July 23, a full page ad ran in *The Holland (MI) Sentinel*, sponsored by Family Research Council and Request Foods. The top half of the ad stated:

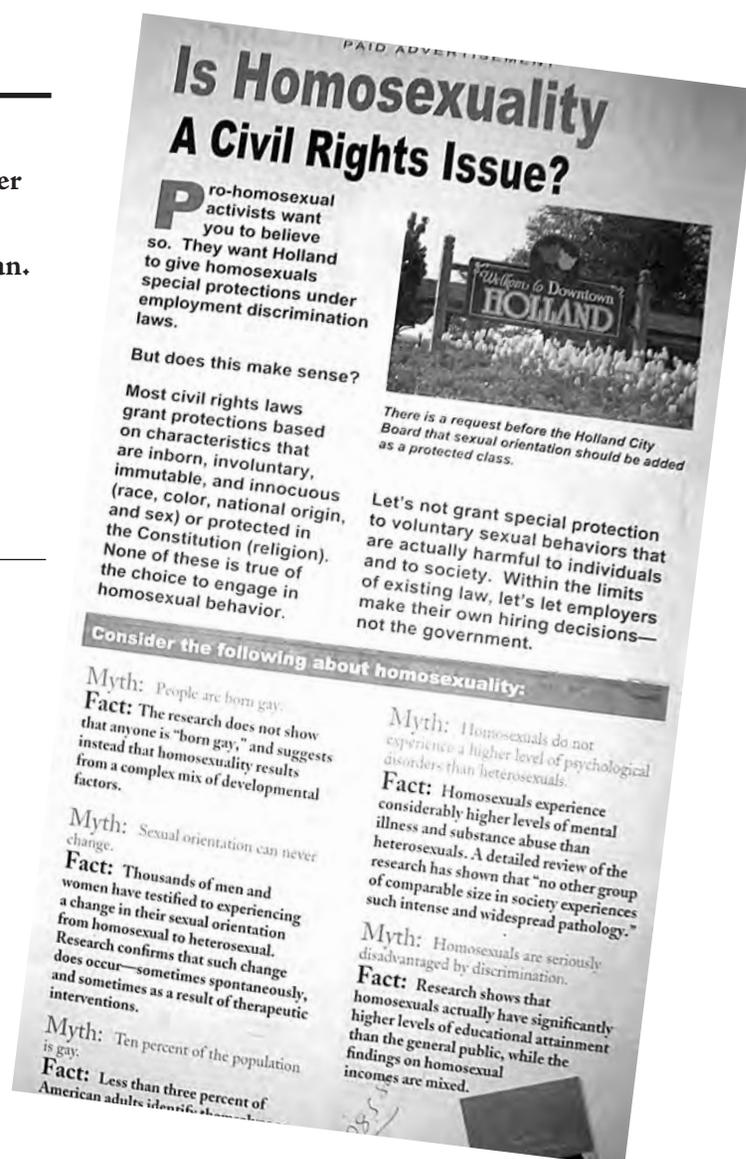
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The bottom half listed five myths followed by their so-called “facts”

Myth: People are born gay

Fact: The research does not show that anyone is born gay, and suggests instead that homosexuality results from a complex mix of developmental factors.



Myth: Sexual orientation can never change.

Fact: Thousands of men and women have testified to experiencing a change in their sexual orientation from homosexual to heterosexual. Research confirms that such change does occur - sometimes spontaneously, and sometimes as a result of therapeutic interventions.

Myth: Ten percent of the population is gay.

Fact: Less than three percent of American adults identify themselves as homosexual or bisexual.

Myth: Homosexuals do not experience a higher level of psychological disorders than heterosexuals.

Fact: Homosexuals experience considerably higher levels of mental illness and substance abuse than heterosexuals. A detailed review of the research has shown that “no other group of comparable size in society experiences such intense and widespread pathology.”

Myth: Homosexuals are seriously disadvantaged by discrimination.

Fact: Research shows that homosexuals actually have significantly higher level of educational attainment than the general public, while the findings on homosexual incomes are mixed.”

Viewpoints clash, resolve at HTJ town hall

Panelists address issues of sexuality, self-definition and relationships for black gay males

BY JESSICA CARRERAS

DETROIT – Conversations about sexuality, gay relationships and what the “ultimate gay male” really is ruled the third annual Young Brothers United Town Hall Discussion on July 22, held as part of Hotter Than July at the St. Regis Hotel in Detroit.

For two hours, a full room of impassioned individuals – including prominent panelists from the black LGBT and allied community – dug deep into issues of race, sexual orientation, relationships, HIV and politics. What emerged were honest opinions from people representing a range of ages, backgrounds and sexual orientations that sometimes clashed but ultimately built upon one another to reach the conclusion that black LGBT people can do more and be more than they ever thought possible.

The discussion jumped right into controversial territory with the question “What does being gay mean to you?”

“To me, gay is more of a lifestyle than something that I am,” said panelist Caleb Howard of Young Brothers United. “I live my life as a gay man and that’s it – it’s just a lifestyle.”

Johnny Jenkins, LGBT program officer at the Arcus Foundation, disagreed, along with several other panelists. “I don’t like to claim that my life is associated with some type of fad. I believe that being gay is who I am, who I’m attracted to. It’s something that I’ve gone through phases to accept – I didn’t just come out at birth, accept that I was gay and was happy with it.”

Jenkins went on to suggest that the more nonchalant attitudes about sexuality of today’s



From left to right: Caleb Howard of Young Brothers United, Arcus Foundation LGBT Program Director Johnny Jenkins, National Black Justice Coalition Executive Director Sharon Lettman and Pastor Darthanian Nichols of the Word of the Prophet of Apostolic Faith. BTL photos by Jessica Carreras

gay youth were fostered by the battles fought by gay men in the ‘80s and ‘90s. “I came out in a period when there were a lot of black gay men dying just about every two weeks, and they didn’t have a choice to accept whether they were gay or not. They were just trying to live their lives and be happy for whatever amount of time they had to live,” Jenkins continued. “It took me 10 years to get to the point where I accepted my sexuality and my identity as a black gay man. Right now, I

feel ... I need to continue advocating so that others feel comfortable enough like these younger brothers here – that they can be comfortable and not have to fight the same battles that I thought.”

Kathie Griffin of the Michigan AIDS Coalition put it simply: “I just want us to focus not so much on just being gay. There’s so many other aspects of our life that shape us, being gay is not the priority.”

A large part of the Thursday evening discus-

“There is no healthy education curriculum for the LGBT community – period. There’s no space in the health education curriculum in K-12, there’s no real commitment in higher education other than for white LGBT communities. When I think about what we have to do, it’s to demand a place in our communities – our black communities – that builds a healthy space for black LGBTs.”

- Sharon Lettman, executive director of the National Black Justice Coalition

sion centered around gay relationships: Can they last? Who can young gay and lesbian couples look to for guidance, and to emulate?

For some, the largest problem voiced is that stable long-term gay relationships simply

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Hotter Than July and Motor City Pride – combined?

During black gay Pride, leaders sound off about why two Detroit Prides are better than one

BY LUCY HOUGH

DETROIT – Hotter Than July experienced its crystal anniversary this past week, with the Black Pride Society having hosted 15 years of Pride events for black, gay Detroiters and out-of-towners alike. What started as only three days of events has become a full week of festivals, marches, workshops and even a film festival. Likewise, a handful of organizers has turned into a collaborative effort between the Black Pride Society, Kick, S.P.I.C.E. and the Hot Boyz.

This year, the week-long celebration of black gay Pride even sold out Detroit’s St. Regis hotel, showing that Hotter Than July is certainly an important event for the LGBT community in Detroit.

But when Detroit City Council budget cuts came close to causing the cancelation of HTJ’s core events in Palmer Park due to anticipated park closures, a big question arose: Why hold two metro Detroit Prides? Why not combine HTJ with its Ferndale counterpart, Motor City Pride?

The two are separated primarily by race:

HTJ historically caters more to black and minority audiences and Motor City Pride, by some estimations, to white audiences – though attendees will see races and ethnicities across the spectrum at either event.

John Wohl of the local gay social group Black and White Men Together said during HTJ’s Palmer Park Festival on July 24 that he has seen this line blurring quite a bit over the years, but understands the need to have two separate Prides.

“I think there’s been a necessity to have (two) because for years, a lot of people in the LGBT community – particularly in the black community – didn’t feel like they had a seat with everybody else, and for good reason,” he said. “I think that there’s always a certain amount politics that play out and hopefully over the years that will diminish.”

Though Wohl believes the Prides will combine eventually, he feels the presence of both is beneficial to everyone who attends.

“I think that having something specifically in our community right now and maybe for a number of years that’s a specific Pride event for

“I think we need an event that celebrates who we are and celebrates all of us, our total identity, not just our sexual orientation but who we are racially and culturally as a people. Hotter Than July attempts to do that, to combine our multiple identities and to celebrate them as one whole person.”

- Hank Millbourne, treasurer and former president of the Black Pride Society

people of color is a very enriching thing for all of us. And I think it’s something we should all embrace,” Wohl said. “We’re lucky in this region to have more than one Pride.”

Indeed, a look at organizational presence at either event will find Detroit Latin@z, Black and White Men Together, S.P.I.C.E. and other race and ethnicity-based gay groups. And at Motor City Pride, primarily white folk singers face off for an audience with dance troupes made up of black gay youth.

Hank Millbourne, treasurer of the Black Pride Society, has been a part of the group for nine years and is a former president. He agreed that HTJ is especially important for the black community to have a sense of identity within the greater LGBT community.

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For Ferndale's Covey, political fight is Aug. 3

Openly gay candidate hopes to spread greener, more diverse vision to Oakland County

BY JESSICA CARRERAS

Most politicians have their sights set on November; likewise, so does the general public in deciding Congressional delegates, local leaders and Michigan's next governor. But for some, the fight will be won or lost Aug. 3 in the primaries – a day of voting traditionally ignored by far more citizens than those who head to the ballot box.

Craig Covey, the openly gay mayor of Ferndale for the past three years, is running for Oakland County commissioner this year, focusing his sights on the one of the 25 seats that covers Ferndale, Royal Oak and Hazel Park. It's a traditionally Democratic seat, and on Aug. 3 Covey will go head to head with two other Democratic candidates in a primary race that will likely decide whether he will continue on as mayor, or move up to the county position. No candidates are incumbents, as current County Commissioner for the district Dave Coulter is running for state Senate. Coulter would be the first openly gay candidate to hold that post if elected.

For Covey, who also held a seat on the Ferndale City Council for eight years before being elected as mayor, the decision to run was almost as difficult as his county commissioner race has been.

"I actually spent three months internally debating this move because I truly love being



not only a leader in Ferndale, but the mayor," he shares. "I got a substantial amount of resistance from folks saying, 'We don't want you to leave the mayor's post. We want you to stay our mayor.' I had to think about it a lot."

Much of it came down to a need for personal growth. "To some extent, there's my own need for change," he admits. "I need – I actually

Covey's plan is to carry his greener, more diverse vision to the county level. His goals as commissioner would include many of the same steps he took in Ferndale: greener communities, more walkability and public transportation, promoting diversity, drawing in younger generations – all things Ferndale prides itself on.

require – challenge to keep myself motivated."

His motivation has certainly taken him far in Ferndale – so much so that Covey claims he has accomplished all he set out to do in the city while in office. "Eleven years ago, I ran on a plan of wanting to renovate and promote the downtown," he recalls. "I wanted to get the community center open. I wanted to pass the human rights ordinance and promote diversity. I wanted to make the town greener and I wanted to monitor the budget and try to prevent any tax increases.

"Amazingly enough, all six of those things got accomplished."

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"I'd like to be able to do – on a larger basis, for the whole county – what we managed to accomplish here in Ferndale," Covey sums up.

And though the county commissioner's role in having an impact is often overlooked or dismissed as unimportant, Covey says that commissioners have their own way of affecting change.

"The things that one can accomplish are often through public speaking and speaking out about issues," he explains. "In other words, my true power as a county commissioner – one of 25 – might not seem extensive. But, it's the same as being the mayor of Ferndale. I mean, Ferndale is a 4-square-mile city with only 20,000 people, and yet we have made an impact way beyond our borders and sort of demonstrated a new way of doing things. So similarly, I think a county commissioner who can provide a vision and demonstrate insight can be an agent of change.

To learn more about Craig Covey's campaign for Oakland County commissioner, visit www.covey-ferndale.com.

'A disgrace to the community'?

Lesbian Ann Arbor mayoral candidate faces LGBT opposition, blogger backlash

BY CRYSTALA PROXMIRE

ANN ARBOR – If elected mayor of Ann Arbor, Patricia Lesko will be the 22nd elected gay mayor in the country, and the second in the state of Michigan. But in cities like Ann Arbor with thriving gay communities, simply sharing a label with someone doesn't mean that you're guaranteed a vote. Other issues have trumped traditional identity-based politics, and some in the community have chosen to back known LGBT ally and incumbent Mayor John Hieftje, who has held his seat for 10 years.

The Michigan Democratic Party LGBT Caucus released a statement early last week endorsing Hieftje, calling Lesko "an embarrassment to our community (who) reflects badly on all that we value and worked so hard to accomplish." Caucus Chair Phil Volk added, "I feel it is imperative for our LGBT political future that Pat Lesko steps out from the campaign for mayor and apologizes not only to the LGBT community but to the general public as well."

And the caucus isn't alone. An anonymous group called Lesbians Opposing Lesko (<http://lolesko.wordpress.com>) has launched a blog critical of the candidate. The site claims that the founders fear retaliation from Lesko if they give their names.

"Pat Lesko is a lesbian. Irrelevant, you say? It should be. But she makes sure to mention it



Patricia Lesko if running for mayor in Ann Arbor.

early and often," wrote one LOL founder. "I think it's because she sees it as politically advantageous. There are a certain number of lesbians who will vote for another lesbian over a straight candidate because they make an assumption that someone with whom they have something

"There are a certain number of lesbians who will vote for another lesbian over a straight candidate because they make an assumption that someone with whom they have something in common will share their political views. It's not necessarily true – sometimes it's just the opposite, but the assumption happens."

- Lesbians Opposing Lesko's anonymous blog co-founder

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"There are (also) a certain number of well-intentioned straight folks who are reluctant to criticize an open lesbian for fear of being branded as homophobic" the blogger continued. "Do I think that these dynamics are a dominant force

in politics in Ann Arbor? No, I don't. But in the August primaries, which are often decided by a handful of votes, every voice and every vote counts."

The reason behind the LGBT mutiny? Part of it has to do with A2Politico, a blog that Lesko started as a way to anonymously critique local politics.

She began the site under the pseudonym Sam Rosenthal and used the blog to smear local officials, give perspectives of city issues and spread information about things like budget issues and campaign funding – much of which has been exposed as false. Local news site Ann Arbor.com has fact-checked Lesko's statements and reports that she frequently gives false information. And another local blog reports Lesko's "Lie of the Day" at <http://arborblagh.com>.

Lesko has responded to the opposition, insisting that Volk's camp had given her the endorsement for mayor through June 1, then rescinded the endorsement, endorsed Hieftje, and lied to the press about it. "Because Volk's demeanor was so strange and unprofessional, and because the endorsement was being given to spite Hieftje and Smith, I never issued a press release about the Michigan Democratic LG-BTA Caucus endorsement, but did list it on my

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Michigan LGBT 2010 Primary Endorsements

Three LGBT political organizations have announced endorsements and recommendations in the Aug. 3 primary elections. Equality Michigan Pride PAC sent questionnaires to all candidates running for the Michigan state Senate and the Michigan state House of Representatives. EM-PAC based their endorsements on the responses on those questionnaires.

The Michigan Democratic Party's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Allies Caucus examined the current positions, previous experience and leadership skills to determine their endorsements.

The Lansing Association for Human Rights PAC mailed questionnaires to candidates running for office in central Michigan. LAHR-PAC does not endorse; instead they rate candidates on a seven-point scale, from Extremely Negative to Extremely Positive, based upon their responses to the questionnaire, phone calls, voting records and public statements.

All three organizations' endorsements and recommendations are listed below. EM-PAC after the name means the Equality Michigan Pride PAC has formally endorsed, MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus after the name means they have endorsed, and the LAHR-PAC ratings are all listed too.

Take this endorsement page with you when you go to the polls Aug. 3.

U.S. Congress:

Fred Johnson (2nd District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Scott Withers (5th District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Mark Schauer (7th District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus, LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Mike Rogers - LAHR-PAC rated **Very NEGATIVE**

Gary Peters (9th District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Natalie Mosher (11th District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Sander Levin (12th District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Governor:

Virg Bernero - EM-PAC and MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus. LAHR-PAC rated **Extremely Positive**

Michigan Senate:

Coleman A. Young (1st District) - EM-PAC

Bert Johnson (2nd District) - EM-PAC

Glenn S. Anderson (6th District) - EM-PAC and MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Hoon-Yung Hopgood (8th District) - EM-PAC

Frank Accavitti Jr. (9th District) - EM-PAC

Carl Marlinga (10th District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Casandra E. Ulbrich (12th District) - EM-PAC

David Coulter (14th District) - EM-PAC and MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Pam Jackson (15th District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Rebekah Warren (18th District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Robert B. Jones (20th District) - EM-PAC and MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Gretchen Whitmer (23rd District) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Rick Jones (24th District) - LAHR-PAC rated **NEGATIVE**

Paula Zelenko (26th District) - EM-PAC

David LeGrand (29th District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Debashish Mridha (32nd District) - EM-PAC

Roger Dunigan (35th District) - EM-PAC

Equality Michigan Pride PAC received no questionnaires from the following Senate districts: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th, 30th, 31st, 33rd, 34th, 36th, 37th, 38th.

Michigan House of Representatives:

Carol Banks (3rd District) - EM-PAC

Fred Durhal Jr. (6th District) - EM-PAC

Leslie Love (8th District) - EM-PAC

Stacy Pugh (10th District) - EM-PAC

Rashida Tlaib (12th District) - EM-PAC

Frank Liberati (14th District) - EM-PAC

Deb Kennedy (23rd District) - EM-PAC

Frank Houston (26th District) - EM-PAC

Lesia Liss (28th District) - EM-PAC

Ken Lampar (30th District) - EM-PAC

Woodrow Stanley (34th District) - EM-PAC

Eric Coleman (35th District) - EM-PAC

Vicki Barnett (37th District) - EM-PAC

Lisa Brown (39th District) - EM-PAC

Julie Candler (40th District) - EM-PAC

Harold L. Haugh (42nd District) - EM-PAC

Mary Ward (45th District) - EM-PAC

Garry Post (47th District) - EM-PAC

Jim Ananich (49th District) - EM-PAC

Art Reyes (51st District) - EM-PAC

Christine Green (52nd District) - EM-PAC

Ned Staebler (53rd District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Lonnie Scott (54th District) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Grant Taylor (61st District) - EM-PAC

Dave Morgan (63rd District) - EM-PAC

Joan Bauer (68th District) - EM-PAC, and LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Mark S. Meadows (69th District) - EM-PAC, and LAHR-PAC rated **Extremely Positive**

Mark Eagle (71st District) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Cindy Ellis (78th District) - EM-PAC

Pamela Drake (85th District) - LAHR-PAC rated **Very Positive**

Paul E. Opsommer (93rd District) - LAHR-PAC rated **NEGATIVE**

Vince Mosca (94th District) - EM-PAC

Toni Sessoms (99th District) - EM-PAC and MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Equality Michigan Pride PAC received no questionnaires from the following House districts: 1st, 7th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th, 27th, 29th, 32nd, 33rd, 36th, 38th, 41st, 43rd, 44th, 46th, 48th, 55th, 65th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 62nd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 70th, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 93rd, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th.

County Commissioners:

Eaton County

Linda Keefe (District 10) - LAHR-PAC rated **Very Positive**

Roger Harris (District 15) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Ingham County:

Victor Celentino (District 1) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Brian McGrain (District 3) - LAHR-PAC rated **Extremely Positive**

Rebecca Bahar-Cook (District 4) - LAHR-PAC rated **Extremely Positive**

Andy Schor (District 5) - LAHR-PAC rated **Very Positive**

Kenneth Peterson (District 5) - LAHR-PAC rated **Negative**

Dale Copedge (District 6) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Todd Tennis (District 7) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Penelope Tsernoglou (District 8) - LAHR-PAC rated **Very Positive**

Carol Koenig (District 9) - LAHR-PAC rated **Very Positive**

Mark Grebner (District 10) - LAHR-PAC rated **Extremely Positive**

Dianne Holman (District 11) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Deb Nolan (District 12) - LAHR-PAC rated **Extremely Positive**

Randy Shafer (District 13) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Liz Kranz (District 14) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Karen Dravenstatt-Moceri (District 15) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Barry Damon (District 15) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Vince Dragonetti (District 15) - LAHR-PAC rated **NEGATIVE**

Donald Vickers (District 16) - LAHR-PAC rated **NEGATIVE**

Oakland County

Mike McGuinness (District 5) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Nancy Quarles (District 23) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Craig Covey (District 25) - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Washtenaw County

Yousef Rabhi - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Ann Arbor city races:

Ann Arbor Mayor - John Heftje - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Ann Arbor City Council - Sandi Smith - MI Dem LGTBTA Caucus

Court of Appeals 4th District (vote for 2):

Donald Owens - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

William Whitbeck - LAHR-PAC rated **NEGATIVE**

Eaton County Probate Court

Allen Schlossberg - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Ingham County Courts

Joyce Draganchuk (Circuit Court 30th) - LAHR-PAC rated **Positive**

Gregory Crockett (Circuit Court 30th) - LAHR-PAC rated **Extremely Positive**

Amy Krause (District Court 54A) - LAHR-PAC rated **Very Positive**

Randie Kay Black (District Court 55) - LAHR-PAC rated **Very Positive**



BTL EDITORIAL

Vote or die – or at least lose support

Vote or die! This 2004 slogan popularized by celebrities like P Diddy clad in bold T-shirts sporting the slogan may be a little abrasive for some. But there's more truth to it than we sometimes realize, and the saying holds true not just when we "Remember in November" (another favorite political slogan), but when we exercise this important civil right in the August primaries.

Voting isn't always fun. We wake up extra early to wait in a long line where we push a button or circle some names, all the while wondering, "How much does my vote really count?"

In the primaries, when voter turnout is especially low, one vote counts plenty.

Take Ferndale Mayor Craig Covey, for example. Running for Oakland County commissioner in a overwhelmingly Democratic region, his battle is not against his Republican opponent, but the three other Democratic nominees – all of whom he must defeat in the primaries.

Or the gubernatorial race. Only *one* of the seven candidates running on either side is an ardent supporter and proven warrior for all of the rights our community cares about – same-sex marriage, anti-bullying bills, abortion rights, second-parent adoption, workplace discrimination – and the list goes on.

But Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero's election to the office of governor will never be a possibility in November if he doesn't defeat Rep. Andy Dillion in the Aug. 3 primaries, and the polls for that race are especially tight.

Even in races not crucially dependent on primary elections, it's important to start thinking about who you will support with your words, your money and your time now – not in the fall, when it is too late.

Hone in your efforts on the community that surrounds you without hyper-focusing on the race for governor of Michigan. While winning that battle is crucial, it won't mean much if our mayors and city council members and representa-

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tives aren't on our side.

Local elections can mean the difference between a council that passes a non-discrimination ordinance and cares about its LGBT constituency and one like in Holland, Mich., which is currently being persuaded to vote against such an ordinance by the Family Research Council through anti-gay advertisements. It can mean representatives and senators who support our issues in the state legislature, or it can mean that we go more years without basic rights like protections from being fired or kicked out of our homes, or help for LGBT youth who are being bullied.

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Elections are not won in a day; they're not even won in two (primaries and main elections). They're won by constant, day-to-day activism on behalf of our allies running for office. So support the candidates who support our LGBT community, and remember to vote not just Nov. 2, but

VIEWPOINT

Celebrate all Prides

BY JOHN WOHL

As a member of the Detroit area gay community since 1973, I've been to many Pride events. I remember going to the state fair years ago and the fun times we've had through the years. Attending the Pride events in Ferndale has been a yearly event, along with an occasional visit to Lansing.

Over the last dozen years or so, I've also attended numerous Hotter Than July events, in particular the annual picnic in Palmer Park. For years, we have had this beautiful park in the city of Detroit that is still mostly bordered by the lovely historic neighborhoods we have all admired from near and from afar.

I attended both Motor City Pride and Hotter that July this year. Many of my friends had mentioned to me that they noticed many more of our brothers and sisters of color had attended the Ferndale event. I imagined that this year, the Palmer Park picnic would have had a larger caucasian presence.

I believe we should embrace all of the Pride events in our region – especially when they happen so close by to where we all live. We are fortunate to have more than one event to celebrate here in Detroit.

I was so wrong! What was also missing was the clear evidence of our Latino and Arab communities represented at this Pride event. In fact, as I look back on other years, the attendance by my white brothers and sisters this year was almost nil compared to previous years. I believe we should embrace all of the Pride events in our region – especially when they happen so close by to where we all live. We are fortunate to have more than one event to celebrate here in Detroit.

In the perfect world, some would question why we all can't be together as one. I believe, as many other people do, that in order for that to happen we must first acknowledge each other for all the wonderful things that we are to each other.

My experience this year at Hotter Than July was fabulous! The rain that was with us and forecast for all day ended at noon and the miserable weather we had been promised was made scarce by partly sunny skies.

What I was able to witness beyond seeing many old and new friends, many of whom have been working in the trenches of our social service agencies, were the likes of a beautiful and loving crowd. One of the things that was so wonderful about the crowd was seeing everyone in the daylight and sunlight. Not in a dark crowded bar or club, but outside.

Here's a group of people who love, live and work in our community every day like all the rest of us, looking for a chance to celebrate the best of who we are. That should be all of us, together.

As a white person, we often relish in our ability to celebrate the joy of jazz music, or the Motown Museum, or hip-hop culture, or any of

the many cultural nuances that living in Detroit offers us. We love to participate in the Arab and Chaldean street festivals, and our love of going to have some "authentic Mexican food in Mexicantown" is just one of the things we love about being Detroiters.

Do we believe in our culture that we are not safe spending time among our gay brother and sisters because they are of a different race? That we can't go into "their" park or neighborhood is an idea so ill-founded that it should make us all look at how we separate ourselves from each other.

As a resident of the North Corktown community near downtown Detroit, I'm not blind to the fact that many consider my neighborhood, which is bordered by Rosa Parks and Trumbull, generally not a safe place for white folks to be around. Nothing could be further from the truth. To demystify that pretext takes someone to break that theoretical barrier and show the naysayers how docile and thriving our seemingly ramshackle communities are. That is something I

hope my words will shine some light on.

People are people everywhere. We are all human beings living on this earth. When we speak – especially about gay folks, no matter what their racial origin – we should and must all have the understanding that we are the world's most beautiful and peaceable people. To not be able to experience each other is a dreadful loss that we must never let happen.

For years, I've seen different levels of discrimination that we have shown toward each other. In this instance, I'm not referring to racial discrimination, but to the way we often treat each other as LGBT people. He's so gay, so effeminate, so affected; he is such a bull – all of the things that separate us. If we could just stop wringing our hands over the problems we feel toward our society and open our arms and draw toward us the great things within our reach, we can then learn to believe that living our best life is within our reach.

Most of our neighborhoods don't reflect the fact that we live in a multi-racial society in this country. That should not preclude all of us in our gay culture to believe our healthy viability can function in a segregated fashion. I believe we are God's chosen people and can show the rest of the world what our power of personage and togetherness can do.

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S/he said

Gaga, gay 'myths' and wrestling

COMPILED BY HOWARD ISRAEL

"Don't be afraid to let kids explore gender differences. It's normal and healthy. Don't make a big deal out of it. Parents can't make their kids gender variant. Not all children have words for explaining to adults that their brain and spirit do not match their body. Don't assume they aren't gender variant if they don't actually tell you they are. Support gender variant kids from an early age. Understand that gender variance is not the same thing as sexual orientation. It is about who people are, not about sexual attraction."

- Lynne Michelle Howard, co-founder of Trans Youth Education and Support Colorado, in a posting titled "Guidelines for Parents of Gender-Variant Children," <http://xxboy.tumblr.com>, June, 2010.



Peter Sprigg

"The homosexual movement is built, not on facts or research, but on mythology. Unfortunately, these myths have come to be widely accepted in society – particularly in schools, universities and the media. It is our hope that by understanding what these key myths are ... the reader will be empowered to challenge these myths when he or she encounters them."

- Peter Sprigg, Senior Fellow Family Research Council, author of "Outrage: How Gay Activists

and Liberal Judges are Trashing Democracy to Redefine Marriage," in his pamphlet titled "The Top Ten Myths About Homosexuality," <http://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF10F01.pdf>.

"Visibility has been a cornerstone objective of the LGBT movement for equality since its beginnings. Of the slogans chanted from the front lines of the gay liberation movement in the '60s and '70s, the call to 'come out!' was perhaps the loudest. And in the four decades since the Stonewall Riots marked the beginning of modern LGBT activism, the self-affirming phrase 'Gay Pride' has evolved into a synonym for the movement itself."

- Eleanor Moonier, in a column titled "With Increased Visibility, Cultural Attitudes Toward Gays and Lesbians Shift," www.huffingtonpost.com, July 2.



Hudson Taylor

"For me and my generation, (LGBT equality) is a pressing issue. I believe that whatever history I'm a part of, I'm responsible for. If I feel something is unjust or unequal, I feel a responsibility to do something about it."

- Hudson Taylor, University of Maryland wrestling champion, in an interview, about being an outspoken straight ally for LGBT rights in the athletic world, www.outsports.com, Feb. 22.

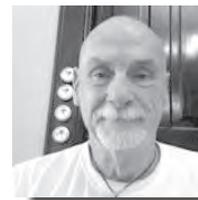


"Tonight love and hate met in St. Louis. And love outnumbered the hate, in poetic thousands. Hate left. But love stayed. + Together, we sang."

- Lady Gaga, in a tweet to her fans after the Westboro Baptist Church protested her St. Louis concert, <http://goqnotes.com>, July 22. Gaga fans outnumbered the small group of Westboro protesters.

"This is the victory of an egalitarian vision that pursues people's happiness."

- Miguel Ángel Pichetto, national senator, about the approval of a bill allowing Argentina to become the first country in Latin America to let gay couples marry, www.buenosairesherald.com, July 16.



Parting Glances Then & Now

BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

Better pills to swallow?

It's been over 25 years since I've had panic attacks, the result of cold turkeying Xanax after almost a year of legitimate prescription use.

I was clueless that Xanax is highly addictive. I thought that because a doctor prescribed it, Xanax was safe. The panacea I needed. I was misinformed.

During alcohol abuse recovery, I asked my psychiatrist to give me an antidepressant prescription – along with Antibase, a further sobriety safeguard.

(I made the mistake of eating a cheese cake slice, containing vanilla extract. That small amount of flavoring made my lungs feel cotton stuffed. I couldn't breath. I can only imagine what a shot of whiskey with Antibase might have done.)

My Xanax withdrawal panics were stomach centered. Solar-plexus demanding. Inescapable! I was sure anyone looking my way could sense my inner turmoil. I wanted to run. I couldn't sit still. I spent a weekend in Bon Secours Hospital seeking relief. Stop! Stop this Goddamned gnawing ...

I was fortunate following monitored hospital recovery. And weeks later I read an article about taking vitamin supplements (50 to 100 mgs of the B Complex; 1000 of C, along with a full spectrum of related D, E, and minerals). I cut back from six daily cups of coffee to one. I eliminated sugar intake. And prayed ...

After a few months of vitamin regularity my panic attacks stopped. I haven't had one since. (Recommendation: Twin Labs Two-a-Day: one morning, one bedtime. Plus an Omega-3 oil.)

Memory of the horrific demands on body, mind, spirit that abrupt withdrawal from legitimately prescribed drugs can make is vividly recalled. I read a reviewer's copy of "Pill Head: The Secret Life of a Painkiller Addict," by Joshua Lyon (Hyperion Press, \$14.99). I shuddered.

Lyon, in his mid 30s, a journalist for trendy magazines – is also gay. He took Vicodin at 16; continued drugs nonstop 'til '08. Pot. LSD. A little H. His adult years exclusively focused on FDA-approved prescription painkillers, however gotten. Prozac. Valium. Zolof. Efflexor. OxyContin. Percocet. Codeine, Hydrocodone. Darvocet. You name it. He sniffed, snorted, swallowed, shot.

Lyon readily admits to having been a wheeling-dealing member of America's Generation Rx. Buying pills. Trading. Hoarding. Knowing every milligram of individual potency. Life became unthinkable without pills. A rapacious love, hate, desperation affair.

(Research finds that 9 million Americans abuse prescription drugs, 20 percent are high school kids; 48 million – almost 20 percent of our population – admit to using painkillers non-medically; over a five-year period, ER visits due to painkiller overdoses jumped 115 percent.)

According to Lyon, prescription pills aren't difficult to get your shaking hands on. They can be bought on the street for \$17 to \$70 a pill; \$10, a milligram for some, if you know where to go, how to risk life limb, HIV status, going about it. Lyon had close calls.

(I was sent an e-mail list last week of online painkillers for purchase. A supply source from out of state. I e-mailed the Face Book contact sending the info. He said his computer was hacked. "I don't do pills," I stated tersely. "Neither do I," he replied apologetically.)

"Pill Head" weaves together Lyon's story of opioid addiction, as well as furtive forays of user-abuser pals, straight and gay. What starts out for each as a cloud-free sense of serenity, tranquility, Eden on earth, slowly, seductively, turns into a nightmare of mind-blowing thunder storms, once needed dosages skyrocket, pills and sources peter out.

Reflects Lyon, "Opiate addicts tend to be suffering from the most severe forms of depression – they feel totally empty inside. Pills act as a security blanket, a protective bubble from all hurts."

All hurts, except one ... withdrawal. One helluva doozie. (Ask me. I know.)

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NOM's bus tour

BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

You know, nothing says summer lovin' like jumping in a van and going on a whirlwind national tour to "defend marriage" from depraved homosexuals. And if anyone knows how to have a good time it's the National Organization for Marriage, whose cronies are making damn sure that they have plenty to write about in their "What I Did On My Summer Vacation" essays.

The only trouble is it looks like their rallies aren't exactly attracting a lot of anti-gay fans. From the reports I've been reading, they're bringing in just as many - and sometimes more - marriage equality folks as NOMers.

But you don't have to take my word for it. Just visit NOM's YouTube channel and watch their less-than-inspiring tour videos.

Take their video of the Lima, Ohio, stop, which features a smattering of white folks in what looks like a Wal-Mart parking lot. The video mostly shows the backs of heads of people standing, or, in equal numbers, sitting in lawn chairs, as a NOM speaker stands

Perhaps it's because of the piss-poor turnout thus far that NOM is trying to capitalize on their footage of protesters in order to make homos look like the bad guys. In one video a voiceover claims that the gays came "armed" with rainbow balloons and umbrellas. The gay weapons of choice.

at a podium urging them to keep marriage safe from the queers. It's a pretty common camera shot throughout NOM's tour videos. After all, it creates the illusion that the cameraperson is standing only a few rows back in a crowd that goes on and on behind them. In reality, it appears that these first few rows are the only rows.

You'd think that if NOM had swarms of heterosexual marriage defenders at these rallies - a sea-to-shining-sea, if you will, of men and women joined penis to vagina like God intended - they'd put that in their tour videos instead of a shot of their marriage RV dissolving into a shot of a dumpy middle aged woman leaning over a folding table to sign some kind of penis+vagina=forever pledge.

The only crowd shots in the videos are of NOM's opposition, which often seem to outnumber NOMers themselves. In the Columbus video, a good deal of time is spent on shots of homos behaving badly. Mostly guys flipping off the camera surrounded by rainbow flags. Because you know how homos are: so disrespectful of folks rolling into town in order to take away their rights and paint them as less than human.

Perhaps it's because of the piss-poor turnout thus far that NOM is trying to capitalize on their footage of protesters in order to make homos look like the bad guys. In one video a voiceover claims that the gays came "armed" with rainbow balloons and umbrellas. The gay weapons of choice. The voiceover also says that gay protesters "followed a Hispanic woman to the back of the rally bullying her as she tried to nurse her baby and watch the rally with her children." Yikes! Sounds pretty terrible. Until you learn that they "bullied" this woman by simply standing at the perimeter of the rally with their rainbow umbrellas, which blocked her view. It must have been terrifying.

The video also accuses Rhode Island protesters of "targeting young children with intimidation" and then cuts to a shot of a protester yelling to someone off camera attending the rally, "You'd better watch that kid or we're gonna kidnap him." Tactless? Yes. But what it really amounts to is gallows humor. After all, the folks at the NOM rallies do espouse the belief that gays can't be trusted with kids because all gays are child molesters.

Then there was the Indianapolis rally where, according to the Bilerico Project, only 40 folks attended the rally while 250 protesters showed up. No wonder NOM felt intimidated. No worries, though. One NOMer had the perfect solution to gay marriage rendered on a placard he held: Leviticus 20:13 paired with a drawing of twin nooses.

Something tells me he isn't going to make it into NOM's official tour video.

GetEQUAL stops traffic on Vegas Strip, eight arrested

BY REX WOCKNER

Members of LGBT direct-action group GetEQUAL halted traffic on the Las Vegas Strip at the New York-New York hotel's Statue of Liberty July 20 to protest U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's perceived inaction on the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

Police were slow to arrive on the scene, leaving eight southbound lanes of the thoroughfare blocked for some 20 minutes.

Activists accomplished the feat by stretching a large banner across the street. It said: "Reid: No one can do more? GetEQUAL.org." Reid represents Nevada.

Eight people were arrested, including GetEQUAL co-chair Robin McGehee and "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" activist Dan Choi, along with Dan Fotou, Natasha Dillon, Meg Sneed, Lee Walters, Paul Roark and Jimmy Gruender.

"ENDA is a piece of legislation that the Democratic leadership in Congress has promised the LGBT community that it would schedule a vote on this legislative session in Congress," GetEQUAL said. "However, the bill has yet to be voted on - and, to date, no vote has been scheduled."

A second group of GetEQUAL members hung a banner on the huge elevated walkway that crosses the Strip



Vegas protest. GetEQUAL photo

from the MGM Grand to New York-New York. It said: "Reid: Pass ENDA Now!"

"Our community has literally watched decades go by with campaign promise after campaign promise from congressional leaders about the passage of ENDA," McGehee said. "House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's own press aide told the community at the end of May: 'The Senate has no plans for taking up ENDA. It would be very helpful for people to encourage the Senate to outline a plan for considering the bill.' GetEQUAL's members and supporters agreed."

The group's managing director, Heather Cronk, added: "The time to pass ENDA is now. No more delays, no more excuses and no more broken promises. People need these federal protections, especially the hundreds of thousands of LGBT workers living in dozens of states where it is still legal to fire someone solely for being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender."

Only 21 states prohibit firing people for being gay and only 12 states prohibit firing people for being transgender.

IGLHRC wins battle for UN inclusion

Following a grueling last-minute push, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission won consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council on July 19.

After three years of opposition at the committee level, IGLHRC, with a strong assist from the U.S. government, managed to circumvent the obstructionist committee by moving the vote on its status directly to the full ECOSOC, where the vote was 23 in favor, 13 against, 13 abstentions and 5 absences.

IGLHRC becomes the 10th LGBT organization to have successfully out-gunned U.N. homophobes and achieved consultative status.

Voting for IGLHRC were Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Malta, Norway, Peru, Poland, Slovenia, South Korea, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

Voting against the group were Bangladesh, China, Comoros, Egypt, Malaysia, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Pakistan, Rus-

sia, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Zambia.

Abstaining were Bahamas, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, India, Mauritius, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Philippines, Rwanda, St. Kitts and Nevis, Turkey and Ukraine. Not present were Cameroon, Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq and St. Lucia.

Of its long-running battle at the committee level, IGLHRC said: "Despite full compliance with all procedures, IGLHRC faced deferrals, homophobic questioning and procedural roadblocks in the ECOSOC NGO Committee. ... Today's decision overturned a 'no-action' vote in the NGO Committee that threatened to establish a dangerous precedent and the possibility of organizations deemed controversial being continuously denied the opportunity to have their application put to a vote even after undergoing the required review."

Ambassador Susan Rice, the United States' permanent U.N. representative, publicly supported IGLHRC's application, along with 14 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and four U.S. senators, including Sen. John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and

Rep. Howard Berman, chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

President Barack Obama welcomed the news, calling it an "important step forward for human rights."

"The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission will take its rightful seat at the table of the United Nations," Obama said. "The U.N. was founded on the premise that only through mutual respect, diversity and dialogue can the international community effectively pursue justice and equality. Today, with the more full inclusion of (IGLHRC), the United Nations is closer to the ideals on which it was founded, and to values of inclusion and equality to which the United States is deeply committed."

With its new status, IGLHRC will be able to attend meetings, submit statements and collaborate with the U.N. and national governments on human-rights issues.

"We celebrate this decision," said Toni Reis, president of Brazil's Associação Brasileira de Lésbicas, Gays, Bissexuais, Travestis e Transexuais, which, in 2009, achieved ECOSOC consultative status.

D.C. marriage victory: Supreme Court, Congress still loom

BY CHUCK COLBERT

In yet another important win for marriage equality, the District of Columbia's highest court ruled July 15 that the city government acted lawfully when it rejected a local minister's attempt to place a referendum before voters that sought to roll back equal marriage rights for gay couples in the nation's capital.

The ruling leaves intact marriage equality legislation, in effect in the District City Council since early March.

But the ruling may not be the end of the battle for Washington, D.C. The U.S. Supreme Court and Congress may have the final word.

There were two questions before the D.C. Court of Appeals, which is the equivalent of a state supreme court. First, whether the proposed ballot measure was discriminatory or not, and second, whether the D.C. City Council had the authority to restrict a ballot initiative that violated a provision of city's Human Rights Act, which bans discrimination based on the basis of sexual orientation and other categories.

All nine justices of the Court of Appeals agreed on one point: The proposed ballot measure would be discriminatory.

They split 5-4 on the second question. Court of Appeals Associate Judge Phyllis Thompson, writing for the majority said the Council's restriction was "not inconsistent" with the city's charter, its equivalent of a state constitution.

Marriage equality opponents, led by Harry R. Jackson Jr., the pastor of a local church, sought the referendum and, with the aid of the conservative Alliance Defense Fund, took the battle to court. The Alliance issued a statement after the ruling, indicating it is considering whether to petition the Court of Appeals decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The decision from the District of Columbia Court of Appeals means that those living in our nation's capitol are being denied their most fundamental freedom – the right to vote," said Alliance Senior Legal Counsel Austin Nimocks. "We are considering our options to right this wrong, which include asking the Supreme Court of the United States to consider this case."

The dissent, which agreed in part with the Alliance, said the particular restriction on the initiative process – that no initiative have the potential to violate the city Human Rights Act – is not one explicit or even implied in the city charter.

The Human Rights Act, said the dissent, "is not part of our local 'constitution.'" And while the charter instructs the D.C. Council to provide for a right to an initiative process, said the dissent, "It did not grant any license to restrict those rights...."

It said the D.C. Council had no authority

All nine justices of the Court of Appeals agreed on one point: The proposed ballot measure to take away same-sex marriage rights in Washington, D.C., would be discriminatory.

to restrict the initiative process, as it did.

"The prospects of the Supreme Court granting a review are probably low at this stage," said Paul A. Ainsworth, an associate at the law firm Covington & Burling, during a July 22 conference call with reporters. The firm filed a brief in support of the District of Columbia and other groups and individuals supporting the marriage equality law in the case.

One reason the high court is unlikely to consider any review, he said, is the D.C. Appeals Court's "avoiding issues of U.S. constitutional law" in its opinion. The decision, Ainsworth added, focused on "the text of the District's (Home Rule) Charter," the equivalent of a state constitution, and "the legislative history of the Charter and amendments."

And yet, "One question we considered," added Covington & Burlington partner Jean Vita, "is whether there was some federal constitutional right to have an unfettered right to ... participate in an initiative?" The answer to that question, she said, "I think is 'No.'"

Still, said Ainsworth, "We'll have to see how (the Alliance) frames the petition."

The Alliance, Jackson, and supporters have until mid-October to file for Supreme Court review.

Meanwhile, Congressional intervention, through a variety of venues, including a D.C. appropriations bill or rider or some other piece of legislation, poses a greater threat.

"Unlike judicial review," Ainsworth explained, "there is no expiration in Congressional control over local D.C. matters."

The likelihood of Congressional intervention could pivot on this fall's midterm elections.

"If the Democrats lose the House or the Senate," the situation on Capitol Hill "could all turn around," cautioned local gay civil rights activist Peter Rosenstein, a board member of the local advocacy group, Campaign for All D.C. Families. Rosenstein also participated in the telephone conference call.

The District "is such a different place," he said.

D.C. is not a state but a federally controlled district, over which Congress has the authority to exercise considerable control.



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Argentine marriage bill signed into law

Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner signed the bill legalizing same-sex marriage July 21 at the Casa Rosada in a ceremony attended by gay leaders.

In an interview with the newspaper *Página/12*, Fernández said: "This is another milestone in the expansion of civil rights. They tried to disguise it as a religious issue, but it is strictly social. ... I think we should take it very naturally, without drama."

She added that "marriage comes from Roman law," where it was created to deal "with private property (and) property rights."

"It arose in a pagan society, which the

Roman society was," she said. "So to give a religious connotation to the union between two people isn't even historical truth."

Fernández said that although Argentina is only the 10th country to legalize same-sex marriage nationwide, "without a doubt more countries will follow."

"Holland was the first and today already there are nine (other) countries," she said. "The other day the president of Iceland got married to her (female) partner. The president of Iceland! ... In a few more years, this debate is going to end up anachronistic." (Editor's note: It was actually Iceland's prime minister, not president.)

The marriage bill cleared the Senate 33-27 on July 15 following 15 hours of debate.

City officials have said the first wedding will take place Aug. 13 in Buenos Aires' trendy Palermo area. A longtime gay couple in their 60s will tie the knot at the office where they were turned away when they tried to marry three years ago.

Same-sex marriage also is legal in Belgium, Canada, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Mexico City, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Washington, D.C.

HIV-positive people stage die-in at AIDS conference

Hundreds of HIV-positive people disrupted the opening of the biennial International AIDS Conference in Vienna on July 18 by staging a massive die-in.

Blogger Rod McCullom said the protesters "were calling attention to the decreased funding of HIV/AIDS programs by the G8 leaders, as well as the 'slowing and scaling back (of) their commitments toward universal access to HIV care, treatment and prevention.'"

The protesters said U.S. President Barack Obama's new "National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States" contained no new funding for fighting the epidemic.

The AIDS conference lasted from July 18-23.

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton spoke at the conference on July 19, calling

for more efficient use of AIDS funding. "I think in too many countries too much money goes to pay for too many people to go to too many meetings, get on too many airplanes," he said, adding that too much is spent on studies and reports that sit on shelves. "Keep in mind that every dollar we waste today puts a life at risk."

Thousands of HIV/AIDS activists also rallied downtown Vienna with singer Annie Lennox to demand more rights for people with the disease on July 20 as part of the conference. The activists – many carrying banners, waving flags and blowing on whistles – appealed for an end to discrimination and universal access to treatment for all those infected with the virus.

Gathered in Vienna's famous Heroes Square, or Heldenplatz, the crowd also

urged governments around the world to increase their funding for fighting the illness.

Lennox, who is a spokeswoman for the U.N. agency fighting HIV/AIDS.

The number of people taking crucial AIDS drugs climbed by a record 1.2 million last year to 5.2 million overall, the World Health Organization said July 19. Between 2003 and 2010, the number of patients receiving lifesaving antiretroviral treatment increased twelve-fold, according to the Geneva-based body.

"We are very encouraged by this increase. It is indeed the biggest increase that we have seen in any single year," said Gottfried Hirsenschall, director of the WHO's HIV/AIDS department.

Irish partnership bill signed

President Mary McAleese signed Ireland's civil-partnership bill into law July 19.

It will take effect early next year and extend marriage rights and obligations in areas such as taxes, pensions, property, tenancy, inheritance, alimony, immigration

and social benefits.

Couples will unite before a registrar after providing three months' advance notice. To end a partnership, a couple will go to court and prove they've not lived together for two of the last three years.

The law also will recognize foreign

same-sex unions and provide some rights for unregistered cohabiting couples.

Justice Minister Dermot Ahern called the law "one of the most important pieces of civil rights legislation to be enacted since independence."

► Ann Arbor mayor's race

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campaign website," Lesko explains. "Five months later, Phil Volk sent an e-mail in which he withdrew the endorsement. ... (H) e claimed his decision to endorse me had been 'overruled' by the other members of his committee, and he apologized."

Lesko added: "I'm proud to say I have widespread support from LGBT individuals in Ann Arbor who live here, vote here and pay taxes here."

In regard to the falsehoods uncovered by Ann Arbor.com, Lesko referred to an opinion article she wrote for the website (<http://bit.ly/bHoD17>), where she criticizes reporter Ryan Stanton: "Stanton has chosen to thinly disguise his bias by reporting about a series of missteps by one candidate."

The A2Politico blog has been criticized for inaccuracy, as well as for personal attacks on community leaders. Ann Arbor.com's top 10 low-blows to the current mayor can be found here: <http://bit.ly/9brXrp>.



Mayor John Heiftje

Sandi Smith, a current Ann Arbor councilwoman who is largely supported by the LGBT community, said that her endorsement of current Mayor Heiftje has nothing to do with identity labels.

Smith was recently endorsed by the Victory Fund, a national LGBT political action organization, as well as the Volk's LGBT Caucus. She won her seat in 2008

with heavy LGBT endorsement as well, but said recently that LGBT labels are largely passe in her city.

"In Ann Arbor we're past that," Smith insisted. "I've got my picture on my site with my partner, and so does Pat. It's no big deal. What I am more concerned about is that Pat has proven her self to be someone dangerous."

Smith added that blogging and online pseudo-reporting can often cause more harm than good. "The anonymity offered by the Internet is a destructive force," she said. "(Lesko) was able to say whatever she wanted with no editorial, no fact-checking, no way to say if its truthful. ... Most of her facts on budget are incorrect. Ann Arbor.com has a reporter assigned to cover this, and the editors check his work. But with Pat it's always a conspiracy."

It remains to be seen how influential the LOL blog and the A2Politico blog will be in the Ann Arbor mayoral race. The primary will be held on Aug. 3, and there is no Republican running in the November election.

► Prides combined?

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that, to combine our multiple identities and to celebrate them as one whole person.”

Robert Clark, current president of the Black Pride Society, said that there is definitely still a call within the black community for a separate Pride event, especially because the needs of black LGBT people are unique.

“We do not feel that we can remain as effective in some sort of a yearly combination pride,” Clark said.

Clark believes that the presence of such organizations as the Black Pride Society and the events it hosts like Hotter Than July are important to provide resources to the people it specifically caters to throughout the year.

“I am passionate about the Black Pride Society board of directors because I know what we have the potential to be,” Clark said. “We have the potential to be more than a yearly Pride planning committee; we can return to the social education tool we once were as well as a resource for health and wellness support.”

Clark said he has had talks with Alicia Skillman from Equality Michigan about a combination event in the future that will market to all audiences, but he expects that to be separate from Hotter Than July.

Weigh in: One Pride, two Prides, more Prides? Tell Between The Lines what you think at www.pridesource.com, or by e-mailing editor@pridesource.com.



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► Town Hall

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are not visible enough, either in life or in classrooms and textbooks.

“There is no healthy education curriculum for the LGBT community – period. There’s no space in the health education curriculum in K-12, there’s no real commitment in higher education other than for white LGBT communities,” asserted Sharon Lettman, executive director of the National Black Justice Coalition. “When I think about what we have to do as adults, as experienced people, as policymakers, as teachers, as educators, it’s to demand a place in our communities – our black communities – that builds a healthy space for black LGBTs.”

But Detroit City Council President Charles Pugh, who sat as a panelist, insisted that healthy gay relationships for youth to look up to are out there – they’re just hard to see if all one’s friends are youth as well. “If everybody around you is 19 or 20 and they’re not thinking about settling down with one person, that’s going to be your point of reference,” he said. “I hate when older people say, ‘You just need to live a little,’ but you really do.”

Other audience members and panel-



Detroit City Council President Charles Pugh presented the Black Pride Society with a resolution from the city honoring Hotter Than July.

ists agreed, however, that those healthy, long-term relationships – both gay and straight – were not visible enough in the black community.

“If in your childhood, all you saw was broken and fragmented people loving each other with their fists or loving each other with curse words every day, that’s something you’re going to emulate when you’re an adult,” commented one audience member. “They always say that young girls find men, when they grow up to be women, that emulate their fathers. It’s the exact same thing in reverse for gay people.”

Lettman agreed. “Relationships are not gay or straight – they’re relationships,” she added. “It’s about maturity and it’s about understanding who you are inside first, who you want to be, how you want to be treated.”

And, the panelists said, the key to healthy relationships between friends, lovers, families and communities, was to first stop apologizing for being gay.

“We must ... stop allowing ourselves to be the scapegoat as the LGBT community,” Lettman said, “because it’s the black community – from slavery to today – that has caused us to misidentify, misrepresent, have low expectations about what relationships are – whether it’s LGBT, straight or others.”

Once the black LGBT community had pride in itself – especially in metro Detroit, the panelists concluded, it could do amazing things.

“Any of you all can be the mayor of this city, the governor of this state and the next Obama coming from the black gay community of Detroit,” Jenkins said. “We can think big, y’all. That’s how Hotter Than July became what it is today and that’s why this community is so fabulous beyond compare, but we don’t give ourselves enough credit.”



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Tilda Swinton

Life and Love



Actress talks about her new film, kids coming out and the Oscar effect

BY LAWRENCE FERBER

Playing an uber-shady corporate exec in 2007's "Michael Clayton," Tilda Swinton snagged an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress, but she grabbed our attention and devotion long before she claimed Hollywood's.

First, in the artful, groundbreaking films of late, great queer filmmaker Derek Jarman, then as the gender-morphing title character of 1992's "Orlando" – which receives a theatrical re-release this July – and as the protective mother of a gay teen in 2001's "The Deep End."

In director Luca Guadagnino's Italian-language "I Am Love," which she also produced, Swinton portrays Emma, the Russian matriarch of a posh Milan family, who has an affair with a sexy young chef at the same time she learns of her daughter's homosexuality. En route to a shooting location, Swinton discussed "Love," gay children, and how a little man called Oscar affected her life.

"I Am Love" is such a strange amalgamation of influences and tones; it's otherworldly – like it's from the other side.

I hope you're going to write that verbatim! A film from the other side, I love that. The thing we started talking about all those years ago, because we started talking about it 11 years ago, was a

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kind of cinema that we love that feels like it has become impossible to make anymore. And we were trying to distill the work of all those great masters to some sort of lowest-common denominator. Boil down the soup to its basic ingredients.

Speaking of soup, there is some pretty spectacular food in the film. What can you tell me about the soup called "Oucha" that plays a sort of prominent role? Is it real?

It's a fantasy soup. It is a real soup, but I like to think of it as a magic potion out of a fairy tale. It's as delicious as you can imagine it being. It's whatever you want it to be. It changes its form. It starts out in one form and morphs into another. And that's one of the things Luca and I wanted to do with this film – to take the ingredients of cinema we know and love from Hitchcock, Sirk, Pasolini, Rossellini, Antonioni, John Huston, Visconti, and jellify it and put it into some dif-

ferent, modern form and affix some gold leaf to the top.

Did you put on a paunch shooting all the eating scenes?

No, because that food was too fantastic to put on a paunch.

What does the role of Emma represent to you as far as your body of work to date?

She has a relationship to Margaret in "The Deep End" and a relationship in a way to Orlando because she transforms. It's par for the course for me. I love looking at stories of people who have these transformations, when they actually morph into some other state. In that way she's no different from these other portraits. But one of the things I love about Emma is she's genuinely quiet in a way I feel I haven't had an opportunity to show before, which is maybe something my family and friends would recognize more in me. That was a little unfolding for me.

You've played a mother to young gays a couple of times now.

Somebody's got to do it. I would rather it was me. I love the coming-out scene in this film.

How should a mother react to her child coming out in your vision of the world?

I find it hard to imagine that being a problem. And so that for me is a bit of an adventure to imagine what those challenges might be, because naturally I don't get it. Apart from anything else, the whole question of one's child being honest enough with one that they would share that development, one should be grateful.

You're a mother of twins. And if one or both came out?

I have either a little bit of my brain missing or extra – I don't get why it would be a problem.

In some ways, is it a bonus?

I don't see it as a bonus, either. Just a fact. But I'm not a big believer in prescriptive sexuality. I think people are sexual and that's it.

Did winning the Oscar change your life and career?

The only real change the Oscar brought to me is that people ask me what change it has brought me about three times a week. I struggle to find any other thing except that, because every (project) I've done since then I was going to do anyway. But if more people see "I Am Love" than would've before I got the Oscar, or if we found out we got the money for our new film because it was bumped along by the Oscar, then I will take that and be so grateful and have no complaints.

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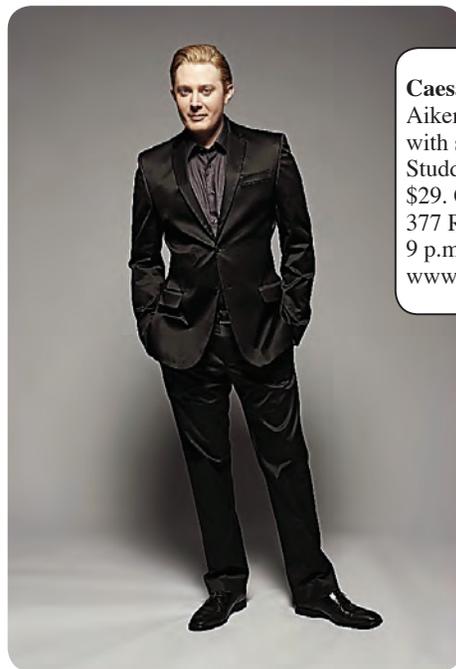
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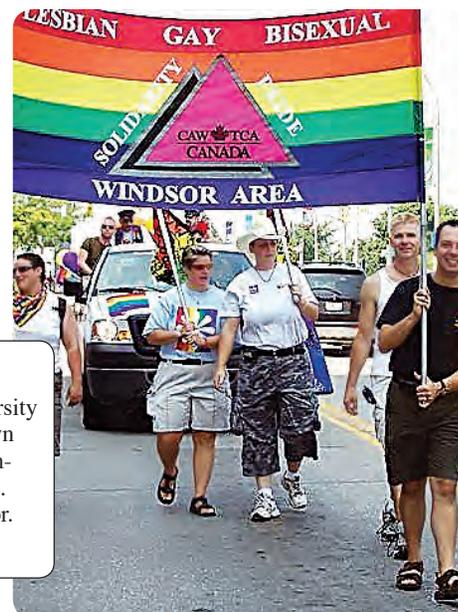
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Michigan Womyn's Music Festival turns 35

Decades-spanning talent to play during perennial celebration

Ask women from 8 years old to 80 why they continue to haul themselves and their camping gear from Alaska, New Zealand, San Francisco, Chicago, Brooklyn, London and all points in between to the woods in the middle of Michigan where there's no cell phone service or Internet access. They'll tell you some variation on this simple truth: "It's the week that gets me through the rest of the year."

As several women said in an online discussion: "Until you experience it, you don't understand how it will change you." "I never realized I needed Fest before I went. Now I can't imagine living without it."

Back in 1976, the Festival was one of many upstart institutions that created space for women to color outside the lines of the male mainstream. Today, very few of those bookstores, coffeehouses, and collectives survive. We may have more visibility, more acceptance and rights that are slowly being recognized, but the hunger for a place that makes us feel powerful, beautiful, safe and free is as strongly felt as ever.

"Thirty-five years – no matter what you're doing – is a long time," says producer Lisa Vogel, who co-founded the Festival when she was 19. "To have a community that sustains itself over that many years is awesome. It speaks to the heart we all put into it."

The Festival, which celebrates its 35th anniversary this year from Aug. 3-8, is a community created by thousands of women of all ages: musicians and artists, builders and healers, peacekeepers and troublemakers. Poet Alix Olson calls it

"the lesbian feminist government in exile."

Oh yes, and there's the music.

"I looked to the first, second and third decades to reflect slices of our entire 'herstory,'" says Vogel, who also invited nine acts who have never played the Festival.

Young festival-goers are just as likely to fall in love with pioneers Cris Williamson, Holly Near and Ferron as dykes from the '70s are to go crazy for JD Samson's new band – even if it is called MEN.

The program reflects the artists' deep love for the Festival. The Indigo Girls are taking a leave from Lilith Fair to play Michigan. The Butchies are staging a special Michigan reunion show for the first time in five years. Everyone is hoping for a chance to join the magical mix of Wednesday night's Opening Ceremony and Saturday night's Chix Lix '76. Also on the Night Stage: Laura Love, Elvira Kurt, BETTY, Cocomama, Sia and Toshi Reagon.

The on-stage action kicks off Tuesday at the Acoustic Stage with Marga Gomez performing her award-winning theater piece, "Long Island Iced Latina." New to the Acoustic Stage this year are Micia Mosely's comedic vignettes; selections from Karma Mayet Johnson's blues opera Indigo; Anais Mitchell, coming off her tour with Ani DiFranco; alt-country stand-out Stella!; and the only out lesbian to perform at the Grand Ole Opry, Mary "Drag Queens in Limousines" Gauthier. Returning crowd-pleasers are singer-songwriter Nicole Reynolds, Slanty Eyed Mama, Jamaican



slam poet Staceyann Chin and Dance Brigade.

Thursday through Saturday the Day Stage will be sizzling with the hip-hop beats of Reina Williams and Skim; the raw rock and bluesy rhythms of Sistas in the Pit and Nedra Johnson; indie sensations Chris Pureka and Erin McKeown; two stars of the Northwest music scene making their Michigan debut, Tender Forever and Mirah; and the category-defying Bitch.

Sunday wraps up with the beloved interactive performances of Ubaka Hill's Drumsong Orchestra and Aleah Long's One World Inspirational Choir; Comedy Sunday with Mimi Gonzalez, Michele Balan, and Julie Goldman; and the closing Candlelight Concert led by Ruth Barrett.

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cious vegetarian meals a day and camping amidst the oaks and ferns; a film festival, crafts bazaar and hundreds of workshops; the infamous Femme Parade and Butch Strut; along with a spelling bee, dances, sporting events, open mics and parties. Your workshifts will get you behind the scenes helping to deliver the full range of services that nurture the community, from networking for Women of Color and sign language interpretation, to child care, first aid, recovery support and transportation.

Forty performances, 23 meals, a safe place to sleep, and an abundance of other services: little more than \$60 a day. An experience that sustains you for the rest of the year: priceless.

For exact location and more information, visit www.michfest.com.

QUEERIES

by Steven Petrow



Sex when you're a houseguest

Q. My boyfriend "Alexander" and I are going to be visiting some close friends at their summer house next weekend. He really likes the idea of getting hot and heavy while we're there; I think it's rude to have sex at someone's house when you're a guest. What do you think?

A. Although some think it's disrespectful to one's hosts to have a private pleasure-fest in your room, I think it's fine as long as you're able to keep it completely secret. No moaning, no screaming, no running through the house naked. Lock the door, and use a towel to avoid stains or other tell-tale signs. If you bring toys, make sure you pack them up on departure. And definitely don't mention it at breakfast, even in the most general or cute way – although your hosts may pick something up from

the looks on your faces.

I do suggest, however, that you save your more complicated rites and rituals for the privacy of your own home, or for a hotel.

My girlfriend is a snoop

Q. My partner and I have been living together for a couple of months now and I suddenly realized that she's going through my personal papers and reading my e-mail. I actually don't have anything to hide, but I feel like she's invading my privacy and don't like that one bit. When I called her on this behavior, she said, "That's what lesbian couples do." Is it?

A. No, lesbian couples don't do that. Nor do couples of other kinds – if they want their relationship to last. And you're quite right that it's irrelevant whether you have anything to hide. There is a fine, but important, distinction between "looking" and "snooping." It's just looking when there's a bank statement or personal letter on the table or a racy photo on the wall, but it becomes snooping when you take some action, like opening the letter, looking through papers, opening a photo album or visiting an online account.

To start, I suggest changing your password, getting a file cabinet that locks and telling your partner that her prying is not acceptable to you. The larger issue here may be one of trust, however; she doesn't seem to trust you, but is also apparently not trustworthy herself. But I'm only a manners expert, not a therapist, so I'll stop here.

Using e-mail to announce your separation

Q. Jane and I were together for more than 10 years and after lots of couples counseling and a trial separation, we've decided to call it quits. How do we tell our friends, some of whom know of our difficulties and some who, blissfully, don't? Is a mass e-mail OK for this?

A. No, e-mail is not a good medium for this. While spamming your friends is useful when you're hosting a yard sale or declaring your support for a political candidate, news about your breakup is a bad use of the technology because the communication is too impersonal and too likely to be reforwarded. Also, as much as you may think you're sending an entirely unemotional announcement, sometimes hurt feelings or resentments creep into these things. I've known a friend or two who have taken this route and come to regret what they wrote.

Sure, e-mail is efficient and egalitarian and would save you the heartbreak of having to tell and retell your story of woe, but you're better off speaking directly to close friends and family about what has happened. Of course, word will get around soon enough on its own.

Later on in this process, when you've both really begun to move on, go ahead and send a mass e-mail letting friends know of a new address, e-mail or phone number – along with anything personal, such as perhaps that things are now going well for you. That note just shouldn't be the first they're hearing of your separation.

Left out of my husband's death notice

Q. I was in such a state of shock after my husband died that I had no idea his brother and sister were preparing an obit. It was bad enough that they didn't show it to me, but to make matters worse they didn't even include me as a survivor. What should I do now?

A. Until you lose someone close to you, it's hard to see the importance of obituaries; the truth is that they carry a great deal of symbolism, so I can understand why you're upset. Take aside the former in-law you are closest to and explain your feelings with as little rancor as you can. You could say, for instance: "After spending 10 years as your brother's husband and best friend, I can't tell you how hurt I was not to be mentioned as his survivor." In the meantime, prepare your own notice and pay for its placement. Or, if too much time has gone by, consider placing an "In Memoriam" notice on the anniversary of your partner's death, on his birthday or on the date of your wedding anniversary.

Steven Petrow can be found online at www.gay-andlesbianmanners.com. He's the author of "The Essential Guide to Gay Manners & Etiquette" and blogs regularly on Huffington Post.

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Funny Faris

Out comedian on the brink of a breakthrough comes to Ann Arbor

BY SAMANTHA WHITE

Maggie Faris was visiting her sister, a waitress at a local comedy club in St. Paul, Minn., when she thought this could be her up there, telling jokes. Soon enough, there she was, performing during an open mic night.

Four years later, in 2003, Faris received a career boost joining a list of notable competitors like Roseanne Barr when she won the women's portion of the Twin Cities Laff Off Competition and went on to become the first woman to win the overall contest. Faris will stop in Michigan on July 30 and 31 at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. "You can come out and laugh, giggle and have fun on your night off," she says.

In past years, stand-up comedy was a male-dominated industry, launching mega stars like Jim Carrey, Adam Sandler and Chris Rock, but the genre's received an estrogen boost in the past few years with female TV comics, like the indelible Tina Fey, and successful stand-up comics such as Lisa Lam-

Maggie Faris

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panelli and Sarah Silverman. Faris is on the cusp of such stardom, receiving accolades from Curve magazine as "one of the funniest lesbians in America" in 2008 and winning the "Silver Nail" and "Funniest Clip of the Year" awards at the Aspen Comedy Festival in 2009.

Some of her influences include Lily Tomlin, Gilda Radner, Kathleen Madigan and Ellen DeGeneres, but she also offers support to up-and-coming funny women. Faris says, "I do the best I can to try to encourage other female comedians and give them hints on how to be successful in this business."

Faris received callbacks to NBC's hit show "Last Comic Standing" two years in a row and still remains a fan of the show, especially since her

friends are a part of it. "It's really good exposure," she says. "It makes people want to go out to see shows at comedy clubs. I see people getting like 15 new Facebook friends a day because of the show. It makes it more fun."

The comedian may be one of the "funniest lesbians" but she works diligently to make sure that her jokes are all-inclusive. "People work hard all week and my job is to tickle their brains," Faris says. "I'll tell a couple of gay jokes, but everybody is fair game. I want to appeal to the masses."

She does that with a blithesome comedy style that forces her audience to look – and laugh – at some of their perspectives and values. And she's been doing that for 11 years. Looks like she could do this afterall.

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Dixie does Saugatuck: Fun for adults only

BY BRIDGETTE M. REDMAN

After going to “Dixie’s Tupperware Party,” you may never look at a child’s sport and play ball the same way again. For that matter, you might never look at any Tupperware the same way again.

While the second show in the Mason Street Warehouse summer season is a raucous, improv comedy, it is also just what the title says — a Tupperware party in which the hostess, Dixie Longate, demonstrates Tupperware, conducts raffles, leads party games, and yes, sells Tupperware. Taking her show around the country, Longate has become one of the top-selling Tupperware salespeople in the country. She also won a Drama Desk Award Nomination in 2008. On opening night at Mason Street Warehouse, the party played to a packed house with nary an empty seat.

It’s a show that has delighted spectators in major metropolitan cities on both coasts and in the theater-city of Chicago,

R E V I E W

‘Dixie’s Tupperware Party’

Mason Street Warehouse, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Runs daily through Aug. 1. Recommended for mature audiences. \$26-\$36.50. 269-857-4898
www.masonstreetwarehouse.org

but left some members of the Saugatuck audience a little shell-shocked about a show that shunned bawdy naughtiness for X-rated hilarity that was scandalously specific. If the comments in the lobby and the bathroom after the show are any indication, the Mason Street Warehouse may be getting some letters of complaint.

Which isn’t to say the theater shouldn’t be commended for taking the risk on a show that is wickedly funny and is filled with heart behind all the harsh language. There’s even the whisper of a



Dixie Longate sells Tupperware and more at “Dixie’s Tupperware Party.” Photo: Courtesy Mason Street Warehouse

plot amongst the stand-up comedy-style sales pitch.

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Run for your laughs, all the way to Tibbits

BY DONALD V. CALAMIA

At the conclusion of his curtain speech before the opening Thursday night performance of “Run for Your Wife” at Tibbits Summer Theatre, Artistic Director Charles Burr teased the audience by telling us this was the most fun he’s had directing a show in quite some time. While grandiose statements such as that are usually nothing more than hyperbolic showmanship, I’m certainly inclined to believe him. Why? Because I probably laughed more during my two-hour visit with two-timing British cab driver John Smith than I have in quite some time!

Smith, you see, has achieved what many men have probably wished for, but never attempted - and for good reason: He’s married to two different women and lives in two different apartments - and neither wife knows about the other. As you can imagine, it’s a grueling schedule he

R E V I E W

‘Run For Your Wife’

Tibbits Summer Theatre, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater. Wednesday-Saturday through July 31. \$24-\$26. 517-278-6029
www.tibbits.org

maintains to keep up the charade: Tonight may be spent with Mary in Wimbledon, but tomorrow morning will find him four-and-a-half minutes away in Streatham having breakfast with Barbara (whom he met four months after his marriage to Mary).

All goes well until John plays Good Samaritan and intervenes in a mugging - only to end up in the hospital emergency room after the elderly victim mistakes him for one of the muggers and bloodies his head with her purse. Concussed, John gives the attending nurse his address in



Amy Lamberti (as Barbara, wife number one), Greg Prager (John Smith), Brian P. Sage (Stanley the friend and accomplice) and Kiersten Vorheis (Mary, wife number two) in “Run For Your Wife.” Photo: Tibbits Summer Theatre.

Streatham, but to the cop who takes him home he gives his Wimbledon address. And once the discrepancy is discovered and looked into, John’s life spins totally out of control!

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Two gentlemen of the swingin’ ‘60s

BY MARTIN F. KOHN

“The Two Gentlemen of Verona” may not be among Shakespeare’s better plays, but you can see them from here. Motifs that the playwright would employ more successfully appear in this early effort: the woman who disguises herself as a man, the two best friends in love with the same woman, the banished hero, the ring betokening a lover’s fidelity that shows up in the hands of another woman.

But Water Works Theatre, purveyors of outdoor Shakespeare since 2001, and director Barton Bund haven’t gone to the trouble of staging “The Two Gentlemen of Verona” as a mere fount of footnotes for

R E V I E W

‘The Two Gentlemen of Verona’

Water Works Theatre Company at Starr Jaycee Park, 1101 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Thursday-Sunday through Aug. 8. \$18.
www.waterworkstheatre.com

Shakespeare fans. Bund detects a modern buddy comedy in there — even though one buddy will behave wickedly toward the other — and sets the first scene in a locker room with the two gents, Valentine and Proteus, shirtless, exchanging banter

and snapping towels. (You keep expecting them to say “dude.” They never do.)

That’s one good way to get the audience’s attention. Another is Monika Essen’s day-glo bright set: a couple of giant hearts interspersed with Greek columns each topped with a big red lipstick, the latter a likely homage to pop artist Claes Oldenburg’s noted outdoor sculpture of an upraised lipstick on caterpillar tracks.

The swingin’ ‘60s, the age of pop art, is the setting of this production, both in time and attitude.

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EDITOR'S PICK



One of pop music's greatest battles – Prince v. Michael Jackson – will be duked out when Thriller in Paisley Park comes to Kalamazoo's Metro nightclub from 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Aug. 1.

The King of Pop and TAFKAP will go head to head in a fundraiser for the Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, where attendees are asked to dress in costumes from either camp, from "Thriller" zombies and "Dirty Diana" to "Purple Rain" and the "Little Red Corvette." There will also be a Prince and MJ dance and karaoke contests, plus a 50/50 raffle and drink specials.

Costumes are not a requirement, but are highly encouraged! The suggested donation is \$5. For more information, visit www.kglrc.org.

OUTINGS

Thursday, July 29

Chorus Auditions, 6 p.m. Call for simple voice check. Sing Out Detroit is looking for 15 new members. Must call to make appointment! Sing Out Detroit, Royal Oak. 248-943-2411. linda@singoutdetroit.com. www.singoutdetroit.com

Thom Vernon book signing, 7 p.m. Lansing native and author of "The Drifts" will be speaking about his book and signing copies. Schuler Books & Music, 2820 Towne Center Blvd., Lansing. www.chbooks.com

Around the World with Jeff and Jay, 8 p.m. Broadway, opera and more performed by Jay Kaplan and Jeffrey Willets. Free. [autbar.com](http://www.autbar.com), 315 Braun Court, Ann Arbor. www.autbar.com

Friday, July 30

Womyn's Film Night, 7 p.m. "Tru Loved" - Tru finds her life turned upside-down when her lesbian mothers decide to move the family from San Francisco community a conservative southern California suburb. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org

Saturday, July 31

Partnerships in Parenting, 12 p.m. A workshop promoting the importance of relationship and family development for LGBTQ parents and their children. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org

Summer Drag Queen Bingo, 8 p.m. A summer of bingo with guest hostesses, hilarious antics and more. Reservations welcome. Five15 Media, Mojo and More, 515 S. Washington, Royal Oak. 248-515-2551. www.five15.net

Sunday, Aug. 1

Thriller in Paisley Park, 6 p.m. A Michael Jackson vs. Prince fundraiser for the Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center. Karaoke, costume contests and more. Suggested donation: \$5. Metro Nightclub, 411 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo. www.kglrc.org

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Paid Piano Accompanist, 7 p.m. Sing Out Detroit is looking for a paid piano accompanist for rehearsals starting in September through July. Contact Linda for info. Sing Out Detroit, Royal Oak. 248-943-2411. linda@singoutdetroit.com. www.singoutdetroit.com

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Euchre Tournament, 7 p.m. Euchre tournament fundraiser to benefit Out Loud Chorus, Washtenaw county's original GLBT chorus. \$10 entry, cash prizes. Sh'au't Cabaret and Gallery, 325 Braun Court, Ann Arbor. 734-973-6084. outloudchorus@gmail.com www.olconline.org

Twisted Gay Speed Dating, 7:30 p.m. A new twist on speed dating. Under 35 Aug. 5, over 35 Aug. 12, all ages up. 26. Lesbian and straight nights coming in September! Admission: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Five15 Media, Mojo and More, 515 S. Washington, Royal Oak. 248-515-2551. www.five15.net

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Friday, Aug. 6

Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m. Bisexual social group. All are welcome. WRAP, 319 Braun Court, Ann Arbor. 734-678-2478. BiPrideAnnArbor@gmail.com

Womyn's Film Night, 7 p.m. "Double Dare" Professional stuntwomen Jeannie Epper and Zoe Bell struggle to find roles – and respect – in male-dominated Hollywood. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org

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Comedy Night Out, 8 p.m. With Richard Ryder, Dana Goldberg and Sabrina Matthews. Tickets start at \$25. Riverfront Festival Plaza, Windsor. www.windsorpride.com

Saturday, Aug. 7

Essex County Wine Tour, 10:30 a.m. Tour visits three wineries and drops off at the Riverfront Plaza. Tickets: \$35. Riverfront Festival Plaza, Windsor. www.windsorpride.com

Paint with Pride BBQ, 12 p.m. An event where families can create art about what Pride means to them. Riverfront Festival Plaza, Windsor. www.windsorpride.com

Saturday Summer Sizzle Dance Party, 8 p.m. Featuring world-renowned DJ Jamal and DJ Lynda Carter, Bella and her go-go dancers, and special performances by International Drag Super Star Sofonda Cox. Riverfront Festival Plaza, Windsor. www.windsorpride.com

Sunday, Aug. 8

MCC Church Service, 10 a.m. An outdoor Pride worship celebration of diversity and faith. Hosted by the Metropolitan Community Church of Windsor. Riverfront Festival Plaza, Windsor. www.windsorpride.com

Pride Parade, 12 p.m. The annual diversity parade through downtown Windsor with floats, community leaders and more. Oullette Avenue, Windsor. www.windsorpride.com

Pride Day, 1 p.m. Food, drinks, vendors, youth activities and live entertainment celebrating Pride. Riverfront Festival Plaza, Windsor. www.windsorpride.com

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Ferndale Community Foundation "Ferndale Pub Crawl" A crawl through 22 Ferndale venues, ranging from martini and gay bars to sports clubs and restaurants. Tickets: \$10. Boogie Fever, 22901 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 7 p.m. July 30. www.downtownferndale.com

University District Community Association "University District Home & Garden Tour" A tour featuring five luxurious homes and two private gardens, open for public viewing. University District, Birchcrest at Santa Maria, Detroit. 10 a.m. Aug. 1. www.udcatour.com

CLASSICAL

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CONCERTS

AEG Live "The National" With special guest The Antlers. Tickets: \$25. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. 7 p.m. Aug. 3. 248-399-2980. www.royaloakmusictheatre.com

Ann Arbor Summer Festival "Chris Isaak" With special guest Marc Broussard. Tickets: \$25-65. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. July 30. www.annarborsummerfestival.org

Caesars Windsor "Clay Aiken" The Timeless Tour, with special guest Ruben Studdard. Tickets starting at \$29. Caesars Windsor Casino, 377 Riverside Drive, Windsor. 9 p.m. Aug. 5. www.caesarswindsor.com

City of Farmington Hills "FCB Big Band" Jazz from the big band era. Free. Heritage Park, 24725 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. 7 p.m. July 29. 248-473-1848.

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Kerrytown Concert House "Ben Jansson Quartet" Performing traditional jazz works. Tickets: \$10-30. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. July 31. 734-769-2999. www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Live Nation "The Dead Weather" Promoting their latest album, "Sea of Cowards." Tickets: \$29.50. The Fillmore, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. July 31. www.livenation.com

Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority "Elvis Aaron Presley Jr." With Tommy Vale and the Torpedoes. Free. Part of the Bud Light Riversight and Sound Series. Clinton Riverfront Park, Mount Clemens. 7:30 p.m. July 30. 586-469-4168. www.downtownmountclemens.com

Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority "Sun Messengers" Free. Part of the Bud Light Riversight and Sound Series. Clinton Riverfront Park, Mount Clemens. 7:30 p.m. Aug. 5. 586-469-4168. www.downtownmountclemens.com

Northville Downtown Development Authority "Paisley Fogg" Performance by the '60s cover band. Part of the Summer Friday Night Concerts series. Town Square, Northville. 7 p.m. July 30. www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Palace Sports and Entertainment "Kings of Leon" A performance by the Grammy Award-winning rock group. Tickets: \$36.50-56.50. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 7:30 p.m. July 31. www.palacenet.com

Palace Sports and Entertainment "Rockstar Energy Drink Mayhem Festival" An all-day concert, featuring Korn and Rob Zombie. Tickets: \$25-59.50. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 2 p.m. Aug. 6. www.palacenet.com

Palace Sports and Entertainment "The Beach Boys" A performance by the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award recipients. Tickets: \$18-38.50. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 6 p.m. Aug. 1. www.palacenet.com

Palace Sports and Entertainment "Shinedown" The Carnival of Madness Tour, with special guests Chevelle, Puddle of Mudd and Sevendust. Tickets: \$20-42.50. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 5 p.m. Aug. 7. www.palacenet.com

Palace Sports and Entertainment "Maroon 5" With special guests Owl City and V.V. Brown. Tickets: \$25-46.50. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 7:30 p.m. Aug. 5. www.palacenet.com

University Musical Society Choral Union "Summer Sings" A no-audition, no-performance evening of impromptu music making with area singers. Admission: \$5. Aug. 2 session takes place at Hill Auditorium. Walgreen Drama Center, 1226 Murfin Road, Ann Arbor. 7 p.m. July 12, 7 p.m. July 26, 7 p.m. Aug. 2. 734-647-4020. www.ums.org

Vans "Warped Tour" Featuring over 50 bands on several stages. Tickets: \$33. Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 11 a.m. July 30. warpedtour.com

FESTIVALS

Buy Michigan Now "Buy Michigan Now Festival" Entertainment, goods, fashion show, health fair, sidewalk sales and more XX all Michigan-based! Free. Downtown, Northville. 10 a.m. Aug. 6, 10 a.m. Aug. 7, 12 p.m. Aug. 8. www.buymichigannow.com

TC Film Festival "Traverse City Film Festival" Six days of films, events and more, with other 80 films and 40 shorts. Panel discussions and a film school will also be held. Front Street, Traverse City. July 27 - Aug. 1. www.traversecityfilmfest.org

The Henry Ford "Maker Faire" The annual event celebrating DIY creativity with arts, crafts, technology and more. Admission: \$22 adults, \$21 seniors, \$16 youth. Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. 9 a.m. July 31, 9 a.m. Aug. 1. 313-982-6001. www.thehenryford.org

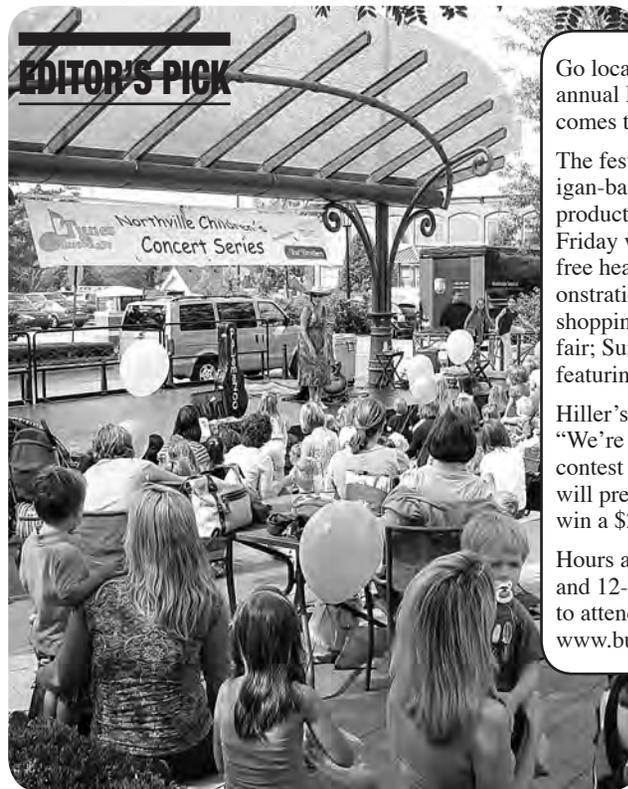
FILM & VIDEO

Friends of the Penn "Back to the Future" Part of the Summer Cinema Matinee series. Tickets: \$3. Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. 1 p.m. July 29, 7 p.m. July 29. 734-453-0870. www.penntheatre.com

Friends of the Penn "The Wizard of Oz" Part of the Summer Cinema Matinee series. Tickets: \$3. Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. 1 p.m. Aug. 5, 7 p.m. Aug. 5. 734-453-0870. www.penntheatre.com

Michigan Theater "The Apartment" Part of the Summer Classic Movie Series. Tickets: \$9 adults, \$7 students, seniors and veterans. Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. 1:30 p.m. Aug. 1, 7 p.m. Aug. 3. www.michtheater.org

Michigan Theater "On the Waterfront" Part of the Summer Classic Movie Series. Tickets: \$9 adults, \$7 students, seniors and veterans. Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. 1:30 p.m. Aug. 8, 7 p.m. Aug. 10. www.michtheater.org



Go local on Aug. 6-8 when the second annual Buy Michigan Now Festival comes to downtown Northville.

The festival will feature a slew of Michigan-based entertainers, businesses, products and educational opportunities. Friday will include a health fair with free health screenings and fitness demonstrations; Saturday provides a unique shopping experience with the barter fair; Sunday will include a fashion show featuring Michigan-based designers.

Hiller's Markets will also hold the "We're Cookin' in Michigan" recipe contest finals, where culinary experts will present local dishes for a chance to win a \$250 Hiller's gift card.

Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Aug. 6 and 7 and 12-5 p.m. Aug. 8. The event is free to attend. For more information, visit www.buymichigannow.com.

SHOWS

Claude Williams II "Bless the Mic"
A comedy and poetry show, featuring Koolaide. Tickets: \$15. Shriners Silver Gardens, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. 7 p.m. July 31. 313-600-5199.

Palace Sports and Entertainment
"Carrot Top" A stand-up performance by the comedic and pop culture icon. Tickets: \$15-25. Meadow Brook Music Festival, 3554 E. Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Aug. 3. www.palacenet.com

Re: View Contemporary "Show Pony" A multi-medium exhibition and performance by Detroit artist Jaclyn Schanes. Re: View Contemporary Gallery, 444 W. Willis, Detroit. 8 p.m. July 31. 313-833-9000. www.reviewcontemporary.com

THEATER

CIVIC/COMMUNITY THEATER

Back to the 80's \$10. Center Stage Jackson, Grass Lake High School Auditorium, 11500 Warrior Tr., Grass Lake. Through Aug. 1. 517-522-5695. www.centerstagejackson.org

The Laramie Project Free. Downriver Youth Performing Arts Center, Trenton Village Theatre, 2447 W. Jefferson Ave., Trenton. Aug. 5-7. 734-362-8153. www.dypac.com

The Music Man A traveling salesman visits a small town in Iowa and convinces the town that River City's youth \$3-\$12. Warren Civic Theatre, Warren Community Center, 5460 Arden, Warren. Aug. 6-15. 586-268-8400. www.warrencivic.org

Tick, Tick...Boom! \$25. The Crosswell, 129 E. Maumee St., Adrian. Through Aug. 1. 517-264-7469. www.crosswell.org

Wiley and the Hairy Man \$5-\$7. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing. Through Aug. 1. 517-482-5700. www.riverwalktheatre.com

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

1940's Radio Variety Show Free. Capital TheaterWorks, The Ledges Playhouse, 133 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge. July 30 - Aug. 8. 517-944-0221. www.capitaltheaterworks.org

A Year With Frog and Toad \$20-\$26 adult; \$10 ages 18 and under. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, Knickerbocker Theatre, 86 E. 8th St., Holland. Aug. 2-13. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

An Italian Straw Hat Performed in rotating repertory. \$17-\$19. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, DeWitt Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 14. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

Around the World With Jeffrey & Jay Free. \aut\ BAR patio, 315 Braun Ct., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. July 29. 734-330-0552.

Boeing-Boeing \$25-\$38. The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Through Aug. 28. 734-433-7673. www.purplerosetheatre.org

boom An Off The Street staged reading. \$5. Flint Youth Theatre, 1220 E. Kearsley St., Flint. 6 p.m. Aug. 1. 810-237-1530. www.flintyouththeatre.org

BoxFest Detroit 2010 \$10 per day or \$30 festival pass. BoxFest Detroit, The Furniture Factory, 4126 3rd St., Detroit. Aug. 5-21. www.boxfestdetroit.com

Busytown the Musical Performs in repertory. \$10. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, DeWitt Center Studio Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 13. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

Comedy Mondays \$5 for an all-night pass. Dog Story Theater, 1115 Taylor Ave. NW, Grand Rapids. Every Monday. www.dogstorytheater.com

Dixie's Tupperware Party \$26-\$36.50. Mason Street Warehouse, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Through Aug. 1. 269-857-4898. www.masonstreetwarehouse.org

Don't Be Cruel - The Life and Times of the King \$25-\$35; Dinner & Show packages available Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday for \$59.95 per couple. Andiamo Novi Theatre, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Through Aug. 1. 248-348-4448.

Don't We Boys \$10. Dog Story Theater, 1115 Taylor Ave. NW, Grand Rapids. Aug. 6-7. www.dogstorytheater.com

Driving Miss Daisy \$15-\$35. Michigan Shakespeare Festival, Michael Baughman Theatre on the campus of Jackson Community College, 2111 Emmons Rd., Jackson. Through Aug. 8. 517-998-3673. www.michiganshakespearefestival.com

Five Course Love \$18-\$24. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam Rd., Williamston. Through Aug. 15. 517-655-7469. www.williamstontheatre.org

Fridays and Saturdays at Go Comedy! \$15 per show; "Dark Matter" is free. Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. 248-327-0575. www.gocomedy.net

Herstory Repeats Herself: A Trilogy in 3-D \$10. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff Ave., Hamtramck. July 30 - Aug. 14. 313-365-4948. www.planetant.com

I Do! I Do! Plays in rotating repertory. \$10-\$26. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, Knickerbocker Theatre, 86 E. 8th St., Holland. Through Aug. 10. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

Into the Woods Plays in rotating repertory. \$10-\$26. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, DeWitt Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through July 31. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

Opera at The Acorn \$25. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 8 p.m. Aug. 7. 269-756-3879. www.acorntheater.com

Phantom \$17. 8th Wonder Theatre, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton. Aug. 6-15. 734-394-5460. www.8thwondertheatre.com

Romeo & Juliet While crashing a party at the home of his family's greatest rival, young Romeo Montague meets and falls for Juliet Capulet, the only daughter of the rival's family. Plays in repertory. \$15-\$35. Michigan Shakespeare Festival, Michael Baughman Theatre on the campus of Jackson Community College, 2111 Emmons Rd., Jackson. Through Aug. 8. 517-998-3673. www.michiganshakespearefestival.com

Run for Your Wife \$24-\$26. Tibbits Summer Theatre, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater. Through July 31. 517-278-6029. www.tibbits.org

Sordid Lives: It's a Drag! \$10-\$20. Who Wants Cake, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Through Aug. 2. 248-545-5545. www.whowantscaketheatre.com

Sundays at Go Comedy! \$10 for the evening. Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. 248-327-0575. www.gocomedy.net

Super Happy Funtime Burlesque \$15. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 8 p.m. July 31. 269-756-3879. www.acorntheater.com

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee \$20-\$26. Tibbits Summer Theatre, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater. Aug. 5-14. 517-278-6029. www.tibbits.org

The Comedy of Errors Plays in repertory. \$15-\$35. Michigan Shakespeare Festival, Michael Baughman Theatre on the campus of Jackson Community College, 2111 Emmons Rd., Jackson. Through Aug. 7. 517-998-3673. www.michiganshakespearefestival.com

The Great American Trailer Park Musical \$25. Farmers Alley Theatre, 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo. Through Aug. 8. 269-343-2727. farmersalleytheatre.com

The Last Night of Ballyhoo Plays in rotating repertory. \$8-\$19. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, DeWitt Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 13. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

The Little Dog Laughed \$10-\$20. Who Wants Cake, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Aug. 7 - Aug. 30 (No performance Aug. 21). 248-545-5545. www.whowantscaketheatre.com

The Marvelous Wonderettes \$26-\$36.50. Mason Street Warehouse, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Aug. 6-22. 269-857-4898. masonstreetwarehouse.org

The Social Security Murders \$16. Broadway Onstage Live Theatre, 21517 Kelly Rd., Eastpointe. Through Aug. 21. 586-771-6333. broadwayonstage.com

The Sound of Music Previews Aug. 5. \$28. The Encore Musical Theatre, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Aug. 5-29. 734-268-6200. <http://theencoretheatre.org>

The Spring Awakening Project \$15. The New Theatre Project, Pot and Box, 220 Felch St., Ann Arbor. Through Aug. 2. 810-623-0808. thenewtheaterproject.org

Thursdays at Go Comedy! \$10 for the evening. Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. 248-327-0575. www.gocomedy.net

Two Gentlemen of Verona \$18. Water Works Theatre Company, Starr Jaycee Park, 1101 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Through Aug. 8. waterworkstheatre.com

Wednesdays at Go Comedy! \$5 for the evening. Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. 248-327-0575. www.gocomedy.net

Woman Before a Glass Previews Aug. 5-8 & 12 (\$10-\$32). \$25-\$41. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Aug. 5 - Sep. 5. 734-663-0681. www.performancenetwork.org

THEATER FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

Abacadabra Magic Show \$7. Tibbits Summer Theatre, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater. July 30 - Aug. 7. 517-278-6029. www.tibbits.org

A Midsummer Night's Dream Shakespeare's classic comedy. \$8; \$15 per family. Motor City Youth Theatre, Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Aug. 6-8. 313-535-8962. www.mcyt.org

Peter Pan \$7 adult, \$5 17 and under. All-of-us Express Children's Theatre, Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. Through Aug. 7. 517-333-2580, ext. 0. www.cityofeastlansing.com/allofus

Sleeping Beauty \$10 adult, \$5 children; puppet-making workshop \$8. PuppetART, 25 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Through Aug. 14. 313-961-7777. puppetart.org

The Brand New Kid Plays in repertory. \$10. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, DeWitt Center Studio Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 13. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

The Commedia Tales of King Arthur \$6. Water Works Theatre Company, Starr Jaycee Park, 1101 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Through Aug. 8. waterworkstheatre.com

The Neverending Story \$14-\$16 adult, \$12-\$14 children. Flint Youth Theatre, 1220 E. Kearsley St., Flint. Through Aug. 7. 810-237-1530. flintyouththeatre.org

AUDITIONS/CLASSES

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE - announces a three-part workshop to educate potential volunteers in sound design and operation for theater in general and A2CT musicals in particular, begins Aug. 14, 734-971-2228.

ART 'N' AROUND

ART & ARCHITECTURE

Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art "The Art of the Brick" An exhibition with a range of sculptures created from LEGO blocks. Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews, Midland. June 12 - Sep. 2. 989-631-8250. www.mcfta.org

EDITOR'S PICK



Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art "Fire and Ashes" Paintings by Tim Norris. Held in conjunction with Meaning Beyond Method, ceramics by Craig Hinshaw. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 youth. Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews, Midland. June 12 - July 31. 989-631-8250. www.mcfta.org

Ann Arbor Art Center "Sundae" Paint a ceramic bowl and then enjoy a sundae with all the fixings! Tickets: \$10. Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. 1 p.m. Aug. 1. 734-994-8004. www.annarborartcenter.org

Arab American National Museum "Noble Jewels" North African jewelry and photography from the Xavier Guerrand-HermXXs Collection. Museum admission: \$6 adults, \$3 students, seniors and children. Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. May 1 - Aug. 8. 313-582-2266. www.arabamericanmuseum.org

Art & Ideas "Social Realism 2010" An exhibition of photographic work by Thomas McMillen-Oakley, Julia DeClerck and Shaq Kalaj. Opening reception held 6-10 p.m. Aug. 7. Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery & Studio, 15095 Northville, Plymouth. Aug. 7 - Sep. 18. 734-420-0775. artandideasgallery.com

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center "Light Waves" Five new exhibitions, including "Skins," "Give Me Shelter, Give Me Love" and several others. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. July 16 - Aug. 13. 248-644-0866. www.bbartcenter.com

Cass Cafe "Detroit and Issues" Works by four Detroit-area artists. Cass Cafe, 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit. July 17 - Sep. 18. 313-831-1400. www.casscafe.com

Community Arts Gallery "Albert Young Studio" An exhibition by the local glass artist and College for Creative Studies teacher. Paramount Bank, 22635 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. July 14 - Aug. 13. www.paramountbank.com

Detroit Institute of Arts "Through African Eyes" The European in African Art, 1500 to present. Museum admission: \$12 adults, \$6 youth. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. April 11 - Aug. 8. 313-833-7900. www.dia.org

Gallery Project "Faux Real" Opening reception held 6-9 p.m. July 30. Free. The Gallery Project, 215 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. July 28 - Sep. 5. 734-997-7012. www.thegalleryproject.com

Holocaust Memorial Center "Icons of Loss" The artwork of Samuel Bak. Zekelman Family Campus, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. May 23 - Aug. 13. 248-553-2400. www.holocaustcenter.org

Hot Works "Orchard Lake Fine Art Show" The annual juried art show, with artist demonstrations, live entertainment and family activities. West Bloomfield Plaza, 6668 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Aug. 1. 248-685-3748. www.hotworks.org

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts "Flowers in Art" Selections from the KIA collection featuring the beauty of flowers. Free. Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park, Kalamazoo. May 29 - Sep. 12. 269-349-7775. www.kiarts.org

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts "On Paper - Lincoln Center Art" A collection of works from the New York center, including Andy Warhol, Jacob Lawrence and more. Free. Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park, Kalamazoo. June 19 - Aug. 1. 269-349-7775. www.kiarts.org

Kerrytown Concert House "Slow Convergence" Digital Montages of Complex Chromatic Textures and Compositions. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. July 1 - Aug. 26. 734-769-2999. kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Kresge Art Museum "EyePoppers" Big and bold works from the museum collection. Free. Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing. May 1 - July 31. 517-353-9834. www.artmuseum.msu.edu

Lawrence Street Gallery "Summer Invitational" Featuring over 50 new works by local artists. Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. June 30 - July 30. 248-544-0394. lawrencestreetgallery.com

Lawrence Street Gallery "The Sculptors Guild of Michigan" Recent work from select members of the guild, including works from wood, clay, bronze, found objects, glass and more. Opening reception held 6-9 p.m. Aug. 6. Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Aug. 4 - Aug. 28. 248-544-0394. www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum "Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition" A showing of 32 works by 24 local artists. Free. Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw. July 3 - Sep. 18. 989-964-7096. www.marshallfredericks.org

MSU Museum "Sticks, Strings and Shadows" A collection of puppets of Asia. Runs through Nov. 7. MSU Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing. 517-432-1472. <http://museum.msu.edu>

Join Jeffrey Willets and Jay Kaplan for "Around the World With Jeffrey & Jay," a themed cabaret scheduled for 8 p.m. July 29 on the Braun Court patio outside the \aut\ BAR in Ann Arbor's Kerrytown District.

The evening features a collection of Broadway songs and arias about places one could visit around the world, with a "travelogue" by Jeffrey and Jay that explains where one is going next and a bit of history about where the song/aria comes from.

Songs along the route are from such shows as "Zorba the Greek," "New Faces of 1952," "Finnian's Rainbow," "Rigoletto," "Carmen" and many more.

Admission to "Around the World With Jeffrey & Jay" is free. Seating is limited; early arrival is recommended, as reservations will not be accepted. Food and drinks are available.

The \aut\ BAR is located at 315 Braun Court, Ann Arbor. For more information, call 734-330-0552.

River's Edge Gallery "Balancing Act" A two-person show of paintings by Audrey Ponczacz and Ryan G. Hill. River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte. June 19 - Aug. 13. www.artattheedge.com

Riverside Arts Center "Ann Arbor Women Artists" A summer juried exhibit of works by local women. Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. July 1 - July 31. 734-380-2787. www.riversidearts.org

Riverside Arts Center "Ypsi Project" Photos of Ypsilanti citizens by Erica Hampton. Opening reception held 5-7 p.m. Aug. 7. Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Aug. 5 - Aug. 27. 734-480-2787. www.riversidearts.org

Sherry Washington Gallery "Summer Solstice X" An exhibition of paintings, drawings and sculpture by 13 artists. Free. Sherry Washington Gallery, 1274 Library, Detroit. July 17 - Sep. 25. 313-961-4500. www.sherrywashingtongallery.com

The Henry Ford "Play" An exhibit that explores how people interact with each other. Admission: \$15 adults, \$14 seniors, \$11 youth. The Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. June 19 - Sep. 19. 313-982-6001. www.thehenryford.org

University of Michigan Museum of Art "Turning Point" Japanese studio ceramics in the mid-20th century. Free. University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. May 15 - Aug. 22. 734-763-UMMA. www.umma.umich.edu

University of Michigan Museum of Art "Sister Corita, The Joyous Revolutionary" An exhibition of works by a Catholic nun from the Immaculate Heart College of Los Angeles. Free. University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. June 19 - Aug. 15. 734-763-UMMA. www.umma.umich.edu

Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts "dis.place.ment" An international, multimedia juried exhibition. Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, 41 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids. April 2 - July 31. www.uica.org

Wayne County Community College "Haiku Middle Passage" A multimedia exhibition commemorating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade. Brown and Juanita C. Ford Gallery, 1001 Fort Street, Detroit. July 29 - Sep. 17. www.wcccd.edu



Got problems? Send letters to: "Dear Jody," C/O Between The Lines, 11920 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail her at DearJodyValley@hotmail.com

Where do I come in?

Q. I'm dating this guy, "Jeff," who has three kids. I didn't know when I first met him that he had kids; he told me three months into our relationship about his marriage and kids. In all honesty, if he had told me he was married with family, I would have probably continued seeing him. But at least I would have felt I had a choice in the matter. I was in love with him after our second time together, like I was so hooked. He's incredibly hot and the sex is out of this world.

So, having said that, I am stuck with this guy who is spending his life trying to settle a divorce and spending lots of time with his kids. So, where is my life? Well, it's on hold! Jeff is tied up dealing with his wife over the divorce—along with many lawyer's calls and visits. He's feeling bad about his kids so he spends time with his son at his ballgames, etc., and with his two daughters at their events.

So what time is left for me? Not much! Like, maybe, one night a week, and then for only about two or three hours, max! Those hours with him are great, but it's just a few hours, and I really want and need more.

Is there some way I can get Jeff's attention and get him to give me at least one night a week? Any suggestions would be helpful.

Waiting in the Wings

A. My suggestion is for you to back off and let Jeff handle his divorce and deal with his children. It's truly too bad that you found out about his situation three months into your relationship, but the fact is, Jeff needs to take care of his family situation before he's ready to move on; and even then, his ex-wife (to some extent) and his children will always be in the picture. You need to decide if you can handle that. It's the reality of Jeff's life, and yours – if you choose to stay with him.

Estranged dad wants money

Q. My father called me and asked me for some money. I was astounded that he would call me and ask for such a thing or for anything for that matter. After all, he left my mother when I was 2 years old, and neither she nor I have seen or heard

from him since their divorce.

I can't believe that he had the nerve to call me and ask for money when he didn't pay child support or ever visit me. My mother and I lived on food stamps and welfare for years. (Social services couldn't find him.) But somehow, now, he managed to find me and had the guts to call and ask for money. He didn't even start out by asking me how I was, or what my life was like, or how my mother was doing. (And he never asked anything about me throughout our entire conversation.) He just talked about himself and how "unlucky" he had been. Apparently, in order to try and make his money "grow," he took it and gambled, thinking he could at least double it and be able to pay his bills. The problem is, he lost it all. So now, he and his family are about to lose their home.

I told him that I didn't have the kind of money he needed. Then he said that any amount would be appreciated. I told him that I would have to think about it and I needed to check my finances. I said that he should call me back in a week. I don't know why I told him he could call again. I guess it was just because I was so floored that he would call me.

I don't want to give him any money, but it makes me feel guilty not to give him something. I

hate to think of kids being homeless. (I could probably manage several hundred dollars.)

Would you give him the money?

Long Lost Daughter

A. No, I wouldn't. Even if I could get by the fact that he left me at the age of 2, didn't help pay for my upbringing, then had the nerve to call me and ask for money, I would still not give him a dime. He'd probably take it and try to double it, again. If you continue to suffer from guilt about homeless kids, you might want to take your money and give it to a charity that helps children. Then you can be sure that kids are really getting the money. (I'm sorry that this has happened to you; it was cruel.)

Jody Valley spent 12 years as a clinical social worker. She worked with the LGBT community both as a counselor and a workshop leader in the areas of coming out, self-esteem and relationship issues. Reach Jody at DearJodyValley@hotmail.com. The "Dear Jody" column appears weekly.

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ARIES (March 20 – April 19): Let the other person take the lead. Think through any criticisms before you offer them. Think of it not as being subversive, but rather as honing your own effectiveness and a challenge to better discipline.

TAURUS (April 20 – May 20): While your health is a bit vulnerable right now, the best thing you can do is stay calm, don't worry about it. Look for some activity you can enjoy, maybe yoga or a sport, to help you stay in shape.

GEMINI (May 21- June 20): Ask not what your community can do for you; your creative intelligence and long-range vision can be very helpful – or you can just be bitchy. More than yet another Bette Davis impression, we need brilliant vision. Push yourself, honey!

CANCER (June 21- July 22): Keeping quiet and focusing on work can be a real challenge! Blow off steam chatting with a sisterly pal. Keep aware of scandals and machinations at work. If you can't steer clear of those situations, trust your instincts, but be very careful!

LEO (July 23 – August 22): Your arguments now reflect more of your own personal insecurities than you want to admit, even to yourself. Stretch your own intellect and your sensitivity to others by working harder to see where they're coming from.

VIRGO (August 23 – September 22): Self-criticism is necessary to self-improvement, but it can be overdone! Give yourself the same latitude you think your loved ones should give themselves. Improvements in diet and exercise can best be achieved working with your partner or a friend.

LIBRA (September 23 – October 22): Your worries are likely exaggerated and misplaced. The truth from a close friend may sting or shock you. That's when you really need to listen! Creative re-framing can free

from worries you can't solve to handle problems you can.

SCORPIO (October 23 – November 21): As real as your greatest fears seem, the most crucial factor in any of it is your health, and fear only undermines that. Parental influences may be exaggerating your fears. Friends can help you find solutions to your problems.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 – December 20): Accept criticism from bosses and friends for whatever constructive value you can find there. Apply lessons from sports or some outré artistic inspiration. Allow more friendly criticism to hone that and you could win a reputation for genius.

CAPRICORN (December 21 – January 19): Hard work is, as ever, the key to success. Tenacity is for your goals, not your process. New analytical approaches and odd ideas that pop up at home will help you work not just harder, but smarter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 – February 18): Any little thing might set you off on some huge tirade. Of course, it's no small thing to you! The fireworks could be amusing to others, but think ahead if you want to be among those laughing later.

PISCES (February 19 – March 19): Have a heart-to-heart with your partner over what is important in your relationship and what adjustments need to be made. Single? Pay attention to sexual and social dissatisfaction as clues to what you need to work on.

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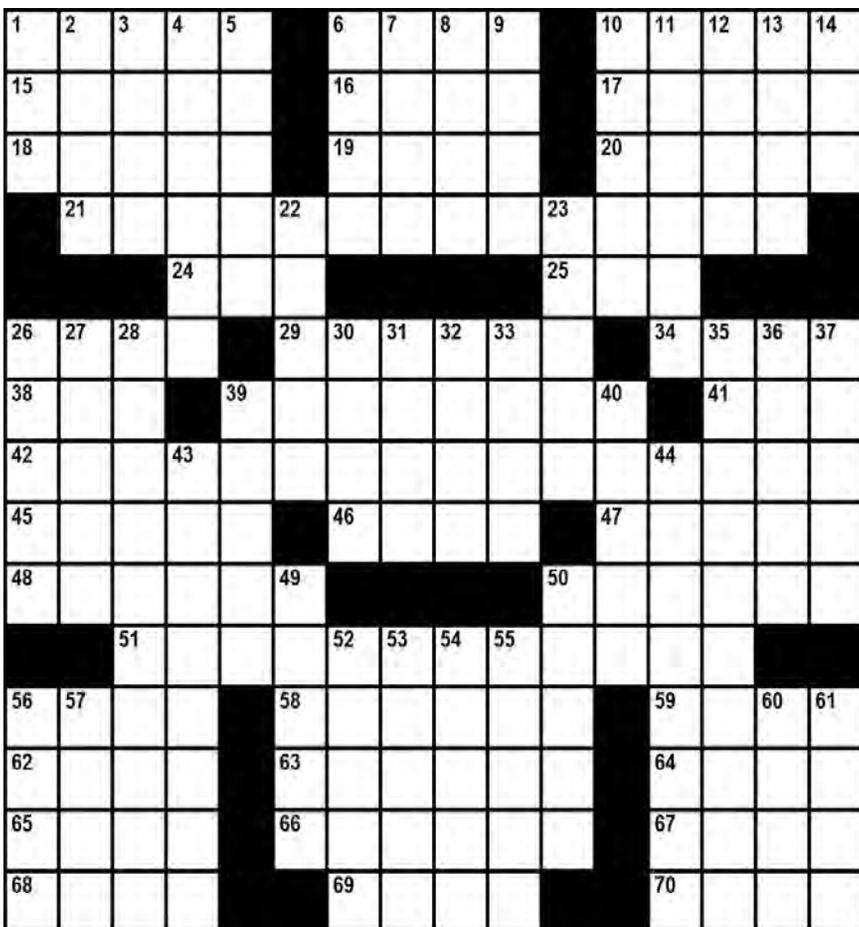
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Across

- 1 Certain cosmetic surgery that sucks
- 5 "Designing Women" co-star Jean
- 10 Suffers in the sun
- 15 Series ender
- 16 Particular "Advocate," e.g.
- 17 Light in the sneakers?
- 18 Start of a question about "Bewitched"
- 21 S&M namesake
- 22 Follower of bears
- 23 Miss among Cole Porter hits
- 24 Its teeth point in all directions
- 26 International money
- 28 End of the question
- 33 Austin's Oilcan Harry's, e.g.
- 35 Foe of Peter Pan
- 36 "We ___ please"
- 37 La Salle of "ER"
- 39 Spanish titles
- 43 Stuff for oral gratification
- 44 Cause of "bed death"
- 46 Skater Mattis
- 48 P-town's Crowne Pointe, e.g.
- 49 Start of the answer
- 54 Like a rare baseball game
- 55 Actor Richard
- 56 Opposite of fem.
- 59 What's in the stallion's mouth?

Down

- 1 Like porn
- 2 Spillane's " ___ Jury"
- 3 Puts bills in the G-string, e.g.
- 4 "Ripe" stage of life
- 5 You can shoot them off from the hip
- 6 ISP option
- 7 Regarding
- 8 Chicago Bears ball carrier, e.g.
- 9 Join hands (with)
- 10 Meadow murmur
- 11 One who doubts there's a Divine Miss M?
- 12 Catwoman portrayer Eartha
- 13 K-12 grades, collectively
- 14 Salty bodies
- 19 What comes out of your head
- 20 Vidal's Breckinridge
- 25 South Korea's first president

- 27 "Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof"
- 28 Dry with a twist
- 29 Fabric suffix
- 30 "Like, no problem, man"
- 31 Alfred Douglas' school
- 32 Like spilled seed
- 33 ___ poet (Ginsberg as a vegetarian)?
- 34 River near Michelangelo's "David"
- 38 Satisfied
- 40 Rene Auberjonois on "Deep Space Nine"
- 41 Straddled a stallion
- 42 Throws out
- 45 Simpson trial judge Lance
- 47 Randolph Scott's companion Cary
- 50 Moby Dick chaser
- 51 "The Prophet" writer
- 52 Idle
- 53 Cut into
- 56 Funny Mabley
- 57 From the top
- 58 Eye problem
- 60 Pleasure oneself, with "off"
- 62 Served perfectly, to Mauresmo
- 63 TV Guide info
- 64 Catch sight of
- 66 It may come before long
- 67 Came upon

See solution on page 25

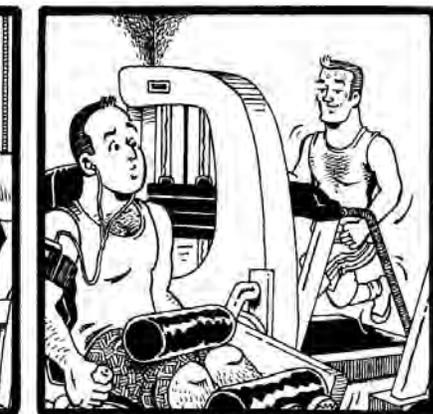
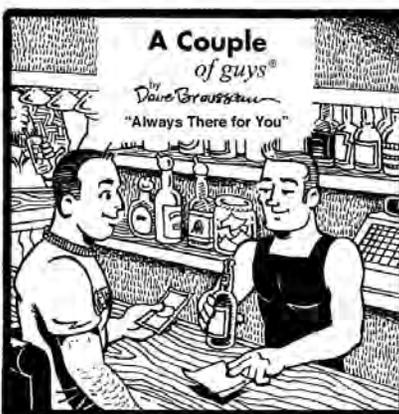
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"Missouri," by Christine Wunnicke, translated by David Miller. Arsenal Pulp Press, 134 pages, \$12.95 paper.

In a literary landscape littered with daunting doorstops, it's a tonic to come across a short novel – a novella, really – that packs an expansive story into just a few poetic pages.

Wunnicke's atmospheric account of improbable romance was published to acclaim in Germany in 2006; Miller's translation, though occasionally rhythmically clumsy, captures the quirkily flat but compelling affect of a foreigner writing about a place and a time more wholly imagined than deeply researched – though there's a squirming authenticity to the writer's description of head lice plaguing two men as they warily confront mutual lust. Douglas Fortescue is a vaunted British poet and aesthete forced to flee to mid-1800s America with his brother after an Oscar Wildean scandal; orphaned Joshua Jenkyns is a wild-lad outlaw terrorizing the Midwest while carrying in his saddlebags Fortescue's collections of poetry – enigmatic words that speak to the boy's unarticulated sexual longings. Wunnicke's depiction of their doomed love, beautifully bleak and emotionally astute, is a most uncommon gay romance.

"Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man," by Bill Clegg. Little, Brown, 222 pages, \$23.99 hardcover.

The moral redemption at the core of Clegg's relentless memoir about hapless addiction is likely

Featured Excerpt

Joshua wanted many things and everything at once. He wanted to hold Douglas and he wanted Douglas to hold him. He wanted to close his eyes yet didn't want to be blind. He wanted to stand and fall, fight and surrender, he wanted the terror, the delight, the pain he had already sampled, and the ecstasy he had hitherto only glimpsed, he wanted all of this immediately and yet he wanted it to last for minutes, hours, until the end of the world – the desires of Joshua Jenkyns were mightily confused...

–from "Missouri," by Christine Wunnicke

as psychically searing for the reader as it was for the writer. This is a book of self-flagellating intensity and palpable paranoia, exhausting to embrace but impossible to put down. Clegg, young and handsome and in love and at the top of the literary management game in Manhattan, was everyone's ideal – until he encountered crack, at first an occasional high, soon a monster sucking away the essence of his life. The author ignored phone calls from long-suffering lover Noah, holed up in swanky hotel rooms for weeks-long binges, and eventually hit bottom, reduced to walking city streets in filthy clothes, shunned at hotel registration desks. Clegg braids his story of a heart-wrenching downward spiral with flashbacks to his college days and his family traumas, hinting that both nature and nurture contributed to his addictive persona – but at the same time taking full responsibility for his failings. The harsh truth contained in this book is both hellish and illuminating.

"Will Grayson, Will Grayson," by John Green and David Levithan. Dutton, 310 pages, \$17.99 hardcover.

One Will is straight, his best friend is gay – which is often an embarrassment – and he just can't get along with an acerbic girl who hangs

with them. The other Will is gay, and – except for an exquisitely intense online romance – is mostly a sullen, sarcastic loner. High school students living in Chicago suburbs distant from each other, they're fated to meet one evening at a midtown porn shop. What connects them? That would be flamboyant Tiny Cooper, first Will's queer pal, out and proud, at once a musical show queen and a hulking football player. In this young adult novel's alternating chapters, co-authors Levithan (gay Will) and Green (straight Will) capture with rollicking prose the angst of teen yearning. And the anguish: gay Will's online fellow was fabricated by a female friend, a discovery that shatters the boy, until, that night in Chicago, he encounters a compassionate Tiny. Though cheerfully hyperbolic, this jaunty novel delivers simple truths about love and friendship. And, in the last chapter, fabulous singing and dancing.



"Do Not Disturb," by Carsen Taite. Bold Strokes Books, 236 pages, \$16.95 paper.

Ainsley Faraday is on the executive fast track, a rising star at the Steel Hotel chain, assigned to bring a new property in Santa Fe up to snuff. Greer Davis is a hard-partying pop star who flees notoriety – disguised with a fiery red wig – when a clean-cut country songstress is found dead of an overdose on her bathroom floor. A first-class flight from Chicago brings the opposites together, and the sexual attraction is vivid and immediate. There are complications: Ainsley is taking over a faded hotel owned until recently by

the family that raised Greer and now managed by her cousin Drew; Greer is concerned that Ainsley will recognize her despite her disguise; and Ainsley's not really smitten by redheads anyway. But love will find a way, despite Drew's antipathy toward the takeover and Greer's spoiled-star personality. Taite's tale of sexual tension is entertaining in itself, but a number of secondary characters – including Ainsley's mendacious sister, Drew's wise father with stubborn cancer and Greer's flitty best friend Ethan – add substantial color to romantic inevitability.

Footnotes

BOOKS TO WATCH OUT FOR: "I found that between my talk show, "American Idol" and my late night blogging, I didn't have enough ways to express myself," says Ellen DeGeneres – and so she's writing another volume of memoirs, a humorous look at her artistic and married life, as yet untitled but scheduled for Fall 2011 publication from Grand Central... MORE THAN 40 YEARS after it was first published, Flux Books is reissuing John Donovan's "I'll Get There, It Better be Worth the Trip," the first YA novel with a gay teen protagonist, 13-year-old Davy, confused by his sexual self after kissing a jock classmate; this anniversary edition includes essays about the book's impact by Brent Hartinger ("Geography Club"), Martin Wilson ("What They Always Tell Us"), and the late Donovan's niece, Stacey Donovan... TOMAS MOURNIAN'S DEBUT novel, about 15-year-old Ahmed's escape from a reparative therapy boot camp into an underground network of safe houses, is coming from Kensington Books next February... ARSENAL PULP PRESS continues its Queer Film Classics series this November with three titles: Thomas Waugh and Jason Garrison focus on Frank Vitale's 1974 Canadian film, "Montreal Main"; Helen Hok-Sze Leung considers Chen Kaige's 1992 Chinese film, "Farewell My Concubine"; and Shohini Ghosh assesses Deepa Mehta's 1996 India-set lesbian love story, "Fire."

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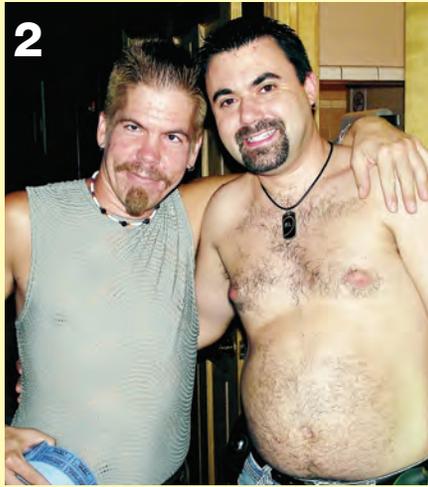
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"Torchwood" cast. Photo: BBC

'Torchwood' touches down stateside

Don't panic, "Torchwood" fans: News of a possible American version of the series for Fox probably won't result in a shoddy, gutless, copycat disappointment. Instead, creator of the "Doctor Who"-inspired spinoff, Russell T. Davies, is on board for the pilot and he wants to import his cast to the U.S. as well. This is good news for diehard devotees, the cult audience who'll be the show's built-in numbers-getters. And it's even better news for Davies, whose idiosyncratic approach

hasn't always translated well overseas when left to the Americans to interpret (compare Davies's witty U.K. "Queer As Folk" to its strident, soapy U.S. version). No word yet on which Brit cast members will cross the Atlantic or when we might see a finished product. How does "some-time in the not too distant future" grab you?

Ryan Seacrest goes Gaga for E! dance show

Because network television had not yet scheduled a dance-themed show into every time slot

of every single day and night of the week, it was clearly necessary for Ryan Seacrest to help fill in those glaring dead spots and satisfy the global hunger for more and more dance routines by producing his own series. And produce he will, with his reality show for E! that's currently in development featuring Lady Gaga's choreographer, Laurie Ann Gibson. Gibson developed the dance moves for Gaga's "Paparazzi" and "Telephone" videos, and the show would focus on her and a group of choreographers and dancers as they navigate their careers in Hollywood. The pilot is untitled at the moment, so that will be a highly anticipated reveal. But let's talk about what's really important: When do we get a Paula Abdul appearance?

'Celluloid Closet' author's next movie move

Author and activist Vito Russo wrote "The Celluloid Closet," a groundbreaking study of the depiction of homosexuality in film, but didn't live to see his work become a critically acclaimed documentary feature (he died of AIDS in 1990 at age 44). But now another documentary is in the works, this one focusing on Russo himself. "Activist: The Times of Vito Russo," from prolific documentary filmmaker Jeffrey Schwarz ("Wrangler: Anatomy of an Icon," "Spine Tingler! The William Castle Story") will examine Russo's life, work and impact on gay filmmakers and writers two decades later. Still in production, the doc will feature dozens of interview subjects, from those who knew the man personally to those who were

simply challenged and changed by his writing, people like Armistead Maupin, Michael Musto, B. Ruby Rich, Larry Kramer and a list that takes up more space than an IMDB.com page can hold. Look for "Activist" in 2011 at film festivals and eventual cable TV airdates. In the meantime, if you're more than a casual film fan, do yourself a favor and read "Celluloid Closet."

Tom Colicchio's bear Pride

Attention all bears: "Top Chef" host Tom Colicchio wants to be your friend. In fact, he's a little hurt that you didn't come courting him sooner. When recently asked by Bravo's Andy Cohen on "Watch What Happens" about what it was like for him to be a bear icon, the stocky, shaved-headed and heterosexual Colicchio jokingly responded that he was unhappy that no bear group had ever asked him to be on a gay Pride float. The response from bear groups was apparently so swift and enthusiastic that Colicchio is now booked to ride on a bear-themed float at Los Angeles's Pride parade in 2011. Out of towners upset that the parade isn't televised can content themselves with watching it on YouTube within minutes of the actual event. But did anyone explain to the celebrity chef that he'll be expected to bring enough food to feed every guy riding that flatbed truck with him? This could get complicated.

Romeo San Vicente knows exactly how important it is to feed the bears. He can be reached care of this publication or at DeepInsideHollywood@qsyndicate.com.

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